December 8, 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent



Celebration of the feast Day of the IMMAUCLATE CONCEPTION will be honored this year on December 9.

This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass times are:

St. James Basilica: Dec 8, Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm

(Does *NOT* count as your Sunday Obligation)

Dec 9 School Mass @ 9:00am held at the Basilica

(All are welcome to attend)

Dec 9 @ 12:10 Dec 9 @ 5:15

St. Mathias, Windsor: Dec 9 @ 5:15



The Immaculate Conception

Blessed Virgin Mary



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

- Lk 3:5-6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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ST. JAMES BASILICA COMMUNIAL PENANCE SERVICE DECEMBER 15TH @ 3:00pm



We will have 6 priest available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Use this opportunity to bring a clean soul to Jesus for Christmas. Other Confession times at the Basilica:

Monday - Friday 11:30am - Noon, Saturday 7:30am - 7:50am & 3:30pm - 4:50pm



Parish Masses-Sacraments etc.

This Week's Mass Schedule

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception 9:00am School Mass

10:00am Eventide Communion Service

12:10am (L) Brody Wolf

5:15pm †Ted & Rita Boe

Tuesday, December 10

9:00am School Confessions Grades 3-8

12:10pm St. John's Circle members & families

Wednesday, December 11

10:00am Ave Maria † Johanna Somsen

12:10pm (L) Lenora Kutz

Thursday, December 12

12:10pm (L) Frank Cluett

Friday, December 13

10:00am State Hospital † Marie Richter

12:10pm † Janet Seitz

Saturday, December 14

8:00am All Tabernacle Members

5:00pm (L) Lorraine Piatz & Larry Leier

Sunday, December 15

8:30am † Steve Vandal

10:30am Delores Peterson family

Confessions are offered 1/2 hour before each weekday Mass and 3:30-4:50pm Saturday.

Adoration is Mon. 1–9pm, Tues. & Wed. 6-8am, Thursday and Friday 1-5pm, 1st Friday 1pm -8am.

Mass Schedule - Outlying Parishes

St. Mathias, Windsor

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception 5:15pm

Saturday, December 14

5:30pm (L) Trevor & LaRae Williamson

St. Margaret, Buchanan

Sunday, December 15

10:30am People of the Parishes



St. Mathias, Windsor Parish Council & Finance Meeting will be held Saturday, December 14 following the 5:30pm Mass with a potluck.

*Note Mass at Windsor will be Saturday night on Dec. 14th at 5:30. There will **NOT be a Sunday Mass on December 15th.**

Mass Readings for the Week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: 1st Reading / Responsorial / 2nd Reading / Gospel Daily: 1st Reading / Responsorial / Gospel

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 Monday: Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3,10-13/Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4,8,10/Mt 11:28-30 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19;12:1-6,10/Jdt 13:18,

19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4,6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2,3,15-16,18-19/Mt 17:9,

10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

December 8, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

<u>Celiac Disease</u> We have hosts that are low gluten. These hosts will be distributed at the center aisle closest to the baptismal font at every Mass.



In your prayers please remember our sick:

Gary Neys

Stewardship-Sharing Your Gifts Makes a Difference...

Your Time and Talent Makes a Difference!

In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to our Parish, we gratefully acknowledge and thank:

Funeral luncheon servers

Your Treasure Makes a Difference!

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, Parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord!

> November 16 & 17, 2025 St. James Basilica, Jamestown Envelope/Plate Offerings-\$ 6,990.57 Autopay Offerings-\$ 7,356 Children's Collection - \$ 197.63

St. Margaret Mary, Buchanan Envelope/ plate Offerings - \$743.00

St. Mathias, Windsor
Envelope/Plate Offerings - \$308.00
Children's Collection—8.00

Parish News, Events etc.



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126:3) is very Giving Tree Donation fitting as we share our blessings with others through the Advent Giving Tree. St. James Basilica invites you to take a paper ornament from the Advent Giving Tree. The following week, place your donation in the collection basket and clearly

indicate which organization you wish your donation to benefit. The Advent Giving Tree is across the hall from the parish offices. The following is a list of organizations that will benefit from your generosity: Daily Bread, Progress Inc., Safe Shelter, God's Child Project, Home on the Range, St. Gianna Maternity Home, and Friends of Chimbote. Parish staff will ensure your donation reaches that organization. You may also choose to donate a non-perishable food item or a paper product to Community Action. A collection box for these items is near the Advent Giving Tree for your convenience. In addition, you will have the opportunity to donate to a parishioner in need.

Make checks payable to "St. James Basilica." Thank you for your generosity.



GOSPEL MEDITATION: by Father John Muir ©LPi In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and

Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders

who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

Parish Information



The Rite of Welcome for the OCIA class will be on Sunday, December 8 at the 10:30

Mass. Please pray for the following class members as they continue to discern coming into full communion with the Catholic Church:

Xavier Baker Whitney Bruins Ethan Haglund Caitlin Knudson Cornell (David) Hohensee

Drew Hjelmsted Nathan Tritschler



ADVENT HELP NEEDED There will be a job for everyone, men, women, and teenagers. As we continue weekly adding to the environment, we are looking for help. We will decorate each Tuesday in Advent following the 12:10 Mass (about 1:00pm) concluding on Monday, Dec. 23rd with the final touches.

Can you keep poinsettias alive??? We need someone to keep the churches Christmas flowers alive from when we purchase them (Dec 9) through the Christmas season. Or a few people

that can take a week or two?

If you can assist with any of these projects or have questions please call the parish office (252-0119). Help make YOUR church beautiful!





Supper & Action benefit for Gary Neys,

Buchanan Parishioner on December 13 at

Club 1883 (KC Hall)

5:30pm Silent Auction 5:30-7:00pm Supper

8:00pm Live Auction

Show your support for this family as Gary is having medical issues.





Anointing of the Sick - If anyone is preparing for surgery or is hospitalized, or wishing to receive the sacrament of the sick, please call the parish office (252-0119) to set up an appointment to receive the sacrament. You can receive this sacrament more

Please notify our priests that once. admission of a family member to the hospital. Because of all the HIPAA regulations, it is not easy to have access to a list of people who are hospitalized. The Basilica priests would be happy to visit you.



NORTH DAKOTA

For your End-of-Year Giving Considerations...

- St. John's Academy: North Dakota Private School Tax Credit (ND Century Code 57-38-01.7.3) program allows individuals and businesses to receive tax credits for donations made to a nonprofit private primary education
 - The amount of the tax credit is typically 50% of the donation. This means that if a donor gives \$1,000 to an eligible SGO, they could receive a \$500 credit on their North Dakota state income taxes.
 - o There is a \$10,000 annual limit on the amount of donations an individual can make and still receive a tax credit. For businesses, the limit is \$50,000 per year.
- St. James Basilica: North Dakota Tax Credit (ND Century Code 57-38-01.21) allows individuals, businesses, trusts and estates to receive tax credits for donations made to a qualified charitable endowment fund.
 - 40% state tax credit for contributions of over \$5,000
 - Maximum tax credit of \$10,000 per year for a single filer and \$20,000 for joint filers

Available to assist you:

Pam Perleberg, Advancement Director: 701-252-3397 -or- advancement@stjamesbasilica.org



Religious Education & SJA News and More...



CLASSES FOR 1-12 GRADE! RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Grades 1-6 meet from 6:30pm - 7:45pm Grades 7-8 meet from 6:30pm - 7:45pm Grades 9-12 meet from 7:45pm - 9:00pm

PRESCHOOL/ KINDERGARTEN

Preschool meets on Sundays, twice a month from 9:40am-10:20am, Parish Center of the Basilica OCIA—Adult classes, Wednesday, 6:30pm@ SJA **OCIC**—Child classes: TBA

Basilica & Academy Families







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New to the area?

Welcome to St. James Basilica! We would love to meet you and welcome you into our parish family. Please stop by the Parish Office to register.

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office Hours...Monday - Friday 8:00am-11:30am
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Advancement Director: Pam Perleberg

Mass Schedule - Daily

Monday - Friday - 12:10pm and Saturday - 8:00am

Mass Schedule - Weekends at Basilica

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00pm Sunday - 8:30am and 10:30pm

Mass Schedule - Weekends at Outlying Parishes

St. Mathias, Windsor - 8:30am St. Margaret, Buchanan - 10:30am

SACRAMENTS

Confession (or by appointment)
Monday - Friday 1/2 before daily Mass
Saturday......7:20-7:50 AM & 3:30-4:50pm
Baptism

To register for the Baptism class and schedule a Baptism please call the parish office.

Matrimony

Those preparing for marriage must make an appointment with the Priest at **least 6 months prior** to the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available anytime in emergency or call the office to make an appointment.

<u>Bulletin Deadline</u> Articles due Monday @ 11:00am for the following Sunday. You may email articles to:

parish@stjamesbasilica.org



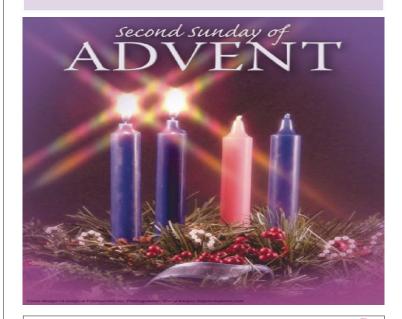
Las Posadas

Question: What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer: "Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell. ©LPi





St. James Basilica, St. Mathias, & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque EXTEND OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO:





Delores Peterson familiy and friends on the death of her daughter

Lou Ann Sazama

May she rest in eternal peace





Knights of Columbus News Council 1883 (252-6069)

Knights of Columbus Breakfast will be December 8 following the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses.

The breakfast is free will offering. The KC's will be serving pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs, fruit cocktail, juice and coffee. Come for hot delicious food and enjoy fellowship with those who attend. **Everyone** is welcome.

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