

ST. JAMES

the Greater Catholic Church

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Father Philip J. Voegeli, Pastor

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Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday

5:30 pm

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:30 - 7:50 am

Tuesday & Thursday

5:00 - 5:20 pm

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 pm

or by appointment

**Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Mass: Monday, January 1
9:00 am**



Mary, the Holy Mother of God



THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH
WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.
—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

St. James Catholic Church & School

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 1	9:00 AM	†Herb Lowrance by Pat Lowrance
Tuesday, January 2	5:30 pm	†Ellen Sullivan by Tom Sullivan
Wednesday, January 3	8:00 am	God Children of Kathi Martinez
Thursday, January 4	5:30 pm	Father Sam Pinkerton by Audrey Cryderman
Friday, January 5	No Mass	
Saturday, January 6	5:00 pm	†Harold Moore by Chelle Pennycuff
Sunday, January 7	8:00 am	God Children of Joe & Brooke Terick
	10:30 am	People of St. James

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is not a Holy Day of obligation this year. Mass will be celebrated at St. James on Monday, January 1 @ 9:00 am.

No PSR Classes on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

No Mass at St. James on Friday, January 5 or on Monday, January 8. Father PJ will be away. Pray for his safe travels.

Christmas Call to Sharing

Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests. Please submit the gift in the collection or the church office before January 28. Thank you.

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Fundraiser Dinner for St. James teacher, Miss Susie Rziha

St. James School PTO will be hosting a chicken-and-noodle dinner with green beans, roll and dessert on Saturday, January 13, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit Miss Rziha's medical expenses as she has recently undergone surgery and been away from the school. Please come support this cause and enjoy a great dinner.

**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:

Weekly Tithe (Dec. 17)	\$13,604.60
Children's Envelopes	\$131.35
Monthly Tithe (Oct.)	\$89,923.48

Thank you for your stewardship.

Advisory Committees**Parish Finance Chair**

Michael Clifton 316-648-2611

Parish School Council Chair

Josh Weaver 316-305-2275

Altar Society & Knights of Columbus**Altar Society**

Donna Gerstenkorn 316-650-5760

Diana Ohman 316-650-5349

Knights of Columbus

Pat Terick 316-304-7543

*Meetings & Events***Monday (1-1)**

9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday (1-3)

NO PSR Classes

5:15 pm St. James PTO meeting

6:30 pm St. James School Council Mtg

6:30 pm Women's Group

Thursday (1-4)

St. James School resumes

Friday (1-5)

5:30 am Men's Study Group

4:30 pm Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

Sunday (1-7)

Donuts served after 8:00 & 10:30 Mass



The Church needs to be cleaned every week. Please use the link below to find a date available. THANK YOU!!

Anyone can sign up to help clean the church. Use link to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caea62aafb8cf8-church#/>

Thank you to all the families who have come in to clean the church. We appreciate your stewardship!!



Altar Servers

Monday, January 1 9:00 AM

Malachi Smith, Anthony Korte,
John Paul Korte, Leonardo Miranda

Tuesday, January 2 5:30 pm

No Altar Servers

Wednesday, January 3 8:00 am

Kylee Goering, Noah Weaver

Thursday, January 4 5:30 pm

No Altar Servers

Friday, January 5 8:00 am

Ella Weaver, Noah Weaver

Saturday, January 6 5:00 pm

Amelia Smeltzer, Leonardo Miranda,
Jenna Killough, Isabella Killough,
Malachi Smith - MC

Sunday, January 7 8:00 am

Dylan Beckley, Lily Beckley,
Riley Beckley, Caden Reichard

10:30 am

Hank Jefferis, Logan Jefferis,
James Sanger, Eamon Sanger,
Sam Vittitow - MC

Liturgy Assignments

Saturday, January 6 5:00 pm

Hospitality: Connie Tillett,
Jake, Jen, Jack, Carter & Rhett McClure

Lector: Terri McClure

Host: Bud & Peggy Cyphers,
Linda Williams, Connie Tillett

Sunday, January 7 8:00 am

Hospitality: Deb Vittitow, Dan Allen,
Mark Troilo, Robert Reid, Jenny Crawford

Lector: Harry Funke

Host: Jennifer Husselman,
James Smith, Elmer & Alice Simon

10:30 am

Hospitality: Dennis & Marilyn Tuttle,
Don, Adriana, Sylvia & Sophia Otto

Lector: Tom Finger

Host: Henry Ratcliff, Jason Cox,
Linda Spires, Jennifer Pazzie



Snow Removal for the week of December 31:

James Berndsen, Ethan Kleinschnitz, Juan Miranda, Robert Reid and
all who want to help. Bring your shovels!

January 7: Bob Hirschfeld, Fred Morrison, David Taylor



**Sunday, January 7, donuts will be provided by
Knights of Columbus after 8:00 & 10:30 am Masses.**



Natural Family Planning

Our next introductory class at St. James will be Monday, January 8 @ 7:00 pm in the church classroom (east side of foyer). For more information or to register for a class call Pat Lowrance (775-5663), or the NFP Office (685-5240).



Altar Society

Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, January 10 @ 6:30 pm in the church classroom (east side of foyer). All women of St. James are invited to attend & share in our faith & friendship.

Eucharistic Speaker: Janet Eaton, Superintendent of Catholic Schools

We are happy to continue our journey of Eucharistic Revival with a talk by Janet Eaton, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wichita, on Thursday, January 11th, at 7:00 pm. Janet has been a life-long, faithful Catholic, and has served as a Catholic educator for her entire career. Her devotion to our Lord and the spreading of His Gospel through educating the young certainly has demanded a unique and powerful devotion to our Eucharistic Lord. Come join us as we allow her to share her story and insights as to the power of the Eucharist in her life and in the lives of all the young persons she has encountered. Hope to see you here!!

Attention Military Community:

Through the generosity of the Archdiocese for Military Services, St. Maximillian Koble Catholic Community at McConnell AFB Chapel is presenting an "Evening with Fr. Kapaun" at the Spiritual Life Center, 7100 E 45th St N, Bel Aire, KS, on Thursday evening, January 25, 2024, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Fr. John Hotze, Episcopal Delegate for the Beatification and Canonization of Fr. Kapaun, will speak about Fr. Kapaun. A meal will also be served. Admission is free, but reservations are required as there is limited capacity. Families are welcome. To make reservations, email a name, number of attendees, and contact information (email and phone number) to frmikenolan@gmail.com or leave the information at (316) 253-8849. Reservations should be made by January 11, 2024.



Come have fun & fellowship!!

Saturday evening, January 13 @ 6:30 pm,
St. James will be hosting a Pitchfest. This is an evening for fun, socializing, & card playing, with the emphasis on fun and socializing. Come, one and all, and most importantly, you do not have to have any idea how to play pitch to have a great time. **We will have time after Mass to enjoy the chicken & noodle dinner in the gym and be back to have fun at Pitchfest! You can bring a snack to share and a white elephant gift to exchange.** Questions: Call Mark Troilo @ 706-5809. Come have fun!!



Be Aware

Father PJ is having trouble with his e-mail. If you send him an email and he has not responded in a timely manner, please call the church office.

**Please be aware that there is a texting scam going around.
This is NOT from Father PJ.**

PLEASE IGNORE THIS MESSAGE AND DO NOT RESPOND