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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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MINISTRY CENTER (630) 469-7540

Monday - Wednesday 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Thursday 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Friday 8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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Sunday, December 17, 2023 | The Third Sunday of Advent

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

Every year on this Third Sunday of Advent a well-meaning parishioner, usually male, makes the same or similar joke to the priest and deacon about wearing “pink.” Most people only notice the change in color for the vestments and wreath candles without knowing the deeper meaning or significance for this change. “Pink,” or more accurately rose, is more than just a color selection or preference; it is rooted in the ancient tradition of the Church.

We rejoice this weekend as the celebration of Christmas draws nearer. The Entrance Antiphon for the Third Sunday of Advent comes from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians when the Apostle Paul encouraged them toward joy, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” This is translated from the original Latin text, *Gaudete in Domino semper*, which begins with the imperative. We are being commanded, in a grammatical sense, to rejoice.



As above, this hortatory anticipation is reflected in the change to rose vestments as a lighter shade of violet. The alleviation of the penitential character of this season points to Christmas as a reminder that our preparations should be characterized by joy. The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday or “Rose Sunday” in reference to the coming joy. Pope Francis once preached that *Gaudete* Sunday is known as the “Sunday of joy”, and that instead of fretting about “all they still haven’t” done to prepare for Christmas, we should remember all the good things God has already given us.

This season concludes with the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Uniquely, Christmas Eve falls on the same Sunday this year. Unfortunately, Mass attendance for the Fourth Sunday is expected to be very light. Therefore, we decided to combine the usual morning Masses. **As a reminder, Sunday Mass next weekend will be at 10am.** There will not be both a 9am and 11am. Mass will only be at 10am in a simpler form without music or assisting ministers to give our wonderful volunteers a much-deserved and needed break before Christmas Eve. This one-time change has been advertised and announced on our website, bulletin, and Flocknote for several weeks.

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

We Offer Our Prayers

Grace Stasi	Bob Maurer
Abbie	Mae Maurer
Jennifer Baker	Marite Maurer
Mary Ann Bakes	Dino Mazza
Dion Bernabei	Meghan Menconi
Enzo Bernabei	James Pelletiere
Ali Barton	Samantha Pelletiere
Brent Benedict	Tino Pere
John Benedict	Toni Pereira
Karen Bijanki	Kathleen Pervan
Jeff Brown	Kevin Potyen
Zach Bryant	Raymond Prosperi
Daniel Burns	Carol Raymond
Mary Anne Capron	Yvonne Reno
Raija Carey	Jordan Richards
John Cassidy	Danny Riley
Rosemary Chacula	Angela Rinaldi
Alice Condon	Roseanne
Annette Cooke	Jack Rudnick
Chris Danly	John Rudnick
Charlie DeMory	Rose Rudnick
Tony and Sherry DeMory	Carol Sandowski
Georgianna DeMory	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
Raymond Keevins	Billy Southwell
Kayla Kenny	Danny Tapia
Sharon Kestlar	Isla Trapani
Patricia Klein	Colette Trepes
Jaxson Knapek	Milan Urban
Scott Landies	Laurie Valdez
Gretchen Laska	Josh Will
Julianne Loboeki	Lottie Will
Gail Lewellyan Johnson	Mary Will
Rick Lewellyan	
Gaye Masnjak	

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.”*



Jean Keating,
mother-in-law of Ed Drager

Kathleen Sichrovsky,
wife of Stephen and mother of Alyssa

We Make House Calls!

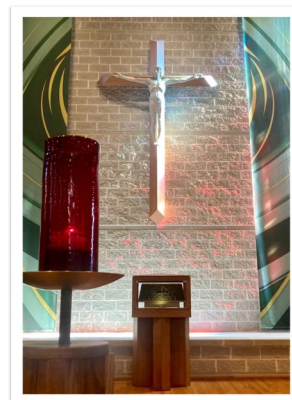
—Communion for the Homebound—

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

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.

December 18 - 24, 2023

This week our St. James Flames of Faith are offered:

In honor of: Dorothy Viscogiosi

Offered by: Jackie Radke

Glory
to
God in the
Highest



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

—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—

Saturday, December 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.

Please Note: The Parish Offices will be closed
beginning on Friday, December 22.
We will reopen on Weds., January 3rd at 8:30 A.M.



Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > December 18 - 24, 2023

DECEMBER 18/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

Eleanor Klein

REQ. BY GERI DESPARROIS

Frank Alberto Martinez

REQ. BY RUBI GARFIAS

DECEMBER 19/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Tony and Ann Trczynski

REQ. BY GERWEN FAMILY

DECEMBER 20/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Joan Reinhardt

REQ. BY O'CONNOR FAMILY

Carolyn Cullen

REQ. BY ST. JAMES ROSARY GROUP

DECEMBER 21/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.

Carolyn Cullen

REQ. BY THE STAFF OF ST. JAMES

DECEMBER 22/FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.

Antonio Caputo

REQ. BY CARLA CAPUTO

DECEMBER 23/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.

People of the Parish

DECEMBER 24/4TH SUN. OF ADVENT

10:00 A.M.

Harry Karstens

REQ. BY FAMILY

DECEMBER 24/CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 P.M. CHURCH

Kevin O'Keefe

REQ. BY KATHI HOLPER

3:00 P.M. ST. JAMES HALL

Richard John Purcell

REQ. BY MARJORIE MAXSON & FAMILY

5:30 P.M.

Rose Hagerty

REQ. BY PETER HAGERTY

10:30 P.M.

Special Intentions of the Celebrant

THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

18/MONDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

Christmas Staging

8:30 A.M. | SJHL

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

Basketball Practice

4:30 P.M. | GYM

OCIA Meeting

6:30 P.M. | MGYM

A.A. Meeting

8 P.M. | FL

19/TUESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

A & E Water Plants

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

Christmas Staging

8:30 A.M. | SJHL

Nativity Rehearsal

10:30 A.M. | CH

Student Lector Reh

11:30 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K

Midday Prayer/

Rite of Installation

12 P.M. | CHURCH

Luncheon

12:30 P.M. | SJH2/3

Student Cantor Reh

2 P.M. | CH

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

Basketball Practice

4:30 P.M. | GYM

Boy Scout Mtg.

7:10 P.M. | SJHL

20/WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Christmas Staging

8:30 A.M. | SJHL

Weds. Morning

Bible Study

9 A.M. | SJH2/3

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K

Faculty Meeting

3 P.M. | CIC

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

Advent

Reconciliations

6 P.M. | CHURCH

Choir Rehearsal

7 P.M. | SJHL

21/THURSDAY

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Christmas Staging

8:30 A.M. | SJHL

Nativity Rehearsal

10:30 A.M. | CH

Lunch

11:30 A.M. | SJHL/K

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

SVDP Meeting

4 P.M. | SJH2/3

Basketball Practice

4:30 P.M. | GYM

PTO Meeting

6:30 P.M. | A/M

22/FRIDAY

Setup Hall for

Christmas

6:30 A.M. | SJHL

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Christmas Staging

8:30 A.M. | SJHL

A & E Water

Plants/Decorate

Hall for Overflow

Mass

8:30 A.M. | CH/SJHL

Preschool

Christmas Program

9:30 A.M. | GYM

School Nativity

Sing a Long

12:30 P.M. | CHURCH

Kids Klub

3 P.M. | GYM/A/MRM

23/SATURDAY

Cursillo Mtg

7 A.M. | SJH2/3

Epiphany Bag

Collection

3:30 P.M. | CN

Mass

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

24/SUNDAY

Mass for 4th

Sunday of Advent

10 A.M. | CH/ALL

Christmas Eve

Mass

3 P.M. | CHURCH

Christmas Eve

Mass

3 P.M. | SJ HALL

Christmas Eve

Mass

5:30 P.M. | CHURCH

Festival of Carols

10 P.M. | CHURCH

Christmas Eve

Mass

10:30 P.M. | CH

25/MONDAY

Christmas Mass

9 A.M. | CHURCH

Christmas Mass

11 A.M. | CHURCH

Worship Ministries and Events

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
 Lk 1:5-25
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20
 -21/Lk 1:39-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
 Lk 1:46-56
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
 Lk 1:57-66
 Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3

Saints and Special Observances

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius
 Saturday: St. John of Kanty
 Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;
 Christmas Eve



Administration Ministries

[STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY]

All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

December 9/10

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$15,444

Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$440

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: \$2,118

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our surplus is \$252

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: \$131,320

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$128,099

Balance Due: \$3,221

2023 Rebate to Parish: \$31,430

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 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

Please Note: Upcoming Parish Office Closures

The Parish Offices will close at 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, December 19th. We will reopen on Wednesday at 8:30 A.M.

Beginning on Friday, December 22nd, the offices will be closed for Christmas and New Years. We will reopen on Weds., January 3rd at 8:30 A.M.



Emergency calls for the Anointing of the Sick may be directed to our emergency line: Call 630-469-7540, and press 3 to leave a message.

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 Third Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus! Help us to share our joy as we prepare for Jesus' coming!!



Youth Ministry



Thank you to so many here in our St. James community who prayed, brought food, and sent well wishes to me as I underwent total hip replacement and am progressing through recovery well! Youth Ministry is back in action now with tonight being our celebration of our season of Christmas. Be sure to click in with Flocknote that your teen is coming & we have lots of great faith opportunities ready for your teens in the new year!

Christian Service Ministries

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

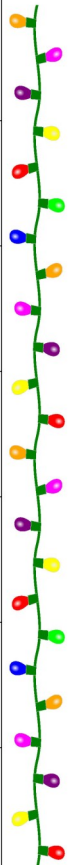


ADVENT 2023

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
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!



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