

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

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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 24, 2023 | The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

This year is unique for the liturgical calendar. The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on the same day as Christmas Eve. This overlap could occur about every six years with the last occurrence in 2017 and 2006 because of a leap year. Today, our attention is more focused on Christmas as Advent concludes abruptly. What do we celebrate today?

Our joy on Christmas comes from the salvation offered by the miraculous birth of Jesus. The ancient Jewish authorities believed the Messiah would be a political rather than religious figure. They hoped he would be an avenging warrior to overthrow the Roman occupation of their ancestral lands. Instead, Jesus was born as an infant. His human birth displayed vulnerability and meekness rather than power and might.

Saint Athanasius, a Church Father, beautifully expressed this subversion of expectation, “God became man so that man might become like God.” Divinity was born into humanity so that mortality might enter into eternity. The infant Jesus was rejected by everyone even before his birth. Mary and Joseph were turned away at every inn. They settled on resting in a stable with the animals. God chose the humblest environment for the beginning of his human life.

Foreigners from a strange land were the only ones, aside from the heavenly choirs of angels, who were excited at the birth of Jesus. The three wise men journeyed from the East guided by a star. They brought gifts to the baby honoring him as their king despite the stench of animals and straw. These strangers recognized the miracle before them. They did not share the political expectations for a Messiah. They were open to subversion and surprise. They were so changed by their encounter that they went home by another way.

The angels proclaimed “Glory to God in the highest and peace to men of goodwill!” Our joy echoes their heavenly chorus as we attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The exchanging of gifts with family and friends mirrors the gifts given by the Magi to Jesus. Our happiness at these material things foreshadows the complete, abiding joy we will feel in Heaven. This is only made possible by the salvation offered at Christmas.

Thank you for attending Mass this weekend. Seeing a full Church twice a year on Christmas and Easter is bittersweet because if every weekend was at capacity we could renew our culture with the gifts of love and peace Jesus offers at his birth. Please prayerfully consider attending Mass every Sunday to receive the most precious gift of all: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Glory
to
God in the
Highest



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES

—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.



We Offer Our Prayers

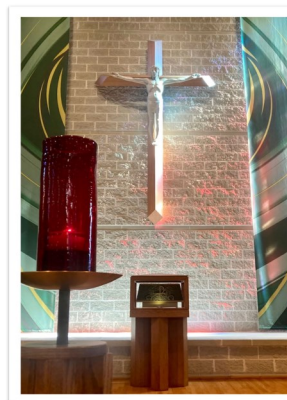
Grace Stasi	Marite Maurer
Abbie	Dino Mazza
Jennifer Baker	Meghan Menconi
Mary Ann Bakes	Yvonne Pelafas
Dion Bernabei	James Pelletiere
Enzo Bernabei	Samantha Pelletiere
Ali Barton	Olivia Pere Allen
Brent Benedict	Tino Pere
John Benedict	Toni Pereira
Karen Bijanki	Kathleen Pervan
Jeff Brown	Kevin Potyen
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	Elsie Rosasco Copeland
Annette Cooke	Roseanne
Chris Danly	Jack Rudnick
Charlie DeMory	John Rudnick
Tony and Sherry DeMory	Rose Rudnick
Georgianna DeMory	Carol Sandowski
LaVerne DuMond	Katherine Sanford
Mary Lou Fehlen	Bobbie Saverino
Ivy Giuseffi	Jennifer Saverino-Bayne
Emily Hand	Mary Pat Schroeder
Baby Penelope James	Wayne Schroeder
Carole Kaczmar	Nibbs Scully
Edward Kane	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	Gabrielle Urban
Julianne Loboeki	Milan Urban
Gail Lewellyan Johnson	Laurie Valdez
Rick Lewellyan	Josh Will
Mary Lichar	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!

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 *Flames of Faith* 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 25 - 31, 2023

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

For the repose of the soul of Antonio Caputo

Offered by: *Carla Caputo*



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

Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > December 25 - 31, 2023

DECEMBER 25/CHRISTMAS

9:00 A.M.
People of the Parish

11:00 A.M.
Cozzi Family
REQ. BY JOAN COZZI

DECEMBER 26/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.
Carolyn Cullen
REQ. BY GILLIGAN FAMILY

DECEMBER 27/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.
Carolyn Cullen
REQ. BY GILLIGAN FAMILY

DECEMBER 28/THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.
Cathy Gawron
REQ. BY GAWRON FAMILY

Carolyn Cullen
REQ. BY GAWRON FAMILY

DECEMBER 29/FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.
John Leen
REQ. BY FAMILY

Kathy Sichrovsky
REQ. BY LANCASTER FAMILY

DECEMBER 30/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.
Teresa A. Partridge
REQ. BY ROSEMARY VERCRUYSE

DECEMBER 31/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.
John Leen
REQ. BY LEEN FAMILY

11:00 A.M.
People of the Parish

THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

25/CHRISTMAS

Christmas Mass
9 A.M. | CHURCH
Christmas Mass
11 A.M. | CHURCH
A.A. Meeting
8 P.M. | FL

26/TUESDAY

Daily Mass
8 A.M. | CHURCH
A & E Water Plants
8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

27/WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass
8 A.M. | CH

28/THURSDAY

Daily Mass
8 A.M. | CH

29/FRIDAY

Daily Mass
8 A.M. | CH
Christmas Staging
8:30 A.M. | SJHl
A & E Water Plants
8:30 A.M. | CH/SJHl

30/SATURDAY

Cursillo Mtg
7 A.M. | SJH2/3
Reconciliations
3 P.M. | CH/ALL
Mass
4 P.M. | CH/ALL

31/SUNDAY

Mass
9 A.M. | CH/ALL
Mass
11 A.M. | CH/ALL
Adult Rec. BBall
7:30 P.M. | GYM



O Come let us adore Him

Worship Ministries and Events

Readings for the Week

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

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

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

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

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/
Lk 2:22-40

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: The Nativity of our Lord

Tuesday: St. Stephen

Wednesday: St. John

Thursday: The Holy Innocents

Friday: St. Thomas Becket

Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family





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“This Is My Body”

THE SHOCKING TRUTH

Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” This teaching was so shocking that many of his followers left at that moment! Jesus did not call them back to clarify, because he knew they understood correctly. He was actually telling them to eat his flesh and drink his blood.

As Catholics, we believe Jesus’ words literally, not symbolically. The substance of the bread and wine transform into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ at every Mass. We call this miracle the Eucharist.



Scan to explore Church teaching on the Eucharist!

eucharisticrevival.org



FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN
TO US A SON IS GIVEN
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE
ON HIS SHOULDERS
AND HE WILL BE CALLED
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
MIGHTY GOD
EVERLASTING FATHER
PRINCE OF PEACE

—Isaiah 9:6



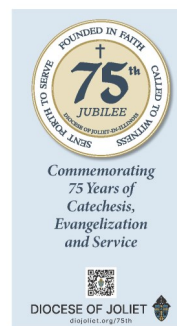
*Wishing a Blessed and
Merry Christmas
to You and Yours
from Fr. Keith Wolfe,
Bishop Conlon,
Fr. Bill Cullen,
and the entire staff of
St. James the Apostle
Parish and School!*



Please Note: Upcoming Parish Office Closures

Beginning on Friday, December 22nd, the offices 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.

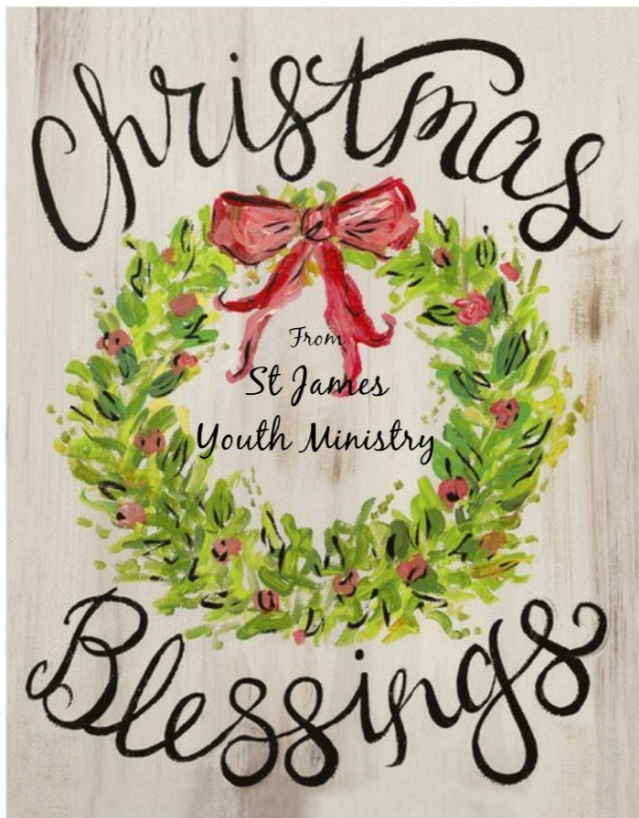
Christian Education Ministries

RE Celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus! You bring love into our hearts and draw us closer to You as we await your birth!!



Youth Ministry



Our St. James Youth Ministry program wishes our entire St. James community a Blessed & Merry Christmas!

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



Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Top Needs

Non-perishable donations may be brought to the Coat Room of the church or drooped off at the pantry. For more information, visit the website: glenellynfoodpantry.org



KNIGHTS CORNER



The ending of the month of November and the beginning of December mean busy times for the Knights of St. James the Apostle Council #9806. The Saturday after Thanksgiving was the date of the semiannual Blood Drive. The Knights want to thank all the Knights and volunteers who made this event a huge success. We overshot our requested quota of units making it one of the best showings that we have had. Special thanks go out to Knight Kurt Padera who twice a year heads up this important activity. The first picture shows Kurt as he is just finishing his giving of blood. The second shows Knight Mike Kane as he is in the middle of doing his duty to help others with the gift of life.



The Knights once again this year sponsored the annual Essay Contest for St. James School and Religious Education students. Grand Knight Vinnie Romano is shown in the next picture along with St. James School Principal Paul Kirk (also a Knight) as he presents the financial awards to two winners, Emma F. and Dominic D. A third winner, Sophie C. was absent for this presentation. Congratulations to these winners and to all of those who participated.



Finally, as all of you have probably seen, the Knights have been a presence in the Narthex during the month of November as the annual Christmas Basket Program sign-up was in full swing. Now that the families have been adopted and the presents have been purchased we now turn to the collection of these gifts and the distribution to the needy families. The entire parish needs to thank Knight Mike Progar and his wife Kristin for heading up this project. The next picture shows Mike and Kristin along with some of the Knights and volunteers who helped with the collection of the gifts and the distribution the following days.



A BIG Thank You
to Our St. James
Knights of
Columbus!



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!