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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 10, 2023 | The Second Sunday of Advent

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

As we continue our spiritual journey in this holy Season of Advent, it is important to remember that our preparations during this sacred time will make for a better celebration of the coming festivities. We need to recover the original and true meaning of Advent to restore the celebration of Christmas. Our prayer and self-denial, much like Lent, will make our later celebration of Christ's birth more meaningful. Christmas will be enhanced by reclaiming Advent for itself and properly commemorating the Liturgical Season of Christmas.

Gift giving is a special part of our celebrations. As the Prayer of Saint Francis reminds us, "It is in giving that we receive." Our parish generously responded to the 59th Annual Christmas Basket Program. Your generosity directly impacted 814 people from 198 families by providing Christmas gifts. In particular, 46 additional families received over \$13,000 in Crusader Cash gift cards. This has the added benefit of supporting Catholic education at our parochial school and religious education program. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this possible, especially our Knights of Columbus and our lead Mike Progar.

On the subject of parish generosity, we have been blessed by the many volunteers who supported the parish library. Thank you to Peggy Carey, Janet Culligan, Diane Davy, Marilyn Potyen, and Joanne Yasko for their time and talent. We collaboratively decided to repurpose the library space for the music ministry as use of the parish library has declined significantly since the pandemic. The remaining books will be lovingly donated to nearby parish libraries in the hope of more use. This will allow our music ministry adequate space for enhancing their ministry during the Eucharistic Revival's effort to improve the reverence of our liturgies.

As mentioned above, the Liturgical Season of Advent encourages us to pause and recollect before Christmas. The intentional use of our time in prayer and self-denial creatively and imaginatively invites us to walk with the Saints Joseph and Mary as they journey to Bethlehem. They were not overwhelmed by the frenetic distractions of decorating, socializing, buying, giving, and getting. Instead, they were resolutely focused on finding a place for their Son. Their intentionality inspires us to a similar freedom. Remember, the presents and celebration came after Christmas on the Epiphany!

Advent also points to another journey. Just as we prepare for the first coming of Christ at his birth we also prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ at the end of all things. Creation itself will be made new. All things will be resolved in Christ. Heaven and earth will pass away. The liturgies of these holy weeks focus on this twofold meaning of the season. Our prayerful preparation keeps both of these in mind. As always, we join the prayer of longing and joyful expectation, "Come, Lord Jesus."

welcome to your new HOME



THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME BISHOP CONLON TO ST. JAMES!

We are pleased to welcome Bishop R. Daniel Conlon to St. James the Apostle as he makes his new home at the parish rectory with our pastor, Fr. Keith.

Bishop Conlon is the retired bishop of our diocese, but remains very active. Not only does he still work at the Blanchette Center regularly, he celebrates Confirmations and other Masses at many parishes in the area.

We are blessed as a parish to have his presence among us, as he will be a regular celebrant and concelebrant at our parish Masses. It is a gift to have him join Fr. Keith Wolfe, Fr. Bill Cullen and Deacon Steve DeSitter in the pastoral care of the people of St. James.

Please take a minute to introduce yourselves and offer Bishop Conlon a warm St. James welcome next time you see him present at one of our Masses or parish event.

The Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading | Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

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

Second Reading | 2 Peter 3:8 - 14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire.

But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

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

Gospel | Mark 1:1 - 8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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 11 - 17, 2023

This week our St. James
Flames of Faith are offered:
In Memory of Rudy Culumber
Offered by:
Kathy Culumber and 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 at
funerals. This is a great opportunity to serve the
Lord and this parish community at special
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.

Sing Praise to the Lord



Thanks to the generous parishioners of St. James, the Apostle, We have exceeded our Hymnal Project goal!

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Join us this weekend as we celebrate!

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!

There will be hospitality in St. James Hall immediately following the prayer service. Please join us for coffee and pie!

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!

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Help fill God's House with

Radiance & Light

for Christmas 2023

Entering the Season of Advent we prepare our hearts for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The House of Our Lord also needs to prepare for His coming.

Sunday, December 17th, following the 11:00 A.M. Mass, the Art & Environment Committee will be preparing God's House for the Celebration of Christmas.

Remembering Christmases Past, the magic as you enter St. James the Apostle Church is POWERFUL and GLORIOUS!

We need many helping hands to make this happen! Please consider joining us after the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 17th, as a family or individual. Or join us at noon that day. No experience necessary.

Sandwiches, chips, hot chocolate and treats will be available for those helping.

Questions?

Call Peg Santore 630-880-8170

Glory
to
God in the
Highest



**CELEBRATING THE SEASONS OF ADVENT
& CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE**

—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—

Saturdays, December 9th and 16th

Regular confessions from 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Wednesday, December 20th

There will be a few priests available from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

*Please note: this is the final opportunity
for confession before Christmas*

—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—

Saturday, December 23rd

4:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 24th

10:00 A.M.

*Please note: The 9 and 11 A.M. Masses
have been combined into one Mass*

—CHRISTMAS EVE—

Sunday, December 24th

3:00 P.M. (Church and Parish Hall)

5:30 P.M.

10:00 P.M. | *Festival of Carols by Choir and Strings*

10:30 P.M.

—CHRISTMAS DAY—

Monday, December 25th

9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY—

Saturday, December 30th

4:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.



We Offer Our Prayers

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

*“Whoever believes in me,
even if they die, will live.”*



Mary Pat Baubly

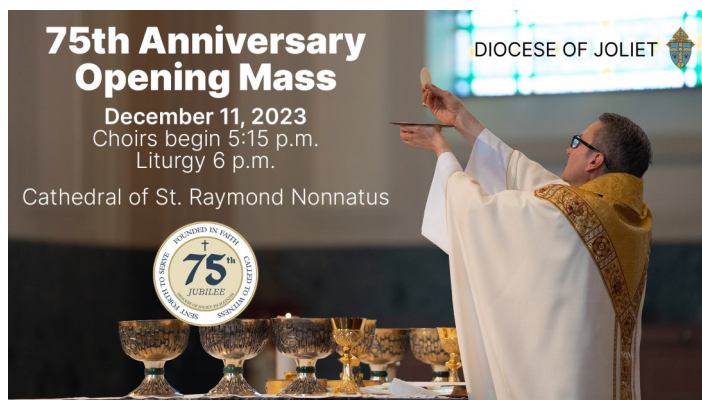
Joseph Pellicore

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



On Monday, December 11, 2023, the diocese will celebrate the Opening Liturgy for the 75th Anniversary at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. Ten bishops are expected to be in attendance for this special liturgy, which will begin with 5:15 P.M. performances by three choirs ahead of the 6 P.M. Mass. The universal prayers will be read in seven languages, and a custom 75th Anniversary Psalm and Prayer will be incorporated into the liturgy. The Mass will be livestreamed starting at 5:15 P.M. from the Diocese of Joliet's YouTube channel.

Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > December 11 - 17, 2023

DECEMBER 11/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.
Minnie Johnson
 REQ. BY O'CONNOR FAMILY

DECEMBER 12/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.
Erlinda Vale
 REQ. BY MODESTA V. BANAL

Susan O'Connor
 REQ. BY JERI BOLEK

DECEMBER 13/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.
Susan O'Connor
 REQ. BY PAT O'CONNOR

DECEMBER 14/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.
Raymond Voss
 REQ. BY LOIS VOSS

Gerard Ruttendjie
 REQ. BY RITA & DAVID MC INTYRE

DECEMBER 15/FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.
Richard Bartos
 REQ. BY MC MAHON FAMILY

DECEMBER 16/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.
John Rudnick
 REQ. BY LEAKAKOS FAMILY

DECEMBER 17/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.
Anna Moolayil
 REQ. BY FRANCIS MOOLAYIL

11:00 A.M.
People of the Parish

THIS WEEK @ ST. JAMES

11/MONDAY	12/TUESDAY	13/WEDNESDAY	14/THURSDAY	15/FRIDAY	16/SATURDAY	17/SUNDAY
<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CHURCH	<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CHURCH	<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CH	<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CH	<i>Daily Mass</i> 8 A.M. CH	<i>Cursillo Mtg</i> 7 A.M. SJH2/3	<i>Mass</i> 9 A.M. CH/ALL
<i>Christmas Staging</i> 8:30 A.M. SJH1	<i>A & E Water Plants</i> 8:30 A.M. CHURCH	<i>Christmas Staging</i> 8:30 A.M. SJH1	<i>Christmas Staging</i> 8:30 A.M. SJH1	<i>Christmas Staging/ Flower Delivery</i> 8:30 A.M. SJH1	<i>A&E Setup</i> 9 A.M. SJH1	<i>Choir at Mass</i> 11 A.M. CH/ALL
<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>Christmas Staging</i> 8:30 A.M. SJH1	<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>A & E Water Plants</i> 9 A.M. CHURCH	<i>Lector Gathering/ Voice Trials</i> 10 A.M. SJH2/3/CH	<i>Decorate for Christmas</i> 11 A.M. CH
<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>Tuesdays with MCF</i> 8:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>Faculty Meeting</i> 3 P.M. CIC	<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>Setup Christmas Program</i> 1 P.M. CH/ALL	<i>Reconciliations</i> 3 P.M. CH/ALL	<i>Hospitality for Helpers</i> 12 P.M. CH/ALL/SJH1
<i>Basketball Practice</i> 4:30 P.M. GYM	<i>Student Lector Reh</i> 11:30 A.M. CH	<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>Basketball Practice</i> 4:30 P.M. GYM	<i>Serra Club Mass</i> 6 P.M. CH	<i>Epiphany Bag Collection</i> 3:30 P.M. CN	<i>Senior High YM</i> 6 P.M. MC ALL
<i>Band Concert</i> 6 P.M. SJH123/K	<i>Lunch</i> 11:30 A.M. SJH1/K	<i>RE Prayer</i> 4:30 P.M. CH ALL	<i>Serra Club Meeting</i> 6:30 P.M. SJH1/K	<i>Christmas Program</i> 6:30 P.M. CH/ALL	<i>Mass</i> 4 P.M. CH/ALL	<i>Adult Rec. BBall</i> 7:30 A.M. GYM
<i>Diocesan 75th Ann.</i> <i>Opening Mass</i> 6 P.M. CATHEDRAL	<i>Student Cantor Reh</i> 2 P.M. CH	<i>Re Classes</i> 4:30 P.M. RE/RMS/SJH123	<i>School Board Mtg</i> 6:30 P.M. MC/D/R/K			
<i>OCIA Meeting</i> 6:30 P.M. MCYM	<i>Kids Klub</i> 3 P.M. GYM/A/M/RM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i> 7 P.M. SJH1				
<i>Altar Server Training</i> 6:30 P.M. CH	<i>Basketball Practice</i> 4:30 P.M. GYM	<i>KC Social Meeting</i> 7 P.M. SJH2/3				
<i>A.A. Meeting</i> 8 P.M. FL	<i>RE Mass</i> 4:30 P.M. CH ALL	<i>Evening Rosary</i> 7 P.M. CH				
	<i>RE Classes</i> 4:30 P.M. RE/RMS/SJH123					
	<i>Lector Gathering/ Voice Trials</i> 6 P.M. SJH2/3/CH					
	<i>Boy Scout Mtg.</i> 7:10 P.M. SJH1					

Worship Ministries and Events

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18 19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	St. Damasus
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday:	St. Lucy
Thursday:	St. John of the Cross
Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent



Administration Ministries

[STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY]

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the United States Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship: "*Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.*"

December 2/3

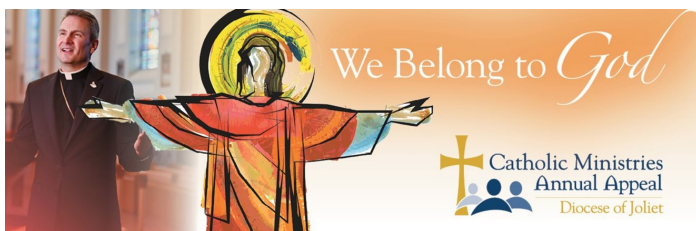
Sunday Collection with EFT: \$19,069.26

Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$2,985.09

Vatican Cookbook Donations for SVDP: \$671

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our surplus is \$3,877.26

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: 331

Amount Pledged: \$129,035

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$125,401

Balance Due: \$3,674

2023 Rebate to Parish: \$29,541

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 24th edition Weds., 12/14, 9 A.M.
- December 31st edition..... Weds., 12/20, 9 A.M.
- January 7th edition Friday, 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 may be found in the church narthex. We would like to thank Leonard Memorial Home for their contribution towards the cost of the calendars.

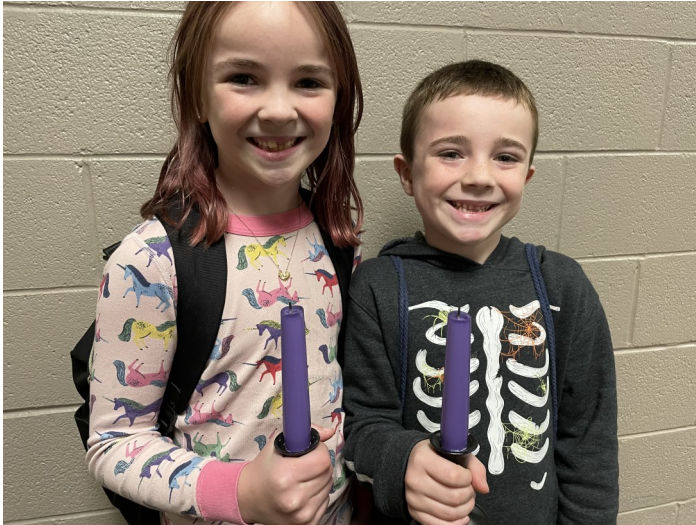
Repurposing Broken Rosaries/Rosary Parts

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.

Christian Education Ministries

RE Celebrates the Second Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus! Show us how to make room in our lives for His love and peace!!!



Parish Life Ministries

Tuesdays with Mass, Coffee & Fellowship Tuesday, December 12th

The next meeting of TMCF will take place on Tuesday, December 12 following the 8:00 A.M. Mass on that day. Please come and first worship the Lord at Mass and then convene in St. James Hall for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. All are welcome.

As a special treat, right after our morning repast, you will be able to help with the annual “tree fluffing” event. The more people that we have to help out with the assembly of the trees for the Christmas decorations, the easier the task.



Christian Service Ministries



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 Cooking Oil	4 Instant or Flavored Rice	5  Boxed Pasta	6 Pasta Sauce	7  Peanut Butter	8  Jelly	9 Paper Towels
10  Canned Fruit	11 Bottled Fruit Juice	12  Ketchup/Mayo	13 Dried/Canned White Beans	14 Dried/Canned Kidney Beans	15 Oatmeal Packets	16  Bar Soap
17 Canned Tuna or Canned Chicken	18  Boxed Pancake Mix	19 Pancake Syrup	20  Mac & Cheese	21 Hamburger Helper	22  Sugar	23  Liquid Laundry Soap
24  Flour	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!

Buying a New PC for Christmas?

Are you getting a new Windows 11 PC/Laptop this Christmas? Many old PCs will not support the new win 11, so maybe its time to donate it. If you have a PC that has a I5, I7 label on the PC Win10, we can find a new home for it with local Catholic Charity family.

This is a way to empower a family in need, to connect with information that can help them. Each refurbished PC has links to help students with home work, links to organizations and other helpful information. We request a \$20 contribution come with each PC so that we can include additional memory or printer ink with the transfer. We will clean the hard drive. Please include the operating system windows 10 key to help reduce our transfer costs. If you know of helpful web sites and APPs, send them along also. Contact Chuck Reiss 630-363-1865 or creiss@ameritech.net



Community Ministries and Events

Serra Club Mass and Advent Celebration December 14th at St. James the Apostle



*Serra Club of DuPage County
Christmas Advent Celebration
December 14, 2023*

Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by
Mass, then to the St. James Hall
for appetizers, drinks,
and dessert.



Fr. Greg Alberts will give a
mini-Advent talk to
nourish our spiritual life.

**We hope you can join us for this evening of prayer,
food, fellowship and fun!**

Cookie decorating contest and
Christmas Advent Bingo!



Festive Christmas attire,
casual is fine, even ugly
Christmas sweaters!



All our welcome to bring your favorite Christmas sweet to share.

Men Seeking Holiness: One-Day Retreat

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 28, 2023
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
36 North Ellsworth Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Cost: \$10 (lunch will be served)

All young men (18+) are invited to join Vocations Director Fr. Steven Borello and Fr. Jared Rutnicki, a newly ordained priest of the diocese, for a one-day retreat including:

- Prayer/Rosary
- Discussions
- Discernment on the life of holiness
- Mass
- Adoration
- Confession



Please register by December 18; scan the QR code or visit grco.de/DOJVocationsEvents

Questions?

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