

Saint Mother Teresa Parish

St. James Church

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Masses at St. James Church

Saturday

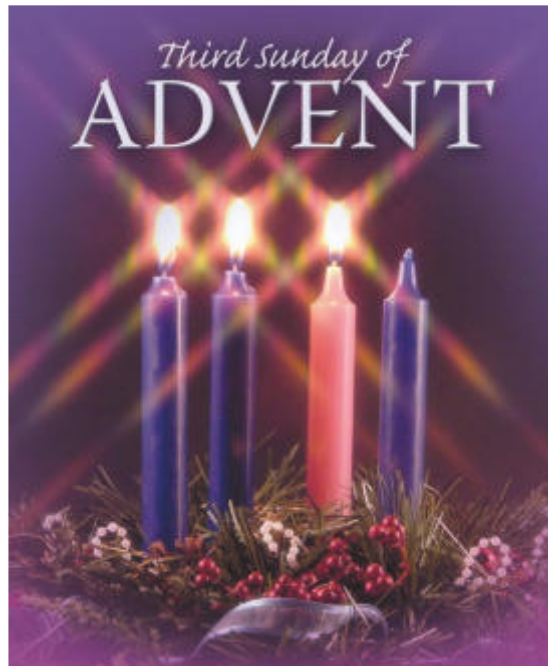
4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holidays

Listed in the Mass Schedule



Our Vision Statement

“to be a blessing to one another.”

Pope John Paul II

Our Mission Statement

Our goal is to bring people together to Christ with the help of our patron saint, Saint Mother Teresa.

Our current mission is to give life to our new parish.

Our strategy is to help all parishioners, especially our younger members, to discover their own personal calling and to share their talents and graces by becoming socially connected and a blessing to one another.

Contacts:

Pastor: Rev. David Richards, 683-6522

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Aaron Kulczyk

Deacon: John Hendricks

Trustees: Robert Ruhland and Kenneth Eschberger

Business Office: Janet Corda, Ext. 200

Parish Secretary: Sandra King, Ext. 201

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Faith Formation Secretary: Jessica Damian, Ext. 207

Building & Grounds: Dale Earsing, Ext. 210

Music Director: Susan Loniewski, Organist

Caring and Sharing Ministry: Janet Corda ext. 200

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Beth Bauer, 681-5844

Cemeterian: Deacon John Hendricks, 683-5031.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

If the rectory is closed, please leave a message. It will be answered in a timely manner. Thank You for your kind understanding.

New Parishioners

You are more than welcome in our Catholic Community. Please call the rectory to register.

Baptisms

Please call the rectory to schedule a Pre-Baptismal class. Ceremony at your pleasure, during or after Mass.

Marriages

Please consult with the pastor at least six months before anticipated date.

Confessions

Beginning December 1st on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6PM

Letters of Recommendation

Issued to registered parishioners who support their church and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 12, 2021—Third Sunday of Advent
 8:30 AM Patricia Atlas req. by husband, Frank & Family
 1 1:00 AM Colleen Hufford req. by Dan, Donna Wojcik

Monday, December 13, 2021—St. Lucy
 6:30 PM Parishioners

Tuesday, December 14, 2021—St. John of the Cross
 8:00 AM Helen Pirog req. by Carl Gozdziaik
 7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 15, 2021—Advent Weekday
 6:00 PM Confessions
 6:30 PM Jennie Santoro Faiella req. by Family

Thursday, December 16, 2021 —Advent Weekday
 8:00 AM All Souls' Day Intention

Friday, December 17, 2021— Late Advent Weekday
 6:00 PM Confessions
 6:30 PM Father's Day Intentions

Saturday, December 18, 2021—Late Advent Weekday
 4:00 PM John Malicki req. by Family

Sunday, December 19, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:30 AM Wally Gnorek req. by Jeanette Salvadore
 11:00 AM Stella Kalinowski req. by Walter & Carol Hanel

Please wear a mask when receiving Communion, entering church and exiting.
 Thank You!

*"OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD AND PARISH"
 COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 4/5*

Weekly	\$ 5675.00
Loose	\$ 389.63
Youth	\$ 3.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 478.00
Fuel	\$ 35.00
Human Development	\$ 756.00
Fuel	\$ 170.00

"MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION"

Bingo at
 St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish
 Thursday, December 16th @ 7:30 PM
 Captain: Dave Kornacki
 Doors open at 6:00 PM

Religious Retirement

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Christmas Paint Night

Ablaze Young Adult Ministry is hosting a Christmas Paint Night Thursday, December 16th at 6:00 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption in the Parish Center. If interested, RSVP (\$10 per person) to 716-683-67445 or jakaitel@gmail.com



Split Club Results/Week #1
Total: \$240.00 Split: \$120.00

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond David, the winners of the November Split Club drawing of \$245.00



Third Sunday of Advent

Gospel values are not always reflected in society's values and they are not the values promoted by Capitalism. In fact, Gospel values sound a lot like Socialism. The goal is not to acquire as much as you can but only what you need. If you have an abundance, share with those who have less. Even if you do not have much, share what little you have. Be aware of the needs of others and offer concrete help whenever you can. Don't treat some people better than others or take it upon yourself to determine who is "worthy" and who is not. Do what is best for the community rather than seek what you desire for yourself. What values do your choices reflect? What values do you want our government to support?

"He will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in his love."

Zephaniah 3: 17

FAITH FORMATION

THIRD Week of Advent our focus is "Joy" Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice (Philippians 4:4) Traditionally, this Sunday was known as "Gaudete Sunday". We light the pink candle on our Advent Wreath to highlight the joyful mood that is elicited by our growing awareness that the Lord is near. We are called to seek solitude and quiet remembering again the few things of life that are essential, and to find ways to enrich our world around us. Whatever our inconveniences may be, each of us needs ways to avoid grumbling about them. Perhaps we can take a deep breath, smile and say or sing the psalm from today's scripture: "My soul rejoices in my God". Like Mary, we do not rejoice in ourselves or our possessions, but "our spirits rejoice in God our savior", the son of God who alone can bring true "joy to the world".

We are having a Christmas pageant at the 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th at our parish. We are inviting our children to participate in a special way to bring the story of the birth of Jesus to life. If you would like to take part please call the Faith Formation Office at 683-2746 by December 15th.

Reminder of the Christmas Faith Formation Program on December 19th starting at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym. We hope to see you there!

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Fr. David Richards and Our Lady of Pompeii Parish on a Holy Land Catholic Pilgrimage, October 17-26, 2022. Starting at \$3,049 (Land Only), Airfare will be additional once air schedules are confirmed. Your price include: Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities, Program Fees, Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motor coaches, First Class Hotels and much more! If interested, Brochures regarding the trip can be found on the table at the break of the church.

Advent

It is the Third Sunday of Advent and we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. We are excited to commemorate the birth of Christ and also to anticipate his return.

In today's gospel, what stood out to me was when John said that he was baptizing with water but one mightier that he would be coming and that He would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. John was talking about the baptism of Jesus death on the cross rather than His baptism at the Jordan. By His death Jesus wants to set the world on fire with His love and with the Holy Spirit. Why does John the Baptist use the word fire? I believe he chose the word fire because it radically shows the power of God's love which is a love beyond imagining. After Jesus death for us, he sends the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire

Caring & Sharing

Thank you for your amazing response to the needs of the Mother Teresa Home for Mothers and children. We will be delivering all the personal care items for the moms and the infants and children's clothing by December 19th. They will greatly appreciate your generosity.



Please Remember In Your Prayers All Those Who Are Ailing Especially:

Robert Loniewski, Gery Killian, Theresa Little, Greg Kozurkiewicz, Jim Purpora, Brian Mendel, Sharon Thompson, Joe and Laureen Enright, Jennie Taylor, Carmela Kosobucki, Susan Lauricella, Elaine Bylina, Wendy Dobbins, Stephanie Kasza, Joan Nierit and Lottie Grzybek.



*Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of:
Elizabeth Opoka,*

*"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
And Let The Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them."*

Amen

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