

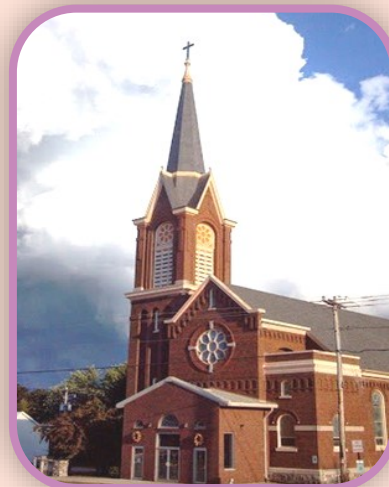
St. James + St. Joseph

Cooperstown Kellnersville



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Mass Times

St. James Church

Sat. Dec. 16 7:30 pm
 Sun. Dec. 17 8:00 am
 Tue. Dec. 19 8:00 am
 Sat. Dec. 23 7:30 pm
 Sun. Dec. 24 8:00 am

St. Joseph Church

Sat. Dec. 16 4:00 pm
 Sun. Dec. 17 10:00 am
 Wed. Dec. 20 8:15 am
 Sat. Dec. 23 4:00 pm
 Sun. Dec. 24 10:00 am



Mass Intentions

+ Patricia "Pat" Valenta & Gary Valenta
 + Art & Lou Nooyen
 + William & Caroline Dewane
 + Peg Dewane Holloway
 Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. James

+ Dan & Dixie Oswald
 + Don Kvitek & Shelby Evelyn & Joseph Victor Leist
 + Russell & Bernita Schenian
 + Don, Pat & Jerry Weber
 + Sister Marlene Greatens & Sister Joleen Van Dyke

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Christmas Mass Schedule

SUNDAY DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM ST. JOSEPH
 4:00 PM ST. JAMES
 8:00 PM ST. JAMES

MONDAY DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM ST. JAMES
 10:00 AM ST. JOSEPH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Third Sunday of Advent

On this Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice in the midst of our preparation. The rose-colored candle on our Advent wreath reminds us that the coming of our Lord is near, and our hearts are filled with anticipation and joy.

In today's Gospel, we encounter John the Baptist again, who points us beyond himself to the one who is coming. He declares, "I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals." As we continue to prepare the way for the Lord, we reflect on the profound humility and majesty of Christ, who enters our lives with unparalleled grace.

Our joy is intimately connected to the Eucharist, the very presence of Christ among us. Just as John humbly recognized his unworthiness, we approach the Eucharist with humility, acknowledging our dependence on God's mercy. In the Eucharist, we receive the gift of Christ's body and blood, a sublime expression of God's love for us. It is in this sacred meal that our joy finds its deepest source.

Likewise, our joy is enhanced through the sacrament of Confession. Gaudete Sunday invites us to rejoice in the forgiveness that Christ offers. The grace of Confession allows us to cast off the burdens of sin, making our hearts ready to receive the joy that Christ brings into our lives.

As we navigate this season of joy and anticipation, let us cherish the Eucharist and Confession. May the Eucharist be a source of joy that sustains us on our journey, and may Confession be a pathway to the renewal of our hearts. Together, these sacraments prepare us to welcome the Lord with open hearts, allowing His joy to permeate our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice! May the joy of the Eucharist and the grace of Confession fill our hearts as we prepare for the coming of our Savior.



CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATIONS

This year, Christmas falls on the Monday immediately following the 4th Sunday of Advent, meaning the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve both occur on December 24. Since the Sunday Mass and Christmas Mass are two separate obligations, it is important to attend two separate Masses to fulfill both obligations: one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one Mass for the Feast of Christmas.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS AND YOUR TAXES

As 2023 comes to an end, we remind you that any contributions to your parish should be in by Dec. 21st. Donations received after Jan. 1st will not qualify as charitable deductions for 2023. Please remember your Parish this year as you are in the act of giving to others. Your support is always greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK ENDING DEC. 3, 2023

St. James Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$3,026.00
Online Giving	\$1,815.00
Loose	\$338.51

St. Joseph Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$1,035.00
Loose	\$228.00

GIVE A GIFT OF A CAR WASH AND HELP CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



A Kwik Trip Car Wash card makes a great gift for a friend, employee, neighbor, family member or yourself. With the purchase of a Car Wash card, you will help support Catholic

Education. The card is loaded with 5 ultimate car washes for only \$36. This is a \$50 value. All proceeds benefit the Catholic Schools and give children the opportunity to learn about God's work. Contact Jim Wavrunek at 920-680-4095 or pick up at All Saints School.



The Toys for Tots Program is collecting new, unwrapped toys during December.

Toys can be dropped off at Proko-Wall Funeral Home between the hours of 9am-4pm Monday thru Friday at 1630 E. Mason St. Green Bay.

FOOD COLLECTION

The ongoing food collection has been a great success for the local Food Pantry. We are so grateful for the steady flow of donations. Now that the holidays and winter season are upon us, the need is even greater. Whatever we can collect during this time is an extra blessing.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

If you would like an end of the year statement with your contributions to your parish, please call your parish office and ask to have it printed out for you.

READINGS - DEC. 24, 2023

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (11B)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

READINGS - CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 62:1-5 (13ABC)
Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

READINGS - CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10 (16ABC)
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

The Parish Office at both St. James and St. Joseph will be closed Dec. 22 thru Jan. 1, 2024.



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and on our website:

stjamesandstjoseph.org

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ST. JAMES CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday December 20
No Faith Formation Class
Children's Mass Choir Practice - 6:30pm
Children's Mass Skit Practice - 7:00pm
Class resumes Wed. Jan. 3rd.

Churchtime

Sunday December 17, & 31
during 8am Mass



FATHER RON MEMORIALS

Father Ron Colombo served St. James Parish for 21 years - the longest duration of any pastor at St. James. We will be remembering him with two memorials:

- * A prayer garden or grotto on the parish grounds will be dedicated to him.
- * The deck above the rectory garage (where he liked to relax), will be rebuilt.

Donations are being accepted for these projects now. If you wish to contribute in memory of Fr. Ron, please place your donation of any amount in a marked envelope or go to our website to give online: stjamesandstjoseph.org/giving.

GIVING TREE

It's not too late to help St. John's Ministries in Green Bay. You can still donate an item at the Giving Tree until Mon. Dec. 18th. All donations will be delivered to the shelter on Wed. Dec. 20th. Thank you to everyone that has given to this cause that will help those in need.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Please remember to have your donations for the Christmas Memorials in by **Wednesday Dec. 20th**. Make sure to list your loved ones name on the envelope with your donation. A memorial list with everyone's names will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. We will be decorating church after the 8am Mass this **Sunday Dec. 17th**. All help is appreciated.



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY FEB. 24, 2024

Dinner & Dance

CHRISTMAS MASS PRELUDE

Plan to arrive early for any of the Christmas Masses. There will be 30 minutes of music before the Christmas liturgies begin.

CHILDRENS MASS

Join us for the Children's Mass at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Music students will perform prelude music starting at 3:30pm. A skit with the Faith Formation students will begin at 3:45.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There's always someone special to mail a Christmas card to. We have beautiful handmade Christmas cards with original photos featuring religious themes, local interest, or scenery for sale in the back entrance of church for just \$3.00 each. All donations go to the Good Samaritan Fund.

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

No Class - Christmas Vacation
Class resumes Wed. Jan. 3rd. 6:30pm

CHURCH TIME

Sunday December 17

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

We would like to invite all parishioners and visitors to join us before the Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday Evening, Dec. 24th. Our Christmas music will begin at 3:30pm. We will have a live program with our children which will begin at 3:45pm. Please come and join us for our Christmas Eve Celebration.

CANCELED STAMPS

As you receive Christmas cards from friends, please tear off the stamps and save them for the Rosary Society. Please put them in an envelope and you can drop them in the collection basket, or put on the bookcase in the church entrance. The stamps are given to the Friars of Pulaski for their projects.

HOLIDAY CARE NOTES

The first couple years after the loss of a loved one can be very difficult, even more so during the holidays. If you find yourself struggling with this loss or know someone who is, please seek out the Care Notes in the rack in the entrance to church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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CLEANING TEAMS

Team Lodel/Marsicek - Jan. 6, 2024

SANCTUARY LIGHT & HOSTS & WINE

Week of December 17, 2023
Deceased of the Muench Family

MANY THANKS



Thank you to everyone that donated items to the Advent Tree. These items will be delivered to Lakeshore Foster Families and Friends and because of your generosity, Christmas will be much brighter for many children this year.

Thank you to our Decorating Committee for making our church look beautiful once again this Christmas. Thank you also to the many strong hands that put up the Nativity Set in front of church outside.

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the gift of a new snow blower. We greatly appreciate the gift. If you would like to donate towards an item that is needed at St. Joseph, please contact anyone on the Parish Council. We have many gifting opportunities in a wide range of costs.

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