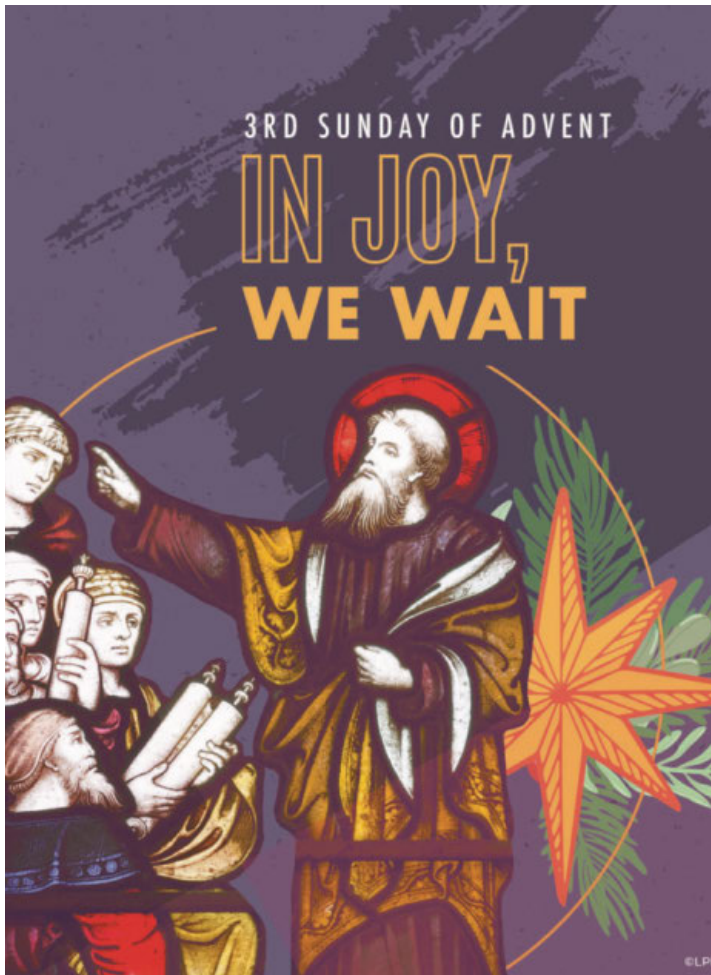


December 15, 2024



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

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 am

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



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Tuesday 8 am - 8 pm,

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Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 pm

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**Wednesday, December 18**

8:00 am †Ray Schoedl (Judy Schoedl)

Friday, December 208:00 am †Deceased Family & Friends of the Griebs
(Family)**Saturday, December 21**4:30 pm †Maria & Joseph Bittner (Family)
†Konrad & Rosina Ettmayer (Family)**Sunday, December 22**8:15 am †Ray Gross (Family)
†Deceased Members of the Nettesheim & Madden
Families (Peg Nettesheim Family)

10:30 am St. James Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 21:23-27**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25**Friday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45**Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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Stewardship: Weekend of Sunday, December 8

Stewardship:	\$	14,412.00
Offertory	\$	1,273.00
Line of Credit	\$	2,585.00
Christmas	\$	685.00

Total: \$ **18,955.00****To make an online contribution: Text: 73256 Message is: STJMF***Thank you for your support of St. James!***Parish Directory**

We are updating the parish directory. If you **Do Not** want your address and phone number included please call the parish office at 262-251-3944 before December 20.

Year End Reminder

A few “business” things to remember as we approach the end of the year:

Parishioner donations received in the collection baskets the week-end of December 28-29 **will be applied to your 2024** parishioner contribution statement. Any contributions received by mail must be **postmarked on or before December 31st** in order for it to be applied to your 2024 contribution statement.

Because of IRS rules we cannot make any exceptions.

**Art & Environment**

We will be decorating our church for Christmas at 11:30 next Sunday, December 22 and many helping hands are needed! Your gift of time to help is greatly appreciated!

St. Ben's Meal Program

Consider donating food to the St. Ben's Community Meal this coming **Wednesday, December 18**. We need parishioners to bring salads (**No Lettuce**), fruits, vegetables, or meat or seafood casseroles/pastas. **Please write on foil/wrap whether it is salad, vegetable, or casserole.**

You do not have to sign up to be a part of this ministry and can **drop your donations off any time between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm at St. James in the upstairs kitchen.**

Our driver leaves promptly at 3:45. If you have questions call Lynn at 262-227-9862. We suggest using throw away dishes.

**Candlelight Concert**

Celebrate Christmas with a candle light concert at St. James on Christmas Eve. The full choir will be performing beginning at 8:30 pm before the 9:00 pm Mass. Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was *not* going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

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Emmaus 90

Emmaus 90 is a 90-day journey from New Years to Easter 2025 that brings you closer to Jesus Christ through prayer and formation. It's a personal commitment to grow in holiness with the support of hundreds of fellow participants ("pilgrims") and the leadership of nationally recognized educators. Cost is \$20 per person/\$40 per family. If interested in joining contact Sue Devine-Simon at sdevine-simon@stjames-parish.com or 262-253-2904.

If I join, what do I get?

- Prompts for daily prayer with Scripture
 - Printed Guidebook journal & prayer card
 - Weekly guided formation sessions
 - Discussion guide for your small group
 - Holiness challenges (visit the Blessed Sacrament; serve someone in need)
- Community, discussion, Q&A and support

Men's Groups

Friday Mornings "That Man Is You"

Fridays | 6:15 AM | St James Great Room

****Taking off Dec 27 for the holidays**

Wednesday Men's Spirituality Discussion Group: "The Chosen"

Wed Dec 18 | 7:00 PM | Mary of Magdala Chapel

For either group, stop in and check us out anytime.

Men's Group Retreat/Activity/Programming Team

We are looking to get a retreat/activity/programming team together to coordinate and plan events, retreats and potential programming for our men's groups at various points throughout the year, so if you are interested, join the team to keep our lights burning brightly for Christ.

What Catholics Believe & OCIA...

Would you like to learn more about what Catholics believe? Discuss your faith? Come to the **Great room** to hear some different parishioners share their wisdom on different Catholic topics. We will meet next Sunday between the 2 Sunday Masses from **9:20 - 10:20 am**. We resume January 5th with new topics.

Contact Sue at sdevine-simon@stjames-parish.com or call 262-253-2904 for more information.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation sessions will begin on January 19th. If you are interested in learning more please contact Sue at sdevine-simon@stjames-parish.com or call 262-253-2904.

St. James Exchange

~ It is a resource to offer goods and services for free or in exchange for other goods or services within our community. Items may be offered for sale at the discretion of the editor.

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~ St. James cannot be held responsible for transactions, goods or services exchanged. No items are to be left at St. James for drop off or pick up.

FOR SALE- HT Siberian Hardcore 8-inch Ice Auger with 22-inch extension bar. Adjustable handles. Drill (not included) driven. New, still in the box \$165.

If interested call the parish office at 262-251-3944.

Christmas

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

MASSSES AT 4:00 & 9:00 PM

The 4:00 PM Mass will be live Streamed
Doors open 45 minutes before Mass. Music begins 30 minutes before Mass.

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

MASS AT 9:00 AM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15 **Mass at 8:15 & 10:30 am**

Break Open the Word | 8:15 & 10:30

CF K3/K4/K5 | 8:15 am

OCIA | 9:15 am

Ellacuria Fair Trade Sale | 9:30 & 11:30 am

CF Gr. 1-5 | 9:30 am

Confirmation Class | 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

CF Gr. 6-10 | 4:30 & 6:00 pm

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

Adoration | 8:30 am

Scripture Reflection | 9:00 am

CF Staff Meeting | 1:00 pm

CF Classes Gr. 1 - 10 | 6:00 pm

Confirmation Classes | 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus | 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18

Mass at 8:00 am

St. Ben's meal program | 7:30 am

Staff Meeting | 9:30 am

Thursday, December 19

Wood Carving Club | 9:00 am

Knights of Columbus | 7:00 pm

Friday, December 20

Mass at 8:00am

SOS Toy Distribution Set-up | 8:00 am

Saturday, December 21

Mass at 4:30 pm

Adoration | 7:00 am

Lector Prep | 8:00 am

Reconciliation | 3:45 pm

Sunday, December 22

Mass at 8:15 & 10:30 am

Break Open the Word | 8:15 & 10:30

Art & Environment Set-Up for Christmas | 11:30 am

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

THE 2025 PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP LETTER & COMMITMENT CARD

All families should have received their 2025 financial commitment card and letter in the mail; if you didn't please contact the parish office. Please read the letter & brochure carefully and return your commitment card before December 31, 2024.

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Compliments of Ed and Mary Schlumpf
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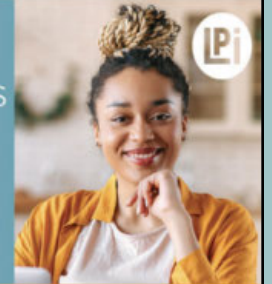
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