

Saint James Catholic Community

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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?

Our parking lot has sustained significant asphalt damage due to ground water pressure. After consultation with contractors and our engineers we made the decision to attempt to alleviate the pressure with the installation of french drains. They consisted of 360 feet of perforated 6 inch pipe laid at the area where the water damage was heaviest and draining into the slit, drain traveling east/west parallel to the entry road.



The work began at 7am on the 28th of November and was completed by 12 noon the following day. Thanks to our local contractor Barkley Asphalt, they maxed out the personnel and equipment

required to minimize impact on the school and church operations.

We will observe this winter's impact on the lot and repair the lesser damaged areas in conjunction with the asphalt additions required at the new church. The decision on top dressing will be monitored as well.

"Thanks" to all who may have been inconvenienced through this operation.

Thank You,

Jim Newell, Operations Manager



We recently lost a valuable member of our team and would like to fill this part time position ASAP, especially with the holidays coming.

Light Maintenance + / - Cleaning

For more information contact

Jim Newell at

Jim.newell@stjames-liberty.org or 816-289-7994

Or

Daryl Sweetland at

daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org or 816-781-4343

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 in 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@diocesekc.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

As we journey through the season of Advent, we are mindful of our need to be open to God's Love and try to model that Love in all that we do!

A special thanks to our great "Advent Giving Tree Team" who orchestrated a tremendous program of outreach. This community of St. James responded in a very generous way! Thanks for making a difference to many individuals and families in need!

And as we come to the end of the year, we want to thank all those who are such good and faithful stewards of all God's gifts here at St. James. 2018 will be a very exciting year for us as we look to our GROUNDBREAKING for our new church, after Easter on April 15, 2018.

This is huge milestone for us to accomplish. If you haven't had the opportunity to pledge to our Building Fund, we invite you to do so! It takes ALL of us doing our part, as we remember all God's gifts. This time of year especially, please remember your parish community that serves the needs of so many. We want to reach out to the larger community to make a difference. A new church will be more welcoming and accommodating to a growing community — so thanks in advance for making a 3-year pledge to help alleviate the debt that we will incur!!

Don't forget this coming Tuesday is the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of all the Americas. We invite you to join us Tuesday evening at 6pm, for a special Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, and to listen to the story of the Blessed Virgin Mary appearing to Juan Diego, a poor Mexican boy! There will be a wonderful celebration following, coordinated by our Hispanic ministry group!! Come and join us as we thank Our Lady of Guadalupe for her guidance of all the Americas!

If you haven't had the opportunity to pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, envelopes are still available in the Narthex. Thanks to all who have supported the work of Bishop Johnston and our Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph!!

May you and your families continue to live out the message of the Advent season by waiting and watching for how God works in our lives, and how we can live out our faith by our care of one another and being that LIGHT of Jesus in all that we do!

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of December 11 - December 17

Monday 8:00am	Marge Whisnant
Tuesday 8:00am 6:00pm	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> †Otelia Mendoza Helen & Lynn Family
Wednesday 8:00am	<i>Saint Lucy</i> †Elsie Trujillo
Thursday 8:00am	<i>Saint John of the Cross</i> †Margaret Farrell
Friday 9:00am	Antonio So
Saturday 5:00pm	†Mary Coole
Sunday 7:30am 9:15am 11:00am 6:00pm	†Don Fuenfhausen Legion of Mary Intentions Susan Chartier Lawrence & Nadine McCoy and Family

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 ...

Victoria Lopez and her sister Rachel Velasquez and their families on the death of Rachel's husband Tony Velasquez, Sr.

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

Contact Info

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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 10 : No coffee and donuts

—Glory Be Tea, 12:30pm in the Parish Gymnasium

Mon December 11 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

—Pleasant Valley Mass at 10:00am

Tue December 12 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

—Legion of Mary meets at 6:30am in the Mallen Room

—Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day; Mass at 6:00pm followed by a reception in the social hall.

—Adult Faith Formation, 7:00pm, St. Gasper Room

Wed December 13: 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

—Bible Study, 6:30 - 8:00pm in St. Tony Room

Thurs December 14 : 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

Fri December 15 : Mass at 9:00am

Sat December 16 :

—That Man Is You at 6:15am in the Social Hall

—MI meeting, 10am in the School Library

—Rosary prayed at 3:00pm

Sun December 17 : Altar Society serves coffee and donuts after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses. All are welcome

Scriptures for December 16 and 17

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Gift Bearers for December 16 and 17

Sat 5:00pm: Pat May and Carl Palermo

Sun 7:30am: Dennis & Brenda King and Family

9:15am: Robert & Heather Yows and Family

11:00am: John & Nicole Marshall and Family

6:00 pm: Gary & Carol Bloomer

Hospitality Greeters for December 16 and 17

Sat 5:00pm: Mary Jo Hopkins

Sun 7:30am: Dawn Davis and Judy Ratchford

9:15am: Drew & Lawrence Solidum and John & Lori Riedel and Family

11:00am: Open to a Church Family

6:00 pm: Amy Rothery Collins and Girls

Special Collection For Retired Religious This 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

Special Events

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12 - 6:00pm

Celebration includes:

Singing of "Las Mañanitas" while young dancers offer flowers to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Holy Mass

Reenactment of the apparitions of our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego



Free Reception 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.

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.



**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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Steve Gregoire 792-8399

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Matt Maggi 808-1281

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Clint Elliott 913-433-6496

Julie Harman 810-4888

Doug Lewey 783-3761

Hugo Mendoza 935-4691

Kevin Nordhues 718-2820

Marla Neal 500-9532

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

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ushers
Lectors
Servers
Eucharistic Ministers

Sign Up For The
Christmas Masses

Sign Up Sheets
In the Narthex



What Mass is When? It's Different This Year !!!

Christmas is on Monday and that makes Christmas Eve fall on a Sunday - the 4th Sunday of Advent.

There will be only two Masses on the weekend of December 23/24 that fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation: Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 9:15am.

Later on Sunday, our Christmas Eve Masses begin at 4pm with Mass in both the church and gym. A 7pm and 10pm Mass will be in the church. Mass on Christmas day will be at 9am.

Please note that attending a Christmas Eve Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.

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



Someone is Watching and Wondering



Over the years there has been skepticism and controversy surrounding the authenticity of the *tilma*, and image of our Lady of Guadalupe. What cannot be denied is the impact on the pagan nation of Mexico, that is the conversion of the indigenous people to Christianity.

According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. She asked that a shrine be built in her name on the spot where she appeared, Tepeyac Hill. When Juan Diego told the bishop about the apparition and request, the bishop demanded a sign. On December 12th the Virgin reappeared and told Juan Diego to collect roses in his *tilmátl* or cloak and take them to the bishop. Although it was the wrong time of year, he found a blooming plant. He filled his *tilmátl* and carried them to the bishop. When he opened his cloak, dozens of roses fell to the floor, revealing an image of the beautiful woman.

(Today the *tilmátl*, on display in the Basilica de Guadalupe, is revered by thousands of pilgrims every year.)

The image of Our Lady is rich in symbolism. The aureole surrounding her is reminiscent of the "women clothed with the sun" (Rev. 12:1). It is also a sign of the power of God who sanctified and blessed Mary. For the native people, the rays of the sun were recognized as a symbol of their highest god, *Huitzilopochtli*, (the sun). She appears to hide but not extinguish the power of the sun while revealing the one true God. Our Lady is also standing upon the moon god of the night for the Meso-Americans. By standing on the moon, she reveals a power greater than the god of darkness. The angel supporting her testifies to her royalty, while her feet are crushing the serpent. Her blue-green mantle represents royalty, eternity, and immortality, while the gold border is another sign of nobility. The stars on the mantle indicate that Our Lady is from heaven and are arranged exactly as stars appear in the sky at the time of the winter solstice. The color of her dress is rose, the color of dawn, and symbolizes the coming of a new era. Deep rose is also the color of martyrdom and divine love in Christian art. The gold cross brooch under her neck is a symbol of sanctity, while the girdle around her waist is a sign of virginity. The bow, a four petal flower was a symbol of plenitude, fecundity and new life to the indigenous people. The high position of the bow and slight swelling of her abdomen suggests pregnancy. Her face and complexion, dark hair and dark eyes reflect the physiognomy of a Meso-American. The eyes of Our Lady of Guadalupe are down-cast with humility, compassion, and the love of a mother.

As the Patroness of the Americas, we celebrate her feast every December 12th. See the information on page 4 in this bulletin regarding the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please come and join the celebration hosted by our St. James, Hispanic community.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

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

Chad Wilson, Paul Mooney, 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

Dashing Through the Stores

If you're "dashing through the stores" without a one horse open sleigh, simplify your Christmas shopping by giving HOPE gift cards for their favorite stores to all on your Christmas list.

HOPE gift cards are on sale in the narthex after all weekend Masses and in the parish and school office during the week.

You can obtain a complete list of all cards available in the parish office and on the St. James website at www.stjames-liberty.org.

While HOPE gift cards are kept in stock for most of the frequently asked for cards, the card you want may need to be ordered in advance. Make sure you get the cards you want by ordering soon.

Place Order By 10am

Wed. Dec. 13

Pick Up After 1pm

Fri. Dec. 15

The deadline for ordering special cards for Christmas is Monday, December 18 by 10am. Your cards will be ready to be picked up on Wednesday, December 20 after 1pm.



**Simplify Your Christmas Shopping !
Give HOPE Gift Cards**

Want a Cheddars Card? Buy A Darden's Card!



The Darden's gift card can now be used at Cheddars. Please note the Darden's card can no longer be used at Red Lobster. We have Red Lobster cards in stock.

Stewardship of Treasure

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As I state often in this column: Thank you for supporting our parish home - and - we try very hard to stay within our means. These statements hold true today. I "always" talk about money because that is my job. It is my responsibility to you as a parish to be a good steward of our money.

We have been staying within our means and that is fine for now. However, we are \$103,821 behind plan for tithe year to date. With 5 months into the budget year, this will catch up with us quickly in a bad way.

We are having work done on the parking lot; the HVAC system in the church is barely hanging on; we are still cutting grass and will soon need to clear snow. These are things on top of the everyday light, water and heat bills; our school; the liturgy and religious education expenses; and ministerial needs of the community.

I think you see where I am going here.

To those who already give so generously – THANK YOU! To those who maybe could give more or who could give but have not – please consider doing so. To those who cannot give – please pray for us.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions – please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,
Katie Klassen

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



Squeezebox Band Event Results



We were blessed with a successful concert and dance on Saturday, October 18. We would like to thank all who attended and/or were involved in making the event fun and rewarding.

We thank Fr. Mike and Fr. Timothy for authorizing the event and the Pastoral Council for their great support. We thank the Knights of Columbus for the sponsorship and the brother Knights and their spouses for the various forms of help required. Thank you also to the men of That Man Is You with the set up help.

We are also thankful for the advertising support from other Catholic parishes and The Catholic Key.

As a result we were able to provide a net contribution to the church building fund of \$2,118 from the sale of tickets, food and drink concessions. This amount also includes the contribution Mollie B, a member of the band, made from the sale of her Ave Maria CD that evening.

God Bless Everyone - Larry and Kathy Mendyk

Advent Penance Services In the Northland

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

If you were not able to attend the December 5 Service at St. James, below is a list of Advent Penance services in other Northland Parishes.

Holy Family	Sunday, December 10	4:00pm
St. Therese	Sunday, December 10	7:00pm
St. Charles	Tuesday, December 12	7:00pm
St. Patrick	Thursday, December 14	7:00pm
Holy Trinity	At Twelve Apostles - December 17	
Twelve Apostles	Sunday, December 17	2:00pm
St. Gabriel	Tuesday, December 19	7:00pm

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

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



NOT SPENDING YOUR IRA DISTRIBUTION?

WHY NOT DONATE IT TO THE NEW CHURCH FUND?

If you are over the age of 70½ then you are required to withdraw money from your IRA. Did you know you could donate any amount (up to \$100,000), not pay any taxes on the withdrawal and satisfy your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) requirements at the same time?

- The donation can go directly from your IRA trustee to the New Church Fund or you can write the check yourself. (Amounts over \$50,000 need to go direct.)
- All donations whether direct or indirect are 100% deductible (up to \$100,000).
- This could simplify your tax filing next year.
- This can be done once or until you decide to stop.

If you do not need this money for living expenses why not put it some place where it can do so much good? Questions? Speak to your financial advisor or call:

Dan Bacon 816-479-4868 or Todd Carmichael 816-471-3339



**PRECIOUS BLOOD
Renewal Center**
a ministry of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

All Are Invited To Attend

In A Dark Time . . . Eyes Begin To See A Celebration of the Winter Solstice

Presented by Fr. Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S.
Thursday, December 21 • 5:30pm

We pause in the midst of a most beautiful but busy season to reflect on the darkness of our times captured in the longest of nights.

But the natural world holds great lessons about the renewal of the human spirit and how in the darkest of times we begin to see how we are deeply connected to one another and to the earth.

Suggested Donation \$20, includes soup supper
To Register Call 816-415-3745 by December 19

Electronics Recycling

Do you have old electronics lying around the house that you don't know what to do with? Does your company need to dispose of your outdated technology? If so, the St. James Do Dads have the answer! We will be collecting old electronics after all masses the week-end of January 6-7, 2018. See the posters in the narthex or look for future bulletin announcements for details on what items we will accept. TVs and monitors will be accepted for a nominal fee. Contact Troy Sheeley at troy.sheeley@gmail.com or 816-679-0425 for more information.

Our Faith In Action

November Blood Drive Results

Our goal for the day was 89 units and that is exactly what was collected by the Community Blood Center. There were 98 registered donors and seven first time donors! On behalf of the CBC and local patients blessed by your generosity, THANK YOU DONORS for sharing your gift of life. Each of you brought hope to many who are going to be able to spend the holidays with their families now.

A big THANK YOU also goes out to all of those who volunteered to help with the drive. Your support helped make the drive the success that it was. We'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at our next drive on January 23, 2018!

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



Children's Choir



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.

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



Pictures From Our Retreat

LIT Christmas Party!! December 17th after 6pm Mass! 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 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
 Dec 20 No RE Class - Christmas Break
 Dec 24 No RE Class - Christmas Break
 Dec 28 No RE Class - Christmas Break
 Dec 31 No RE Class - Christmas Break
 Jan 2 Wednesday RE Class

Advent Wreath Blessing 2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath Prayer

Sit down to dinner as a family, light the second candle and say...



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1). God of salvation, help us give voice to the voiceless, as we cry out in the name of your son, Jesus Amen.

Family Advent Activity

Adopt a family this Advent season through your parish, Catholic Charities or other local organization. Bring your kids along to help select the gifts. Remember the basics are always needed: coats, hats, mittens, socks, undergarments and pajamas.

Reflect

The candles on the Advent wreath remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. How might we reflect the light of Christ to others this season and beyond?

Little Saints

**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.



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.

Advent Celebration

With the season of Advent upon us, students at St. James School

have taken the time to meet with their family groups.

This is an opportunity for students of varying grades to work on a project together.

This year, students will be creating a school-wide slideshow of the gifts they would bring Jesus, as the wise men did.

What gifts would you bring to Jesus?



Interested in learning more about all we offer at St. James School?

If you would like to learn more about our school and the many benefits we are able to offer your family, call for information or to schedule a tour at 816-781-4428.

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

Jamie Adams	Mary Eddy	Gretchen Simcoe
Lisa Barbosa	Pamela Filardo	Nikolas Bray
Melissa Colby	Becky Hager	Timothy Flanigan
Mary Dawdy	Tessla Peery	Jacob Guenther
Dillon Erwin	Ruth Schwarzeier	Ella Jorgensen
Jeanette Gaudin	Joseph Shea	Carrie Klebenstone
Jeremiah Halter	Lizeth Trujillo	Arelia Lea
Jon Korte	Katelyn Watts	Shari Mutchler
Mikala Lodder	Heather Yows	Jeffrey Newbanks
Morgan Marolt	Stan Busken	Samantha
Sofia Marsalla	Fernando	Seggerman
Emily McCoy	Covarrubias	Jean
Colleen Richards	Heidi Graham	Wagenknecht
Grace Roberts	Sherri Hennen	Jeffrey Weiler
Sam Schembri	Evan Langdon	Rozanne Witherow
Alissa Scimeca	Carolyn Lemon	Nicholas Biesemeyer
Dennis Valentine	Owen Ramirez	Nic Brown
John Alvey	Emma Servantez	Cameron Burns
Liam Arciga	Brady Tischinski	Eddie Campbell
Sadie Brier	John Flowers	Meagan Davis
Elizabeth Crossett	Patrick Glasford	Brenda DePalma
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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!

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Laura May Harting	Marion Saladino	Frank Andrasik
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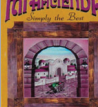
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