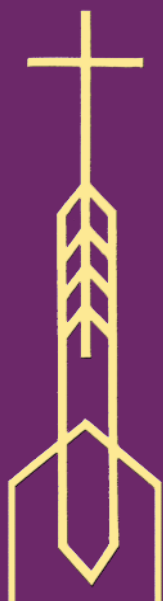


# Saint James Catholic Community

*Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14, 2025*

**CLOSER**

God • Church • Community  
Together We Can Do Great Things



## SPiRiT OF THE SEASON

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY THE  
ST. JAMES CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*December 16 ~ 7:00pm*

*Join us in preparing for Christmas  
with the St. James Music Ministry  
in their concert,  
"Spirit of the Season"*



*Celebrate the joy and hope of Christmas  
with beautiful music presented  
by our adult, school, children,  
and youth choirs along with the  
St. James Handbell Choir and Music Group.*

*Come and experience the sounds  
of the season as we prepare our hearts  
for the coming of Christ.*

*All Are Welcome - Bring Family and Friends*

### **St. James Catholic Church**

309 S Stewart Road, Liberty MO 64068

Office (816) 781-4343

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00noon

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On the web @ [www.stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/stjamesliberty/>

### **Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday, 8:15am

**Saturday,** 5:00pm

**Sunday,** 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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## Mission Statement

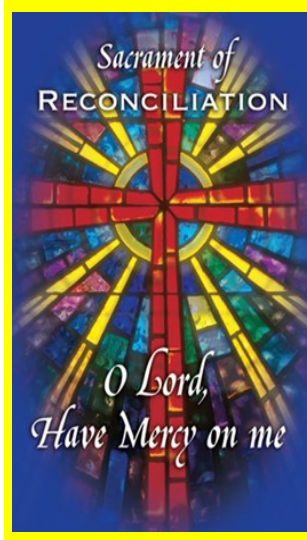
We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

## *Honor Your Loved Ones With Flowers*



*The sanctuary will be decorated this Christmas Season with flowers in honor or memory of our families and friends.*

To add your loved ones, drop an envelope with your name, the names of the people to remember or honor, and your donation in the collection basket or bring your envelope to the parish office weekdays from 9:00am to 12 noon. Use the Christmas Flower Offering envelope from your packet or another envelope, marked Poinsettias, to make your donation.



### Additional Confession Times This Advent

- Thursday, December 18  
7:30am - 8:00am
- Monday, December 22  
11:00am - 12:00noon
- Tuesday, December 23  
7:30pm - 8:00am  
8:50am - 9:30am  
4:00pm - 5:00pm

These are in addition to our regular Saturday 4:00pm confession time.

## Pick Up Your 2026 Calendar



*2026 calendars are available in the Gathering Space*

*Thanks to Park Lawn Northland Chapel for providing these complementary calendars.*

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, at 816.213.6024 or [ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org).

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC) at [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) or 816.714.2357, ext 516 or for more information.

## From the Pastor's Pen

This Sunday we welcome to St. James the Community Chorus as they present their annual Christmas Concert. We are blessed to have such a talented group of musicians in our community. Their music lifts our spirits. What a great way to celebrate Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday.

During these last two Advent weeks before the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, we want to deepen our spiritual readiness, opening our hearts more deeply and generously to remember the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One of the best ways of readiness is the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please see the notice in the bulletin about the extra times of Reconciliation so that you may avail yourself of this sacrament. In this way you make room for the special presence of the Lord.

The Scripture readings for this 3rd Sunday of Advent help us to appreciate the spirit of rejoicing on this Gaudete Sunday. The prophet Isaiah uses the image of nature to spark in us a spirit of gladness. Just as rain brings new life and rebirth, so the coming of the Savior brings to us joy and peace. The blind see. The deaf hear. Joy and gladness overcome sadness and mourning. That same spirit resonates in the gospel passage. John the Baptist points to the coming of Jesus as Savior, the one who will give sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf and healing to the sick. He fulfills the promises of old.

So yes, we rejoice, for the Lord is near. In the midst of your busyness, preparing for Christmas, take some time for reading the Scripture, for prayer, for quiet meditation.

Rejoice and be glad, for the Lord is near.

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

## Mass Intentions

### Week of December 15 - December 21

#### Monday

8:15am Military Veterans and  
Deceased Family Members  
Military Honor Guards

#### Tuesday

8:15am †Fr. Vincent Capodanno  
†Fr. Emil Kapaun

#### Wednesday

8:15am ††Glenn & Rita Gettert  
†Dennis Valentine

#### Thursday

8:15am †Ron Willis  
†Fr. Vincent Capodanno

#### Friday

8:15am †Ron Willis  
Alice Eslick

#### Saturday

5:00pm †Patty Blankenship  
†Kinzie Laire

#### Sunday

8:00am ††Don & Harriet Erwin  
†Jacqueline Filardo

10:30am †Andrew Inzerillo  
†Francisco Lammoglia

5:00pm Saint James Parishioners



### *From Death to New Life*

#### **Our prayer support is with ...**

The children, other family members and friends of Jacqueline Filardo who passed away on November 22.

***May the healing hand of our Lord  
Jesus be felt by all who are coping  
with grief and missing loved ones.***

## Contact Info

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4pm until finished; any time requested.

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month  
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 204 or  
kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

**Religious Education:** For Preschool through adult  
spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

**New Parishioners:** Please register on-line or at  
the parish office. ***We Welcome You!***

**St. James School:** PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 9 months advance notice

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office.

**To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:**

**stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org**

or call the Parish Office, ext. 202.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by  
Monday 12noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org**

**HELP CLOTHE THOSE IN NEED BY SHARING  
NEW AND GENTLY USED  
WINTER COATS and WARM CLOTHES  
FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive again this year.

Many coats are needed as well as socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothing.

Contributions of coats and other warm clothing over the past few weeks has been amazing.

Although we are unable to continue collecting articles of clothing; monetary donations are still being accepted..

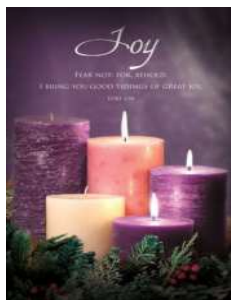
Please scan the QR Code to make your donations.

These donations will be sent to St. James Midtown to purchase coats and warm clothing for those in need.



**Thank you in advance for your donations**

**Meditating Moments**



Webster's dictionary defines Joy as great happiness or delight. Synonyms for **Joy** include happiness, gaiety, exult, rejoice, festive, and cheerful. I am not sure, however, if this definition or any of these synonyms convey the concept of **Joy** which we celebrate today. In checking a Bible Concordance I found

there are nearly 200 texts with the word joy or one of its many forms. For example, Zephaniah 3:17: "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; He will **REJOICE** over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love." (NRSV) I never thought about God filled with **Joy/REJOICING** over me. How can this be? Henri Nouwen wrote: "Our life is a short time in expectation, a time in which sadness and **JOY** kiss each other at every moment." Are sadness and joy part of every moment in my life?

Perhaps Thomas Merton found a way of expressing the true **JOY** for which we are awaiting. In his search for solitude, he experienced it as being fully inside of his own skin, inside the present moment, gratefully aware of the immense richness that is contained inside of ordinary human experience, or being enough inside of his own life to actually experience what was there. For Merton, this was not only where he found hope and peace, but also great **JOY**. I think this is what I am called to; called to find **JOY** within my own existence, amidst pain and suffering, sorrow and sadness, anger and defeat, success and fulfillment; being who I am and what God calls me to become. I do not think **JOY** is the same as momentary happiness, delight, gaiety, or cheerfulness. Rather **JOY** for me is a realization that God is ever present, holding and guiding me through every aspect and encounter or my life with great patience, care, affection, and love for me as a beloved child. **JOY** is being able to let go of selfishness and pride. **JOY** is opening my entire being, heart, body, and soul, to God. Shakespeare spoke of "immortal longings", and St. Augustine wrote of a restlessness that God placed in human hearts to keep us from finding a home in something less than infinite and eternal; "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Perhaps there is **JOY** in every success and failure, embrace and loneliness, friendship and distance, light and darkness which makes me whole. God finds great **Joy** when I am myself.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Landuyt Gagnon*

LIBERTY COMMUNITY CHORUS  
under the direction of Bryan Taylor

presents

*Christmas*

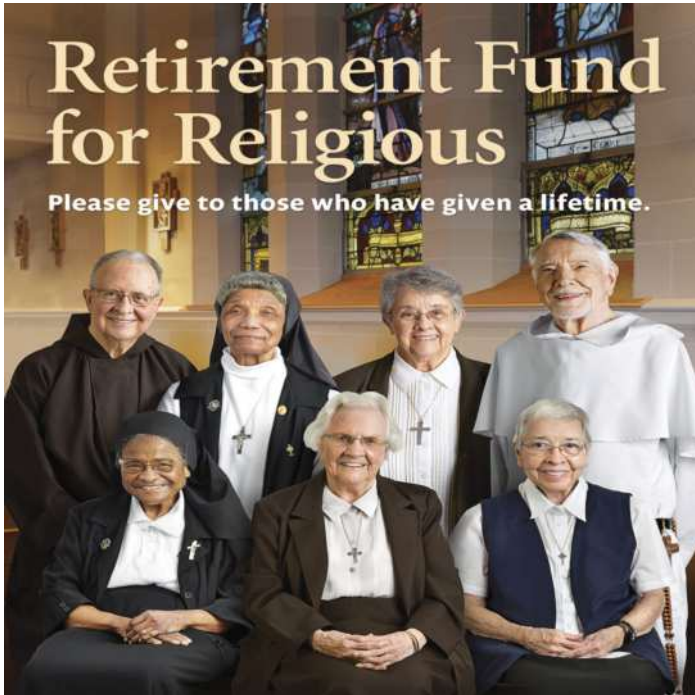
with The Liberty Community Chorus  
Bryan Taylor, Artistic Director - Nanette Kraus, Pianist  
and The Liberty North High School Concert Choir  
Brian Hartman and Sam Anderson, Directors  
Dr. Kurt Knecht, Pianist

Concert - Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2pm  
St. James Catholic Church - 309 S. Stewart Rd., Liberty, MO

Featuring works by:  
G. F. Handel - Eric Whitacre - Ola Gjeilo -  
Elaine Hagenberg - Mack Wilberg -  
Dan Forrest - and more!

Admission - \$15 for adults, students and children are FREE!  
Tickets are available online or at the door.

### Special Collection This Weekend



This weekend we will have a very important special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

This is a wonderful way for us to help financially support those who spent their life spiritually supporting us. So many of the current senior religious provided for us with little pay, as teachers, parish staff, pastors and more. Now we can assist them.

You may use the envelope in your giving set, or just drop your assistance in the special collection basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Why The 3rd Sunday of Advent is Called Gaudete Sunday



By week three we have passed the half-way point of Advent. Jesus is near. Christmas is almost here.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often

on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

The Third Sunday has traditionally been a respite from the penitential themes of Advent emphasizing instead the joy of the coming of the Lord. It is a reminder to seek and spread joy in the coming of Christ. Thus, the third Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. Priests may also wear rose-colored vestments on this Sunday.

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy", and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't" done to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you."

### Reserve your 100% tax credit by December 31.



Help a child have access to a Catholic school education at no cost to you. State tax dollars you are required to pay anyway can provide scholarships for qualified students\*.



## BrightFuturesFund.org

\*Students qualify based on household income or learning challenges.



Christy Gruenbaum  
MOScholars - Bright Futures Fund  
816-714-2338

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 4:00pm  
 7:00pm  
 10:00pm  
*(carols begin at 9:15pm)*

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 9:00am





## Winter Solstice Celebration



Led by Timothy Armbruster, C.P.P.S.  
 Sunday, December 21 • 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Even on the darkest night of the year,  
 we still find light.

Standing on firm ground, we seek the light, we see the stars, we find the courage to hope, to wish and to dream.

The Winter Solstice is the longest night of the year and the earth lies fallow. We are drawn naturally into contemplation. At the Renewal Center, we mark the Winter Solstice with a time of slow, quiet reflection and fellowship.

Coming as it does at this hectic time of year, our annual Winter Solstice celebration has become one of the Renewal Center's most anticipated events. Come for an evening of renewal.

Our gathering this evening will once again include a contemplative walk to the Reconciliation Labyrinth with luminaries to light the way. We will conclude with a simple supper and fellowship.

Suggested Donation \$15, includes supper

### To Register

Email: [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org)

Phone: 816-415-3745

Online: [pbrenewalcenter.org/events](http://pbrenewalcenter.org/events)

Precious Blood Renewal Center  
 2120 St. Gasper Way - Liberty MO

## Have You Ever Wondered Why We Don't Sing the Gloria During Advent?

We don't sing the Gloria during Advent (or Easter) because both seasons are times of preparation and penance, not yet full celebration.

We withhold the Gloria to help our hearts long more deeply for the joy of Christ's coming at Christmas and at Easter.

## The 'O' Antiphons Of Advent



'O' Antiphons are the prayers of Advent, prayed since the 8th Century in the seven days before Christmas Eve. They make this time of preparation for the birth of Christ holy, allowing us the opportunity to meditate on Christ's coming and what it means for us.

The word "Antiphon" is not a familiar one to many. In a few words, it is another psalm selected for a specific day to go along with the readings for the Mass of the day. They are referred to as "antiphons" because traditionally, they were sung by multiple choirs.

The O Antiphons of Advent are a series of seven antiphons beginning with "O", that are prayed (or sung) in the Alleluia verse before the gospel during Mass from December 17 through December 23. Each Antiphon invokes the coming of the Messiah, beginning with a biblical title and closing with a specific petition.

Each of the seven antiphons begins by addressing Jesus using an Old Testament title for the Messiah, based on Isaiah's prophecies. The "O" in these antiphons comes from the Latin word "vocare", to call. Each individual text is a cry, an invocation, welling up from humanity's desire for God. The word "come" is used in every O Antiphon. Each has its own symbol (pictured above).

The Latin versions of each of the titles of the Messiah are: **Sapientia** (Wisdom), **Adonai** (Lord), **Radix** (Root), **Clavis** (Key), **Oriens** (Rising Sun), **Rex** (King), and **Emmanuel** (Emmanuel). If you take the first word of each of these Latin titles, starting with the last to the first, you spell, you'll spell: EROCRAS or 'ero cras' which is Latin for 'tomorrow, I will come'.

As we sing the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" we are singing texts from the O Antiphons, as each verse is modified from one of the seven O Antiphons.

Many families add the O Antiphons to their prayers during Advent. These beautiful antiphons are like a drum roll growing to a crescendo as the seven days bring us closer to the Christmas miracle of God made flesh, born as a babe.

## The Meaning of the Advent Candles



Each of the four colored candles in the Advent wreath represents a week leading to Christmas. Traditionally, three of the candles are purple, and one is pink. The final candle is white and is located in the center of the wreath. It is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

It was once a tradition for the pope to give someone a rose on the fourth Sunday of Lent before Easter to "liven up" the somber tone of the season. Before the mass commercialization of Christmas, Advent was also a solemn time, as people fasted to prepare for the holiday. The rose custom became part of the third Sunday of Advent. Eventually, the third candle turned pink as well.

The candles are traditionally lit in the following order: purple, purple, pink, purple, white.

The first is called the "*Prophecy Candle*" and represents Hope. It reminds us of the hope the prophets and the people had for a savior.

The second is called the "*Bethlehem Candle*" and represents Peace. It symbolizes the peace that Christ's first Advent brought to mankind that fateful night in an almost forgotten stable in Bethlehem.

The third is called the "*Shepherd's Candle*" and represents Joy. It reminds us of joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men.

The fourth candle, the "*Angel's Candle*," and represents Love. It reminds us of the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us.

The "*Christ Candle*," the white candle in the center, stands for Jesus Christ himself.

**ORDER HOPE CARDS BY SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 14  
IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THEM IN TIME  
FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING.**



*"The tree was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches." —Ezekiel 31:7*



What kind of Christmas tree should you buy: artificial or natural?

If you plan to keep the same artificial tree for at least 15 years, then having a reusable one can be a good idea.

Otherwise, a cultivated natural tree offers the benefit of having absorbed CO2 during its lifetime and has not been removed from a forest, disturbing its ecological niche. Many cities will pick up these trees in early January and turn them into mulch.

An even more environmentally-friendly solution is to buy a small potted evergreen, dig up a volunteer tree in your yard that's in the "wrong" space, or trim a branch from a tree on your property instead. All can provide some greenery inside during the winter and potted evergreens can be transplanted outside in the spring for reforestation.

### A Reminder of Early Bulletin Deadlines

During the holiday season our bulletin printer has early deadlines. The December 21 bulletin has already gone to press. Remaining early deadlines are listed below.

#### **December 28 Bulletin:**

Deadline - Wednesday, December 17

#### **January 4 Bulletin:**

Deadline - Monday, December 22

**Articles and information for each bulletin listed above must be submitted no later than the end of day of the applicable deadline date.**

#### **Thank You**

Please note: if you are requesting a Mass Intention for a specific date and the deadline for that bulletin has passed, the intention will not be listed in the bulletin, but will be included during the requested Mass.

## Parish Religious Education



### *Congratulations to the young members of our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation!*

This November and December 66 children received their First Reconciliation during two beautiful services. We extend our gratitude to their parents and guardians for guiding them in their preparation. And to our entire parish family – thank you for your prayers and ongoing support for the youth of our community.

*Caroline Anderson  
Brady Austin  
Harper Austin  
Everett Bagby  
Vivian Baker  
Greta Baker  
Jaxson Barmann  
Carter Behrmann  
Carter Buckman  
Hallie Buckwalter  
Nixon Callaway  
Atley Carver  
Laedyn Christie  
Antonina Clark  
Ava Clayton  
Murphy Clifton  
James Duff*

*Theodore Dahlberg  
Gabriel Dugan  
Wesley Dugan  
Kate Durham  
Hugo Estep  
Theo Effenheim  
Alfred Ford  
Brianna Glaza  
Ralph Glaza III  
Presley Glover  
Finnegan Haas  
Benjamin Herr  
Samuel Fowler  
Quinn Hessemyer  
Bryson Jones  
Lydia Kazmaier*

*Everett Junod  
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Brooklyn Krause  
Matthew Lochr  
Lincoln Lollar  
Nora Lewis  
Maximus Lubuwa  
Lucy Mace  
Camilla Macedo  
Sophia Macedo  
Stella Markovich  
Jackson Mendez  
Luke McCubbin  
Jack Messina  
Penelope Messina  
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Donovan O'Keefe Guthrie  
Mark Matter  
Loraina O'Dell  
Julian Pasqualucci  
Carl Reyes  
Cora Rudloff  
Eleanor Quade  
Rome Russell  
Charles Sprung  
James Schmidt  
Hazel Starr  
Noah VanBuskirk  
Cecilia Vargas  
Peter Winter  
Everly Winkler  
James Wixson*

### Next Classes

12/14 – PreK-6th 9:10-10:20 (St. James School)

1/4/26 – Confirmation 6-7:15pm (Parish Hall)

12/14 – Camino 6-7:30pm (Parish Hall) We will be doing breakout rooms!

**ADVENT**

"Waiting" has been one of the recurring watchwords of Advent — sounds gentle but something most of us truly despise! But waiting is center to the human condition. We are always waiting, wondering, hoping, dreaming, and wishing. We continue pleading for justice, community, healing, freedom, recovery, comfort, purpose, and joy. Advent attempts to draw us into the expectant waiting of a world pregnant with grace and favor, but one that has yet to fully give birth to these children. Can there really be any joy in waiting? When the advent of God is what we await, then clearly joy is more than possible!

**THIRD SUNDAY**

**Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.**

Daniel Carroll	Brenda DePalma	Cassandra Saheb
John Flowers	Peter Gusman	Donna Schmitt
Leo Fuentes	Brendan Heinzler	Loki Skylizard
Patrick Glasford	Liam Jewell	Stephanie
Christopher Henry	Andrew Klosak	Steffensmeier
Andrew Millet	Victoria Lopez	Gena Wells
Dana Pace-Mullin	Patrick O'Donnell	Joanna Aguirre
Leon Pfannenstiel	Neil Surber	Theresa Bacon
Ann Marie Puck	Stella Brown	Arla Couch
Christopher Ryan	James Burgdoerfer	Molly Henley
Stephanie Bauer	Jackson Coultis	Noelle Herman
Nikolas Bray	Dorothy Doering	Matthew Hobbs
Timothy Flanigan	Michael Heiman	George Jedwski
Jacob Guenther	Evynn Herman	Kaitlyn
John Hughes	Hayden Herman	Klinginsmith
Lori Janacaro	Carl Infranca	Julia Mattingly
Ella Jorgensen	Cameron Kieffer	Oliver Robinson
Carrie Klebenstone	Lisa Kixmiller	Marc Ruiz
Areli Lea	Christopher	Dean Schropp
Lincoln McCoy	Natividad	Emma Stauffer
Shari Mutchler	Diane Neubecker	Marcella
Shelby O'Dowd	Travis Oakes	Steinbauer
Patricia Radilla	Rachel Richardson	Christopher Turner
Lopez	Jared Sigler	Makeyla Akers
Oakley Schoen	Wailan VanDusen	Anna Ballard
Samantha	Brittanie Baker	Amelia Fore
Seggerman	Hazel Culli	Rhett Henderson
Jeffrey Weiler	Alec Eslick	Damien Jones
Rozanne Witherow	Manuel Garcia	Alek
Inez Bartlett	Gerry Kimmel-Carr	Kapetanovich
Nicholas	Teagan Kinne	Nicholas Kazmaier
Biesemeyer	Wade Mann	Michelle Llewellyn
Michael	Andrew Martin	Jan Moubry
Blakemore	Michelle McCloskey	Michael Nedeau
Nicholas Brown	Ron McCombs	Leslie Paredes
Ava Clayton	Taylor Neal	Vivian Peery
Elizabeth Cox	Leonard Platt	Debra Sutlief

## Saturday Morning Faith Formation Current Program

### The Jewish Roots of Christmas



"What is the true meaning of Christmas? Why is the birth of a Jewish boy in Bethlehem the center of human history? And why is the feast of Christmas so beloved, not just among Christians, but even among unbelievers?"

In this new three session Bible study, Dr. Pitre answers these and other questions by going back to the Bible and ancient tradition to shed light on the little-known Jewish roots of this beloved holiday.

If you want to understand the true meaning of Christmas, you not only have to go back to the Bible, you have to go back to the Old Testament and ancient Jewish tradition.

If you'd like to deepen your understanding and celebration of this beloved season, then this Bible study is for you."

All are welcome and invited to attend this Faith Formation class led by Deacon Chuck.

**The class meets in person on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:30am in the Conference Room (lower level of the church).**

**No Registration and No Fees**

**Just Show Up on Saturday Morning**

### Novena to the Christ Child and The Holy Family

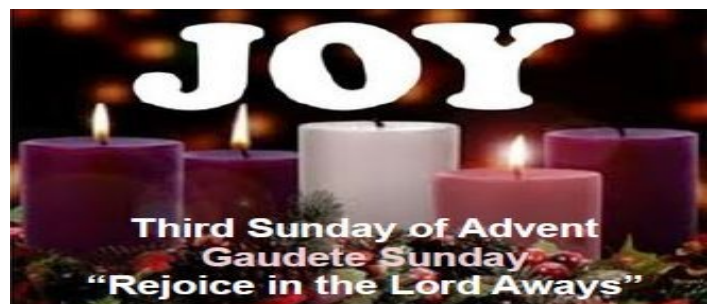


The beautiful reflections and prayers of this Novena focus on the birth of Jesus and His family in the early years of His life.

The final Novena held at St. James will be on: Wednesday, December 17 from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Chapel.

**Everyone is Invited and Welcome to Participate in This Novena**

**Attending this Novena is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.**




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## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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### Eucharistic Adoration



Exposition of the  
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 every Tuesday  
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 9:00am until 9:00pm  
 in the Chapel.

**Please notify us to remove your name  
 from our prayer lists when it is time.**  
 In respect of HIPAA we will add names  
 to the prayer list only by request of the  
 person or immediate family.

*please  
 pray for  
 the sick*

### Join Us In Prayer Rosary For Healing Thursdays at 6:30pm



Did you know that there are many in our parish who are struggling with serious health issues? Some are on our prayer chain. And then, there are others we don't know about - they prefer to keep their health issues private.

We invite all to become "prayer warriors" and join us every Thursday at 6:30pm in the church as we pray the rosary for all those who are in need of healing prayer.



### COUNSELING / SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

The holiday season is approaching along with its accompanying stress.

If you would like help to find ways to better handle stress, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, providing family, marital, and individual counseling as well as spiritual direction.

He has offices in Liberty and in midtown KC, and clients can make donations to his religious order in lieu of set fees.

For more information or to schedule an initial visit, contact Fr. Garry at 816-415-2998 (no text) or [garrycpps@gmail.com](mailto:garrycpps@gmail.com).

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