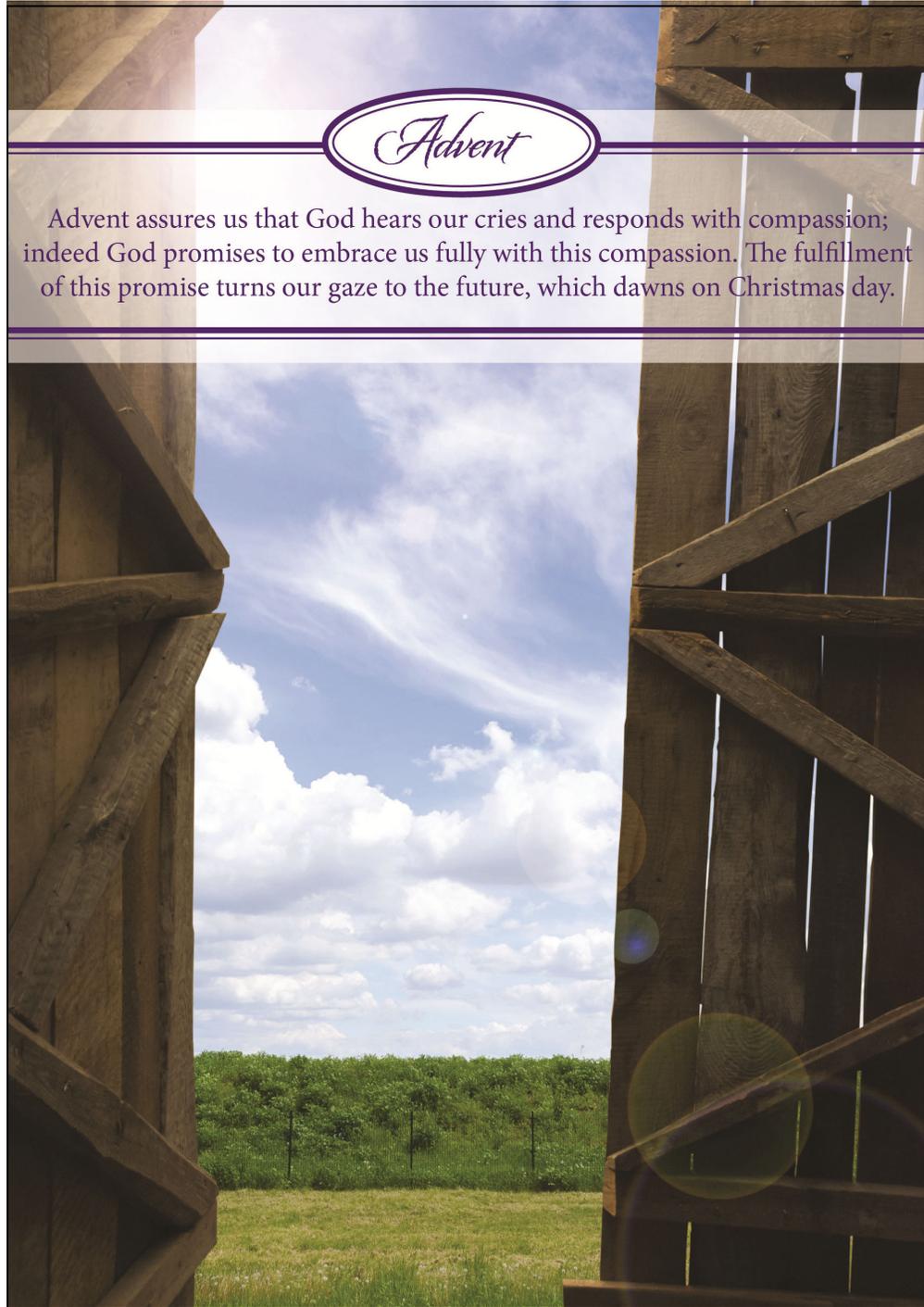


Saint James Catholic Community

First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014

Advent

Advent assures us that God hears our cries and responds with compassion; indeed God promises to embrace us fully with this compassion. The fulfillment of this promise turns our gaze to the future, which dawns on Christmas day.



St. James Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule:

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.

Did you know?

Construction Update:

To meet the November 30th bulletin deadline, this article was submitted on November 19th.

“Curb Painting Help” - In the past we have had some parishioners help with painting curbs. We could use that assistance again. Please give Jim a call at 781-4343 ext 204

New St. James Website -

We are working on a new website and need all ministry heads to please respond to the email request for updates on your ministry content as shown in the latest guide book/directory. If you have not responded with your new website updates, or have any questions please do so right away by responding to wordpress@stjames-liberty.org.

“Thank you”

Jim Newell, Operations Manager



November 2014 – Week 3

| | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Operating Fund MTD | \$129,102 | \$182,022 |
| Operating Fund YTD | \$810,663 | \$925,262 |

* Includes Offertory, and Misc Church Income.

*Does not include New Church Fund.

“Thank you all.”

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 Mary Bultmann at 816-714-2387 or bultmann@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

This Thanksgiving weekend, we are mindful of God's many blessings. We pray that all of us have enjoyed time with family and friends, and have taken a moment to remember God's generosity in our lives!

We also begin the season of Advent. As this season reminds us of the 'waiting' that is so much a part of life, may it also help us to remember what is most important, the coming of Jesus into our midst each and every day. It's very easy to get caught up in the 'hecticness' of the season. May we realize life is always about recognizing the presence of Jesus among us, and how we best open our hearts and lives to welcome Emmanuel, 'God With Us'.

Many thanks to all who have made our Advent Giving Tree such a great giving experience; to the many volunteers who have coordinated such a great undertaking, we are most grateful. It's exactly what living out the Gospel message is all about: remembering the poor and needy among us this time of year!

You are invited to join us on Monday evenings for a period of "Prayer and Reflection", from 5-6 pm, hosted by Patti Stark and myself. Patti has been a real gift to our parish community, in helping us spend time in reflection and meditation, calming ourselves so that we can be the persons of Peace and Hope that we are called to be during this Advent season. Come and join us in church at 5pm on Monday evenings!

Let us pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Advent is about Forgiveness and coming to know the gift of healing and God's forgiveness for each of us!

We will be having our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 9th at 7pm. It's great time for each of us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

On Monday, Dec. 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day; we are invited attend Mass that day. Masses will be offered at 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. We will also be having a special Mass at 5 p.m., to which all are invited. This will be part of our "Prayer and Reflection" series. This particular celebration of the Mass will center on reflecting on the role of Mary saying, "YES" to being the Mother of God. Come and join us for Mass that day to reflect on our own call to say, "YES" to God!

A special thanks to all who have been so very generous in responding to our needs. Whenever I/we have asked for gifts of time, talent or treasure needed to support our community or those in need, the response is TREMENDOUS! May each of us continue to be good stewards of all God's gifts. May this Advent/Thanksgiving time help us all to reflect on God's generosity and our response by modeling that Giving in all we do to welcome Emmanuel, "God with us"! ~ Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of December 1-7:

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| Monday | 8am | † George and Maude Yates |
| Tuesday | 8am | Al and Teresa Stichnot |
| Wednesday | 8am | Catholic Missionaries |
| Thursday | 8am | † Elsie Trujillo |
| Friday | 9am | Our children |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | † Alverna Schuster † Frieda Weber |
| Sunday | 7:30am | Br. Steve's Intentions |
| | 9:15am | † Martha Pintar |
| | 11:00am | † Josephine Cygiel |
| | 6:00pm | Our youth |

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

Mass Intentions

The custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. When we celebrate the Eucharist, in addition to prayers for the deceased, a particular intention may be included. If you would like to have a Mass offered for one of your loved ones or for a special intention, please call the parish office at: 816-781-4343. A donation may be offered.

Contact Info

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: 2nd Wed of each month.
Contact JoAnn in Parish Office, ext. 205

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

New Parishioners: Please register 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:
email daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org

or call Daryl or Loretta in Parish Office.

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

The Week Ahead

Sun November 30: Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday
Breakfast - all are welcome
—Accepting Advent Giving Tree gifts all week
—First Sunday of Advent

Mon Dec 1: Mass at 8am, rosary to follow Mass at 10:00am
—Ashton Court Mass 10:00am
—First Reconciliation Service 7pm church
—World AIDS Awareness Day

Tue Dec 2: Mass at 8am, rosary to follow
—First Reconciliation Service 7pm church
—Altar Society meeting/Christmas Dinner 7pm Social Hall

Wed Dec 3: Mass at 8am, rosary to follow
—Sponsor's for Christ meet 1st and 3rd Wed
—St. Francis Xavier

Thurs Dec 4: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am

Fri Dec 5: Rosary prayed at 8:15am
—School Mass at 9am
—Financial Seminar 7-8:30pm Mallen Room

Sat Dec 6: That Man is You at 6:15am
—Saturday morning faith sharing group at 10am
—Rosary prayed at 3:00pm
—St. Nicholas

Sun Dec 7: Knights of Columbus serve coffee and donuts
after the 7:30 & 9:15 Mass. All are welcome
—Accepting Advent Giving Tree gifts until 1pm

Scriptures for December 6/7 Masses:
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 1 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Gift Bearers for December 6/7:

Sat 5:00pm: Joe and Lori Janacaro and family
Sun 7:30am: Mike and Jean Kieffer and family
9:15am: Anthony and Rebecca Harrelson
11am: Chuck and Tammi Johnson
6pm: Marla Neal and family

Hospitality Greeters for December 6/7:

Sat 5:00pm: James Thornton and Barbara DeHaven
Sun 7:30am: Pat Cull and Judy Keisling
9:15am: Mary Midiri
11am: David and Lesa Feess
6pm: Amanda O'Brien

Special Envelopes for December:

Immaculate Conception, Retired Religious Fund,
Christmas Flowers, Christmas Day

Special Events

Breakfast is Back!!

The Knights of Columbus will be preparing our usual 5th Sunday breakfast on Nov. 30, following the 7:30 and 9:15 masses. It's been a while but, now that our parking lot is completed, we are back in the breakfast business! Please stop by the social hall and enjoy our freshly-prepared, home-cooked breakfast!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8th

Masses will be 6:30 am, 9am, 5pm and 7pm.
5pm Mass will offer the opportunity for deeper reflection and meditation



St. James Glory Be Tea Sunday, December 14, 2014

Ladies, *Glory Be Tea* tickets are now on sale before and after all weekend Masses through December 7th

or until sold out (excluding Thanksgiving weekend).

Tickets will also be available in the parish office during the week.

Cost is \$12.00 per person.

Wonderful speaker and entertainment is planned.
Hope to see you there!

Cookies for Glory Be Tea

With the Glory Be Tea right around the corner, we ask that you please contact Ima Rahter, 456-3535, to donate cookies for this wonderful ladies event.



A  from the
Liturgy/Music Office



YOUTH CHOIR SCHEDULE

Here is our current schedule of rehearsals
for the St. James Youth Choir.
Please note there are some changes!!

November 30: 2:30-3:30

December 7: 2:30-3:30

December 14: 2:30-3:30

I would like the Youth Choir to sing at our
annual **Lessons and Carols** Service on
Monday, December 15th at 7:00pm.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



If you either attended
weekday Mass or
mediated with the
scripture readings the
past two weeks, you
know the first reading

has been from the book of Revelation. Each day John presented images, signs and warnings. Continuing to the final chapter, verse twenty you will find these words: "Come Lord Jesus." (I checked four translations; they are all the same.) Today, the First Sunday of Advent, the Gospel begins: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Take a few minutes to reflect on the following questions: "What do these words mean to you; What are you awaiting; What, if anything, is different about this Advent; Do you desire Jesus' presence; How will you prepare?"

Finally, answer the question in this picture. Don't rush; be completely honest with yourself.



In praying the "Our Father" we boldly state "Thy Kingdom Come," but do we also understand that means "my kingdom must end." It seems obvious that we each create our own kingdoms. Perhaps these little kingdoms could be named nationalism, wealth, position, power, looks, independence, pride, possessions, bigger, better, newer, or comfort. These little kingdoms surround our daily lives, and we protect, defend, and attempt to prove their rightness. We justify their existence and importance. We make-up ways to weave them into our Christianity; trying always to maintain the status quo. Is this surrendering to the coming of God's Kingdom? Change is difficult, even painful. Matthew 4:17 proclaims Jesus admonishment: "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is upon you." Wow! We aren't looking at some future event, we are looking at the present. Are you uncomfortable with this?

For me Advent is one of those extraordinary times during the liturgical year to look at myself and my life. It is a time for quiet reflection; a time to name the darkness, give it to Jesus, and to welcome His life giving presence. It is a time to recognize my place within family and community. It is a time to evaluate the gifts God has given me, and prayerfully discern how He is calling me to use them. It is a time to give thanks for His grace and blessings, and a time to let go of hurts and sorrows. It is "inner house cleaning time." Time to reaffirm the life-giving power of the sacraments. So join me, wait in Vigilance and wake-up to the glory of God's presence in your life.

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
 Jake Harman, 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, Kyle Coday, Paul
 Starner, Jarrett Muck, Bong Vtug, Brianna Hannum, Aaron Dolak,
 Tony Velasquez Jr., Colleen McCloskey, Raymond Lopez, David Castro, Jr.,
 Jeff Gardner, Brad Nees, Josh DeLeone, Joe Binggeli, Jeremy Pyle, Cody Londo
 Jason Lyday, Andy Sparks, Jacob Weller, Ray Writesman, Cody Zoglman, Adam
 Parnacott, Charlette Pruet, Daniel Wilson, Nicole Dobbelaere Martindell, Jeffrey Pelling
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

Give A Gift From The Advent Giving Trees



Our Advent Giving Trees are up and just waiting for you to take a tag or two or more so that you can bless others less fortunate with a Christmas gift.

Our three trees this year are for children, adults, and gift cards. If you want to buy a gift for a child - choose a tag from the Children's tree. For an adult, select a tag from the Adult tree.

If shopping for a gift for someone you don't know is not your thing - take a tag from the HOPE Gift Card tree - located near the HOPE table.

One Stop Shopping at the Hope Tree

If you are purchasing a gift card that has been requested on the HOPE Advent Giving Tree, please take advantage of our "one stop shopping."

Simply select a tag from the Gift Card Tree and the Christmas cards provided then give it to the representatives along with your payment. No need to stand in the HOPE card line - we will order the gift card for you and place it in your Christmas card.

By purchasing HOPE gift cards to fulfill gift requests, you're not only helping to ensure that the Christmas wish of someone else is being fulfilled, you're also helping to support your parish without spending more than you would otherwise spend.

**Your Gifts Will Bring HOPE To Many This Year
 Thank You !**



Little Saints Christmas Celebration

We're taking a break from Monday morning meetings in December.

But join us on **Thursday, Dec. 11**
 from 10 to 11:30 am
 in the Social Hall

for a **Christmas Celebration.**

We will enjoy a baby Jesus craft
 and holiday snacks,
 and
 you will have a photo opportunity
 with Santa.

All families are invited;
 please RSVP to Lori Tajchman,
SingWithMissLori@gmail.com,
 in order that we have plenty of
 craft supplies on hand.

**DUPLEX FOR RENT
 in Liberty, MO**

Looking for a place to call home
 close to the hospital?

Three bedroom duplex available now: 2 full baths
 and 1/2 bath, open living and kitchen space, gas
 fireplace, finished downstairs rec room and
 basement, large deck off the kitchen, large two car
 garage, new carpet and hardwood throughout.
 \$1,100 per month and \$800 deposit.

Call 816-781-2139

2014 HOPE/Scrip Gift Card Holiday Guide

The Shopping Crunch is Here!

'Tis a few weeks before Christmas, and all through the stores, people galore are shopping for gifts that all will adore!

Have you got your shopping done yet? If not, remember that time is running short and before long everything in the stores will be picked over.

What are you getting for the teacher, paper boy or girl, baby sitter and others on your list. And, how about those hard-to-buy-for?

Did you return gifts last year because they were the wrong size or color or were something you just didn't need or couldn't use? You weren't alone!

HOPE/Scrip gift cards are the perfect answer to many of your shopping problems. Buy them to do your own shopping or give as gifts so that those special people on your shopping list can buy what they really would like to have.



For Her

She'll love shopping for the latest fashions with a Macy's, Kohl's, Dillards, J.C. Penney, T.J. Maxx, Ross Dress For Less, or Dress Barn gift card. She might like a Bath & Body Works card to find a new fragrance or bath gel or a Serenity on the Square card for a relaxing massage. Or surprise her with a gift card for one of her other favorite stores.

For Him

What man doesn't like tools? How about a gift card to Sears, Lowes, Sutherlands or Home Depot? Or a new jacket, sweater, or shirt may be in order. He'll be happy to be able to pick out his own stuff at Penney's, Dillard's, Kmart, Target and others. For the sportsman buy a gift cards to Rogers or Dicks Sporting Goods. If he likes electronics, pick up a Best Buy, Office Depot or Office Max gift card.

For Young People

They sure do love those electronic gadgets, cell phones, cameras, CDs and DVDs. A card to Best Buy, Game Stop, or iTunes might be just the thing. Or, how about a card to the Liberty 12 theater? We've got them all.

For The Wee Ones

Toys-R-Us, Babies-R-Us, Walmart and Target have lots of toys, games and gifts. Or maybe you'll want to get them some new clothes at Children's Place. Kids of all ages can create their own teddy bear at the Build-A-Bear Workshop. Get your cards today.

For Teacher

The teachers on your list would appreciate a gift card for Starbucks, Pappa's Coffee Express or Barnes & Noble.

Hard-To-Buy-For

We all have one or more of these people on our list. Everyone enjoys going out to dinner, so you can't go wrong with a gift card for one of the many restaurant cards available. Target, Walmart, Price Chopper or Hy-Vee gift cards are also always good choices.

For Friends

What friend wouldn't like to have a gift card to their favorite restaurant? Or maybe one for Liberty 12 Theater or Pappa's Coffee Express would be just the right thing. Amazon cards are always a good choice as well. Check out our complete list of gift cards available.

Order Now to Guarantee Delivery

HOPE gift cards are sold after all weekend Masses and in the parish and school offices during regular business hours. Order forms are available at all sales locations and on the St. James website.

Gift cards normally kept in stock include Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Best Buy, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dick's Sporting Goods, Old Navy, Home Depot, iTunes,

J.C. Penny, Kohl's, Serenity on the Square, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Michaels, Lowes, Rogers Sporting Goods, Ross Dress For Less, Walmart, Target plus many others. Also in stock are cards for many of your favorite local restaurants.

Other cards can be ordered by turning in an order form with your check or cash at any of our sales locations.

Turn in
special orders
for Christmas by
Monday, Dec. 15

Your order will be
ready for pick-up
Friday, Dec. 19
(weather permitting)

Our Faith In Action

St. James Advent Giving Tree



THANK YOU ...

... to all who volunteered to participate in this year's Advent Giving Tree.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING GIFTS

Please remember that the gifts you are buying need to be returned to St. James by **next Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 pm.**

Getting them here on time makes it possible to make sure they get to their destinations on time.

Thank you!

Thank you all for the prayers, cards, and phone calls. It's so nice to be remembered.

St James is blessed with many ministries, the food one especially at this time. Thanks for the great meals, they were very much enjoyed and appreciated.

Also thanks to Sue and Marcia that bring muffins after Mass. Enjoyed your card and notes, made me wish I were there.

Thanks again and may God Bless you all.

~ Ruth Nelson

Support Our Seminarians

Note Venue Change

The 22nd annual "Support Our Seminarians" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Knock and is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2015. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. We have two wonderful speakers: Archbishop James P. Keleher, Archbishop Emeritus, of the Archdiocese in Kansas, and Fr. Donald P. Farnan of St. Thomas More Parish in the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph who will eulogize Bishop Raymond Boland. SOS will be held at the **Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center, 2345 McGee Street, KCMO**. The ticket price is \$150.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes (913) 207-9893 or

mmmh66@sbcglobal.net

Youth Group Happenings

Advent of Service Ideas for the First Week

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| Sun Nov 30 | Take a tag off the Advent Giving Tree and buy a gift for someone in need. |
| Mon Dec 1 | Let someone go in front of you in line. You will be amazed how this can change someone's day! |
| Tues Dec 2 | Eat lunch with someone new. Get out of your comfort zone and make a new friend. |
| Wed Dec 3 | Clean up after yourself. It might sound simple, but did you do it today? |
| Thur Dec 4 | Buy as many Dollar Store gloves as you can and donate to a shelter. |
| Fri Dec 5 | Leave your unused or left over gift cards for the next person in line. |
| Sat Dec 6 | Clothe the Naked. How will you meet our Corporal Work of Mercy for December? |

Upcoming Youth Ministry Dates

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| Sun Nov 30 | No Class |
| Wed Dec 3 | 6th-8th Faith Sharing 6:30-8pm |
| Sun Dec 7 | Confirmation 7:00pm-8:45pm |
| Wed Dec 10 | 6th-8th Faith Sharing 6:30-8pm |
| Sun Dec 14 | High School Café 7:00-8:30 |
| Wed Dec 17 | 6th-8th Faith Sharing 6:30-8pm |
| Sun Dec 21 | Confirmation 7:00pm-8:45pm |

Parish Religious Education

RE Calendar Dates

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| Nov 30 | NO Sun RE: Thanksgiving |
| Dec 1 | First Reconciliation Service 7 pm |
| Dec 2 | First Reconciliation Service 7 pm |
| Dec 3 | Wednesday Family Night |
| Dec 7 | Sunday Family Day |
| Dec 9 | Parish Advent Communal Penance Service 7 pm |

Hope Cards for Christmas:

Your purchases of HOPE cards really do make a difference in our ministries here at St James. So before you head to the shopping center to buy your family's Christmas gifts, stop by the school office (or the narthex after Mass) and pick up a gift card for the merchants you usually shop with. It's a great way to support our parish while buying the things you would have bought anyway. There is no wrapping paper to order, no fundraiser to support, just buy what you normally buy with a convenient, easy-to-use gift card. The money raised through the HOPE program really makes a big difference!

Corporal Work of Mercy for December: Clothe the Naked

Our Works of Mercy project begins another chapter this next month with Clothe the Naked. The month of December is a month filled with generous gift-giving, and we know that families' resources will be stretched thin. So our mission this month will piggyback along with some of the things that you usually do in December--but we'll be doing them this month with an added emphasis on the reason behind the gift.

We are asking everyone to support our Advent Giving tree by selecting the tags that have to do with clothing first. The recipients of the Advent Giving tree are people who have no resources to obtain these articles of clothing. They are kids who need school clothes or older folks who are no longer able to get to the store and with no family around to take care of this for them. We are also looking for items of baby clothing for our Baby Shower for Baby Jesus. These young families are in need of diapers and warm clothes for their babies. As you select these tags and pick up these articles of clothing, have a talk with your child about who your gift will be helping, what they might be facing and how your small gift could make their life a little easier.

The stories that we will be reading this month in our Opening Prayer time feature items of clothing and how they help us be reconciled to each other. We'll be reading *The Mitten Tree*, *These Shoes*, and *Shoobox Sam*.



St. James School News

School 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.

2nd Place!

The 5th grade girls' volleyball team received 2nd place on Saturday, in the semifinals of the city tournament. They did a great job working as a team!

Congratulations!



St. James School Auction

Our 25th Annual St. James Auction was a SUCCESS! We hope that all who attended the auction enjoyed the evening. Our auction could not have been such a success without the effort and dedication of many people! A special thanks to our auction chair, Vicki Fischer, and co-chairs, Michele Brancato and Nichole Stewart. A big thank you to the auction committee: Christine Bohr, Stephanie Boryla, Cathy Boteler, Kara & Jim Brown, Lori Burns, Tracy Drinkard, Kelly Francis, Jennifer Knabe, Stephanie MacNeil, Nicole Marshall, Amanda McConnell, Anna Merricks, Ginny Nyberg, Michelle Passantino, Samara Pernice, Kim Smock, Jenell Quigley and Dana Worboys.

A special thank you to Computerized Auction Services provided by Shawn Doherty and Michael O'Brien.

Congratulations, Molly Smith was the winner of the \$1000 HOPE card giveaway and David and Rachel Tischinski who won PICK OF THE LIVE and walked away with a dream Disney Vacation!

We can't wait to begin making plans for next year!

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

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| Kaitlyn Andes | Karen Guenther | Julie DiGiovanni |
| Gerard Coday | Nicholas Hartley | Harper Dixon |
| Ryan Diels | Charlotte Herr | Ryder Eckersley |
| Brooke Ferro | Wade Herrman | Layla Florido |
| Donna Gwin | Rachel Johnson | Monica Hatch |
| Julie Keller | Andrew Kindiger | Jeanne Jackson |
| Teressa Mason | JayAnn Lance | Ainsley Lanter |
| Laura McCarthy | Barry Laughman | Lauren Moulder |
| Kayla Moore | Madelynn Mason | Michelle Mull |
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