

SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEC 25 & 26, 2021

NATIVITY OF THE LORD & THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUES. 28 4:30 PM Quilting
 WED. 29 9:00 AM Quilting

Due to early publication of the bulletin for Christmas, the contributions for the 18th & 19th will be posted in next weeks bulletin.

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Children's Mass <i>(Held in the Parish Center)</i>	3:00PM
Christmas Eve Mass <i>(Held in the Parish Center)</i>	5:00PM
Christmas Day <i>(Held in the Church)</i>	9:00AM
New Years Eve <i>(Held in the Church)</i>	5:00PM
New Years Day <i>(Held in the Church)</i>	9:00AM

No Reservations necessary!

***"I proclaim to you
 good news that brings
 great joy to all the people:
 Today your Savior is born
 in the city of David.
 He is Christ the Lord."
 -Luke 2:10-11***

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY	Dec 24	3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Patricia Pratt Dave Downs
SATURDAY	Dec 25	9:00 AM	Richard M. Schmidt
SUNDAY	Dec 26	9:00 AM	Fritz & Elaine Frierdich
MONDAY	Dec 27	-----	-----
TUESDAY	Dec 28	12:10 AM	Doris Jean Hilmes
WEDNESDAY	Dec 29	8:00 AM	Emil & Cecelia Helfrich
THURSDAY	Dec 30	7:00 PM	Norb Haake
FRIDAY	Dec 31	5:00 PM	Walter Menner
SATURDAY	Jan 1	9:00 AM	Richard M. Schmidt
SUNDAY	Jan 2	9:00 AM	Al & Agnes Schaefer

The Nativity of the Lord. This first coming of Jesus is the promise that this Christ will come again. He is with us now—but also coming at some unknown time to complete all things in the perfect Reign and Kingdom of God. Today we marvel over God's good grace.

- How will I behave with family and friends because Jesus Christ is with me and us today?

Prayer: Lord, we pause here in the midst of the busyness and excitement of Christmas to thank You for coming low as a baby in a Bethlehem manger to rescue us from sin and to offer us salvation. Your gift to us is greater than any present wrapped and placed under a tree. We thank You and worship You and commit to seeking You first, this day, this season, this year. In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen.*



Today is the day that we've all been waiting for. The day we can finally celebrate the arrival of the baby Jesus. For those of you who have been following along with the Advent wreath, all four of the outer candles representing **hope, faith, joy** and **peace** have already been lit. Each week as we light another candle the light gets brighter and brighter; the darkness receding to nothingness. Until today, Christmas Day, we haven't been able to light the center candle; the **Christ candle.**

This candle is white to represent pure light and victory.

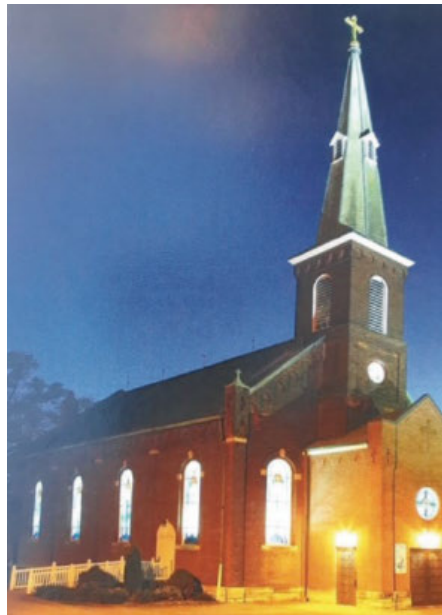
The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5)

Today we can begin to imagine what life will be like when everything is made right once and for all. We can imagine a day when there is no more pain and suffering. A day when there is no more war, greed, violence, fear. A day when there is no more sickness, addiction, homelessness, abuse, loneliness. A day when there are no more broken families, broken dreams, broken hearts. A day when we can finally close down our ministries because everyone has a home. A day when our work is finished.

<https://www.torontohhs.org/2017/12/25/christmas-day-is-here-2/>

CONGRATULATIONS

to the **December Quilt-A-Rama winner** Matthew O'Donnell (5 years old!) who was also the November winner! He is one lucky little boy!



St. James Church

2021 Landmark of the Year!

St. James Church was awarded the Landmark of the Year award by the Millstadt Historical Society (MHS) for 2021!!

The above picture of St. James Church is featured on the front of their 2022 Calendars that are now available for \$14 each at the Millstadt IGA, Pharmacy or Library! Get yours today!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Wishing you and your family
peace, health, happiness and prosperity
in the coming year!

From all of us at St. James Church,
St. James School and the St. James ECC!



ST. JAMES SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Break:

**Wednesday, December 22nd —
Monday, January 3rd;
Classes resume January 4th.**

**PSR: There will be NO PSR class
on Tuesday, December 28th.**

Enjoy Winter Break!



Athletic Association

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Drawing every Wed. at 7pm, sales end at 6:30pm. Held at Millpond Brewing 308 E. Washington St., Millstadt. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased any day of the week during Millpond's hours of operation. *All proceeds benefit the St. James Athletic Association.*

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