

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:00 p.m. † Kathleen Keiser

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. In thanksgiving and

† Dr. Terry Avenido

6:30 p.m.** Paul and Granddaughter Dottie

10:00 p.m. † Derek Dvorjak

CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 a.m. † Marilyn & Jason Johnston

12:00 p.m.** Parishioners of Saint James

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00 a.m. † Margaret Elizabeth Cecil

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. † Wanda Kauffeld

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Mass of Remembrance for Infants

† Albert Ondo

5:00 p.m. † Bill Howard

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the

Scott Carroll and Rajotte family

10:00 a.m. † Alice Senior and

† Ron Thomas

12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the

Blume and Mair families

3:00 p.m.** Parishioners of Saint James

PARISH WEEKLY PLANNER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Saint James Parish Office closed today until Thursday, January 2, 2025. Saint James School closed today until Monday, January 6, 2025.

10:00 a.m. Private Event, Church

4:00 p.m. Private Event, Rodney Thomas Room (RTR)

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

6:45 p.m. Confessions, Church

8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Closes, Church

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:00 p.m. Private Event, RTR

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, Church

6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in Spanish, Church

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, Church

CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass, Church

12:00 p.m. Christmas Day Mass in Spanish, Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 p.m. Men's Catholic in Recovery, mjcatholicrecovery@gmail.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Closes, Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Closes, Church

9:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, POB

3:00 p.m. Confessions, Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

2:15 p.m. Confesiones (Español), Iglesia

SUNDAY'S READINGS for December 29, 2024 Lecturas del próximo domingo Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia **First Reading** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 **Responsorial Psalm** Psalms 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 **Second Reading** Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Gospel Luke 2:41-52 Sirácides 3, 3-7. 14-17a Primera lectura Salmo responsorial Salmo 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 Segunda lectura Colosenses 3, 12-21 Evangelio Lucas 2, 41-52

[†] Denotes deceased ** Mass in Spanish *** Mass Convent

^{*} A funeral Mass may alter this weekly schedule

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLIDAY MASSES

Monday, December 23, 2024

6:00 PM

Mass

6:45 PM

Confessions

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

6:30 PM

Mass in Spanish

Misa en Español

10:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

10:00 AM

Christmas Day Mass

12:00 PM

Mass in Spanish

Misa en Español

Thursday, December 26, 2024

8:00 AM

Mass

Friday, December 27, 2024

8:00 AM

Mass

Saturday, December 28, 2024

8:00 AM

Mass

3:00 PM

Confessions

5.00 PM

Mas

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:00 AM

Mass

10:00 AM

Mass

12:00 PM

Mass

2:15 PM

Confessions in Spanish

Confesiones en Español

3:00 PM

Mass in Spanish

Misa en Español

Monday, December 30, 2024

6:00 PM

Mass

6:45 PM

Confessions

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

5:00 PM

Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary Mass

12:00 PM

Mass in Spanish

Misa en Español





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The capital prize is \$10,000 and the winning ticket will be drawn at Black and White Knight on February 1, 2025. Raffle tickets are still available at the parish and school offices.



Giving to Charity:

Tax Planning with Qualified Charitable Distributions

Are you at least age 70 and 1/2 and subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from your IRA? Do you have Charitable Intentions for the required distribution?

Then you may consider the use of a qualified charitable distribution!

Qualified Charitable Distributions were made permanent in 2015 when Congress passed the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act. The IRA owner subject to required minimum distributions can donate up to \$105,000 directly from an IRA to a charity without getting taxed on the distribution.

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Another benefit of the RMD payment applied to a Qualified Charitable Distribution is the amount is excluded from tax formulas that could impact multiple categories such as Social Security taxation, Medicare Part B and D premium increases, and the Medicare tax on investment income.

HOW IT WORKS

The Qualified Charitable Distribution must be paid <u>directly</u> from the IRA to a qualified 501(c)(3) institution eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, like St. James Catholic Church and many other public charities. The charitable entity, as the recipient of the Qualified Charitable Distribution, must receive the donation by December 31st in order to ensure credit to the proper year. It is that simple!

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MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m.

> 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS: Please see bulletin for details.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday: 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

*The parish office is closed for lunch from Noon - 1:00 p.m.

PHONE NUMBERS:

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 270-765-6268

 Parish Fax
 270-982-3303

 Saint James Catholic School
 270-765-7011

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 270-765-6268

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 270-763-4249

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Monday at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday at 12:00 p.m. Friday at 3:00 p.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Monday 6:45 p.m. Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISMS:

Expecting a baby? Call the parish office to begin the process for preparation of baptism.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date.

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Blessing of the Child in the Womb



Expectant mothers awaiting the birth of their child are invited to receive a blessing during the following masses:

Saturday, December 21 at 5pm & Sunday, December 22 at 8am, 10am, and 12N

RSVP is required.

To RSVP, please email Olivia Dvorjak at odvorjak@stjames-etown.org by Friday, December 20





WOMEN'S RECOVERY GROUP

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"We shall find our little ones again up above." Saint Zefie Martin

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

For those who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, and in infancy.

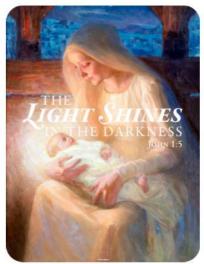
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024 8:00AM MASS

Saint James Catholic Church

Those attending will have the opportunity to light a candle for their child(ren).



For questions, contact Olivia Dvorjak at 270-765-6268 or odvorjak@stjames-etown.org



The Incarnation

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (In 3:16), but al-

so the incomparable value of every human person. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel," the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.2).

In today's readings, we see that Christmas is linked to Easter. Christmas is the Feast of the Incarnation (not only of the event of his birth), and Christ takes on a human body precisely so as to offer the sacrifice of that body that saves the world. In fact, his sacrifice is not limited to Calvary. It begins even in the womb. "A body you have prepared for me ... I come to do your will." Even as an embryo, Jesus was offering himself to the Father, in obedience to his will and for our salvation. "A Savior is born for you." He is a savior precisely because he bears our human nature, and has a human body like we do – a body offered on the cross and in the Eucharist.

As we see in the first reading and the Gospel, the details of his birth are carefully planned by God and foretold by his prophets. His birth is all about hope fulfilled and hope inspired. That hope outlasts his birth, and extends to us today as we work to build a world in harmony with the vision of peace, life, and love that Christmas inspires.

~ Priests for Life ~







Marquette Method of Natural Family Planning

The Marquette Method teaches women and married couples how to monitor the female hormones along with other natural signs of fertility to aid them in their knowledge of their fertility and health.

Introductory Online Group Classes:

Thursday, December 5th at 7 pm OR Thursday, January 16th at 7 pm

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Angela Hobbs, BSN, RN, MMCP angela@giftofyourfertility.com. 270-735-3883

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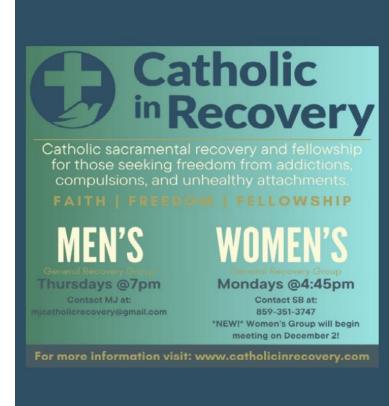






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Weekend of December 15th

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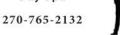
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