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Catholic Church



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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Weekdays: Tuesday 8:00 AM

Individual Confession:

Saturday 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
(Or call parish office to make appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each month
Noon-1:00 PM

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

*To continue Jesus' work of
calling all people into a loving
relationship with God and neighbor.*

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM-4:00 PM

(Closed daily 12:00-1:00 PM)

Please call before coming to make sure a
staff member will be available to help you.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

DEAR PARISHIONERS...

We come to church to celebrate our Lord's birth. On Sunday, we expand that celebration to his immediate family, the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph cared for their son, raising Him in the religious traditions of their Jewish faith. Luke says of Jesus after he is found in the temple teaching, "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." We pray that our families may provide that same fertile ground for all of us to grow similarly.



Sunday's readings have good fundamental advice for families in any time, in any place. Sirach counsels us as to how to treat our parents throughout our lives, particularly as they age. We owe our parents care and compassion, for we are indebted to God, our Father, for all that we have received. In one simple paragraph, the author of Colossians sums up the many qualities that should characterize all our relationships, for we are all brothers and sisters. Easily, overlooked is the shortest sentence: "And be thankful." A thankful attitude reminds us to look for God's blessings even during difficult times.

How can we apply the lessons from scripture to the various families we belong to: my immediate family, my extended family, my parish family, my family at work or school, the entire human family?

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Since this holy day falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass drops out. Through the years this first day of the New Year celebrated a number of occasions. It is the eighth day since Christmas. Therefore the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, the circumcision, and also the naming of Jesus was celebrated. And since it is the first day of the New Year, The Holy Father designates January 1st as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. We will be celebrating the primary focus of Christmas by celebrating Epiphany of the Lord at the usual 5:00 PM Mass.

On behalf of Fred, Carl, Donna, Mary Jo, Linda, Dale, Fr. George, and myself, we extend to you, your family, and friends a most blessed New Year filled with love, joy, and peace.

Eucharistic Adoration on Friday

On the First Friday of the month, Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament would like to pray for your special intentions. Please write them in the Book of Intentions.

Join us **at noon for Eucharistic Adoration in church on January 7, 2022.** Stay as long as you are able.



My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?

-Bob Hope

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Here To Help

St. Vincent de Paul Intake Office

For assistance with Shelter/Lodging/Rent, Utilities/Shutoffs, Furniture and Clothing

Phone.....414-462-7837

For Emergency Food.....211

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A Stewardship Moment

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

In the Gospel for the Christmas Mass at dawn we hear that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

-The Catholic Steward

Pray For

We remember the special needs of St. James parishioners, family and friends, especially:



Megan, Alex, and Baby Binger

(Relatives of Ellen Schuh)

Geri Ann Koncilja

(Aunt of Theresa Placek)

Larry Vance

(Brother of Trudi (Bernie) Bellin)

Diane Kirchoff (Friend of Donna Brown)

Cindy Malliet

(Niece of George and Kris Bloechl)

Kris Bloechl (Wife of George)

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(Friend of Norrine and Dan Nolan)

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Tony Frittitta (Husband of Audrey)

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(Daughter of Karen Iwinski)

Gilchrist Family

(Relatives of Evelyn Spadinger)

Phil Willman (Brother of Fran Spanke)

Mike Berry (Friend of Rose Oliva)

Linda Guzman de Cardona

(Sister of Marie Guzman)

James Griffin (Son of Debby Fischer)

Jeanette and Cheryl Odegard

Joel Prusinski

(Son of Nanci and Bob Prusinski)

By our prayers, we offer support.
If you or any of your relatives need prayers, call 761-0480.

Prayer and Liturgies

December 24 through January 2

Friday: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Is 9:1-6

Ti 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14

8:00 AM - Living and Deceased Members of St. James

10:00 AM - †Deceased Members of the Banaszynski Family

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

Is 9:1-6

Ti 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14

9:00 AM - †Maciejewski and Mijal Families

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28

1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24

Lk 2:41-52

8:00 AM - †Ron and John Kunstman

10:00 AM - †Angela Picione

Monday: Saint John

1 Jn 1:1-4

Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12

Jn 20:1a,2-8

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Ps 124:2-5,7c-8

Mt 2:13-18

8:00 AM - †Dominic Chen,

†Theresa Lin, and †Joseph Chen

Wednesday: Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:3-11

Ps 96:1-3,5b-6

Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17

Ps 96:7-10

Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:18-21

Ps 96:1-2,11-13

Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

4:00 PM Ind. Reconciliation

5:00 PM - †Jim Iwinski

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a,5-6

Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM - †Mike Spanke

10:00 AM - †John Paul and Anne Sulik

2021 Contributions

Per IRS regulations, charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received or postmarked. If a donor has not mailed or submitted a check by year-end, no matter what date is on the check, it may not be attributed to that year.

Any financial stewardship received after Friday, December 31, will be credited to 2022 contributions.

Thank you all for your continued financial support.





GROWING FAITH

Wiegenlied is a “cradle song,” or lullaby, that originated in Austria in the mid-1800s. We know it today as a Christmas carol with the title Still, Still, Still. Its lush and peaceful melody makes it stand out from so many of the holly, jolly songs of the season. This lullaby celebrates the quietness and serenity of the scene in the

stable. Mary gently caressing her newborn, feeding him at her breast, and singing him to sleep. “Hush, hush, hush, still, still, still, sleep, sleep, sleep”...are the recurring words of the refrain.

As you read this column the shopping and wrapping are done, the frenzied preparations complete, and the time has arrived for celebrating the reason for the season: the birth of Jesus. My prayer for you and your families this holy season is that you know some of the stillness and serenity this lullaby highlights. Not just quiet (although that alone would be a wonderful gift) but genuine peace. The peace that comes from knowing that “God so loved the world that he sent his only son, Jesus,” to walk with us, to save us and call us to follow him in love and service to our neighbor. Find a little quiet time to be still, to let the astonishing miracle of this God-with-Us sink in and fill you with peace.

Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.

The Virgin's tender arms enfolding,

Warm and safe the Child are holding.

Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep.

While angel hosts from heaven come winging,

Sweetest songs of joy are singing.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep.

-Fred



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Food Pantry will reopen on Friday, January 7, 2022.

For immediate help, call 211 or 414-462-7837.



Stop at the Information Desk in the church lobby and pick up a “new member” packet.

Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



The shepherds in the hills around Bethlehem were the first to find out about the birth of Jesus. They were the first to visit the new baby and his family in the stable. The shepherds of the Lord in your life are people who love God and you very much. They praise God and say wonderful things about God. They tell you how good you are. They protect you from evil and harm.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for the shepherds you sent to love and care for me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will be a good shepherd and protect my brother and sister from harm.

**Open the Door of Love**

Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts forgiving and forgiven for Jesus sake.

Amen.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Parish Calendar
Friday, December 24
Parish Office Closed
Food Pantry Closed

4:00 PM Mass
 10:00 PM Mass

Saturday, December 25

9:00 AM Mass

Next Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

Monday, December 27

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 PM AA (Rm. 7)

Wednesday, December 29

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31

Food Pantry Closed (Will reopen Jan. 7)

Saturday, January 1

8:45 AM-11:00 AM Gamblers
 Anonymous (Rm. 7)

Next Sunday, January 2

8:55 AM Confirmation Session (Rm. 1)

11:15 AM Family Faith Formation
 Session (CH)

12:15 PM Children Choir Rehearsal (C)

CH = Church Hall

C = Church

CL = Church Lobby

CR A = Parish Office Conference Room

CR B = Parish Office Conference Room

CR C = Parish Office Conference Room

Rm. # = Classroom in Parish Center

SH = South Hall

CHMR = Meeting Room in the Corner
 of the Church Hall

PC = Parish Center

St James Music Ministry invites you to:

*Gaudete
 Rejoice!*

Concert and Reception

Sunday, January 9, 4:00 pm
Choir, Handbells, Orchestra
Free-will offering

Invite family
 and friends!

There will be a sign-up sheet at the information desk in the lobby for anyone who would like to bring reception items for after the concert. They can be dropped off the weekend of January 8 and 9.

Come and enjoy a St. James tradition!



Holiday Schedule

Please call before coming to the Parish Office the week between Christmas and New Year to make sure a staff member will be available to help you.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 27.

*Happy
 New Year*



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