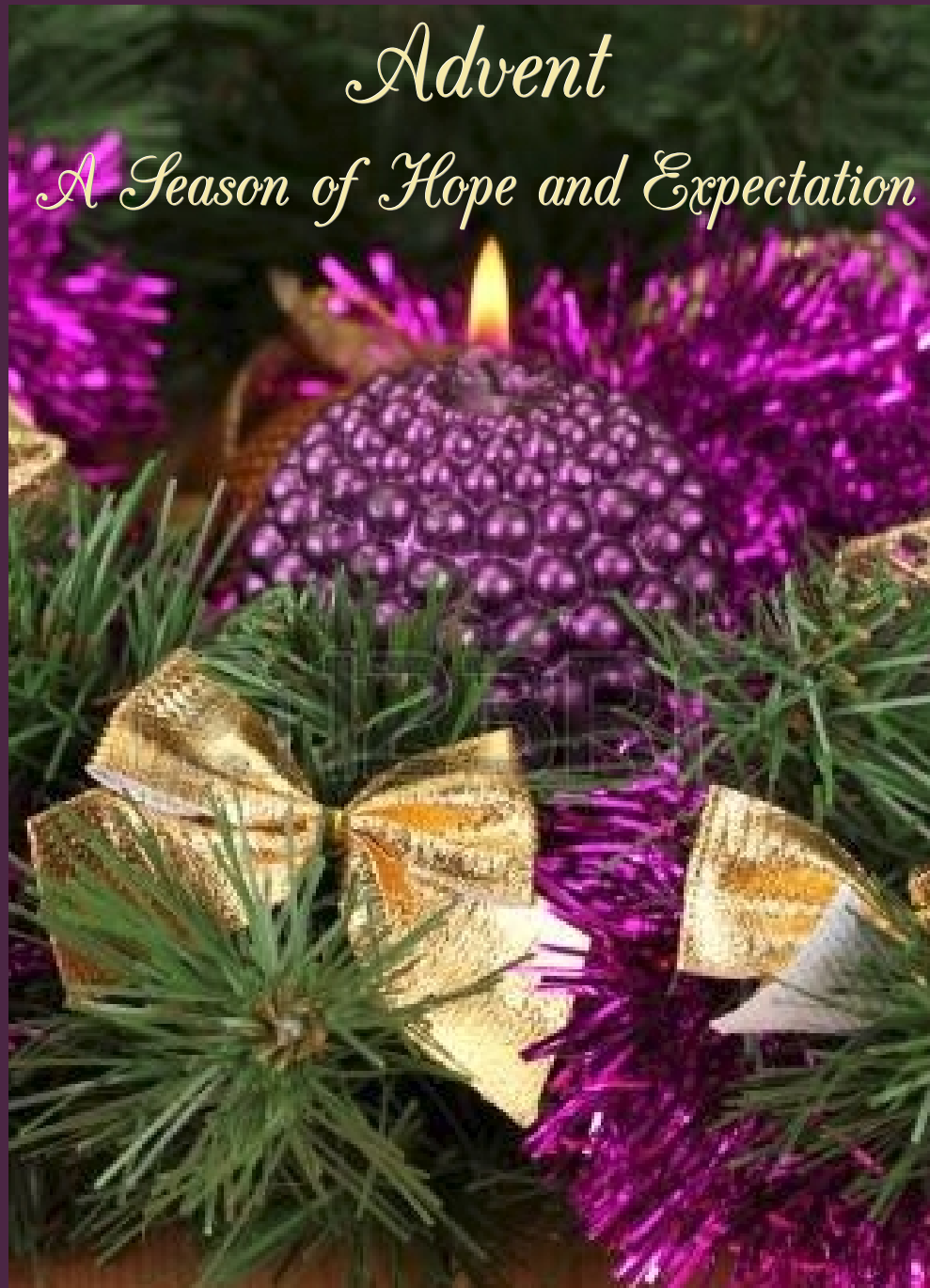


Saint James Catholic Community

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017



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.

Do You Know?

Ground water pressure has forced water through the surface of portions of our parking lot and caused considerable damage.

In the next two weeks, weather permitting, we will attempt to alleviate ground water pressure through a series of "French Drains".

Contractors will bury approximately 360 feet of 6 inch perforated pipe to relieve pressure and move the water to the slit drain that runs parallel to the Palisade Road.

We will mill 1 1/2" of the asphalt (approximately 6,600 square feet) in the damaged area and install the surface to code.

Top dress and restripe of the entire lot will tie into completion of the church.

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

Looking Ahead to Christmas When is Mass and For Which Day??



Because Christmas falls on a Monday, it makes the holiday Mass schedule a little different than usual.

On the weekend of December 23/24, the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 9:15am Mass on Sunday will be for the 4th Sunday of Advent, not for the Christmas obligation.

Also on the 24th, Christmas Eve, there will be two Christmas Masses at 4:00pm (one in the church, one in the gym), one Mass at 7:00pm and one Mass at 10:00pm. There is one Mass on Christmas Day at 9am. All of these Masses will fulfill the Christmas Holy day obligation.

For New Year's Eve and the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary (January 1), there is no holy day obligation when the feast falls on a Monday, so no "extra" masses are required.

**Deadline For Advent Tree Gift Returns
 This Sunday - December 3
 at 1:00pm**

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

It's still a bit hard to believe it's now the first of December and the days are still sunny and warm. I'm not sure I could live in a warm climate in December. I know as much as some people dislike the cold, I still need to the cold to remind me what time of the year it is.

With the turn of the calendar, we begin the season of Advent. Just as the trees have shed their leaves and the once beautiful flowers have withered and died, we notice the drab colors of fall giving way to winter. The last few days of driving around town I have noticed the stark difference in the drab leafy trees compared to the strong, almost vibrant greens of the evergreens. To me it is a strong reminder that some things must fade away while others remain strong. It's nature at its finest continuing the circle of life. Just a couple of weeks ago I bought some fall bulbs to plant in the front flower bed. For several years now I have bought bulbs in the fall but it seems I never get a chance to plant them. The weather is nice enough to do, and when I get home I think to myself I need to get those bulbs planted and yet the next morning still they still sit in the garage. I love to see the bulbs bloom in the spring to show signs of new life but it takes some work in the fall to make it happen.

Some work in the fall to make things happen in the spring. Something to hope in for the days ahead when the daylight grows shorter and the temperature dips to cold. This first Sunday of Advent we light the first candle of the Advent wreath - the candle of Hope, a Prophet's Candle, a candle to remind us that Jesus is coming. Although we know not the day nor the hour, we still hold that hope and believe that Jesus will one day return. As we make ready our hearts and homes to welcome family and guests, how much more must we do to welcome Jesus into our hearts and homes once again this Advent season?

No one, including myself, likes to just sit and wait. I can be very impatient at times and just want to get things done. What can I do this Advent season to help enable myself to sit and wait in patience?

May the peace of this Advent season help us to be ready and waiting,

Fr. Timothy

Mass Intentions

Week of December 4 - December 10

Monday 8:00am	†Elsie Trujillo
Tuesday 8:00am	†Russell Lee Miller Special Intention
Wednesday 8:00am	Saint Nicholas †John Mancuso by his family
Thursday 8:00am 7:00pm	<i>Saint Ambrose</i> Lawrence McCoy and Family <i>Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass</i> Joe & Eileen Barry's Intentions
Friday 6:30am 9:00am	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Our Country †Ed Ludwig
Saturday 5:00pm	†Edith Maschler
Sunday 7:30am 9:15am 11:00am 6:00pm	†Trinidad Callora †Judy Plummer †Dick Mansfield David Jones Intentions Our Parish Sunday night Mass at 8pm William Jewell College Campus, Grand River Chapel. All Are Welcome

Special Collection For Retired Religious Next Weekend - December 9 and 10

Retired sisters, brothers, and priests who belong to certain religious orders need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes - often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime

Contact Info

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!

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 December 3 : No coffee and donuts

Mon December 4 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow
—Ashton Court Mass at 10:00am

Tue December 5 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow
—Legion of Mary meets at 6:30am in the Mallen Room
—Advent Penance Service, 7:00pm in the church

Wed December 6: Mass at 8:00am, rosary to follow
—Sponsor's for Christ meet 1st and 3rd Wed; 6:30pm
—Prayer Shawl Ministry meet 2nd and 4th Wed; 6:30pm
—Catholic Women's Book Club, 6:00pm, Teacher's Lounge
—Bible Study, 6:30 - 8:00pm in St. Tony Room

Thurs December 7 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow
—9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
—1:00pm - Rosary of the Blessed Mother in the church
—7:00pm - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Fri December 8 : Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation Masses 6:30am and 9:00am
(see also Thursday December 7 Vigil Mass at 7:00pm)

Sat December 9 :
—That Man Is You at 6:15am in the Social Hall
—Faith Sharing at 10:00am in the School Library - "The Jewish Roots of Catholicism: The Journey Home."
—Rosary prayed at 3:00pm

Sun December 10 : No Coffee and Donuts
—Glory Be Tea, 12:30pm in the Parish Gymnasium

Scriptures for December 9 and 10

Is 40:1-5, 9-11) / Pt 3:8-14 / Mk1:1-8

Gift Bearers for December 9 and 10

Sat 5:00pm: Ms. Carter's 2nd Grade RE Family
Sun 7:30am: Mike & Jean Kieffer
9:15am: Mike & Lisa Young and Family
11:00am: Jennifer & Quinn Knabe and Family
6:00 pm: Zac & Michelle Usher and Family

Hospitality Greeters for December 9 and 10

Sat 5:00pm: Open to a Church Family
Sun 7:30am: Dennis & Robin Huber and
Mike & Jean Kieffer
9:15am: Charlie & Jan Moubry and Ann Tucker
11:00am: David & Lesa Fees
6:00 pm: Paula Doleshal

Faithful Fitness

When: Saturday mornings in December
from **8:30-9:30 am** Except December 23

Where: St James Social Hall

Cost: \$5 with 20% being tithed back to the church

Other: Bring a mat or beach towel, your favorite weights if you have them and a water bottle
Instructor: Joni Fleck, Parishioner

Special Events



**Tuesday
December 5
7:00pm**

An important way to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, is to attend an Advent Penance Service by gathering together to celebrate the communal form of the Sacrament of God's mercy and focus on the spiritual meaning of Advent.

The service includes prayer, scripture readings, a homily and an examination of conscience, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions.

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.



**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.

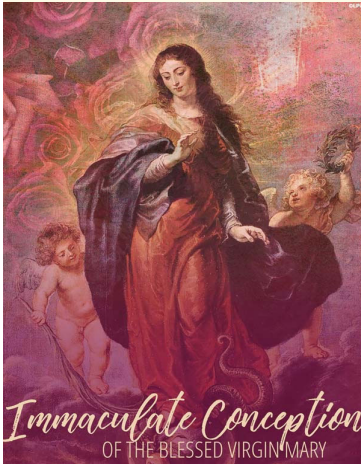
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A barrel is available at church if you are unable to contact a Council member to arrange your donation.

Donations will be distributed to St. James Midtown in December for the homeless and needy.

A  from the
Liturgy/Music Office

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



**Friday
December 8**

Holy Day
Of Obligation

Mass Times

Vigil Mass

Thursday, Dec. 7
7 :00 pm

Feast Day Masses
6:30 and 9:00am

Attention Liturgical Ministers

Ushers

Lectors

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers

Sign Up For

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sign Up Sheets In the Narthex

It's A New Liturgical Year First Sunday of Advent

*"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.*

Mark 13:33

Reflection

Happy New Year, Colleagues! Isaiah (clay and potter), Paul (grace and spiritual gift), and Mark (Watch!) have made a valid attempt to start us, and Year B, off on the right foot. As musical clay in the Potter's hands we prepare liturgies with the style and grace of which Gabe Huck spoke so eloquently. We recognize this as a spiritual gift from God to be servant leaders. The call to be vigilant is also a call to be flexible. Like most, we've planned out the music for Advent and Christmas at least a month ago. As we await the coming of the Christ Child, let us be mindful of the spiritual and music needs of those around us with whom we wait.

Prayer

God of our anticipation,
mold us to serve,
grace us to pray,
and keep us attentive to our family
and your Son who is to come.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



At this time every year, I find myself correcting misunderstandings related to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This Holy Day of Obligation on December 8th is the time the Church traditionally celebrates the birth of Mary. Although nothing is found in Holy Scripture about Mary's birth or childhood, the apocryphal

Protoevangelium of James, although not recognized as a part of the Christian canon, does provide incite into Mary's family and reflects the development of Christian devotion to God.

According to this source Anna and Joachim were infertile but continued to pray for a child. They received the promise of a female child who would be a part of God's plan for salvation. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CC 489) "Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary." There was Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, Ruth, Judith, Esther and many others, yet "Mary stands out among the poor and the humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from Him. St. Augustine writes, "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." Her birth, like every new life, reflects new hope for the world; the love of two humans, joined with God in His creative work. All loving parents reveal their hope in a world filled with violence, hatred, and unrest that their child will be a channel of God's love, hope, and peace to the world. This is magnificently true in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of His love to the world. If Jesus brings the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. One might ask, how is this possible? That is the essence of her immaculate conception.

Theologically, original sin is understood as our human condition to sinfulness; the absence of holiness and perfect charity into which humans are born. Original sin is not a personal fault, but rather a state wherein we believe that temptation brings fulfillment of our desires. These desires, which we may choose because of free will, are selfish and not God centered. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception states that Mary was conceived free from original sin and immune from all stain of original sin, through the grace of God and salvation of Jesus. Thus she was "full of grace" from the moment of conception and freely accepted God's will as her path.

I think we all agree that birthday celebrations bring happiness. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth is celebrated with great joy and offers the greatest possibility of hope to the world. As we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for peace in our hearts and our world.

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, Ryan 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 Starner, 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 Pruett, Daniel Wilson, Nicole Dobbelaere Martindell, Jeffrey Pelling, Jeff Duncan, Nicholas Caine, Jon Watson, Jacob Schmidt, Chris Kandlbinder, Zachary Ildza, Nathaniel Stitt, Carl Schoenrock, Zachary Schoenrock, Salvador Rodriguez, Salvador Ivan Rodriguez, James Allee, Jacob Davis Harris.



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

Avoid The Shopping Crunch



'Tis 3 weeks before Christmas, but all through the stores, there's people galore shopping for gifts that all will adore!

Started shopping yet? Time is running short and everything in the stores will soon 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 people?.

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 can help solve 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 want.

GOOD NEWS

Just in time for Christmas shopping, beginning Monday, December 4, we will be ordering HOPE gift cards twice a week and get them back two days later.

Place Order By 10am

- Mon. Dec. 4
- Wed. Dec. 6
- Mon. Dec. 11
- Wed. Dec. 13
- Mon. Dec. 18

Pick Up After 1pm

- Wed, Dec. 6
- Fri. Dec. 8
- Wed. Dec. 13
- Fri. Dec. 15
- Wed. Dec. 20

Buy HOPE Gift Cards Early For Christmas Giving



Stewardship of Treasure

The Retirement Fund for Religious special collection is next weekend, December 9 and 10. Envelopes are in your envelope packet. Please consider supporting these senior women and men, who served our church and the world, .

2018 Tithing Pledge cards are available in the Narthex on the information stand. Thank you for filling these out; it is very helpful for our budgeting. You may return them: drop in the collection plate. drop by the Parish Office; mail them to the church; or scan and email to Katie@Stjames-Liberty.org.

As a reminder: Tithe is the money given to the operating account for everyday business.

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

Katie Klassen

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

Join The Glory Be Tea Cookie Brigade

Join the Glory Be Tea Cookie Brigade and provide 3 - 4 dozen small cookies for the Glory Be Tea by December 9.

To let us know that you can provide cookies contact Jeanne Verssue at email bverssue@gmail.com or call 294-0236.



In 1223, St. Francis created the first Christmas crib so that the people around the Italian village of Greccio could have a first person experience of the incarnation of Jesus.

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12 - 6:00pm

FUN! FUN! FUN!

Come enjoy Faith, Fellowship, and Food

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, on **Tuesday, December 12** at **6:00pm** starting with the traditional singing of Las Mañanitas, Mass, followed by a free reception.

This beautiful celebration starts with singing "Las Mañanitas" while young dancers offer flowers to our Lady of Guadalupe - a traditional dance with *The Matachines*. We will celebrate the Holy Mass and then have a reenactment of the apparitions of our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego.

The celebration ends with a free reception in the social hall with Mexican food, and more.

This event invites all of us to meditate on the great love of God who gave us our loving Mother who always loves, guides and intercedes for us.

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends.



CELEBRACION DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



Esta Hermosa celebración será el martes 12 de diciembre a las 6:00pm., iniciaremos con las mañanitas y ofrecimiento de flores a la Virgen, la Danza de los Matachines, continuaremos con la Santa Misa, la representación de las apariciones de la Virgen, y finalizaremos con una recepción en el Salón. Esperamos verte, no faltes.

ST. JAMES ADVENT CALENDAR 2017						
SUNDAY Dec 3	MONDAY Dec 4	TUESDAY Dec 5	WEDNESDAY Dec 6	THURSDAY Dec 7	FRIDAY Dec 8	SATURDAY Dec 9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SUNDAY Dec 10	MONDAY Dec 11	TUESDAY Dec 12	WEDNESDAY Dec 13	THURSDAY Dec 14	FRIDAY Dec 15	SATURDAY Dec 16
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SUNDAY Dec 17	MONDAY Dec 18	TUESDAY Dec 19	WEDNESDAY Dec 20	THURSDAY Dec 21	FRIDAY Dec 22	SATURDAY Dec 23
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SUNDAY Dec 24	CHRISTMAS		Journey With Us To Meet Jesus - Click each day for daily reflection & prayer			
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PB&J (Prayer, Bible Stories & Jammin')



Want to give an experience instead of a toy this Christmas? Consider a gift certificate for PB&J classes (\$25 for one month or \$60 for three months).

PB&J is a music and movement class for infants, toddlers and preschoolers focusing on a monthly bible story, prayers and Mass postures, taught through song, dance and instrument/prop exploration. This is a parent-child or grandparent-child class, so it offers some fun, Christian-based bonding. Contact Lori Tajchman for purchase or details or to arrange a free preview class. Currently there are openings in the following classes:

Tuesdays, at 10:00am and 5:30pm
Wednesdays, at 9:00am and 5:30pm



**Interactive Advent Calendar
Now Available on St. James Website**

[www:stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org)

Included For Each Day
Reflection ♦ Daily Readings
Activity ♦ #Hashtags

Our Faith In Action

Manor Thrift

shop. volunteer. donate.

Immaculata Manor Thrift Store needs volunteers!

Looking for service hours or a good time helping/volunteering?

Volunteers set their own hours at times convenient to them, whether it be once a week, a few hours a day, or whatever their availability. The store is open from 10am to 5pm Monday through Saturday;

If you can help or would like more information contact manager Amy Abbiatti at 816-781-5472.

The store is located at 931 S. Brown Street, Liberty, across from the library.



**NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
ATLANTA 2018**

Save the date! The St James Do Dads will host a watch party for the NCAA National Football Championship game on Monday, January 8, 2018 from 6:00 -10:00pm in the school gym.

Tickets will be \$20 in advance, and will include all you can eat and drink plus entry into a raffle for \$500 in HOPE cards! Children are welcome too! A \$5 admission gets them all you can eat including hot dogs, chips, and soda.

Stay tuned for more details!

Little Saints

**Christmas Party
Monday, December 11
10:00am in the Social Hall**

Little ones (birth through preschool) and their grown-ups are invited to join Little Saints at our annual Christmas party on December 11 at 10am in the Social Hall! Join us for a fun morning with our little ones. We will enjoy crafts and snacks, and more.

Little Saints Playgroup is a gathering of infants, toddlers and preschoolers, with their grown-ups. At our informal playdates, the children enjoy free-play while the grown-ups socialize with other adults. Our celebrations/party days involve games, crafts and often snacks. Everyone with a little one is welcome to join us - there is no registration. To receive emails about upcoming events or for more information, please contact Lori Tajchman at lori.tajchman@stjames-liberty.org.

6th-12th Grade Youth Ministry 6TH-8TH GRADE FAITH SHARING



All Middle Schoolers are invited to join us Wednesday for Faith Sharing from 6:30-8pm!

December 13th is our next Family Day! All parents are invited to attend Faith Sharing with their child!

HIGH SCHOOL



Thank You

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for all the help and support we received for our High School Fall Retreat! I want to especially thank the families who were host houses, provided meals, and helped set up and clean up the meals: The Nguyens, the Chases, the Hamptons, the DePalmas, the Elliots, and the Flecks.

This could not have been possible without each of you! Thank you so much!!! I also, really want to thank my AMAZING team: Andrew Cremeen, Eric Bean, Amanda Lewey, Chris Fernandez, and Jennifer Fernandez. They were rock stars all weekend. They gave up their weekend to be with the teens, to give talks, to lead praise and worship, and to lead talks. I could not have asked for a better team! Additionally, I want to thank Deacon Chuck for coming and leading Adoration and Benediction for us Saturday night. Furthermore, I want to thank the parish and the school for allowing us to have the time and the space needed to be able to have this retreat! Thank you so much!! The teens had a GREAT time! None of this could have happened without each and every one of you!!

Denise Whelan

See Next Week's Bulletin for Retreat Pictures

LIT Christmas Party!! December 17th at 7pm

All High Schoolers are invited! We will be having an ugly Christmas sweater contest, so wear your ugliest Christmas sweater!! We will also be doing a white elephant exchange! Bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$5!

Confirmation

**Confirmation Class
Sunday, December 10
After the 6:00 Mass**

Parish Religious Education

2017 - 2018 Daring Disciples Deliver Respect

RE Calendar - Important Dates

- Dec 3 Sunday RE Class
- Dec 5 Advent Communal Penance Service 7 pm
- Dec 7 Vigil Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception 7pm
- Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception, masses at 6:30 and 9:00 am
- Dec 10 Sunday RE Class
- Dec 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass at 6 pm
- Dec 13 Wednesday RE Class--Family Day #2
- Dec 17 Sunday RE Class -- Family Day #2

Hillcrest Hope Family Christmas

Our little family, Kerry and her daughter Caidence, are doing well at Hillcrest. At Christmas time, since the family is on a very strict budget of only necessities, the hosting church provides Christmas presents for the family as a way to ease their financial burden and, more importantly, to let them know that we care about them and we support this difficult journey they are on toward becoming self-sufficient. They are told to put together a list that first includes things they need and then a few things they want--which is a good lesson for everyone!

To see their wish list and to sign up to provide a gift or two, go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa9ac2ba75-ourhillcrest2>

We will deliver the gifts after December 13th, so these are due after the Advent Giving Tree gifts are. Most of the items on Kerry and Caidence's lists were very simple. If you want to pick up an item and you have a question, don't hesitate to contact me (Cecilia). If I can't answer the question, I can get an answer from Hillcrest. Thank you for making our little family's Christmas special!



Children's Choir Christmas Eve Program

The Children's Choir will be leading the music at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve in the gym.



Arriving early this year not only gets you a better seat, but also gives you 30 minutes to enjoy the Children's Choir's performance of their Christmas musical - Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior! The program begins at 3:20.

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.

Feast of St. Nicholas

One of the special things we do at St. James School is celebrate St. Nicholas on his feast day, December 6th.

The entire school participates in this event by reflecting on the life of St. Nicholas, then placing their shoes in the hallway in anticipation of a visit from him. Each year he comes and brings a special treat for all!



ST. NICHOLAS PRAYER

LOVING GOD,
WE THANK YOU
FOR THE EXAMPLE
OF ST. NICHOLAS,
WHO FED THE HUNGRY,
BROUGHT HOPE TO
THE IMPRISONED,
GAVE COMFORT
TO THE LOST,
AND TAUGHT
THE TRUTH TO ALL.
MAY WE STRIVE
TO IMITATE HIM
BY PUTTING YOU FIRST
IN ALL WE DO.
GIVE US THE COURAGE,
LOVE AND STRENGTH
OF ST. NICHOLAS, SO THAT,
LIKE HIM, WE MAY SERVE
YOU THROUGH LOVING
OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

AMEN.

Prayer by Amy Welborn, author of
St. Nicholas of Myra: A Saint for Advent and Christmas

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

Keith Ballard	Kristen Redford	Shane Moore
Florence Bezdek	Carolyn Roach	Margaret Reyes
Randolph Curnow	Kevin Schneider	Madison Styhl
Logan Czachowski	Laney Timmerberg	Todd Brown
Pamela DeMasi	Franklin White	Lillian Carullo
Elizabeth Hemphill	Rebecca Wright	James Ehlers
Lucas Lozano	Grayson Carullo	Maribelle Jones
Ryan McLean	Michael Jensen	Kimberlie Lackey
Jolene Mears	Grant Schuster	Estella Levas
Kelvin Osomo Ibarra	Patrick Steinkamp	Elizabeth Lewey
Benjamin Roling	Sarah Weiler	Stephanie Medley
Michael SantaMaria	Jill Bolling	John Tanner
Stephen Stark	Bailey Eddy	Andrew Brown
Nicole Wagoner	Glynn Gallagher	Shane Busch
Leila Yap	Benjamin Garvey	Michael Damot
Madeleine Bonneau	Ariana Perez	Addyson Eckersley
Tiffany Cruse	Angela Reed	Anna Filardo
Michael DePalma	Richard Roveto	Cade Gardner
Julie DiGiovanni	Christina Spencer	Wayne Halter
Ryder Eckersley	Sharon Willis	John Lewis
Layla Florido	Lisa Crawford	Melissa Panis
Monica Hatch	David Curasi	Malissa Pennington
Jeanne Jackson	Maleah Gusman	Ava Perez
Ainsley Lanter	Mark Hill	Grace Schmidt
Carol Moore	Angela Holtkamp	Owen Solidum
Michelle Mull	Robert Kosorog	Marissa Vemickas
Adam Pittman	Douglas Lewey	Quentin Zuber

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Susan Linville	Kyle Sellmeyer	John Nauser
Lawrence McCoy	Margarita Mendoza Family	Bill Roach, Jr.
Kari and Jessie Rainey	Reba Suttief	Madison Carey
Mason Ogle	Amy Saye	Rachel Zimmerman
Dave Stark	Mike Hojnacke	Jacob and Dana Glasford
Gary Bogenreif	Lindsay	Becky Weathers
Jeanette Gadd	Bob Hedrick	Roberta McCallum
Terry Maurer	J. Bean	Keith Newman
Louise Andrasik	Marie Brancato	Gary Andrew Reese
Barbara Fortier	Anita Heiman	Emma Shay
Mary Weishaar	Dan Kerns	Joseph Greenwald
Emily	Rich Curasi	Sam Porter
Laura May Harting	Keith Cobb	Mary Alice Worth
Bridget Conwell	Kevin Uhlmann	Amy Villereal
Frances Mentch	Peggy Lower	Lauren Daldrup
Laura May Harting	Marion Saladino	Frank Andrasik
Michael Wimmer	Baby Kingston	Lori and Sam Daleo
Barb Schwery	Liz Phleps	Mary Kaye Masnado
Nichole Stewart	Tricia Kauffman	Carolee Bussjaeger
William Sperry	Bob Roach	John Amaro
Martin Chavez	Terri Doyle	Jerry McCaslin
Barb Schwery	Marvin Weishaar	DeDe Marchisio
Tom Biggs	Lulu Young	Therese Cimino
Doug Schuster	John Brocato	Denny Anderson
Samantha Wiggins Family	Virgil and Mary Branson	Randy Baumert
Adolph Barringhaus	Barbara (Roach) Still	David Switzer
Fr. Tom Albers	Debbie Pickett	Jackie Plack Pelling
Kelly Gentrup	Christine Smith	Kennedy Noel Holcumbink
Fulk Family	Scott Winfrey Parents	Bernadette Kaplan
Denny Farrell	Lorrie & Family	Larry Kain
Elfrieda Waltz	Kathleen Amos	Sandy Wheeler
Lisa Nelson	Megan Lowe	Rita Lowe
Marie Bacon	Larry Hannah	George Massie
Nancy Carr	Stan Smith	Tony V. Sr.
The Hollomon Family	Kathleen Haines	Deric DeMasi
Trivino Family	John Phannenstiel	John Eggleston
Lyme Family	Joel Balk	Keegan & Justin Gwin
Neil's Family	Mike Sheeley	Sarah Rupp
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Jeanette Casel	Mattie Mae Weaver	R.W. & Connie Hollomon
Roberta Casel	Viola Sowler	Carol Yeager Laplant
Alice Rusch	Frank Kenealy	Vincent Michael Smith
Robert Newell	Phillip Jasumback	Patrick O'Neill
Catherine Finley	Ruth Nelson	Iva Durocher
Loren Wolken	Saree Morely	John McMahon
Paulette	Christy Mock	Joseph Gubera
Kristie Koontz	John Findlay	Les VanBibber
Ellie Rocco	Allie Zugelger	Maria Giannelli
Beth Heide	Solidum Family	Mike Reinhart
Nick	Duane Sander	Jeannette Wolken
Paul	Tammera Diaz	Elaine Catalano
Rebecca Wilke	Keltin Daniel Gwin	Crystal Coley
Emmanuel Monzon, Sr.	Janet Schuster	Conchita Weir
Marietta Wimmer	Bill Goeckel	Louie Bussjaeger
Ima Rather	Jeanne Buffa	Kenadee Gallagher
Charlie Moubry	Tom Hagins	Shawn Adkins
Keith Jawson	Nancy Sixsmith	Jason Robinson
Patty Buskin	Mattie Mae Weaver	Andrew Lay
Sherri Thomas	Cheryl Dirckson	Leah Biskup Coady
Judy Dunnigan	Troy Cronkhite	Olivia Hernandez
Carla George	Chuck Hatler	Chrissy Sparks
Angie Reed Family	Robert Elliott	Bud Suttief
Raef	Jim Guccione	Darleen Farnan Kenny
Anna Heiman	June Bednar	Mary Bell Jones
Grace Rottinghaus	Pamela Anderson	Michelle McClune
Terry Rigg	Denny Anderson	Joann & Greg Hagins
Niel Breshears	Kathleen Ervie	Laura Ann DiGiovanna
Bryan Amos	Matt Biskup Family	Steve Shoemaker
Sue McKnight	Kim Lackey	Robert Doleshal
Ron Ward	Pam Fink	Jersey & James Hicks

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm in the Church

4:00pm in the Gym

7:00pm in the Church

10:00pm in the Church
(Carols begin at 9:30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am in the Church



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.



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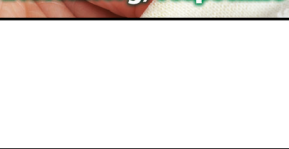
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