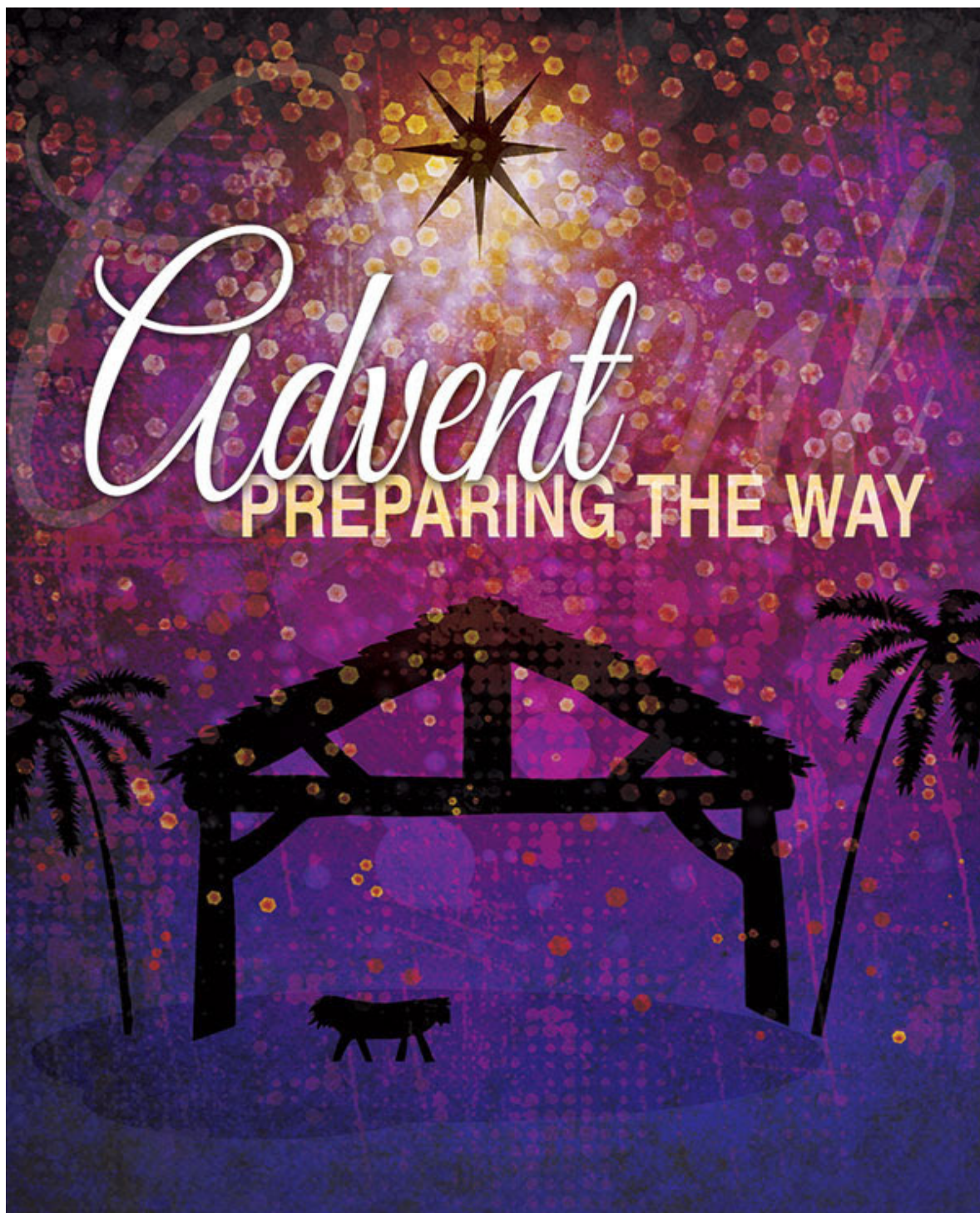


Saint James Catholic Community

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016



St. James Catholic Church

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Weekdays: M-F 8:00am (During school year Friday, 9am)

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am, 6:00pm

8:00pm William Jewel College, *when in session*

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.

Do You Know?

What has happened to 2016? The Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity has created a campaign within a campaign, and most of all an opportunity to shorten the time line in bringing the new church to fruition. The tone has changed gradually from "are we doing too much in too short a time frame" to "let's be grateful for the opportunity to finally see the goal".

Our Campaign Chairs continue to drive us to meeting objectives. Now we seek to invite those who haven't been able to join us. Our ministries are seeing their numbers increase as people see the potential for meeting space and opportunities to worship in comfortable surroundings.

Thanks to all who have spent time and talent in maintaining momentum. There is truly light at the end of the tunnel.

**Thank You,
Jim Newell, Operations Manager**

Advent Giving Tree



When you came into church today, you walked by our annual Advent Giving Trees filled with Christmas wishes. One has tags for children's gifts; another for adults; and a third tree for gift cards.

This year we'll be collecting gifts for nine agencies: St. James Place Midtown, Love INC, Hillcrest Ministries, Liberty Women's Clinic, Cedars of Liberty, Ashton Court, KC Indian Center, Journey House, and our own Parish.

Our hope is to be as successful as we've been in the last few years, fulfilling every request we've received! We hope you'll take a tag or two to help make this Christmas a blessed one for many of God's children. All gift tags contain instruction for wrapping and returning gifts to church by 1:00pm Sunday, December 4th.

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),
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving weekend, we pray for the safety of all who are traveling and that we continue to be grateful for all God's gifts and blessings, especially the gift of family and loved ones as we gather together.

This weekend we begin the Advent season. As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, we are reminded in the Scriptures to 'be prepared', and as St. Paul encourages, to 'throw off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light'.

In this hectic season of Advent (and pre-Christmas preparations) may we spend some time reflecting on the Goodness and Love of God among us, so that as bearers of Christ's Light, Peace and Hope we replicate these to all who come our way.

Fr. Joe Nassal, C.P.P.S will be with us on Monday, December 5 for an Advent Evening of Prayer – an excellent opportunity to remind each of us of the grace of this season and to come together to be nourished by Fr. Joe's reflections as well as the power of God among us. All are welcome!

On Tuesday evening, December 6 we will be celebrating our Advent Penance Service – a great time to gather to celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have several priests with us that night, and if it's been quite a while since you've been to the sacrament – please do not worry or be afraid. This is a sacrament of Healing, reuniting with God's Love. We also lift up our young children, and their families celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation over these next couple weeks!

A special thanks to our great Advent Giving Tree volunteers, and to all who have been so responsive in making sure the poor and needy among us are cared for at this holiday time.

Our Million \$ Opportunity continues to be successful!! A word of tremendous gratitude to all who are such good and faithful stewards and making this 'once in a lifetime opportunity' a success! Our barometer continues to grow – so if you haven't gotten your pledge/gift in yet, you can do so anytime!!

On this Thanksgiving weekend, Fr. Timothy and I want to express our thanks and gratitude for your tremendous support and encouragement to us and our staff.

Our community is certainly blessed, and we pray that all of us can work together to build God's Kingdom among us. May we use this Advent season, as a way to prepare our hearts and lives to model the gift of God's Love, the Messiah, whose coming we await!

Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of November 28 - December 4

Monday 8:00am	Ruth Nelson
Tuesday 8:00am	For Those Seeking Employment
Wednesday 8:00am	<i>Saint Andrew, Apostle</i> For Our Country
Thursday 8:00am	For Our Parish
Friday 9:00am	†Andy Lehr
Saturday 5:00pm	<i>Saint Francis Xavier</i> †Maxwell Ward †Chrystal Hampton
Sunday 7:30am	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> †Deceased Members of Sanchez Families
9:15am	†Craig Bowles
11:00am	Cygiel, Stalec, & Plack Families
6:00pm	†Michelle Valdivieso

Sunday night Mass at 8pm
William Jewell College Campus,
Grand River Chapel.
All Are Welcome



From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with ...

Larry Hall and family on the death of his wife Nancy.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: 2nd Wed of each month.
Contact Kirsten Maggi in Parish Office, ext. 202

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

New Parishioners: Please register at the parish office.

We Welcome You!

Contact Info

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:

email daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday

12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org

The Week Ahead

Sun November 27 : Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 and 9:15 Masses. All are welcome

Mon November 28 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow
—Mass at Cedars, 10:00am
—Adult Faith Formation Class "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" at 7:00pm in the School Library

Tue November 29 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

Wed November 30 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow
—Sponsor's for Christ meet 1st and 3rd Wed; 6:30pm
—Prayer Shawl Ministry meet 2nd and 4th Wed; 6:30pm

Thurs December 1 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow
—9:00am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
—1:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Mother in the church
—Altar Society Christmas Dinner at 6:30pm in the Social Hall

Fri December 2 : Rosary prayed at 8:15am
—Mass at 9am
—Drop and Shop Christmas Workshop, 5:00 - 8:00pm

Sat December 3 : That Man Is You at 6:15 in the Social Hall
—Faith Sharing at 10:00 in the School Library
—Rosary prayed at 3:00pm

Sun December 4 : Knights of Columbus serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 and 9:15 Masses. All are welcome

Scriptures for December 4 and 5

Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

Gift Bearers for December 4 and 5

Sat 5:00pm: Scott & Lisa Daldrup and Family
Sun 7:30am: Pete & Laura Trujillo
9:15am: Steve & Patti Stark and Family
11:00am: Michael & Brenda DePalma and Family
6:00 pm: Steve & Karen McKee and Family

Hospitality Greeters for December 4 and 5

Sat 5:00pm: Tom & Marcia Capps and Barbara DeHaven
Sun 7:30am: Carlin Yonke and Dawn Davis
9:15am: Debbie Green and Mary Midiri
11:00am: Lorraine Hilts
6:00 pm: Amanda O'Brien

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 29, 2016

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity and charity celebrated the Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year. Instead of focusing on buying more things on days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is about inspiring a spirit of generosity and passing it on to friends, family and those less fortunate.

Special Events

Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity

We Think We Can !

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\$1,000,000

We Know We Can
With Your
Participation!



We will receive a gift of ONE MILLION DOLLARS
from our diocese

IF WE CAN MATCH THE MILLION

**Help Us March The Million
It's Not Too Late
To Return Your Pledge Card**

4th Annual Drop and Shop ... Children's Christmas Workshop



Come and drop the kids off to us where they can create some great Christmas crafts to take home and you can have some time to shop! Children will also complete a "surprise" wrapped gift to take home and enjoy pizza, too!

Friday, December 2 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

This workshop will be held in the St. James School Art Room and is for children 2nd grade and up.

Cost is \$30 for one child (3 hours) and \$20 for each additional child (per family).

The workshop will be taught by Ms. Biggs (St. James Art Teacher) and Mrs. Sobotka.

This workshop sold out last year and spots will fill quickly... pick up a registration outside the school office doors and/or email karen.biggs@stjames-school.org to register your child asap!

**Deadline For Advent Tree Gift Returns
Next Sunday - December 4
1:00pm**

A  from the
Liturgy/Music Office

KEYBOARD PLAYERS

WE NEED YOU!

I know in a parish this size we must have more people that play piano. Our music ministry is actively seeking more pianists (or organists) to play for our weekend liturgies.



If you would like to learn more about this rewarding opportunity please contact Danny in the Liturgy Music Office. Thank you!

Danny@stjames-liberty.org

Attention All Lectors !

The 2017 *Workbook for Lectors* has come in. You can pick up your copy in the Parish Office. Cost of this year's book is \$12.00.

Save The Date

Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 19 at 7:00pm

Children's Choir

As the holidays draw near, consider sharing the gift of choir with your children. We have begun practicing music for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We will be busily preparing to sing at Lessons & Carols and on Christmas Eve. In the meantime, we will continue to sing at the regularly scheduled 11:00am Masses.



Contact Lori Tajchman if you have a Kindergarten through 5th Grade student who would like to sing, or if you have a Middle School Student who would like to sing as a youth helper!

Children's Choir Schedule:

- 11/26 - No Practice (Thanksgiving)
- 12/3 - Practice at 10am
- 12/4 - 11am Mass
- 12/10 - Practice at 10am

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Has this ever happened to you: You go out to eat, and the first thing you see is dessert, either beautifully displayed at the entrance, or the dessert menu is on the table beckoning you to indulge. Perhaps the meal is served buffet style, or is a potluck where everyone seems to bring a special dish plus dessert. The sweet temptations are everywhere, yet as mature adults we generally restrain our desires, and eat in an orderly fashion: appetizer, soup or salad, entrée, followed at long last by dessert accompanied perhaps by an after dinner drink. We savor each course before moving to the next one. We wait patiently in anticipation of what is to come. In other words we prepare our minds and our palates; saving the best, the sweetness for last. About now you are probably asking, "Where is Sandy going this time?" Let me explain.

When I taught college courses, I told my students to employ the KISS system when completing assignments or answering test questions. In case this is not familiar to you I translated KISS: "Keep it Simple and Straightforward." So, my above reference to dessert is my KISS method to explain the necessity of the Church's season of Advent. Think of Christmas time as dessert and Advent as the meal before dessert. The excitement and perhaps anxiety around Christmas is already everywhere. Holiday lights are strung, shopping has begun, ornaments and cards are made ready, and parties are planned. The question remains, however, have we prepared for Christ? In my humble opinion, Advent is necessary! Advent is a time every year to pause and quiet ourselves. It is a time to wait, refresh, anticipate, and prepare for welcoming Christ Jesus into our lives. Advent is a time to renew our relationship with Him, and feel His presence in a new way. It is a time to leave the past and what was, while we embrace the present and look to the future with grateful hearts. Advent is our time to prepare for the sweet goodness of Christmas. Each of the four weeks of Advent is a unique experience, just as is each course of a wonderful, well prepared meal. Week one of Advent is a time to refocus our Hope, week two a time to rest in His peace, week three a time to welcome the joy of His friendship, and week four a time to embrace His love.

For many people this past year has been full of confusion, frustration, and at times, a sense of despair. This week, however, ask Jesus to help you shed these feelings, and receive His hope. Hope that all things are possible. Hope that we are never alone. Hope that He keeps His promises. Hope that our lives are not futile but worthwhile and meaningful. Hope that with His help we can reach out to all our brothers and sisters with His light. The celebration of Jesus' human life and family during the Christmas season is not simply the end of Advent, but rather the culmination of our Hopes, Joys, Peace, and Love which only comes to fruition through Him. Likewise, the sweetness we savor is our ever growing relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

We pray for Our Country, Leaders, and Loved ones serving our Country:

Chad Wilson, Paul Mooney, Jeff Auksel, Phil Plack, Robert Harrison, John Barry, Alex Reilly, Gary Lee, Bobby Kern, Geoff Wiese, Casey Snodgrass, Chris Griese, Ryan Villines, Paul Tyrrell, Charles Hensley, Gary Hogan, Jeremy Finn, Michael Caine, Alex Worth, Dan Knudson, Paul Stamer, Bong Vtug, Brianna Hannum, Aaron Dolak, Cole Roberts, Tony Velasquez Jr., Raymond Lopez, David Castro, Jr., Jeff Gardner, Brad Nees, Josh DeLeone, Joe Binggeli, Jeremy Pyle, Cody Londo, Jason Lyday, Andy Sparks, Ray Writesman, Cody Zoglman, Adam Parnacott, Charlette Pruet, Daniel Wilson, Nicole Dobbelaere Martindell, Jeffrey Pelling, Jeff Duncan, Nicholas Caine, Jon Watson, Jacob Schmidt, Chris Kandlbinder, Zachary Ildza.



If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be gone under.

H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS

Don't Be Disappointed - Order Gift Cards Early



Looking for the right gift for your employees, co-workers, and others on your Christmas gift list?

HOPE Gift Cards are just the thing !

It's not too early to make your Christmas list and order the cards you need, especially if you plan to buy a large number.

By ordering your cards soon, you'll be assured that all of the HOPE Gift Cards you want will be available for you to pick up in plenty of time for Christmas giving.

Because we must pay for the cards when we order them, the number of gift cards we keep in our inventory is based on what we can reasonably expect to sell based on past sales. So, if you wait until the last minute to buy your cards, know that the cards you want might not be available because we are sold out.

Last year a parishioner came into the parish office a week before Christmas to buy cards for all of his employees. Unfortunately, he was disappointed to learn that cards he wanted were "out of stock" and it was too late to order them for delivery before Christmas.

The moral of this story is "DON'T WAIT"! To avoid disappointment, order HOPE Gift Cards for Christmas giving very soon.

Cards are sold after every weekend Mass and also in the Parish and School offices during regular business hours.

**Buy HOPE Gift Cards Early
For Christmas Giving**



Stewardship of Treasure

Million \$\$ Opportunity Update An Update On Participation

We have had 344 cards turned in to help us meet the M\$O match. Look to the barometer in the Narthex for \$\$ updates.

Some have been for the NCF fund extension and some have been to the general aid of parish ministries. All is greatly appreciated.

The children love the coin tank! It is everyone's responsibility to build a life giving community. Every act of kindness is a demonstration caring for others.

Please Pick Up Your 2017 Tithing Pledge Cards in the Narthex Next Weekend.

If you have any questions and/or concerns on any financial numbers, please feel free to contact me, Katie in the parish office.

Katie Klassen

816-781-4343 x220 Katie@stjames-liberty.org

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 the Christmas Flower Offering envelope with your name, the names of the people to remember or honor, and your donation in the collection or bring your envelope to the parish office during normal business hours.

Glory Be Tea

December 11

Ladies, *Glory Be Tea* tickets are now on sale before and after all weekend Masses through December 4th or until sold out.

Tickets are available in the parish office during the week.

Cost is \$12.50 per person.

You won't want to miss hearing our wonderful speaker Barbara Bartocci and the entertainment that we have planned.

Hope to see you there!



Help **CLOTHE THE NAKED** this December by sharing **NEW AND GENTLY USED WINTER COATS and WARM CLOTHES**

Due to storage limitations at church, Pastoral Council members are collecting the coats at their homes.

Please contact one of our Pastoral Council Members to arrange collection.

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| RC Arciga 898-3614 | Clint Elliott 913-433-6496 |
| Steve Gregoire 792-8399 | Julie Harman 810-4888 |
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A barrel is available at church if you are unable to contact a Council member to arrange your donation.

Donations will be distributed to St. James Midtown for the homeless and needy during the month of December.

Special Advent Event By Fr. Joe Nassal, C.PP.S. Monday, December 5 - 6:30pm

Advent Longing An Evening of Reflection



Advent advises us to remember that we are more than we think we are at any given time in our history. What are my limits? How do I limit myself? What limits do I place on God's grace, God's generosity, and God's love? Tonight,

we will reflect on how our readings for this Advent season invite us to long beyond our limitations. As Father Ron Rolheiser writes, "The season of Advent is a time to get in touch with our longing, our aching, our frustrations.... In our longing are the deep seeds of hope." Through prayer, stories and song, we will explore how Jesus, the incarnation of God's mercy, takes us beyond the limits of sin and death.

Fr. Joe Nassal is the author of several books including The Conspiracy of Compassion, Rest Stops for the Soul, Premeditated Mercy, and Stations of the Crib. He presently is Provincial Director of the Kansas City Province in Liberty, MO.

HOPE

You Are Invited
To Join Us For

Days of Reflection and Prayer

Saturdays in Advent, December 3rd through 17th
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Precious Blood Renewal Center
2130 St. Gasper Way - Liberty

December 3 - The Tender Compassion of God
December 10 - Those Who Wait In Hope
December 17 - Finding Hope in Uncertainty

RSVP to Lucia Ferrara
Hospitalitycoordinator.pbc@gmail.com
816-781-4344

Free Will Donation Accepted

You are welcome to join us for the Celebration of the Eucharist at 4:00pm



See Our Million \$\$\$\$ Campaign Video on the St. James Website www.stjames-liberty.org

Our Faith In Action

Join The Glory Be Tea Cookie Brigade Attention Cookie Bakers !!



Join the Glory Be Tea Cookie Brigade to provide 3 - 4 dozen cookies by December 10.

Contact Ima Rahter at 456-3535 to let her know she can count on you, or for more information.

Advent Reconciliation Service Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00pm

An important way to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, is to attend an Advent Penance Service.

If you are not able to attend the December 6 Service at St. James, below is a list of Advent Reconciliation services in other Northland Parishes.

Good Shepherd	Sunday, December 4	2:00pm
Holy Family	Thursday, December 15	7:00pm
Holy Trinity	Sunday, December 18	2:00pm
St. Charles	Wednesday, December 14	7:00pm
St. Patrick	Tuesday, November 29	7:00pm
St. Therese	Sunday, December 11	7:00pm

Annunciation, St. Andrew, St. Ann, and St. Gabriel do not have a special Advent Reconciliation Service. Confessions will be heard at their regular times.



Protecting God's Children December 1 - 6:30 - 9:00pm St. Gasper Room

In our diocese, anyone working with children must attend a session of Protecting God's Children, a child sexual abuse awareness seminar.

Those who have not taken and received credit for attending this seminar in the past are required to attend this session before working with children.

To receive credit, you must arrive on time and stay until the end.

To register, go to www.virtus.org and click on "Registration on the left hand side.

6th-12th Grade Youth Ministry A Letter to Elizabeth From Mary

Hey, Girl!

You'll never guess what happened to me, not in a million years. I was going to tell you all about it when I saw you, but I just can't wait. It has been a wonderful and horrible time. Joseph has told my father that there will be no wedding. That's the horrible part. Now let me tell you about the other.

Mother sent me to the well, just as she does every morning. I keep telling her that Rachel is old enough to fetch the water now, but Mother sends me.

Do you remember when we were little girls and Mother used to say we had to be good, we had to be pure and kind — that maybe someday God might send the Messiah?

Lizzie, it happened. God sent an angel to me. He was wonderful, Lizzie, just wonderful. At first, he was as tall as the temple. A giant. Then, I think he saw how scared I was and suddenly he was the size of any man, taller than Father, but not as tall as Joseph.

He was dressed all in white and had wings like a bird that he just seemed to fold behind him. I thought I was being punished, but he was smiling. He had the kindest smile, and Lizzie he smelled like sugar. Do you remember Deborah's mother? She used to make those cakes with the sugar and honey and pour cream on them for us? That's what angels smell like.

He looked at me — and I'm not making this up — he looked at me like he was admiring me, like I had done something so wonderful to make an angel proud. He said God loves me. He said that God had decided that I was going to bring the Messiah into the world. He said that I was the one. Then he told me I was pregnant.

Lizzie, I can't begin to tell you what that was like. The angel said I was pregnant and the father was the Holy Spirit.

Lizzie, at that moment I felt the baby inside of me. I knew what the angel said was true, and there was a light all around both of us. It was like I could taste that light, feel it with my fingers. I could feel that light inside of me. I knew what he said was true.

Lizzie, it's me. I'm the one. I will bring our Messiah to the world! I told Joseph. I couldn't *not* tell Joseph, and I have never seen him so angry. He went right to Father and broke off our engagement. Father was just as angry and told Mother I would be stoned if I stayed here...so Mother said I was coming to see you.

Lizzie, what am I going to do? I am so sad about Joseph. He is so angry — and has a right to be. Maybe the angel will come and talk to him. Maybe God will make things right again.

Lizzie, I am so sad; and at the same time, I feel this joy inside of me. I feel the love that this child is...I can feel it in my heart. It's like whenever I feel my heart breaking over Joseph, the baby touches my heart and I am whole again.

Please think for me, Lizzie. I can't understand why this is happening. Help me think this through like we did when we were girls. We could always come up with a plan together. Girl, I need you more than ever. I will be there in a few days.

Love, Mary

Parish Religious Education

RE Calendar - Important Dates

Nov 27	No RE Class - 1st Sunday of Advent
Nov 28	First Reconciliation Service, 7pm
Nov 29	First Reconciliation Service, 7pm
Nov 30	Wednesday RE Class
Dec 4	Sunday RE Class
Dec 6	Parish Reconciliation Service, 7pm

Million Dollar Campaign

Can We Get a Million?

Our children's ministries are trying to see if we can collect one million coins as an effort to support the Million Dollar Opportunity campaign. There is a fish tank right outside the doors of the church for the coins that we collect. Any denomination will do – we aren't fussy! We would just like to see what one MILLION coins looks like. So empty those penny jars, clean out the couch cushions and let's see if we can get to a million!

Hillcrest Christmas Wish List

For Our Young Couple, Jernesha and Eugene

We'll have a Signup Genius up this week, but just in case you want to get a head start, here's our young couple's wish list. Hillcrest asks the residents to give them a list divided into Needs and Wants.

Jernesha (age 25) favorite color is red

Needs: Socks, bras (32A), jeans (3-5), business clothes (dress/shirt size S), bedding, kitchen dishes set, house supplies

Wants: makeup, jewelry, boots (7W), purse, school supplies, makeup brushes

Eugene (age 25) favorite color is pink

Needs: college supplies, socks, briefs (M), house supplies, t-shirts (M), church shoes (7-1/8 to 8), loafers

Wants: watch, necklaces, bracelets, hoop earrings, king size bedding set, Kevin Hart and Martin DVDs.

Sacrament Preparation

Readiness Sessions Done, Now for the Services!

Nov 28, Nov 29, and Dec 6 All at 7 pm

Reconciliation services will begin next week in the church. Dress code for these evenings is just what your child would normally wear to church. Be sure to go to the Social Hall after your family has received so that you can do your communal penance and pick up your child's certificate.

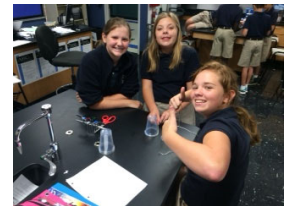
If you chose the December 6th service, check in with me in the narthex before you go in to the church. We'll have a sticker for your first-timer to wear so that whichever priest he/she goes to will know that this is his/her first time.

St. James School News

Our Mission Statement

The St. James Catholic School Community, a ministry of the parish, empowers students to achieve their full academic and Christian potential, become prayerful, lifelong learners and good stewards of God's gifts.

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#CatholicSchoolBlessings!

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

Carson Dearing	Kylee Oxler	Bobbie Wright
Audrie Estrada	Amber Pahmeyer	Shanna Alexander
Jennifer Gaddis	Joan Runde	Berkeley Antle
Sandra Gagnon	Lanna Wood	Stella Maris Burns
Samuel Imhoff	Kaitlyn Andes	Kristine Casey
McKenna Jacquin	Gerard Coday	Sophia Donnici
Troy Jones	Ryan Diels	Nancy Focht
Alexandar Lackey	Brooke Ferro	Cassandra Fuentes
Jonathan Lozano	Donna Gwin	Karen Guenther
Sharron Mansfield	Teressa Mason	Charlotte Herr
Joseph Marchisio	Laura McCarthy	Wade Herrman
Donald Martin	Kayla Moore	Rachel Johnson
Michael Richards	Kate Nowatzke	JayAnn Lance
Gene Russell	Lauren Shepherd	Barry Laughman
Mary Shea	Brandon Beyer	Madelynn Mason
Karen Swingler	Danielle Dillon	Madison Mohr
Deann Tinoco	Weston Edwards	Meredith Mreen
Christine Wooten	Grace George	Joan Pedersen
Sanya Brown	Katherine Grither	Patricia Roach
David Gray	Carolyn Harris	Lucas Scott
Thomas Greufe	Carl Inzerillo	Austin Sellmeyer
Larry Hixson	Mary Inzerillo	Keith Ballard
Amy LaPlant	Wani Juma	Florence Bezdek
Diana Marchisio	James Kern	Logan Czachowski
Randal Pearson	Jim Kern	Pamela DeMasi
Ophelia Solidum	Bob Kern	Elizabeth Hemphill
Angelina Wilson	Henry Langhorst	Lucas Lozano
Terry Cervantes	Mark Loveland	Erin Lynch
Luigi DeMarco	Lyndsey Martin	Ryan McLean
Makena Dickens	Daniel Mears	Jolene Mears
Molly Frick	Amy Nasteff	Kelvin Osomo Ibarra
Bridget George	Susan Olson	Benjamin Roling
Franklin Kapetanovich	George Svetlecic	Stephen Stark
Dana Maher	Charles Weishaar	Nicole Wagoner
Joseph Miller	Laura Weiss	Leila Yap

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Nathan	Aiden Jacobs	Chris Alvey
Alan Haynes	Becky Weathers	R.W. & Connie Hollomon
Viola Sowler	Beau & Keely Williams Family	Beasley & Craven families
Frank Keanley	Shane Harrison	Mary Decko
Phillip Jasumback	Nick Bengimina	Lisa Lange
Ruth Nelson	Roberta McCallum	Carol Yeager Laplant
Baby Bo Pedroza	Keith Newman	Vincent Michael Smith
Saree Morely	Gary Andrew Reese	Patrick O'Neill
Toni Ferro Arthur	Suzie Stramel	Gail Dugdale
Frank	Brianna and Emma Shay	Leola Schaffer
Alex	Kara K.	Iva Durocher
Stephanie	Joseph Greenwald	Elli Kirkbride
Jenny Pike	Sam Porter	John McMahon
Christy Mock	Mary Alice Worth	Lyle Davis
John Findlay	Amy Villereal	Joseph Gubera
Allen Zugelster	Rick and Patrick	Les VanBibber
Solidum Family	Darlene Henning	Morgan Todd
Duane Sander	Lauren Daldrup	Maria Giannelli
Jordan	Skip Ducoulombier	Sara Stoupa
Jackie	Frank Andrasik	Mike Reinhart
Kathy	Lori and Sam Daleo	Jeannette Wolken
Baby Brantley	Charles & David Torres	Emmanuel Monzon Sr.
Tammera Diaz	Mary Kaye Masnado	Teagen Peters
Anne Sander	Carolee Bussjaeger	Jeff Smith
Bryanna	Alfred Vitt	Nadia Kadi
Randal Pearson	John Amaro	Nancy Brown
Keltin Daniel Gwin	Jeremy Hurford	Elaine Catalano
Logan Lopicka	Kevin & Judah	Crystal Coley
Larry Hannah	Jeff, Rene & Garrett	Conchita Weir
Lori & Anthony Daleo	Jerry McCaslin	Becky Booth
Janet Schuster	DeDe Marchisio	Gordley family
Bill Goeckel	Jessica Berger	Louie Bussjaeger
Jeanne Buffa	Greg Fangman	Kenadee Gallagher
Tom Hagins	Francesco Turturro	Haley Prouty
Patti Blankenship	Therese Cimino	Shawn Adkins
Nancy Sixsmith	Lynn Stacey	Jason Robinson
Mattie Mae Weaver	John Laird	Andrew Lay
Mae Ellis	Denny Anderson	Randy Canaan
Cheryl Dirckson	Randy Baumert	Bob Giefer
Sue Harrison	Letha Madison	Leah Biskup Coady
Troy Cronkhite	Josh Caylor	Olivia Hernandez
Chuck Hatler	David Switzer	Chrissy Sparks
Kathy Mendyk	Samantha Potter	Bud Suttliif
Mattie Mae Weaver	Jackie Plack Pelling	Marilyn Niere
Robert Elliott	Tessie Hanson	Darleen Farnan Kenny
Jim Guccione	Alex Rutz	Sharon Augh
June Bednar	Kathy Schwart	Devona Gilgour
Pamela Anderson	Eddie Anselmo	Theresa Fortune
Beatrice Farnan	Janet Harris	Mary Bell Jones
Baby Mattie C.	Newborn Lennox	Frank Benassi
Ana Fonseca	Jesse Rainey	Lee Schwery
Renae & David	Kennedy Noel Holcumbrink	Michelle McClune
Robert Conard Family	Bernadette Kaplan	Joann & Greg Hagins
Denny Anderson	Amy Bills	Billi Keyes
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Mike Mutchler	Kathryn Polly	Kevin Sargent James
Sandy and Bobby Morton	Sandy Wheeler	Cathy & Wallace Finley
Matt Biskup Family	Rita Lowe	Celia Saenz
Donna Jean	George Massie	Anne Robinson
Kim Lackey	Darlene Henning	Francis Talbot
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Madison Carey	Madelynn Hudson & family	Jersey & James Hicks
Rachel Zimmerman	Sarah Rupp	
Jacob and Dana Glasford	Samantha Squire	

Advent Online Resources

This Sunday is the first day of Advent.

These online resources for Advent are available now

Advent Calendar

Our St. James website (www.stjames-liberty.org) features an interactive **Advent** calendar which includes, for each day, a reflection, a family oriented activity, and a link to the day's readings. Also available on the website are prayers for the blessing of the Advent wreath, along with a blessing and prayers for the Christmas tree and manger scene and more.

Daily Advent Prayers

Daily Advent prayer emails. If you are not receiving parish emails, see the website for more information on how to subscribe.

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