

Saint James Catholic Community

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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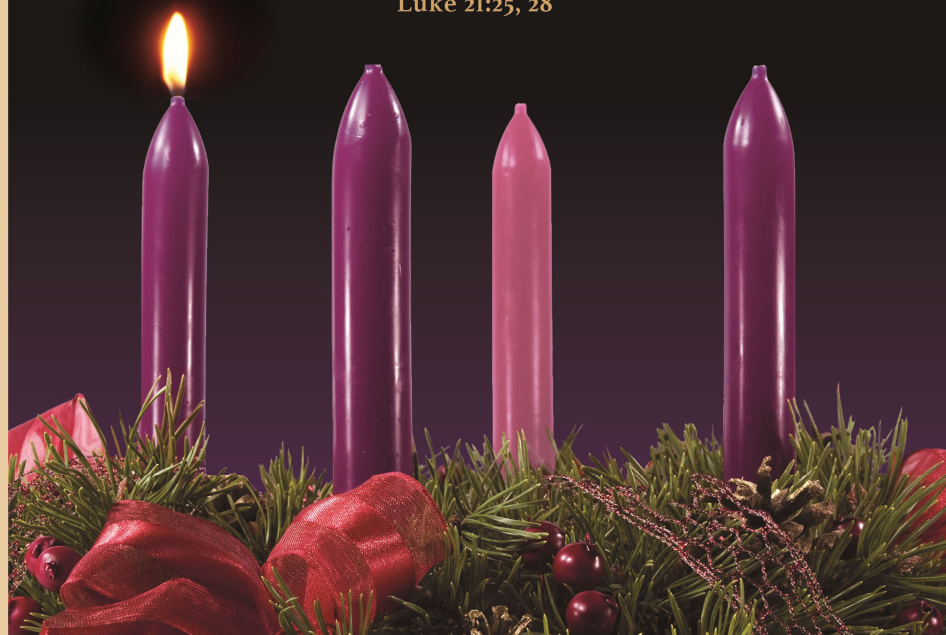
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*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.*

Luke 21:25, 28



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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?

PART TIME MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Part time Maintenance/Custodian needed immediately (15-20 hours) to assist our maintenance team at St. James School and Church.

- Set up / break down table and chairs
 - Handle hand truck
 - Climb and work off a 6' ladder
- Assist our maintenance/custodians in their efforts
 - Pass a background check

WILL TRAIN THE RIGHT PERSON

For more information contact

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Jim.newell@stjames-liberty.org or 816-829-7994

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Jim Newell, Operations Manager



A stranger observing our construction project would know immediately "St. James is building a Church". The steel skeleton is a precursor of things to come. The glulam tresses are coming in and their specialists who do this work are aboard and planning to work seven days a week to meet the schedule.

Mother Nature threw us a curve ball, but we have the right team aboard!

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@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..." Oops, wait a minute, it's only the first Sunday of Advent. Let's not get too far ahead of ourselves. But after this past weekend of snow and wind, I'm not entirely sure Mother Nature knows what day it is.

This past August my niece Julia began her studies at K-State. Just as she arrived in Manhattan she was greeted with a wicked rain storm that flooded the football field and the surrounding area. When I called my sister, Michelle, her mom, she reminded me that when she and her twin sister, Melissa, started at K-State some twenty-some years ago, the same thing happened to them in August and the same area of town flooded. She also reminded me that was the winter we had nine heavy snowstorms. Are we set to repeat that winter?

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. We light the first candle. In this time of the year as the days are drawing shorter, we seek the light more and more. We enter again into a time of watching and waiting. Traditionally, each candle has been named. These names vary a bit however a more common naming follows: The first Advent candle symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming. The second Advent candle symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third Advent candle symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The fourth Advent candle symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." All four candles lead us to Christmas with the lighting of the Christ Candle, the light of the world.

Where will our Advent journey lead us this year? A youngster once asked me, "Do we gotta do the same thing again?" And in some ways, yes we do the same thing again. However, each year we are in a little different place. We have welcomed a few new people and have said goodbye to some dear friends. Our world is in a bit different place. We have had some great celebrations and also some tragedies. Once again this year as we light the candles of the Advent Wreath, what will be our prayer? What will we be awaiting and hoping for? Where will Christ's light shine in the in the darkness of our lives? Where will we celebrate the joy of Christmas?

See, it's not too early to dream of a White Christmas. We have the next four weeks to make ready.

Happy Advent, Fr. Timothy

Mass Intentions

Week of December 3 - December 9

Monday 8:00am	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i> †Joe Eller
Tuesday 8:00am	†Eliza Trujillo
Wednesday 8:00am	Jim Sandt
Thursday 8:00am	<i>St. Nicholas</i> Alice Kerrigan
Friday 9:00am 7:00pm	<i>St. Ambrose</i> †Mary Scammacca †Fr. Tom Albers
Saturday 9:00am 5:00pm	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> †Chris Smith †Frank Kromeich
Sunday 7:30am 9:15am 11:00am 6:00pm	<i>St. Juan Diego</i> †John Konsel †Barbara Lehr †Dulle, Plack and Cygiel deceased family members The Youth of Our Parish
No Sunday night 8pm Mass at William Jewell College Campus Mass Resumes January 27	



From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with ...

The family and friends of Chris Smith who passed away on November 18.

Carol and Mike Winklebauer on the recent death of their daughter-in-law Laura.

Deacon Chuck and family on the recent death of his uncle and godfather Casper Beelman.

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: Once a month
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 202 or
kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

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 Dec 2: No coffee and donuts

Mon Dec 3 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

Tue Dec 4 : 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 Dec 5 : 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

—Catholic Women's Book Club, 6:30pm, Teacher's Lounge

Thurs Dec 6 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00am - 9:00pm

—Bible Timeline class: *Royal Kingdom*, 6:30pm in the School Library

Fri Dec 7: Mass at 9:00am

—Children's Christmas Workshop, 5:00 - 8:00pm

—7:00pm - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Sat Dec 8:

—That Man Is You at 6:00am in the Social Hall

—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 9:00am

(see also Friday, December 7. Vigil Mass at 7:00pm)

—Faith Sharing : Pivotal Player: St. Augustine, The Teacher, 10:00am in the School Library

Sun Dec 9: No coffee and donuts

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

Scriptures for December 8 and 9 Masses

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

Gift Bearers for December 8 and 9

Sat 5:00pm: Pat May and Carl Palermo

Sun 7:30am: Jim & Robin Sandt

9:15am: Trey & Judy Katzer

11:00am: Chuck & Tammi Johnson

6:00 pm: Michael & Kari Gray

Hospitality Greeters for December 8 and 9

Sat 5:00pm: Barbara DeHaven

Sun 7:30am: Jim & Lynn Streu

9:15am: Jan & Charlie Moubry and Leah Barraca

11:00am: Jeanne Keck

6:00 pm: Open to a Church Family

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday December 8

Holy Day Of Obligation

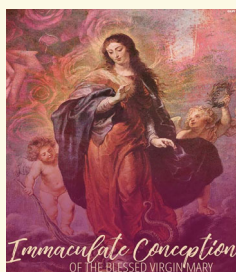
Mass Times

Vigil Mass

Friday, December 7 at 7:00pm

Feast Day Mass

Saturday, December 8 at 9:00am



Special Events



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



**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.

RC Arciga 898-3614

Julie Harman 810-4888

Steve Gregoire 792-8399

Doug Lewey 783-3761

David Jones 868-5718

Hugo Mendoza 935-4691

Matt Maggi 808-1281

Kevin Nordhues 718-2820

Randal Pearson 792-2997

Marla Neal 500-9532

Clint Elliott 913-433-6496

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.

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.

A from the Liturgy/Music Office

Attention Liturgical Ministers
Ushers • Lectors • Servers
Eucharistic Ministers • Hospitality Ministers
Sign Up For
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Friday Vigil Mass - Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:00pm
Feast Day Mass - Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:00am
Sign Up Sheets In the Narthex



Reflection

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation and remembrance and with this we begin the new liturgical year. The word "Advent" stems from the Latin word *adventus*, which literally means "coming" or "arrival." In context, this commonly refers to the coming of Jesus on Christmas day.

Advent is a time of joyful waiting. We wait hoping and expecting that He will come into our hearts and homes on Christmas day with all the peace and joy that only a loving God and Savior could bring. It is a time when we remember that Jesus came to earth over 2000 years ago to begin the Christian era with the divine gift of salvation which He holds out to all who are willing to commit themselves to His way of living.

Advent is a time of new beginnings. We have an opportunity to grow, or develop, a spirituality of waiting – a time of hope – as we pray constantly for ourselves, our world and our Church in the ancient prayer of Advent – "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus, Come!"

TEEN CHOIR

We lead music this month on Sunday December 9th and December 23rd. Please be here, ready to rehearse at 4:30pm.



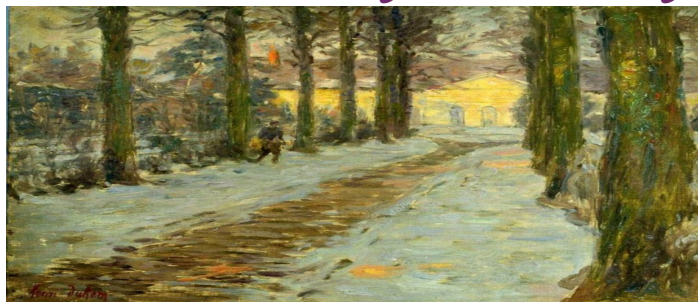
Children's Choir

The children are busy preparing for two performances of the musical *Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior*. Join us at 9 am, Sunday, Dec. 16 in the gym, where we will perform for the Religious Education families - but anyone and everyone can join us! We will also perform on Christmas Eve in the gym at 3:10 pm - just before the 4 pm Mass. It will be great entertainment while you pick and save your favorite seat!

Schedule

Dec 9	Choir Practice
Dec 15	Choir Practice
Dec 16	Performance
Dec 22	Choir Practice
Dec 24	Performance & Mass
Dec 29	No Practice

Someone is Watching and Wondering



No matter the time of year or day of the week, one of my favorite things to do is to walk on a trail in a woodland setting. I find that as I'm walking and immersing myself in the beauty of nature I feel a unique closeness to God. The quiet, peacefulness seems to embrace all that is troubling me. I feel my confusion and frustration falling away. What was so challenging, and seemingly impossible to bear is exposed, gently moved from being burdensome to being solvable. My inner darkness is replaced with His light. When I finish my walk I feel changed, lighter, less troubled, and grateful for the time I spent with my Lord.

I also, however, receive a quiet reminder of what it means to be His disciple. In His quiet presence I am called, as St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, to allow the Lord to increase my love so that it overflows to everyone. . . so that I may stand before Him holy and faultless, when He comes. Isn't that what Advent is all about; preparing ourselves to be with Jesus? To welcome Him into our lives, believing and trusting in faith that He will lead us on our journey, no matter where the path takes us.

I recently discovered this little story and it helped me realize that although I may at times seek solitude, where God helps me find an answer, I must always return to community.

A brother was restless in his community, often moved to anger. So he decided to go and live alone in the wilderness. Because he would not talk or listen to anyone, he believed he could live tranquilly and that his anger would cease. One day he filled his jug with water, and put it on the ground. It suddenly and unexplainably fell over. This happened three times and after the third time, he angrily smashed the jug on the ground. He said, "Although I am here, by myself, the demon of anger has beaten me. I know I must return to the community, because wherever I live, I need effort, patience and above all, God's help."

As we begin the Season of Advent today, may each of us open our lives to God's revelation such that we might learn to live and love one another, even when it seems impossible. It is in the community of others that we come to know God's love completely.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

St. James HOPE Gift Card Ministry

Q. WHY DON'T WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS?

We realize that it's inconvenient to carry a checkbook. However, if we accepted credit cards, the bank fees would substantially eat up our profit.

Benefits of buying HOPE cards include:

- Profits from this ministry, that comes from merchants who supply the cards, provide a funding source for all of our education ministries.
- An average of 5 percent of gross sales comes back to St. James as profit.
- Purchase of HOPE gift cards costs you nothing more than their face value.
- An easy way to increase your support of St. James Parish without costing you anything.
- Cards are not just gifts – they are substitute currency to be used for all your regular purchases.
- No need to worry about identity theft.

**WE NEED YOU !
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS
FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JAMES**



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

**Avoid The Shopping
Crunch**

'Tis 3 weeks before Christmas, and 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.

HOPE/Scrp 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 10, we will be ordering HOPE gift cards twice a week and get them back two days later.

Place Order By 10am

Mon. Dec. 3
Mon. Dec. 10
Wed. Dec. 12
Mon. Dec. 17
Wed. Dec. 19

Pick Up After 1pm

Wed, Dec. 5
Wed. Dec. 12
Fri. Dec. 14
Wed. Dec. 19
Fri. Dec. 21

Stewardship of Treasure

Bearing God – Mary, the First Steward

This week again referencing Tracy Welliver's book, "Everyday Stewardship" brings me to the topic: Mary, the first steward – Our companion for the journey.

Theotokos (thee-uh-**tok**-uh s) - "God-bearer". I had never even heard this word, a term used in the East for Our Lady. We, here in the West, usually translate the word into "Mother of God".

If we look at the word very literally, Mary carried Jesus within her. She nurtured and cared for her body so as to bear Him for us. Let's think about that. Mary serves as a wonderful example for us. She started a journey that changed the world, by trusting in God when His messenger came to her.

We can do this also! Mary said a simple "yes". We say yes, Amen, every time we share in the Holy Eucharist. We carry God within us as we go out into the world. Do we realize that? Do we acknowledge the gift we can share in our ordinary life? The world needs to feel His presence more than ever.

As we begin our Church calendar year with Advent, let us try to emulate Mary's YES. Mary can and will be our companion for the journey. Sometime as Catholics, our relationship with Mary is misunderstood. I always felt we ask her to help us, guide us, and advise us – just as I did with my own Mom. It is a comforting feeling.

This week – think about your yes – your AMEN – as you receive God into your body at communion. Go forth – taking HIM to the world.

As always, if you have any questions and/or concerns about any financial numbers – please feel free to contact me.

Blessings, Katie Klassen

816-781-4343 x220

Katie@stjames-liberty.org

Faithful Fitness

When: Saturday, December 15 from 8:30-9:30am

No class on December 8, 22, 29

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

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Wednesday, December 12 - 6:30pm

FUN! FUN! FUN!

Come enjoy Faith, Fellowship, and Food

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, on **Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30pm** 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 miércoles 12 de diciembre a las 6:30pm., 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.

Video - The Amazing and Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe



If you have a QR scanning app on your smart phone, scan the code below to watch the YouTube Video "The Amazing and Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe".

You can also watch the video by copying the following URL into your computer browser.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds7nD_QNeKA

The video is also available on the Our Lady of Guadalupe page on the St. James website.

Remember To Turn In Your Pledge Card

Drop It In One Of the Brightly Colored Boxes in the Narthex

A New Way To Pledge

You Can Now Pledge On-line on our St. James Website.

Just Click on the

Stewardship of Treasure and New Church Fund 2019 Pledge Form link at the bottom left of the Home Page.

Recent Articles

Stewardship of Treasure and New Church Fund 2019 Pledge Form

Thank you to Fr. Mike, Fr. Timothy,

Danny Baker and

our former Stephen Ministers

for providing a very special

Remembrance Service

and luncheon on Sunday, November 18.

We have a wonderful community here at

St. James and many hands were a part

of this much appreciated gathering.

Attention All Lectors !

The 2019 *Workbook for Lectors* has come in.

You can pick up your copy in the Parish Office.

Cost this year is \$13.00

*6th 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 create a Christmas canvas painting, complete a "surprised" wrapped gift to take home and enjoy pizza, too!

Friday, December 7 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 each child

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!

Join Our Glory Be Tea Cookie Brigade

Attention Cookie Bakers !!

Help us stock up the cookie tables with four dozen of your favorite homemade cookies for the December 9th tea.



Cookies should be on the smaller side - less than 2.5" in diameter. Cookie bars cut in small squares are also welcome.

Cookies are due Saturday, December 8 by 1:00pm in the School Cafeteria.

To let us know that we can count on you to provide cookies, or for more information, contact Jeanne Verssue at 294-0236 or email bverssue@gmail.com.

Glory Be Tea

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH
CLEAN-UP AFTER GLORY BE TEA ON DEC 9TH**

We are looking for several strong backs to help with moving tables and chairs back to the Social Hall and helping load and unload boxes from the school to the storage locker in the church basement.

Anytime you can help from 3:30pm to 5:30pm on Sunday evening December the 9th would be greatly appreciated! Please report to school cafeteria.



ADVENT RESOURCES

Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season and help us enter fully into the season.

The on-line resources below include daily devotions, reflections, prayer suggestions, an Advent calendar and daily activities to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/

onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/

www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

These and more Advent resources are available on the St. James website. Just click on the Advent and Christmas link.

**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 are not able to attend the December 4 Service at St. James, below is a list of Advent Penance services in other Northland Parishes.

Holy Family	Sunday, December 16 - 4:00pm
St. Therese	Sunday, December 9 - 7:00pm
St. Charles	Tuesday, December 11 - 7:00pm
St. Patrick	Thursday, December 13 - 7:00pm
Holy Trinity	Sunday, December 9 - 2:00pm
Twelve Apostles	At Holy Trinity - Sunday, December 9
St. Gabriel	Sunday, December 23 - 2:00pm

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

Pick Up Your 2019 Calendar

**2019 calendars are available
in the baskets by the front doors.**

**Thanks to Newcomer's Church-Archer-Pasley
Funeral Home for providing these
complementary calendars.**

Parish Religious Education

2018 - 2019

Joy: Jesus, Others, Yourself

RE Calendar - Important Dates

Dec 2	Sunday RE Class
Dec 4	Parish Reconciliation Service
Dec 5	Wednesday RE Class
Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec 9	Sunday RE Class, Glory Be Tea
Dec 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 16	Sunday RE Class - Christmas Play

Thanks for Giving Cold Weather Drive Great Job!!!

Our thanks to everyone who donated hats, gloves, socks, mittens, and scarves to our Thanks for Giving drive to benefit the bus stop ministry at St James in Mid-town KC. It was a great success! We collected quite a few bags full of warm weather items for the volunteers at St James to hand out at the bus stop. It was also a great way for our students to feel a part of a drive that makes a difference in someone else's life – as the weather gets colder, we all notice how cold our hands get if we forget our mittens!



If you meant to donate something but the time got away from you, I'm holding the donations in my office for one more week – you can slide it in this week and it will still be counted towards the goal!

Christmas Play - December 16

Our Children's Choir is going to present their Christmas play on Sunday, December 16th at the beginning of our RE time. We invite all of our parents and siblings to come and see the play with our students. The Children's Choir is very talented and the Christmas story that they tell is great and the music is catchy.

We will have an abbreviated class after that until our 10:30am dismissal time, or you are free to take your child and go do some Christmas fun things!



Prayer, Bible Stories & Jammin'!

This month our PB&J families are singing their way through the Nativity story, clip-clopping as they dance their way to Bethlehem and praying the Hail Mary. We are spending this Advent season awaiting the birth of our Savior - and practicing anticipation skills as we wait. Join us for a preview class this month. Contact Lori Tajchman if you would like to give a PB&J gift certificate as a Christmas gift!

St. James School News

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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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.

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

Shanna Alexander	Madeleine	Glynn Gallagher
Stella Maris Burns	Bonneau	Benjamin Garvey
Kristine Casey	Michael DePalma	Ariana Perez
Joe Anthony Clark	Julie DiGiovanni	Angela Reed
Sophia Donnici	Layla Florido	Christina Spencer
Nancy Focht	Jeanne Jackson	Sharon Willis
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Charlotte Herr	Michelle Mull	Mark Hill
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Florence Bezdek	Grayson Carullo	James Ehlers
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Lucas Lozano	Patrick Steinkamp	Elizabeth Lewey
Jolene Mears	Sarah Weiler	Stephanie Medley
Stephen Stark	Jill Bolling	John Tanner
Leila Yap	Bailey Eddy	

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 Griesse, 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 Zogelman, Adam Parnacott, Charlette Pruett, Daniel Wilson, Nicole Dobbe-laere 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, Jacob Davis Harris, Antony Anderson, Brody Moubry, Dane Carter.

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

**Deadline For Advent Tree Gift Returns
This Sunday
December 2
at 1:00pm**

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Ricky Gisi, Jr.	Steve Decker	Debbie Pickett
Chad Wilson	Cathy Teague	Stan Smith
Adam McCray	Linda Smith	Kathleen Haines
Joe	Leola (Maggie) Schmidt	John Phannenstiel
Melissa Andrasik	Pamela & James Anderson	Mike Sheeley
Baby Jimmy	Travis Shay	Rick George
Ryan	Barbara Meigs	Frank Kenealy
Jim Sandt	Tony and Tet So	Saree Morely
Bill Korte	Travis and Sarah Shay	Christy Mock
Tom Biggs	Jack and Linda	John Findlay
Doug Roan	Julie Sildeck	Duane Sander
Kathy Cygiel	Stan Carver	Keltin Daniel Gwin
Diana Marchisio	The Curiel Family	Bill Goeckel
Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.	Debra Suttief	Mattie Mae Weaver
Sandra Hensley	Helen Szczec	Cheryl Dirckson
Drake Renberger	Alice Rusch	Troy Cronkrite
Rachelle Pomfrey	Hanna Carver	Robert Elliott
Christopher	Jeff Richardson, Sr.	Jim Guccione
Mike Gaimbrone	Deacon Bud	June Bednar
Ron & Peggy Pettz	Sheila Geiger	Matt Biskup Family
Ima Rahter	Monica Barrington	Kim Lackey
Paul Gossett	Anna Jackson	Pam Fink
Julie Rush	Kari and Jesse Rainey	John Nauser
John & Susan-Kelly Corsione	Louise Andrasik	Bill Roach, Jr.
Tony & Jo's Family	Barbara Fortier	Rachel Zimmerman
Mary Mahoney	Barb Schwery	Jacob and Dana Glasford
Leslie Ward	Nichole Stewart	Roberta McCallum
Isaac	Doug Schuster	Keith Newman
Colleen Kearney	Samantha Wiggins Family	Gary Andrew Reese
Walter Ruby	Adolph Barringhaus	Emma Shay
Lynn Nelson	Kelly Gentrup	Joseph Greenwald
Kim Brown	Fulk Family	Sam Porter
Ricky Gigi, Jr.	Denny Farrell	Mary Alice Worth
Tatiana	Marie Bacon	Amy Villereal
Thelma	Nancy Carr	Lauren Daldrup
RaDana	The Hollomon Family	Lori and Sam Daleo
Michael Amos	Trivino Family	Mary Kaye Masnado
Chad Wilson	Lyme Family	Carolee Bussjaeger
Gavin McKenna	Jacke & Enike Hayes	John Amaro
Ricky Deese	Jeanette and Roberta Casel	Jerry McCaslin
Tommy	Catherine Finley	Randy Baumert
Michael Amos	Loren Wolken	Jackie Plack Pelling
Raymond Holloman	Kristie Koontz	Kennedy Noel Holcumbink
Fr. Keith Branson	Ellie Rocco	Rita Lowe / Megan
Alice Hosticka	Beth Heide	George Massie
Doug Richardson	Rebecca Wilke	Tony V. Sr.
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Carol Rakoczy	Keith Jawson	Sarah Rupp
Ellen Wentz	Sherri Thomas	Chris Alvey
Mary Inzerillo	Carla George	Carol Yeager Laplant
Brian Runde	Angie Reed Family	Patrick O'Neill
Rodriguez Family	Sue McKnight	Iva Durocher
Connie Hollomon	Ron Ward	John McMahon
Bibi Chadwick	Kyle Sellmeyer	Eddie Ansalmo
Ralph & Jan Peters	Margarita Mendoza Family	Les VanBibber
Scott Neibergall	Reba Suttief	Maria Giannelli
Bob Leonardo	Mike Hojnacke	Louie Bussjaeger
Ann Morrow	Bob Hedrick	Kenadee Gallagher
Buster Gage	Marie Brancato	Shawn Adkins
Peter Armato	Anita Heiman	Jason Robinson
Eileen	Dan Kerns	Leah Biskup Coady
Pat Aten	Rich Curasi	Olivia Hernandez
Margo Eastland	Tricia Kauffman	Darleen Farnan Kenny
Adalina Simmons	Bob Roach	Mary Bell Jones
Juliana	Marvin Weishaar	Joann & Greg Hagins
Mary	Lulu Young	Laura Ann DiGiovanna
Margie Myers	John Brocato	Robert Doleshal
Jean and Richard Jackson	Barbara (Roach) Still	Jersey & James Hicks

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

*Please
pray for
the sick*

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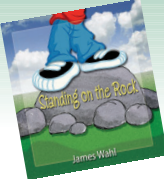
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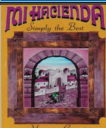
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