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TO GOD  
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HIGHEST  
AND ON  
EARTH  
PEACE TO  
THOSE  
ON WHOM  
HIS FAVOR  
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14



# Mass Intentions for the Week

- MONDAY, December 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**  
8:00 AM + Rosemary Bartley (Jerry & Sheila Antosch)
- TUESDAY, December 28: The Holy Innocents**  
8:00 AM + Deceased members of Leick & McGilvery Families
- WEDNESDAY, Dec 29: Fifth Day within Octave of Nativity**  
8:00 AM + Karen Carlson (Phyllis Grisanzio)
- THURSDAY, Dec 30: Sixth Day within Octave of Nativity**  
8:00 AM + Kay Luna (Dan Luna)
- FRIDAY, Dec 31: Seventh Day within Octave of Nativity**  
8:00 AM + Patrick, Jerry and Gary Brady (Paula Brady)
- SATURDAY, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
8:00 AM + Irene Pulizzi (Peter Pulizzi)  
4:00 PM The People of St. James Parish
- SUNDAY, January 2: Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:30 AM + Dennis Cash (Family)  
11:15 AM + Brian & Barry Elmers (Mr. & Mrs. Elmers)



**LECTORS NEXT WEEK:**

- Sat. 4:00 PM Mike Cieslak  
Sun. 8:30 AM Anna Derocher  
Sun. 11:15 AM Jim Cichock

**COMMEMORATORS NEXT WEEK:**

- Sat. 4:00 PM Mary McGregor  
Sun. 8:30 AM Ed Geeser  
Sun. 11:15 AM Nick Scheuer

**COMMUNION MINISTERS NEXT WEEK:**

- Sat. 4:00 PM Dan Luna, Betsy Pierce  
Sun. 8:30 AM John Doyle, Sara Wykes  
Sun. 11:15 AM Barbara Johnson, Pray Meh

**SERVERS NEXT WEEK:**

- Sat. 4:00 PM Nate Kendrick, Jacob Pierce  
Sun. 8:30 AM Fergus McNamara, Shan Non  
Sun. 11:15 AM Elsie & Olivia Schirger

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK:**

- Sat. 4:00 PM Mary Madden, Kathy Wilson  
Sun. 8:30 AM Tim & Kathy Barkdoll  
Sun. 11:15 AM John & Kathy Barton

**WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION (Dec. 11 - 16)**

|                           |    |          |
|---------------------------|----|----------|
| <b>BUDGET NEEDED</b>      | \$ | 7,200.00 |
| <b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS:</b> | \$ | 6,252.00 |
| <b>SURPLUS/DEFECIT</b>    | \$ | (948.00) |
| <b>FUEL ENVELOPE</b>      | \$ | 372.00   |
| <b>CHRISTMAS</b>          | \$ | 8,050.00 |

***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](mailto:dicanread@aol.com)  
to make your prayer requests.*



May the Spirit of Christ's birth be within your hearts this Christmas. We know that Christmas is not about pretending that God will be born again this year but realizing that God takes flesh for us each day. We are the hearts and hands that offer love to the world and give it flesh. We serve one another in hope for a better world. The promise of Peace on earth will eventually happen. Christ's resurrection has shown the power to bring this about despite the evil things people do.

We are filled with Hope and Gratitude for a new year. May we be open to see how God will come to meet us, to take flesh right here where we are in the world that is not perfect and in need of redemption. Emmanuel—God is with us.

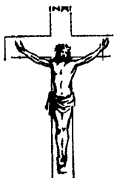
Nurture your faith by attending Mass each week, by becoming involved in a committee or ministry. We are all called to serve. How will God call you into service here at St. James?

Have a Blessed Christmas!

The Worship Commission

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pamala Herdklotz. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



There will be no coffee and donuts on Sunday January 2nd. We will resume on Sunday January 9th.

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

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Karen Harding</i>    | <i>Michael Smith</i>       |
| <i>John Smith</i>       | <i>Loretta Reif</i>        |
| <i>Marsha Newburg</i>   | <i>Ricky Lind</i>          |
| <i>Camryn Guinta</i>    | <i>John Zuba</i>           |
| <i>Lucille Jens</i>     | <i>Rolleen Cerio</i>       |
| <i>Jacki Lindquist</i>  | <i>Rose Mary</i>           |
| <i>Ruth Szleszinski</i> | <i>Mary Beth Allen</i>     |
| <i>Justus Nicaloa</i>   | <i>Mary Ann Dion</i>       |
| <i>Marcia Chiodini</i>  | <i>Linnea Lundy</i>        |
| <i>James Macdonough</i> | <i>Gregory Hartman</i>     |
| <i>Linda Zuba</i>       | <i>Sharon Enna</i>         |
| <i>Michael Serrano</i>  | <i>John Barton</i>         |
| <i>Paula Scwitters</i>  | <i>Joan Sprague</i>        |
| <i>Don Sawyer</i>       | <i>Mary Ann Knighton</i>   |
| <i>Mary Pat Bradley</i> | <i>Peter Vander Vannet</i> |

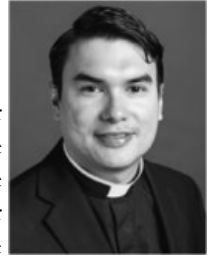
May they keep their faith in getting stronger every day. Call the parish office 815-962-1214 to add or remove a name.

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them." Through your donations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families, by providing food, and assistance for utility and rent bills. Thanks!



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas!



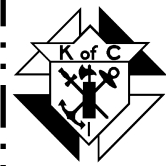
As we celebrate and give thanks to God for His infinite love by becoming one of us so we can be united to Him, I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to God for our community. Though I have been here only three months, I am overjoyed at the generosity of time, talent, and treasure that I have witnessed at St. James on a daily basis. Your love for this parish is unquestionable, manifested by the many acts of kindness and the many things you do to keep our "grand old" facilities functioning. I want to personally thank those of you who, through gifts, large or small, have allowed us to make the following improvements this year: power wash the rectory; put new gutters and downspouts on the rectory; paint the porch on the rectory; re-side the garage; re-finish the church doors; refurbished the steps into the gymnasium; replace the sinks in the school restrooms; plaster numerous cracks in the church and rectory; add security cameras throughout the church and Beauvais center, install a defibrillator in the church; video and stream a Mass weekly; add a key/card operator for the exterior doors to the Beauvais center and its elevator; schedule two more stained glass windows to be restored; and a host of smaller projects.

The Lord has blessed us by giving Himself to all of us and he continues to bless us all by the many good works that each one of you bring to this community.

God Bless you all,

Have a Blessed Merry Christmas.

Fr. Sarmiento



Congratulations to our two newest members, Charles Burns and Lance Bifulk. Welcome to a great fraternity of Catholic men. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our St James family and friends. May 2022 bring you joy and peace.

Thank you to the parishioners of St. James for your support of the Cornucopia Food Pantry in 2021! Your donations of money, food and many hours of volunteer service allowed us to serve over 7,000 households this year. We became a "full choice" pantry in August of this year. Clients can now shop the shelves and choose their own food. It has been a truly positive transformation for all of us. Clients and volunteers are enjoying the changes. We are grateful to the parishioners of St. James for making this service to our neighbors possible. God bless you!



"Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us." *\*Excerpts from Patris corde, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2021 Respect Life Reflection*

**DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP:** Consider an end of year donation to our Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. Our parish target is \$41,859. We still need another \$14,339 to reach our goal. Please consider donating to this.



**S**ave Time and Donate Online! Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website and click on online giving. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office.

In November, St. James parishioners donated a total of \$252.00 for window restoration!



St. James parishioners donated \$804.00 to Cornucopia in November.



**AN INVITATION**

If you are not already an active member of this community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn. Feel free to call on us if we can be of service to you in any way.

Merry Christmas!

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