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Office Hours

9:00-2:00pm M-F

Chapel Hours

9:00-3:00 M-R, 9:00-5:00 F

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pastor@stjct.org

Deacon: Joe Koletar

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Sunday, January 8, 2023

Epiphany Sunday



This feast commemorates the mysterious visit of the *magi* to the Baby Jesus.

“...magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’” ([Matthew 2:1-2](#))

There was a stark contrast between Herod, a false king, and Jesus, the True King. God uses a star, an ancient symbol of royalty, to draw Wise Men from far-off lands to God’s Anointed Ruler. The star announced to the magi, “Arise, shine; for your light has come!” But this astronomical miracle wasn’t solely for a select group of oriental stargazers. **The heavenly sign reveals God’s desire to include all peoples in his unfolding salvation plan.**

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” ([Isaiah 60:1](#)).

Matthew says that the star led them to Jerusalem. The Magi had seen the new king's star "in the east" (Matthew 2:2; that is, back in their homeland), which is why they came to Jerusalem.

With the emergence of modern astronomy, developed by believing Christians, the question of this star has been revisited [[Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives](#)].

Various proposals have been made, including for rare astronomical phenomena like the conjunction of certain planets in certain constellations, or supernovas.

Which of these, if any, might have been the Bethlehem star depends on precisely *when* Jesus was born, which is too complex a discussion for this bulletin.

Again, I pray that you all had a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS Season and a will have Healthy, and Happy New Year 2023!! (Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday.)**

Your humble servant in Christ, Fr. Peter



Monday, January 9, 2023 (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Plantamura Family

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 (Chapel)

8:00 a.m. +Jason Hoekenga

+Thomas Lynch, Sr.

+Dylan Armstrong

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

8:00 a.m. +Pablo and +Ruben Guevara

Thursday, January 12, 2023 (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. +Sr. Claire LoMaglio

Friday, January 13, 2023

8:00 a.m. +Julia Soares

Saturday, January 14, 2023

8:00 a.m. + Emmett Spillane, Jr.

4:30 p.m. +Pearl Danowicz

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:00 a.m. Katie Lee Zamachaj

10:00 a.m. +Doris Lambert

5:00 p.m. St. James Parishioners

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SEVEN DAY SACRISTY CANDLE: 1/8/23-1/14/23

Church: Love

Candles will burn for the following intentions:

Candle # 1 Peace

Please contact Deacon Joe in the Parish Center to request.

† Confessions †

Saturdays, 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

Weekly Offertory (for week of 12/18/2022)

	<u>12/18/2022</u>	<u>12/19/2021</u>
In Church Collections.....	\$ 5,519.85	\$ 5,463.35
EFT.....	\$ 1,855.81	\$ 1,960.39
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,889.00	\$ 2,054.00
	=====	=====
Weekly Total.....	\$ 9,264.66	\$ 9,477.74

Weekly Offertory (for week of 12/25/2022)

	<u>12/25/2022</u>	<u>12/26/2021</u>
In Church Collections.....	\$ 6,749.10	\$ 6,240.31
EFT.....	\$ 1,855.81	\$ 1,960.39
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,095.00	\$ 2,309.00
	=====	=====
Weekly Total.....	\$ 10,699.91	\$ 10,509.70

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us to pray together virtually, please contact Mary Merly at mary.merly@sjsct.org.

2023 Missals are available in Parish Center or in sacristy. Please see acolyte before or after Mass. Cost is \$6.00.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers needed to complete our schedule! You are invited to consider spending an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament once a week in our Parish Center Chapel. Coverage needed M-F 9:00-1:00. Please email bredgate.stjamesparish@gmail.com if you can commit to this ministry.

"Esther" - Sight and Sound DVD production

Thursday, January 19, 12:00-3:00. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us at the Parish Center for this beautiful event! Dessert and beverages provided. Please contact Ruth, 203-375-5887 or at Receptionist@stjct.org to make your reservation.



Mike Perille, Andrew Donovan, Robert J. Ramos, Edmund J. Ramos, John Peter Soares, Joseph Senteio, Edwina & George Thompson, Ariadni Karga, Donna Lee Hall, Seeley Jennings, Debbie Catone, Joseph Sheridan, Mary Holm, George Wright, Paul Ingersoll, Kathy Heimann, Carmen Ursine, Venus Rogers, Amber Rogers, Rosemarie Perante, Virginia Rocco McVay, Patrick Henry Ross, Stephen Toth, Rose Carroll, Annette Christen, Donna Marie Andrade, Lori Andrade Cauthen, Sharon Voytek

Faithfully Departed:

PARISH NURSE: If you would like to meet with a Parish Nurse, please call Margie Balint at 203-378-3081



Beloved Sons—Jim Travers, Bob Carriero, Tom Gilbertie, Mike Curran

Join guys, just like you. at the next Beloved Sons Men's Ministry gathering Saturday January 21 (6:30-7:30 AM) at the parish center. As we do twice monthly (first Thursday/third Saturday) men of faith get together to discuss, ponder, engage, and share the gospel for next weekend. That Saturday morning we'll break open the Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 4:12-23). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" Jesus said to Simon and his brother Andrew. Are you hearing the call? How are those resolutions going?

Hope Does Not Disappoint (Romans 5:5)
Contact Jim Travers (203-526-4105)
(jfxtjr@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.



Our parish relies on support of everyone in our parish to help us further our mission. We are blessed that there is an easy way for all of us to recommit ourselves to supporting St. James through Online Giving. Enrolling in Online Giving will simplify your monthly budgeting while also providing St. James with consistent reliable support for our parish family. If you have not signed up yet, it's easy to get started. Just go to www.stjamesstratford.com and click the Online Giving icon on the home page.

Mass Readings Bible Study

Want to get more out of the readings at Sunday Mass? Join us in the Parish Center Thursday nights from 6:15 - 7:30 PM as we take a deeper look at the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass. There is no cost and participants may drop in at any time. Bibles are available, or bring your own. email receptionist@stjct.org to be added to our email list.



Teens, are you energized? Like to have fun? If so, join **Teens Ministry** for the following events:

- 1/18/23 - Jesus' Baptism Celebration @ 7-8:30 PM - Parish Center
- 2/1/23 - Movie Night @ 7-8:30 PM - Parish Center
- 2/16/23 - Games Night (with other parishes' teens) @ 6-8:30 PM - in the St. James School Gym (Dinner too!)

Contact us at teens@stjct.org

Parents & guardians sign up for teens to join Teens Ministry with SQR code here



Do you want to become a member of St. James?

If you do, then please complete the following and deposit in the offertory basket

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Comments _____

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank You!



Social Outreach was very blessed this holiday season to have the ability to assist many people, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the families of the St. James school children. We were able to distribute:

100 turkeys and bags of food at Thanksgiving
80 "Brian Bags" with hand made cards from the school children, along with warm clothing, at The Bridge Toys, including bicycles, to families and agencies

Without your help, none of this would have happened. We are thankful, and many people and families were blessed with food, clothing, and joy by your generosity through the holiday season. Thank you again!



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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

*Monday & Thursday: 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)
Tuesday, (Chapel) Wednesday & Friday:
8:00 a.m. (Church)
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (Church)
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &
5:00 p.m. (Church)*

Confession

- Saturdays 12:15-1:30
*or by appointment

PARISH CENTER CHAPEL

- *The Chapel is open from 9-3
Monday-Thursday and from
9-5 Friday*

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited
every Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish
Chapel. The Chaplet will be said for family
members who are sick and dying.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Center
*Ask for Deacon Joe

First Friday Devotions

Adoration in the chapel from 2-5pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

Rosary at 4pm followed by Evening
Prayer/Solemn Vespers from the Liturgy of
the Hours with Benediction



Sunday, January 8, 2023

**1st Reading: Is 60:1-6
2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Mt 2:1-12**

Sunday, January 15, 2023

**1st Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3
Gospel: Jn 1:29-34**

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **Parish Pastoral Assistant:** Deacon Joe Koletar
- **Trustees:** Chad Betz, Luca Servino
- **Pastoral Council:** Kate Gloss
- **Finance Council:** Chad Betz—chadcbetz@gmail.com
- **Safety Committee:** Jack Cratty

OUR MINISTRIES

Adult Pastoral Ministry

- **Ministry with Women:** Angie deMello and Mary Tesla

Communal Prayer Worship

- **Music Ministry/Organist:** John J. Masi, Jr.
- **Liturgical Environment:** Michele Hoekenga

Pastoral Services

- **Lifelong Formation:** Betsy Redgate -
bredgate.stjamesparish@gmail.com
- **Principal St. James School:** Chris Robertson
- **Teens Ministry:** Lap Nguyen - teens@stjct.org
- **Ministry with Sick & Shut-Ins:** If you want to add someone to the
prayer list or if you want to ask for communion or a visit from a priest or
deacon, either email the Parish Center at 'Receptionist@stjct.org' or call
the Parish Center at (203) 375-5887.
- **St. James Prison Ministry:** Denis Granado - denis.granado@gmail.com
and Mary Tesla
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Perille and Mercy Ingersoll
- **Gratitude Ministry:** Suzanne Smith, Ligia Masilamani
and Jane Vigliotti
- **Respect Life:** Joe Sullivan - jesullivan0928@verizon.net
- **Digital Ministry:** Tonya Overby - tonya.overby@stjct.org
- **Religious Education:** Maria Aguirre - maria.aguirre@stjct.org

Support Services

- **Stewardship:** David Zamachaj -
David.zamachaj@stjct.org
- **Business Manager:** Natalia Zamachaj—
Natalia.zamachaj@stjct.org

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