

ST. JAMES

the Greater Catholic Church

December 22, 2019

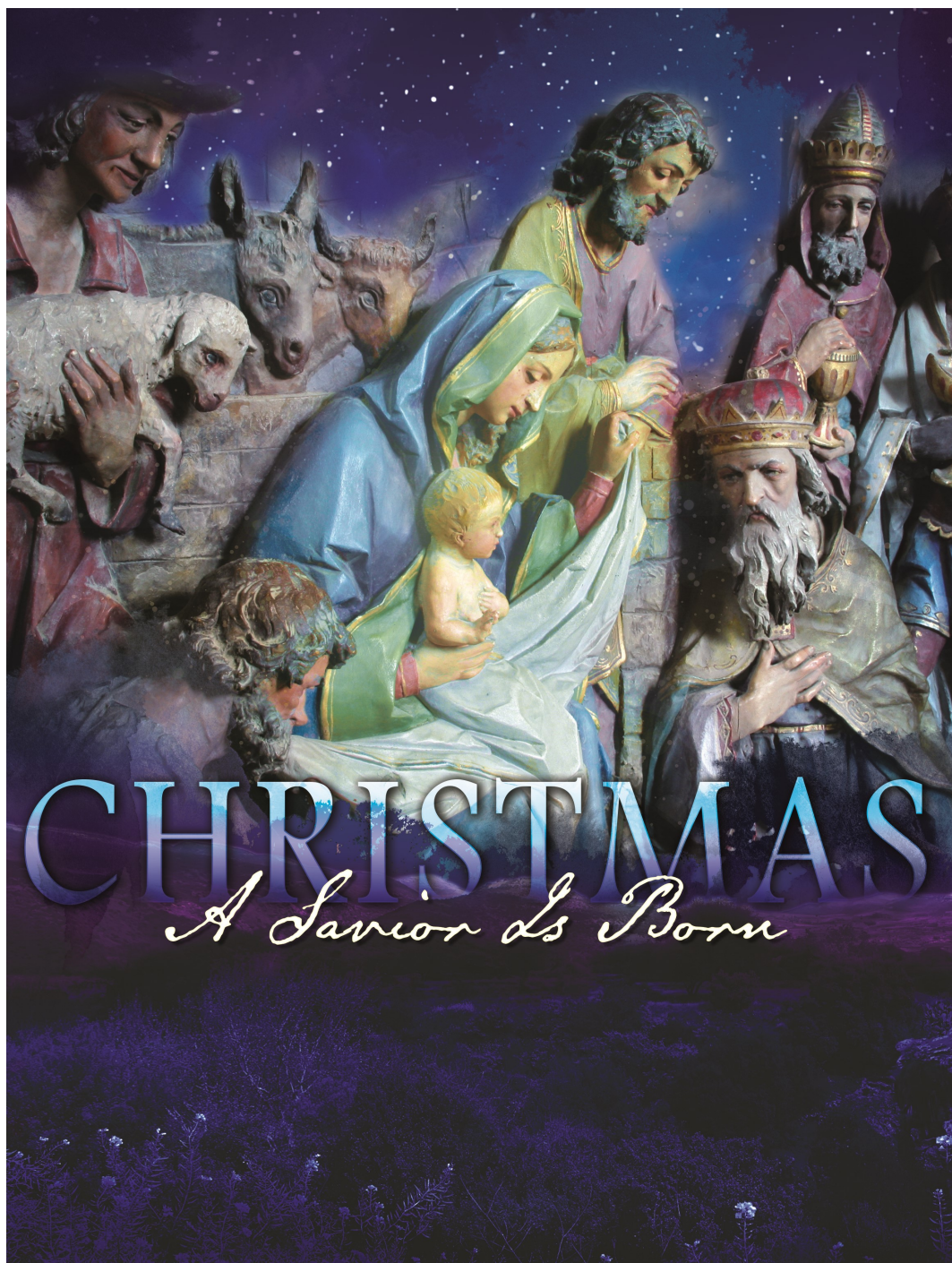
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Hymnal Reading #1010

Father John N. Hay, Pastor



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SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Mass Schedule

**Tuesday,
December 24
4:00 pm**

**Wednesday,
December 25
12:00 Midnight
9:00 am**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 23 8:00 am Dallas & Sally Korte & Family
Tuesday, December 24 4:00 PM †Micheal Schoenecker by T & B Schoenecker
Wednesday, Dec. 25 12:00 AM †People of St. James
 9:00 AM †Edith Resa by Tom & Lizzie Payne
Thursday, December 26 8:00 am †Jack Hoefgen by Mary Hoefgen
Friday, December 27 8:00 am †Jack Reid by Robert & Teresa Reid
Saturday, December 28 8:00 am For the God Children of Kathi Martinez
 5:00 pm †Samantha Price by James McClure
Sunday, December 29 8:00 am For the God Children of Joe & Brooke Terick
 10:30 am People of St. James

Merry Christmas!

Francis Thompson, a 19th century English writer, penned a famous 182 line poem called "The Hound of Heaven". In the poem, he famously described his life, before his conversion, as a flight from God. But in the poem, he described a God who would never leave him, no matter how low he sunk. In fact, he explained that he felt God was chasing after him, searching for him, unwilling to let go of him. And so he called the poem, "The Hound of Heaven". Christmas is very much about that reality: God will never let go of us, no matter what. Even in our sin, God is willing to take on human flesh, to become just like us, to walk beside us, and show us the way to Him. The mystery of the Incarnation is the mystery that God can and does break into our world, our life, our problems, our joys, our everything. Christmas is about welcoming our God into our world and into our life, in the most intimate way. What a reason to celebrate!

Merry Christmas, and know of my prayers. May I also ask for your prayers as well? God bless you, your family and friends, in a special way, during this most holy season.

Fr. John N. Hay
 Pastor

Help Wanted

Congratulations to St. James School custodian, Chad Barringer, who has chosen to stay home full time with his children. We appreciate your five years of service with the school and we wish you the best of luck. If anyone is interested in applying for the school custodian position, please contact the school office @ 775-5721.

Time, Talent & Treasure Forms

It is not too late to return your time, talent and treasure forms. Please place them in the office door "mail slot" or in the collection. Thank you to all who have returned your forms. New lists will be going out to the leadership soon.

The Parish Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, St. James the Greater Catholic Community, seeks to grow in holiness through the stewardship way of life.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Due to early submitting of the bulletin for printing, the collection for December 15 will be posted in a later bulletin.

Thank you for your stewardship.

Advisory Committees

Parish Council Chair

Rick Heise 316-644-6905

Parish Finance Council Chair

Robin Crawford 316-775-7082

Parish School Council Chair

Anna Barringer 720-951-1391



Meetings & Events

Tuesday (12-24)

4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday (12-25)

12:00 am Midnight Mass

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Thursday (12-26)

2:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul cooking

Friday (12-27)

5:00 pm Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary



St. Jude Guild #2 and their families to clean Church for the weekend of December 28/29. Guild Leaders:
 Jane Heise @ 775-5878 or
 Donna Gerstenkorn @ 650-5760

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass: Tuesday, December 31 @ 7:00 pm

Holy Day: Wednesday, January 1 @ 9:00 am

Altar Servers

Monday, December 23 8:00 am

Malachi Smith, James Allen

Tuesday, December 24 4:00 PM

James Allen, Carter McClure,
Dylan McClure, Sam Vittitow

Wednesday, Dec. 25 12:00 am

Malachi Smith, S & A Korte, ??

9:00 AM

Jacob Otto, Malachi Smith

Thursday, December 26 8:00 am

Malachi Smith, James Allen

Friday, December 27 8:00 am

Malachi Smith, James Allen

Saturday, December 28 8:00 am

Daniel Doell, James Allen

5:00 pm

David Ebenkamp, Nathan Ebenkamp,
Terrin Fewin, Emmie Johnston

Sunday, December 29 8:00 am

Kylee Goering, Kaycee Kavalauskas,
Madeline Kavalauskas, Malachi Smith

10:30 am

Anastasia Mosier, Kolbe Mosier,
Kateri Mosier, Jacob Otto

Liturgy Assignments

Tuesday, December 24 4:00 PM

Hospitality: A Mosier, C Tillett, M Poore

Lector: Penny Mosier

Host: Connie Tillett, Dennis Mosier,
Gerry & Stacy Lipscomb

Wednesday, Dec 24 12:00 AM

Hospitality: Bob Hirschfeld, Lizzie Payne

Lector: Mark Troilo

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Jason Cox,
Bud & Peggy Cyphers, Mike Burnett,
Deb Vittitow, Henry & Barb Ratcliff

Wednesday, Dec 24 9:00 AM

Hospitality: Robert Reid

Lector: Deann Korte

Host: Linda Spires, Linda Williams,
Ann Carpenter, Louie Perez

Saturday, December 28 5:00 pm

Hospitality: Linda Williams, Rick Heise,
Jacki Conrady, Briant & Ellen Lewis

Lector: Jayson Schwinn

Host: Dave Smith, Connie Tillet,
Shawn & Dara Schoenthaler

Sunday, December 29 8:00 am

Hospitality: Deb Vittitow, Dan Allen,
Mark Troilo, Brian Martin, Jeff Goering

Lector: Don Gerstenkorn

Host: Marilyn Tuttle-R1, Deb Vittitow
Mary Booth, Vickie Knebler-R3

10:30 am

Hospitality: S & J Reichardt, J Teter,
D & M Tuttle, B Ratcliff

Lector: Jenny Palmer

Extra Ordinary Ministers: James Watson
John George, Henry & Barb Ratcliff,
Dane Pletcher, Mike & Lucy Clifton



Mary, Mother of the Word Prayer Ministry

Mary, Mother of the Word Prayer Ministry will have prayer teams available to pray with you, for yourself or for others.

They will be available the first Sunday of the month @ 7:00 pm and the third Tuesday @ 9:00 am or by appointment.

Call Penny Mosier @ 316-285-7272 or the church office @ 775-2155.



Breakfast

Breakfast at St. James

Knights of Columbus members are happy to invite everyone for breakfast Sunday, January 5, only after the 8:00 am Mass.

Come join us in the school gym for some great food, relaxation and conversation!

Donations are accepted. Donuts will be served after the 10:30 am Mass by the Knights of Columbus in the foyer of the church.

We need help to fix and/or serve the breakfast. If you are interested, please contact Shawn Schoenthaler @ 644-6949.

Augusta Community Caring Center: Please note new hours!!

St. James is responsible for the Community Caring Center the week of January 6

Monday, January 6 - 1:00-4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 7 - 4:00-6:00 pm

Friday, January 10 - 1:00-4:00 pm

If you are able to work, call Susan @ 775-7946 or Angie @ 775-3067

Parish Office Closing

St. James Parish office will close Tuesday, December 24 at 12:00 noon and remain closed for Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday. The office will close Tuesday, December 31 @ noon and remain closed Wednesday, January 1 for the New Years Day Holiday.

Snow Removal for the week of December 29 - January 4:



James Glowaski, Bob Hirschfeld, Jason Kant,
Solomon Korte, Josh Kirkpatrick
and all who want to help. Bring your shovels!



Confirmation

Just a reminder that Confirmation Sponsor Certificates are due in the church office ASAP. Parents, Sponsors and Confirmation Candidates are to attend the classes with Father John Hay on January 5th and January 12th in St. James Church.

7th & 8th Grader s: 6:00—7:00 pm

9th & 10th Graders: 7:30—8:30 pm



Attention St. James Parishioners!!!

PTO is hosting our 1st ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF!

If you're a master at making chili, cook up your best batch and bring the whole family.

Anyone is welcome to enter or just come and enjoy good food and good company. Cinnamon rolls, water and tea will be provided and/or BYOB.

First place winner will receive a prize!

The cook-off will take place Saturday, January 25, 2020 following Mass. This is the beginning of Catholic School Week. Please contact the school or church office to register by January 13.

