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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 P.M.
Sunday | 9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday Daily Mass | 8:00 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

*On the Holy Day | 8:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month* | 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

*UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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Sunday, December 3, 2023 | The First Sunday of Advent

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

The Season of Advent culminates on Christmas; the two seasons are distinct. The Church is very intentional in the arrangement of the Liturgical Year. Advent (from, ad-venire in Latin or “to come to”) begins the new liturgical year with four weeks preparing for the celebration of Christmas. It focuses us on both Christ’s second coming at the end of time and the anniversary of his birth on Christmas. In turn, the liturgical season of Christmas begins with Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ as we reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

Again, Advent and Christmas are two distinct seasons with different purposes. Celebration without preparation distracts us from a prayerful awareness of their deeper, separate meanings. Our secular celebrations remove Christmas entirely. Ironically, we do not celebrate a secular Christmas season as many people remove their decorations immediately. We spend all of Advent in celebration instead of preparation. The buying, wrapping, giving, and getting during Advent distracts from the spiritual realities that give this time any meaning and significance at all.

How do we overcome this contradiction? We do not need to become a so-called spiritual grinch. Instead, the Church encourages us to honor the meaning of these seasons in their own way. In prior eras, Advent resembled Lent with an emphasis on prayer, fasting, and charity. Perhaps we should recover this discipline during modern Advent as a way of decreasing consumerism. Likewise, we should properly celebrate Christmas not just as a single day but as a season. This would help to recover the joy of the season.

Advent, like Lent, includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. This penitential dimension is expressed through the color violet, but also through the restrained manner of decorating the church and sanctuary. The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday, coming from the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for this day, meaning “Rejoice.” The liturgical color may be rose instead of purple. This is the Church’s way of further anticipating our joy as we draw ever nearer the Solemnity of Christmas.

How might we decorate our own homes with a similar restraint in decorations until Christmas? Our joy becomes more authentic at Christmas when our actions conform to the separate meaning of these seasons. It may be awkward or even countercultural to restore Advent in the midst of a consumerist and secular understanding of Christmas. However, our culture hungers for light and peace. The same light which the birth of Christ brings with the peaceful presence not of a conquering king but an infant.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, December 8th | A Holy Day of Obligation

On Friday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
We invite you to join us at one of our Masses for the holy day:

8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.





Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your support for this collection December 9/10 provides financial assistance for retirement needs for 297 U.S. religious communities.

Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests—collectively known as women and men religious—have selflessly served for decades without significant financial compensation. However, due to escalating health-care costs, numerous U.S. religious communities face a substantial gap between their elderly members' needs and the financial resources available for their care. Many religious orders currently experience insufficient retirement savings.

The 2022 appeal demonstrated Catholics' tremendous generosity by raising \$27.6 million. Diocese of Joliet parishioners contributed \$286,788.25 to the collection.

The senior religious in our diocese never retire from their vows, and they play a crucial role in conveying the faith from one generation to the next. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry as ongoing witnesses to the Gospel. Others are frail and need assistance, yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations by embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Please support the retirement needs of our senior religious. And please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

The Need is Great

- Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members.
- There are 24,005 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2022, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$55,500 per person; skilled nursing care averaged \$82,700 per person.
- Since 2009, the annual cost to support senior women and men religious has exceeded \$1 billion.
- In 2022, 71 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office had a median age of 70 or higher.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$7,679, whereas the average lay US beneficiary receives \$21,902.

Office of the Bishop

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The First Sunday of Advent

First Reading | Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever.

Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him.

Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!

Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like
polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face
from us and have delivered us up to our guilt.

Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks Be to God!**

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in
him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was
confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, and by him, you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of the Lord: **Thanks Be to God!**

Gospel | Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves
home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the
watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at
midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!”

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary,
all bow.*)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Flames of Faith at St. James the Apostle

The red sanctuary lamp by
the tabernacle burns to
remind us of the
sacramental presence of
Jesus Christ. It is a mark of
honor to remind the
faithful of the presence of
Christ, and is a profession
of their love and affection.

To inquire about offering
Flames of Faith in honor of
a loved one's intentions or
in their memory, please
stop by or contact Rubi at
the Ministry Center,
rubi@stjamesge.org or call 630-469-7540, ext. 201.



ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH
Flames of Faith

December 4 - 10, 2023

This week our St. James
Flames of Faith are offered:
In Memory of Olwyn D. Lehmann
Offered by:
Barb Craig Family

Adult Altar Server Training

Monday, December 11th
from 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. in the church

Have you ever considered serving the Lord and
your parish community? Do you enjoy
experiencing a liturgy that is well executed and
welcoming? If so, we need your help.

With the struggle to maintain our roster of Altar
Servers who are available to serve at Mass, we
our putting out a call to any adult—male or
female—who might want to serve on the
weekends and at funerals and weddings. This is
a great opportunity to serve the Lord and this
parish community at our
liturgies.

If you are interested we invite you to attend a
brief training on Monday, December 11th at 6:30
P.M. in the church. If you would like more
information, please email Dr. Marc Brunelle,
Director of Sacred Liturgy:
mbrunelle@stjamesge.org, or call 630-469-
7540, ext. 207.

We Offer Our Prayers



Tom Altomere	Jeffrey T. Jamrok
Jacob Baker	Jason Jung
Ensign Andrew Barr	Matthew Kulpa
Michael Brosnan	Justin T. Lewandowski
Kellen Brown	David Marlow
Pvt 2 John Buckley	Jesse Meyer
1 st Lt. Robt. F. Conti, USMC	Pfc Simon Mstowski
Major Jonathan W. Craig	Adam Novak
Capt. Brad Crosson	Joe O'Brien
Michael Dahlke	LCPC Connor Pope
Ryan Davis	Drew Price
Chaplain Capt. Chris Doering	Andrew Root
Patrick Fischer	Lt. Zachary Salb
Michael Ford	Patrick Schrauth
Lt. Jane Fox	Alison Slucas
Capt. Thomas Fox	Michael Spake
Tech Sgt. Allen J. Gould	David Weir
CPL. Anthony Greenwell	Mark Weir
Major Jason Hendrix	Captain Christine Zens
Joseph Jachim	

If you would like us to remember a current member of the military in our prayers and added to the above list, please contact Rubi at: rubi@stjamesge.org and provide her with the name. Thank you!

We Make House Calls!

—Communion for the Homebound—

If you or a loved one are temporarily or permanently homebound and unable to attend Mass, the St. James Ministry of Care can bring Holy Communion to your home on a regular basis.

To have a qualified and trained St. James lay parishioner bring Communion to YOUR home, please EMAIL Rubi at the St. James Ministry Center: rubi@stjamesge.org

Grace Stasi	Marite Maurer
Jennifer Baker	Dino Mazza
Mary Ann Bakes	Meghan Menconi
Dion Bernabei	James Pelletiere
Enzo Bernabei	Samantha Pelletiere
Ali Barton	Tino Pere
Brent Benedict	Kathleen Pervan
John Benedict	Kevin Potyen
Karen Bijanki	Raymond Prosperi
Jeff Brown	Carol Raymond
Daniel Burns	Yvonne Reno
Mary Anne Capron	Jordan Richards
Raija Carey	Danny Riley
John Cassidy	Roseanne
Alice Condon	Jack Rudnick
Annette Cooke	John Rudnick
Chris Danly	Rose Rudnick
LaVerne DuMond	Carol Sandowski
Ivy Giuseffi	Katherine Sanford
Emily Hand	Bobbie Saverino
Joann Honites	Jennifer Saverino-Bayne
Baby Penelope James	Mary Pat Schroeder
Carole Kaczmar	Wayne Schroeder
Edward Kane	Nibbs Scully
Jean Keating	Dorothy Sledz
Raymond Keevins	Cindy Smetana
Kayla Kenny	Margo Smetana
Sharon Kestlar	Billy Southwell
Patricia Klein	Danny Tapia
Jaxson Knapek	Isla Trapani
Scott Landies	Colette Trepes
Gretchen Laska	Milan Urban
Julianne Loboeki	Laurie Valdez
Gail Lewellyan Johnson	Josh Will
Rick Lewellyan	Lottie Will
Gaye Masnjak	Mary Will
Bob Maurer	
Mae Maurer	

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to add a name on this list, please contact Rubi at: rubi@stjamesge.org and provide her with the name. Thank you!

Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > December 4 - 10, 2023

DECEMBER 04/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

George Carpenter

REQ. BY PAULINE BRIGGS

James Lambke

REQ. BY WOOLIVER FAMILY

DECEMBER 05/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Frank Smetana

REQ. BY SMETANA FAMILY

DECEMBER 06/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Fortunata Vale

REQ. BY MODESTA V. BANAL

Lupe Velasquez

REQ. BY LEA SMETANA

DECEMBER 07/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.

Mary Therese O'Malley

REQ. BY EILEEN O'MALLEY

DECEMBER 08/HOLY DAY

8:00 A.M.

People of the Parish

7:00 P.M.

Susan Stack

REQ. BY CAROL BLUMENTHAL

DECEMBER 09/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.

Jennifer Johnson

KREIS FAMILY

DECEMBER 10/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

People of the Parish

11:00 A.M.

Mary Ellen Flynn

REQ. BY BENTON FAMILY

THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

04/MONDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

Basketball Practice

4:30 P.M. | GYM

OCIA Meeting

6:30 P.M. | MCYM

DuPage WW Board

Meeting

7 P.M. | SJH2/3/k

A.A. Meeting

8 P.M. | FL

05/TUESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

A & E Water Plants

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

Finance Meeting

11 A.M. | MC

Student Lector Reh

11:30 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

Student Cantor Reh

2 P.M. | CH

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

Basketball Practice

4:30 P.M. | GYM

RE Prayer

4:30 P.M. | CH ALL

RE Classes

4:30 P.M. | RE/RMS/SJH23

Parish Advisory

6 P.M. | CH/SJH2/3

Ath. Board Meeting

6:30 A.M. | A/M

Boy Scout Mtg.

7:10 P.M. | SJH1

06/WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

Faculty Meeting

3 P.M. | CIC

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

Basketball Practice

4:30 P.M. | GYM

RE Prayer

4:30 P.M. | CH ALL

Re Classes

4:30 P.M. | RE/RMS/SJH23

Choir Rehearsal

7 P.M. | SJH1

KC Meeting

7 P.M. | SJH2/3

Evening Rosary

7 P.M. | CH

07/THURSDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

Cheerleading

Practice

4 P.M. | SJH1

Basketball Practice

4:30 P.M. | GYM

08/FRIDAY

Holy Day Mass

8 A.M. | CH

A & E Water Plants

9 A.M. | CHURCH

Holy Day Mass

7 P.M. | CH/ALL

09/SATURDAY

Cursillo Mtg

7 A.M. | MC

CV Formation

9 A.M. | SJH2/3

Altar Server

Training

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

Nuptial Mass

1 P.M. | CH/ALL

Reconciliations

3 P.M. | CH/ALL

Crusader Cash

Sales

3:30 P.M. | CN

Mass

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

10/SUNDAY

Mass

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

Choir at Mass

11 A.M. | CH

Blessing of

Hymnals with

Hospitality

Following

1 P.M. | CH/ALL/SJH1/k

Senior High YM

6 P.M. | MC ALL

Adult Rec. BBall

7:30 A.M. | GYM

Worship Ministries and Events

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 21:5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
 Eph 1:3, 6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. John Damascene
 Wednesday: St. Nicholas
 Thursday: St. Ambrose
 Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 Saturday: St. Juan Diego
 Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent



Eucharistic Miracles Throughout History

Sometimes the veil between heaven and earth flutters, and God allows us a physical glimpse into supernatural realities. Below are some of the many amazing Eucharistic miracles that provide evidence for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Scientifically Confirmed

LANCIANO, ITALY

In the eighth century, an Italian monk had doubts while saying Mass. As he said the words of consecration, the host visibly changed into cardiac tissue and the wine became physical blood. This miracle has been studied by modern scientists, who have concluded that there is no natural explanation. DNA indicates the flesh is from the middle east, matching the genetics and blood type recovered from the Shroud of Turin.

The Waters Parted

AVIGNON, FRANCE

The Chapel of the Holy Cross had the Eucharist exposed during the massive 1433 flood. The water in the church was 4ft high, but the center aisle remained completely dry, creating a clear path to the Eucharist.

An Army, Defeated

ASSISI, ITALY

In September of the year 1240, the Saracen Army stormed the convent of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano, now known as the Poor Clares. Though frail at the time, St. Clare carried the Blessed Sacrament before the army and cried out to Jesus for protection. The soldiers were struck with fear and retreated at the sight of the Sacred Host.

A Living Person

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

On his 1995 visit to the United States, Pope St. John Paul II asked to visit the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mary's Seminary chapel in Maryland. His security personnel brought in trained dogs to sweep the area. The dogs indicated that a living person was in the Tabernacle, and refused to leave!

Even Fish Worship Him

ALBORAYA-ALMÁCERA, SPAIN

In 1348, while a priest was crossing the river on his way to bring the Eucharist to some sick members of his community, he was knocked into the water by a wave, and the consecrated hosts were swept away! Horrified, he did not think they could be recovered. Some fishermen called to him from further down the river, where three fish suspended themselves almost completely out of the water, holding the precious hosts carefully in their mouths. One-by-one, they deposited the hosts back into the chalice and dove back into the water.



Scan to See the Full Exhibition!

Bl. Carlo Acutis dedicated his life to chronicling hundreds of approved Eucharistic Miracles on a website he built himself. Join us in asking his intercession for the National Eucharistic Revival, that we may be set ablaze with the same desire to make Jesus in the Eucharist better known and loved!

eucharisticrevival.org



Sing Praise to the Lord



FOR HE HAS DONE
GLORIOUS THINGS!

{ ISAIAH 12:5 }

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE:

Blessing of the Hymnals

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

AN UPDATE ✨

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our St. James the Apostle parishioners who have surpassed the goal of raising funds to purchase 400 hymnals for our pews along with 40 choir books and various accompaniment editions.

AN INVITATION ✨

We invite all to an Advent prayer service on Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 P.M. in the church when we will bless our new hymnals. Each hymnal with a dedication will be labeled accordingly. Donors will be asked to locate their hymnal in the narthex (*organized by donor last name*)

THE DETAILS ✨

Donors will bring their hymnals into the church where we will have a prayer service with a blessing and dedication. Together we will sing with joyful voices from our new worship resource!

A THANK YOU ✨

We are truly blessed to have parishioners who understand the importance of the musical traditions that hold such a special place in our hearts. Your generosity is a shining example of the love and compassion that binds us together as a community!

We hope you will join us!

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Administration Ministries

[STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY]

Leading a life of stewardship is one way to prepare for the Lord's coming—a way to walk in the light of the Lord.

November 18/19

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$19,166

Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$201

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our surplus is \$3,974

Thanksgiving Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

Offertory Collection with EFT: \$22,955

Vatican Christmas Cookbook Collection: \$929

November 25/26

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$13,144

Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$745

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$2,048

Your generosity it is needed and deeply appreciated! Thanks!



CMAA: Your Gift Makes a Difference!

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

An Update on Our Parish Progress

Our Parish Goal is \$83,200

Donor Count: 325

Amount Pledged: \$127,300

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$123,404

Balance Due: \$3,896

2023 Rebate to Parish: \$28,143

If you have not yet made a gift to the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you and prayerfully consider doing so. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in his hands. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

Please make a note of the following (some early) deadlines for upcoming bulletins:

- December 17th editionFriday, 12/08, 9 A.M.
- December 24th edition Weds., 12/14, 9 A.M.
- December 31st edition.....Weds., 12/20, 9 A.M.
- January 7th editionFriday, 12/29 by 9 A.M.

Articles may be submitted to lisa@stjamesge.org



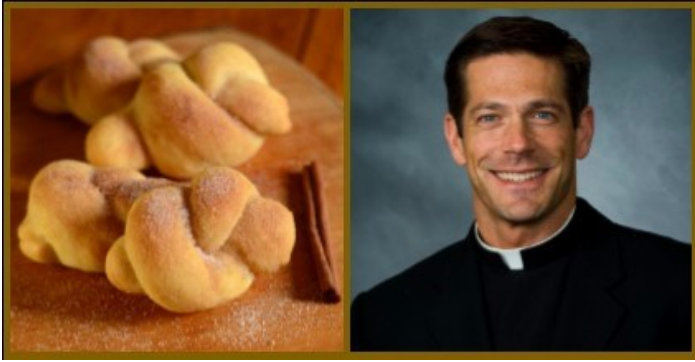
2024 Parish Calendars Available

All parish families are invited to take home a copy of our 2024 Parish Calendar. This year's design celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet and is full of interesting history, facts and events that will take place in this Jubilee Year. The calendars will be available beginning December 2/3 and may be found in the church narthex. We would like to thank Leonard Memorial Home for their contribution towards the cost of the calendars.

Repurposing Broken Rosaries/Rosary Parts

If you have any broken rosaries or parts of rosaries you no longer need, you may leave them in the coffee can located in the Coat Room. One of our St. James parishioners will fix them and find them a new owner.

Youth Ministry



Tonight in Youth Ministry: Bread knots & Fr Mike Schmitz! We are going to bake some super sweet cinnamon bread knots that we'll make ourselves - then head to hear about the essentials of being Catholic. Bring your questions & be ready for some great discussion & yummy home baked treats!

Christian Education Ministries

RE Celebrates the First Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus! Jesus is the light of the world. May He light our way in Advent and throughout our lives!!



Christian Service Ministries



Give blood.
Save a life.

A Heartfelt Thank You...

to all who were able to participate in our Thanksgiving Weekend Blood Drive and to the St. James Knights of Columbus for providing volunteers to facilitate this incredible LIFE SAVING EVENT. A grand total of 32 units were collected which will assist in saving many lives. What a great gift to give to someone who has a critical need. Many lives could not be saved without your generous support. For those who missed us this time around, your next opportunity to donate at St. James will be on Saturday, May 25th, 2024.

The St. James Knights of Columbus wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas Season.

—St. James Knights of Columbus

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Top Needs

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry has published their top needs for the week ahead. Please keep them in mind when you do your grocery shopping. Non-perishable donations may be brought to the Coat Room of the church before or after daily and weekend Masses, or dropped off at the pantry during their normal hours of operation. For more information, visit the website: glenellynfoodpantry.org





Fun Family Activity  *Advent Food Collection*

MAKING HUNGER HISTORY



ADVENT 2023

HELP MAKE HUNGER HISTORY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Collect a different grocery item each day during Advent
December 3 – December 24



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 	4 	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 
10 	11 	12 	13 	14 	15 	16 
17 	18 	19 	20 	21 	22 	23 
24 	Drop your donations at your church during Christmas services or at the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, January 3-6, 2024, 9-11AM each day.					



The CCW's Epiphany Gift Collection for St. John Paul II Parish Continues

Thank you so much to all the generous parishioners who have taken empty bags to fill for the children of St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee. The children look forward to the gifts your kindness provides. Please be sure to return your filled bags with items for children in need to the St. James Church coatroom no later than December 25. Parish families will deliver the bags to Kankakee the last week of December. (Please let us know if you would like to drive with us!)

If you were unable to pick up an empty bag but would still like to donate, please fill any sturdy shopping bag with toys and staple a note on the front which states the age range and if it's for a boy or girl (or either) and drop it off in the coatroom. We are looking to bring toys to over 200 children!

Can't fill a whole bag? We'll take single items!
Got a whole bag of the same thing? We'll take that too!

New, unwrapped items only, please. Gift Suggestions below are only a guideline:

For children Ages 0 to 5. TOYS: blocks, Duplos, Legos, puzzles, stuffed animals, dolls, musical toys, educational toys, board games, balls ARTS/CRAFTS: (4-5) play dough, crayons, craft sets, paints, markers BOOKS: Bible stories, story books, early readers, coloring books CLOTHING: Fleece/knitted blankets, warm socks, mitten/hat sets, scarves

For Children Ages 6-12. BOOKS: Age-appropriate books, comic, puzzle, riddle or coloring books TOYS: Board games, card games, Legos, blocks, puzzles, dolls, stuffed animals, or handheld games ARTS/CRAFTS: Markers, play dough, craft sets, art sets, drawing sets, crayons, art pads, sketch books and pencils SPORTS: soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, Nerf toys CLOTHING: socks, gloves, hats, scarves, age-appropriate sized t-shirts/sweatshirts

For children ages 13-16. BOOKS: Age-appropriate books, comic, puzzle or riddle books TOYS: Board games, card games, Legos, handheld games, soccer balls, basketballs, football ARTS/CRAFTS: Drawing sets, craft sets, art sets, sketch books and pencils, jewelry making sets CLOTHING: Sports theme or teen theme t-shirts/sweatshirts, socks, gloves, scarves or hats PERSONAL: Nail polish, lotion, cologne, jewelry sets for teen girls - sports soaps, deodorant, shaving and cologne sets for teen boys. (Please keep all cosmetic items in the original package and/or place in Ziploc bags to avoid leaks)

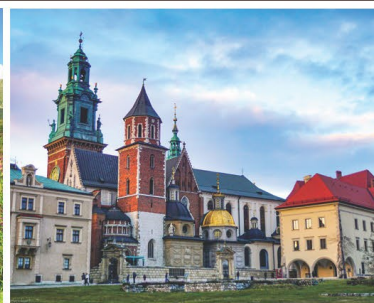
If you have questions or would prefer to make a monetary donation, please contact Doris Barrera at 630-260-9276 or dorisavon@ameritech.net

The St. James Council of Catholic Women wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and God's peace throughout the New Year!



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