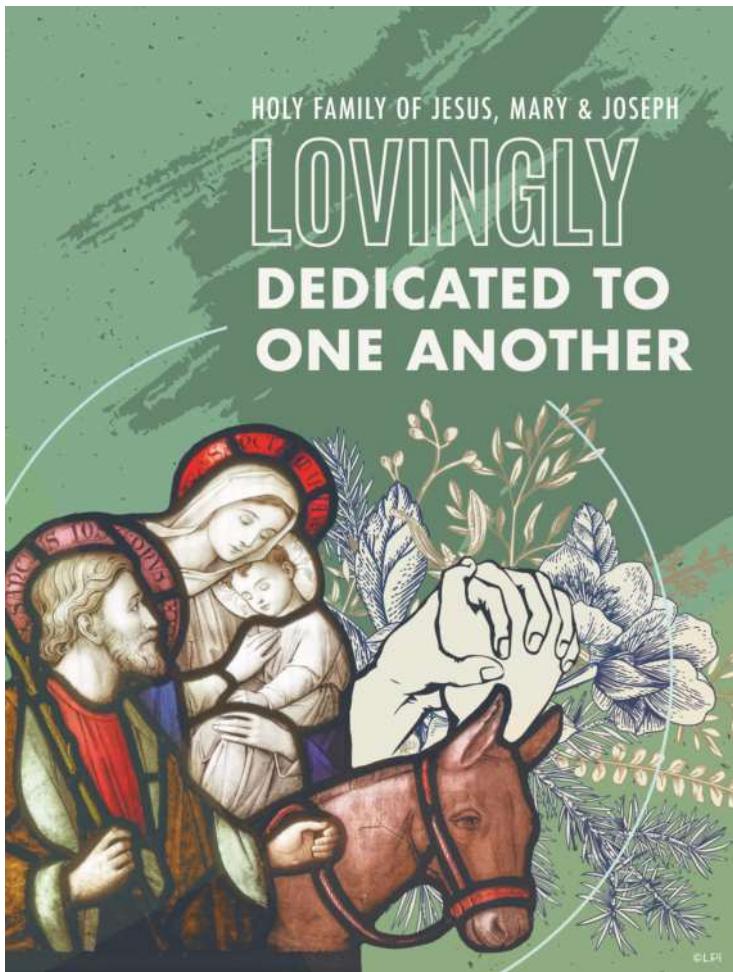


December 28, 2025



St. James Parish 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

Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 am

Individual Reconciliation

Reconciliation Room, Saturdays 3:30pm - 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration in the Historic Chapel

Tuesdays 8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturdays 7:00 - 8:00 am



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 am † Rev. Erwin Matt

Thursday, January 1 Holy Day9:00 am † Aaron Zagorski (Tom & Cindy Zagorski)
† Harold Schroeder (Family)**Friday, January 2**

8:00 am Parishioners of St. James

Saturday, January 3

4:30 pm Parishioners of St. James

Sunday, January 48:15 am † Richard Calmes (Gerard Brodgeski)
† LeRoy Goergen (Ralph & Cheri Herro)
10:30 am † Allen Lebeck (Delores Lebeck)
† Mary McCluskey (Family)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18**Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Stewardship Weekend of December 14, 2025

Stewardship:	\$ 22,088.00
Offertory:	\$ 1,579.76
Christmas Memorials	\$ 335.00
Line of Credit:	\$ 470.00
Prior Year Assessment	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 24,502.76

*Thank you for your support of St. James!*To make an online contribution: Text: 73256
Message is STMFYear 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 27-28 **will be applied to your 2025** parishioner contribution statement. **In person contributions will be accepted until noon on December 31st.** Any contributions received by mail must be **postmarked on or before December 31st** in order for it to be applied to your 2025 contribution statement.

Because of IRS rules we cannot make any exceptions.**No Adoration**

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on December 30.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

All parish offices and the chapel will be closing at noon on Wednesday, December 31 and will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2026.

THE 2026 PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP LETTER & COMMITMENT CARD

All families should have received their 2026 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, 2025.

**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.

**Feast of Mary Mother of God**
January 1, 2026
Holy Day of Obligation

There will be one Mass celebrated at 9:00 am in the main church.

**Christmas Takedown**We will be taking down Christmas decorations in the church on **Sunday, January 4, 2026** at 11:30am. Many hands make the task easier. Please join us!**Bereavement Companion Ministry**

Are you a good listener? Do you find that you reach out to someone when you learn of a death? Would you be willing to reach out to others in our parish community who have experienced the death of a loved one? If so, we could really use your gift of compassion as part of our Bereavement Companion Ministry. If you would like to learn more about this ministry and take part in a short training session, please reach out to Kristen Winter, Pastoral Health Care Coordinator, 262-250-2663 or Michelle Beimborn, Administrative Assistant, 262-253-2235.



**Please join us after all
Masses next weekend for
Fellowship, hosted by
Faith Advocates Against
Human Trafficking.**

Enjoy a few treats and the fellowship of our parish family. Talk with our hosts and consider how you can share your talents.



St. James Giving Tree
Thank you so much to the St. James community for the outpouring of support for our Christmas Giving Tree program. These donations were all greatly appreciated by the organizations we sponsor: Sussex Outreach Services, St. Vincent DePaul Society, ERAS, and Hebron House. Your wonderful generosity helped so many in our community enjoy a blessed Christmas season. Thank you!!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini-reflection: If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this: God had other plans.

Other Plans

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get *really* crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans.

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Emmaus 90

Emmaus 90 is a 90-day journey from New Years to Easter 2026 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.

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- Weekly guided formation sessions
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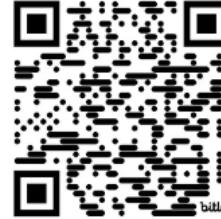
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Women's Weekend March 19-22, 2026

Both events will be held at Schoenstatt Retreat Center, Waukesha

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 28	Mass at 8:15 & 10:30 am
Monday, December 29	
Tuesday, December 30	
Wednesday, December 31	Mass at 8:00 am
	Parish Offices Closing at Noon
Thursday, January 1	Mass at 9:00 am
	All Parish Offices are Closed
Friday, January 2	Mass at 8:00 am
	Men's Group 6:15
	All Parish Offices are closed
Saturday, January 3	Mass at 4:30 pm
	Adoration 7:00 am
	Individual Reconciliation 3:30 pm
Sunday, January 4	Mass at 8:15 & 10:30 am
	Art & Environment 11:30 AM
	<i>St. James website has the current calendar for the entire year.</i>

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