

St. James Community

428 N 2nd Street
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Our Mission Statement

*We, the Parish of St. James,
are a family of faith,
who worship together
and serve God's People
through works of
compassion, education,
justice and peace.*

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY:

8:00 AM, Monday through Friday

WEEKENDS:

Saturday 8:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:15 AM

HOLY DAYS:

See bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please call for an appointment

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, or by
appointment. First Friday 8:30 AM to
9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

4th Sunday of the month at 12:15 PM.
Inquire at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made **6 months
in advance** to allow for adequate
preparation and instructions

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM Rosary & Divine
Mercy Chaplet
Fridays 8:30 AM Stations of the Cross &
Holy Hour
First Friday of each month Healing Service
& Holy Hour

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Reverend Leonard Jacobs

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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, December 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
 8:00 AM + Wayne England (Judy England)

TUESDAY, December 8: Immaculate Conception
 9:00 AM + Mary Connors
 5:30 PM + Dena Graham (Georgann Walker)

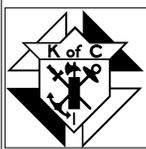
WEDNESDAY, December 9: Advent Weekday
 8:00 AM + Susan Katz (Linda Nash)

THURSDAY, December 10: Advent Weekday
 8:00 AM + Celso Cagnoni (Vivian Borkus)

FRIDAY, December 11: Advent Weekday
 8:00 AM + Helen M. Muldowney (John Muldowney)

SATURDAY, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 8:00 AM + Harold Lubow (Heffran Family)
 4:00 PM The People of St. James Parish

SUNDAY, December 13: Third Sunday of Advent
 8:30 AM + Sereno & Mary Ferraro (Family)
 11:15 AM + Ed Borkus (Vivian Borkus)



The Keep Christ in Christmas posters for the Knights of Columbus poster contest are now due. Please place in the Sacristy or drop off at the parish office this coming week. Thanks for participating.

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In October, St. James parishioners donated a total of \$111 for window restoration!



WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

BUDGET NEEDED	\$	7,200.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS:	\$	3,881.00
SURPLUS/DEFECIT	\$	(3,319.00)
FUEL ENVELOPE	\$	19.00

St. James Prayer Chain

Would you like prayers for someone who is ill or dealing with serious problems?

Call Diane Roman at 815-566-9746 or email dicanread@aol.com to make your prayer requests.

SIGN UP FOR MASS WITH SIGN UP GENIUS



We have reached our Covid limitations capacity of 70 people at several of our Masses so we now need to require people to sign up in advance for the Mass that you would like to attend. Please reserve a spot ahead of time to attend Mass. Please call the parish office to reserve attendance at a Mass or use the online reservation system, Sign Up Genius, that we have set up for your convenience, where from your computer or phone you can choose what Mass you are attending and how many people will be attending with you. You can find a link to this on our St. James website, stjamesrockford.com, or on My Parish App. For questions or reservations call the parish office 962-1214.



The Wednesday morning Bible Study is cancelled due to Covid restrictions until further notice.

St. James Office Hours

Please note that starting on November 30th, St. James will be having limited office hours due to Covid restrictions. We will be checking messages regularly. Please call the parish office hours for more information or to schedule an appointment.



St. James parishioners donated \$394.25 to Cornucopia in November.

Please keep the following parishioners and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with their illnesses:

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| Betty Wandell | Michael Smith |
| John Smith | Loretta Reif |
| Marsha Newburg | Ricky Lind |
| Camryn Guinta | John Zuba |
| Lucille Jens | Rolleen Cerio |
| Jacki Lindquist | Rose Mary |
| Ruth Szleszinski | Christine Labella |
| Justus Nicaloa | Mary Ann Dion |
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| Dorothy Canode | Sharon Enna |
| Michael Serrano | John Barton |
| Paula Scwitters | Joan Sprague |
| Don Sawyer | Mary Ann Knighton |
| Terry Torrez | |

May they keep their faith in getting stronger every day. Call the parish office 815-962-1214 to add or remove a name.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord.". We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. Our phone number is 815-904-5226.

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."



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From the Editor

Due to the Christmas holiday the deadline for submitting articles to be included in the December 27th bulletin is 9 a.m. on Monday, December 14th and the January 3rd bulletin is Monday, December 21st.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

We have added Masses to our Christmas Mass schedule in order to help accommodate our capacity limitations due to Covid restrictions. The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:



December 24 Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. (already full)
6:00 p.m.

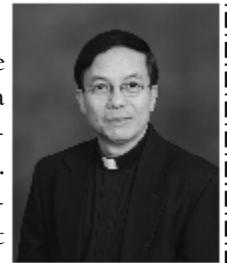
December 25 Christmas Day:

12:00 a.m. (Midnight Mass)
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

Sign up early for Christmas Mass! Make sure to sign up ahead of time for the Christmas Mass that you would like to attend either online with Sign Up Genius which can be found on our website (www.stjamesrockford.com) or by calling the parish office. **You need to sign up ahead of time to make sure that you are able to attend due to our Covid capacity limitations. You will not be able to attend without signing up in advance.**

Dear Parishioners,

In this Second Sunday of Advent we see John the Baptist being followed by a large group of people because of his physical appearance and his fascinating news. His outfit was totally different from a normal person. Instead of wearing the best garments he used the camels hair and a strip of tanned skin for his belt. His food was from the wilderness like honey and roasted grasshoppers. He was serious in his ascetic life wanting to live close to God.



He preached repentance, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." He told the people that someone is following him who is mightier than himself; he feel his unworthiness even to untie the straps of his sandals. With this kind of humility people were attracted and listened and obeyed him to prepare themselves for the One who is coming. His intention was not to draw people to himself but to direct their attention to the coming Savior of the world.

We are being reminded that our way of life and our words must always lead people not to ourselves but to Christ. Sometimes we don't have to preach to inspire people to the faith. All we have to do is to show it in the way we live, that we have a strong conviction to what we believe and people recognize our dedication and commitment to our faith and church. Through our sincerity, honesty and humility we'll be bringing our wayward brothers and sisters to Christ, our Savior.

God Bless You
Fr. Jacobs



Hello Parishioners! We have started a new initiative wherein we will share with you projects that need to be completed at St. James, providing you with an opportunity to make a financial contribution to that project on a personal level. In some cases you may wish to contribute the full cost of the project with a fellow parishioner. In either case, your participation will be greatly appreciated! Current opportunities:

Power wash the rectory. There are two reasons for this project: one is, naturally for beautification; the other, and most important, is that sandstone needs to "breathe" in order to remain healthy (this is true of most all stone and brick). The build-up of mold and mildew is harmful for the stone and will eventually cause it to deteriorate. **\$1,600**

New sinks in the school (this is a shared cost with ASCA) **\$4,620**

A new item on our Wish List is the **restoration of our beautiful wooden church doors.** The exterior of the doors is in dire need of re-finishing. There are 7 doors and 2 windows that need to be re-done. The cost for this project is **\$4,500.**

Thank you to a parishioner for the generous donation of \$500 towards to the restoration of the church door project!



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