

December 10, 2023



Saint James

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:
"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED
AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

—LUKE 3:4-5

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St. James is here to help all people experience
meaning and purpose in life.

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses in the Historic Chapel

Wednesdays & Fridays at 8:00 a.m.

Individual Reconciliation

Reconciliation Room: Saturdays 3:45-4:15 pm

Eucharistic Adoration in the Historic Chapel

Tuesdays, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Holy Hour & Rosary 4:00 pm-5:00 pm on Tuesdays

Also, Saturday from 7 am-8 am

Christmas and Holiday Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Saturday, Dec 23 4:30 pm or

Sunday December 24 at 9:00 am

December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm & 9:00 pm

December 25 Christmas Day 9:00 am

December 30 4:30 pm

December 31 8:15 am & 10:30 am

New Year's Day - No Mass

Parish Staff Directory

General Parish Email stjameschurch@bizwi.rr.com

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday, 7:30-3:30

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Enter NW side door of Church

Sunday 8:00 - noon

Tuesday 8 am - 8 pm,

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8 am-4 pm

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Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri between 10 & Noon

St. Vincent de Paul 262-251-3944

ERAs Senior Network - Waukesha 262-549-3348



We would like to express our sympathy to the families of **Kenneth Gross and Steve Pehowski**. May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 am † Mary McCluskey (Family)

Friday, December 15

8:00 am St. James Parishioners

Saturday, December 16

4:30 pm † Andrew & Derek Doro (Family)

Sunday, December 17

8:15 am † Walter Neulreich (Music Ministry)

† Jude Kroening (John Swanson)

10:30 am † Jim Polczynski (Ruth Ann Stevens)

† Pat Gorski (Family)

<https://bible.usccb.org>

Provides Daily Readings, Reflections & Podcasts that you can access online.

Stewardship: Weekend of December 3, 2023

Stewardship:	\$ 15,442.00
Offertory:	\$ 1,362.75
Line of Credit	\$ 785.00
Christmas Memorials	\$ 285.00
Christmas	\$ 165.00
Total	\$ 18,039.75

Thank you for your support of St. James!

To make an online contribution: Text: 73256 Message is: STJMF

Individual Reconciliation *will Not* be available before Mass on Saturday December 23.

Mass Schedule for Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24th

Masses to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be held on Saturday December 23rd at 4:30 pm and there will be **ONE Mass on Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 am to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

If you attend a morning Mass on December 24 to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and an afternoon Mass on December 24 to celebrate Christmas you may receive the Holy Eucharist at both Masses.

October Tithes

The following two organizations received \$500 each in tithes from St. James.

Dominican Center for Women - Housing & Education programs helping to enhance the dignity, safety, security and economic self-worth of each Armani resident. Also, tutors adults in basic education and GED preparation.

Repairers of the Breach - Daytime refuge and resource center for homeless adults. An empowering place where the homeless create community.

ART and ENVIRONMENT

Do you enjoy our beautiful church at Christmas?

We will meet **Sunday, December 17, at 11:30am.** to prepare our worship space for the Christmas season.

Many willing hands and hearts are needed.

We especially need strong men to move items and hang wreaths. Attend 10:30 mass and join us afterward.



CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WITH US...

Christmas

MASS SCHEDULE

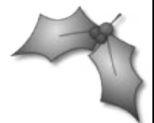
CHRISTMAS EVE:
4PM AND 9PM
DOORS OPEN 45 MINUTES BEFORE MASS
MUSIC BEGINS 30 MINUTES BEFORE

CHRISTMAS DAY:
9AM
DOORS OPEN 45 MINUTES BEFORE MASS
MUSIC BEGINS 30 MINUTES BEFORE

Bells—Bells—Bells

Bring bells from home to all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This will add a special joy and excitement as we celebrate the birth of *Jesus*.

CHRISTMAS MEAL
FOR HOMEBOUND & NEEDY



On Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023, volunteers from St. William Parish will be preparing and delivering free meals to anyone in the Waukesha County area that may be homebound, alone, or just having a hard time making ends meet. The meals are being prepared by volunteers at St. William's Church and are available to anyone in this situation.

The meals are prepared by volunteers and are available for pick up or delivery between 11:00 am - 1:15 p.m on Christmas Day. If you or someone you know is in this situation please contact Marcia Slowinski at (262) 798-1520 to arrange for a meal, and a warm meal and friendly visit will be provided on Christmas. **Requests are being accepted through Friday, December 15.**

CF Christmas Programs



This Sunday December 10th, 4K-5th grade CF students will celebrate Christmas with a program of music & a play in Church at 9:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, December 12th, 1st-11th grade students will have an evening of song, story & prayer in Church at 6 p.m.

Parishioners are welcome to join us for either or both!

CF classes will be on break beginning Sunday, December 17 or Tuesday, December 19 through Sunday, December 31 or Tuesday, January 2.

We wish all our CF families a joyous Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone at class on Sunday, January 7 or Tuesday, January 9.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2023



All donations must be in this weekend by 11:30 on Sunday, December 10th.

Thank you for helping to brighten the holiday season for so many people in our community!

PEACE & ALL GOOD SOAPS & LOTIONS SALE December 16th & 17th

'Peace and All Good' (formerly Gifts for the Journey) will be at St. James before and after masses on next weekend. Purchase those last minute Christmas gifts or pamper yourself with their scented lotions, candles and soaps! You are helping support women who had been previously sex trafficked or drug addicted. You can also order online if you are unable to make it to Mass. franciscanpeacemakers.org Tab SHOP. Thank you in advance.

If you'd like to learn more about this ministry, contact Deb Schneider at djschneider86@gmail.com.

Do you know a St. James parishioner who is homebound?

If so, please invite them to contact Kristen Winter, the Pastoral Health Care Coordinator, at 262-250-2663 or kwinter@stjames-parish.com.

Kristen reaches out to homebound parish members and connecting them with the St. James community through mailed bulletins, phone calls, and home visits. We want to make sure that all homebound parishioners know that they are a valued part of our community.



Have you lost a loved one or close friend?

Our Bereavement Companion Ministry is available to walk with you thru the days and weeks ahead. The funeral does not have to have taken place at St. James or even in Wisconsin. Several parishioners have been trained to be a listening presence. If you are a parishioner in need of support, we are here for you. We have Care Notes and other materials that may be helpful for you or other members of your family, including children and teens.

If you are in need of support or wish to volunteer, please contact Kristen Winter, Pastoral Health Care Coordinator at St. James at 262-250-2663.



90 Days to invite Jesus to draw near, unpack the Scriptures, reveal himself in the Eucharist, and inspire us to go out on mission to others.

Join us for a concentrated season of encountering Jesus Christ and growing firmer in your faith.

St. James will be hosting formation/discussion sessions in the community center on Sundays, at 9:20 a.m. (after the 8:15 Mass) beginning January 7th, 2024 and going through Easter.

Registration for Emmaus 90 is required.

Register by Dec 10 to receive your Pilgrim Guidebook before we start January 1.

Cost will be \$20/pilgrim or \$40/family.

No one will be denied due to financial circumstances, please let us know if you need assistance.

Register here.

[Emmaus 90 - 2024 \(regfox.com\)](http://Emmaus90-2024(regfox.com)) or contact Sue Devine-Simon at sdevine-simon@stjames-parish.com or call 262-253-2904.

2024 PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The letter and commitment card were mailed for all parish families. Please read the letter & brochure carefully and return your commitment card before December 31, 2023.

This mailing is in addition to the regular monthly letter.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10	Mass at 8:15 am & 10:30 am
Break Open the Word 8:15 & 10:30	
K3-K5 CF Classes 8:15 am	
CF Christmas Program 9:30 am	
Confirmation Class 11:30 am	
G6-10 CF Classes 4:30 pm & 6 pm	
Confirmation Classes 4:30 & 6 pm	
Monday, December 11	
Tuesday, December 12	
Day of Adoration in Chapel 8:30-4 Holy Hour 4-5 pm	
Scripture Reflection via Zoom 9:00 am	
CF Staff Meeting 1:00 pm	
Stewardship Committee 2:00 pm	
CF Christmas Program 6:00 pm	
Confirmation class 6:00 pm	
CF Classes Grades 1-10 6:00 pm	
Wednesday, December 13	Mass at 8:00 am
Staff Meeting 9:30 am	
Human Concerns Meeting 5:00 pm	
Pack 175 Committee Meeting 5:00 pm	
Music Ministry Rehearsal 6:30 pm	
St. Vincent de Paul 6:30 pm	
Thursday, December 14	
Community Banquet 5:30 pm	
Webelos 1 Den Meeting 7 pm	
Friday, December 15	Masses at 8:00 am
SOS Toy Distribution Set-up 8:00 am	
Funeral Visitation and Mass 9:30 am Mass at 11:00 am	
Saturday, December 16	Mass at 4:30 pm
Adoration in the Chapel today 7 am—8 am	
SOS Toy Distribution 7:00 am	
Lector Prep 8:00 am	
Funeral Visitation and Mass 10:00 am Mass at 11:30 am	
Individual Reconciliation 3:45-4:15	
Peace and All Good Soap, Lotion, Candle Sale 5:30 pm	
Sunday, December 17	Mass at 8:15 am & 10:30 am
Break Open the Word 8:15 & 10:30	
Peace and All Good Soap, Lotion, Candle Sale 9:30 - 11:30 am	
Decorating Church for Christmas 11:30 am	

St. James website has the current calendar for the entire year.

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to donate food

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