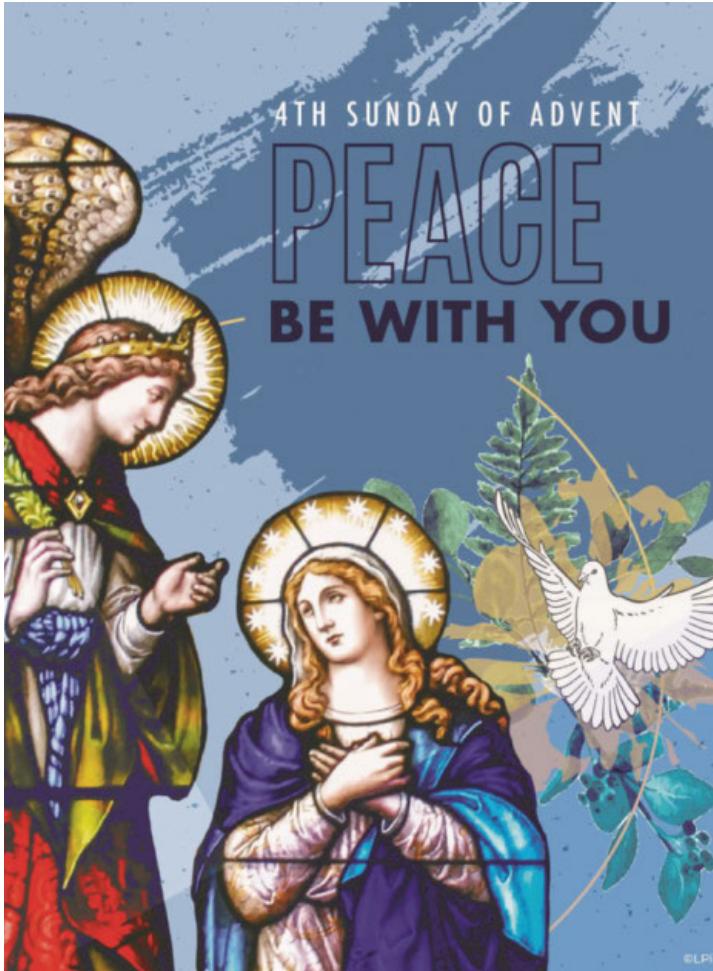


December 22, 2024



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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**Tuesday, December 24**

4:00 pm †Rick Harley (Diane Harley)
9:00 pm St. James Parishioners

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am †Pat Gorski (Family)
†Stacia Klimas (Family)

Friday, December 27

8:00 am St. James Parishioners

Saturday, December 28

4:30 pm St. James Parishioners

Sunday, December 29

8:15 am †Fr. Jerry Hudziak (Erv & Joan Claas)
10:30 am St. James Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Christmas

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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Year End Reminder

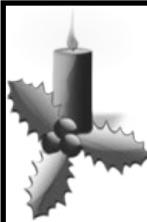
A few “business” things to remember as we approach the end of the year:

Parishioner donations received in the collection baskets the weekend of December 28-29 will be applied to your 2024 parishioner contribution statement. In person contributions will be accepted until noon on December 31st. Any contributions received by mail must be post-marked 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.

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.

**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.

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 our Lord Jesus.

**Christmas MASS SCHEDULE****CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24
MASSES AT 4:00 & 9:00 PM**

The 4:00 PM Mass will be live-streamed. The full choir will be performing a candlelight concert before the 9:00 pm Mass.

**CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25
MASS AT 9:00 AM**

Doors open 45 minutes before all Masses.



Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated and made the Holly Days breakfast such a success.

**Holly Days**

Thank you to everyone who participated and made Holly Days such a success. Santa said all the volunteers made the nice list! Thank you to the many volunteers that shared your gifts for Holly Days and the K of C's for a great pancake breakfast. It was great to see so many of our families and the smiles on all the faces. All the winners of baskets or silent auction items were notified, please remember to stop at the parish office to pick up your winnings. A special thank you to the Walker family for coordinating this event.

**PRAYER NETWORK -**

If you have a prayer request, please send an email to Terri Grimmer at: tmg1123@yahoo.com
If you would like to help us in praying for these requests please contact Terri so she can add you to her email list.

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"**

Meets 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd in 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.

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.

**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 connects 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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Hidden Truth

If you have ever been visibly pregnant, chances are that someone, somewhere, whom you do *not* know, has reached out to touch your stomach.

I've had this happen to me, and sure, it's a little strange. Generally, I prefer people to ask before they touch me. But it's also very sweet, this great mystical excitement inspired by a pregnant belly. We know that belly is special. We know enclosed within it is hope and potential — the very future of our world. Hidden, but real. How can we help but venerate it?

It's why the pregnant Madonna is my favorite devotional image. I even prefer it over the depictions of the Madonna and Child because I find in the sight of Mary's swollen belly more to meditate upon than I find in the unveiled face of the Christ Child. Salvation and redemption, enclosed in flesh, moving, and growing and breathing, but I cannot see it. It's real and it's true and it's *there*.

And it is hidden.

There is much about God that we know with certainty. But there is so much that remains beyond our sight, beyond our comprehension. Questions of evil and sorrow. Pain and tragedy. Life and death. Why don't we have all the answers? We grow very impatient about this. We're like teenagers who want to be trusted with all the family secrets. We hate feeling left out of the loop.

But truth, like life, does not come to us showing its face. Perhaps this is because we could not bear its terrible beauty. Perhaps it's because we would not recognize it if it was laid bare for us to see.

But it's there, right in front of us. We can reach out and touch it. We may not see it. We may not understand it. But we can know it.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22	Mass at 8:15 & 10:30 am
Break Open the Word 8:15 & 10:30 Art & Environment 11:30 am	
Monday, December 23	
Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	Masses at 4:00 & 9:00 pm
Candlelight Concert 8:30 pm	
Wednesday, December 25	Mass at 9:00 am
Thursday, December 26	
Wood Carving Club 9:00 am	
Friday, December 27	Mass at 8:00am
Saturday, December 28	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
<i>St. James website has the current calendar for the entire year.</i>	

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