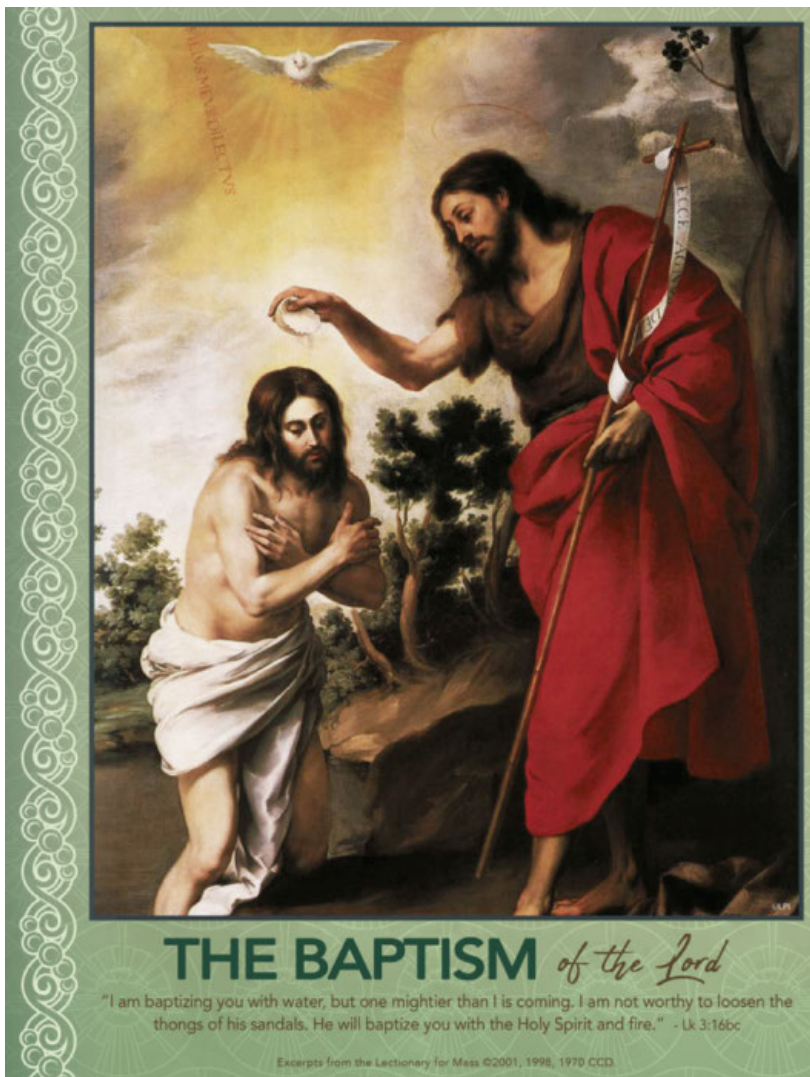


# ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## JANUARY 2, 2022



### THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

### DAILY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday 7:30am

Friday 9:00am

### SACRAMENTS

#### RECONCILIATION

By appt. only during the pandemic.

#### BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office.

Families are encouraged to be registered in the parish.

#### MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior the proposed date.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you know of someone homebound, sick, or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those in need within our boundaries, call 314-289-6101 ext. 1152.

### OUR PARISH COMMITMENT

As parishioners of St. James the Greater Catholic Church, we strive to follow Jesus Christ in our Eucharistic Community by witnessing God's love for ourselves, our families, and our growing diverse community; particularly in Dogtown, and its surrounding neighborhoods and institutions...sharing our blessings with our new neighbors, and those living on the margins of faith.

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# A Pastor's Reflection by Fr. Quirk, Ph.D.



Dear Parishioners,

I wish to thank each of you for your support to the parish. Last year, 2021, was not as much of a "good year" that so many of us had hoped for, yet it was "more" than many expected. Each of us

will have our own reflection on the past year. That is good.

As I have expressed in various media forms, I am happy to claim that the Child's grace and energy has been more and more viable on our streets over the past months. Our Eucharistic community keeps growing (Mass and sacramental participation) and with that, the whole life of our neighborhood seems more awake. I detailed a lot of our growth in my end of the year gift request letter. If you have contributed, thank you, if not yet, please consider.

The schedule for the bulletin has limited my ability to share with you the latest parish information as well as community life activities. Soon things will return to "normal." On this first Sunday of the year, I want to acknowledge the wonderful response all of you gave to the Sounds of Christmas concert on December 19. Over 200 folks attended from over the city and county. Over 150 people attended the parish's open house party on December 10. The early childhood music program on December 21 attracted lots of parents, grandparents, and supporters. We are looking forward to planning lots of Lenten activities, and of course, St. Patrick's Day. God willing it will be held with the parade this year.

Like you, I'm not sure what the New Year will bring. But then I know, today is my 75th birthday and I am grateful to God and you for making the day here on Tamm and Nashville. I was born down the block on Nashville. It is strange and wonderful to be "home."

I hope you have a new year of Peace, Health, Prosperity, and Joy. Fro the tough days ahead, let us learn and have the energy to heal, grieve and comfort one another.

Happy New Year.

Blessings,  
Fr. Quirk

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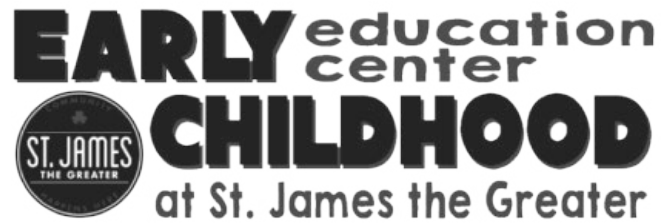
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<https://membership.faithdirect.net/MO54>

Our church code is MO54.

*Thank You. ❤️*

# Parish Highlights



**Happy 7th Birthday to Fr. Quirk!  
Thank you for everything you do for  
St. James the Greater!**

**We hope you have a wonderful  
birthday!**



## **St. Martha's Hall**

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## January

**3rd** ~ NO MASS

**5th** ~ NO MASS

**7th** ~ NO MASS

**8th** ~ Orval Harnes (4:30pm)

**9th** ~ Gilbert Naeger (9:30am)

Please consider having Mass offered for our deceased families and friends as well as special intentions. Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.

Please contact the Parish Office for a Mass Intention Card or visit our website at <https://www.stjamesthegreater.org/mass-intention-request> to submit your request.



All are invited to:

## REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Pray for all those with Covid.

Judy Allen

Donna Frank

Penny Brennell

Mary Giammanco

Barbara Ann Burke

John Kelley

Bill Ellingham, Jr.

Pam Kellogg

Pat Ellingham

Steve Unland

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email

**[contactchurch@stjamesthegreater.org](mailto:contactchurch@stjamesthegreater.org)**

To add a name, you must have permission from the person you are adding to the prayer list.

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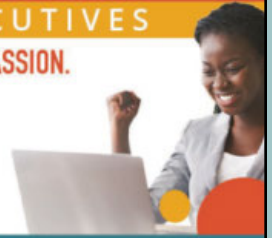
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