

# St. James St. Joseph

Cooperstown Kellnersville



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## Mass Times



## Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 13	4:00 pm	<b>St. Joseph Church</b>	+ Rick & Terry Ebert & All Ebert Deceased
Sat. Dec. 13	7:30 pm	<b>St. James Church</b>	+ Patricia "Pat" Valenta & Gary Valenta
Sun. Dec. 14	8:00 am	<b>St. James Church</b>	+ Joe Wotruba
Sun. Dec. 14	10:00 am	<b>St. Joseph Church</b>	+ Tyler Skarda & Skarda Family
Tue. Dec. 16	8:00 am	<b>St. James Church</b>	+ Mark Vandermeuse
Tue. Dec. 16	4pm-7:30pm	<b>St. James Church</b>	<b>Advent Eve of Prayer</b>
Wed. Dec. 17	8:15am	<b>St. Joseph Church</b>	+ Craig Antonissen
Sat. Dec. 20	4:00 pm	<b>St. Joseph Church</b>	+ Dan Chupita
Sat. Dec. 20	7:30 pm	<b>St. James Church</b>	+ Arlene & Jr. Skaleski & Debbie Petrich
Sun. Dec. 21	8:00 am	<b>St. James Church</b>	+ Art & Lou Nooyen
Sun. Dec. 21	10:00 am	<b>St. Joseph Church</b>	+ Stephen Zipperer & Zipperer Family
Wed. Dec. 24	4:00 pm	<b>St. James Church</b>	For the children of St. James Parish
Wed. Dec. 24	4:00 pm	<b>St. Joseph Church</b>	+ Sr. Marlene Greatens and Sr. Joleen Van Dyke
Wed. Dec. 24	8:00 pm	<b>St. James Church</b>	+ Fr. Ron Colombo
Thur. Dec. 25	8:00 am	<b>St. James Church</b>	Living & +Deceased Parishioners of St. James Parish
Thur. Dec. 25	10:00 am	<b>St. Joseph Church</b>	Living & +Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

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**St Joseph Parish**  
**Kellnersville**

For more parish information go to our website:

[stjamesandstjoseph.org](http://stjamesandstjoseph.org)

Please submit bulletin information to:

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**ADVENT EVE OF PRAYER  
Tuesday December 16th  
St. James Parish**

Snow Date: Tuesday Dec. 23

\* **Adoration:** 4:30pm-6:30pm

\* **Confessions:** 4:30pm-6:30pm

\* **Eucharistic Healing and Anointing of the Sick** - 6:35pm

**CONFESSIONS - ST. JAMES**

**Saturday evenings:**

6:30pm-7:15pm (before 7:30pm Mass)

**CONFESSIONS - ST. JOSEPH**

**Saturdays:**

3:15pm to 3:40pm (before the 4pm Mass)



**Wednesday December 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00pm. St. Joseph

4:00pm. St. James

8:00pm St. James

**Thursday December 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00 am St. James

10:00am St. Joseph

**READINGS - DECEMBER 21, 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

**MARIBEL FOOD PANTRY**

Wednesday Dec. 17 Noon-1:30pm

St. John's Lutheran Church  
14333 Maribel Rd, Maribel



**O COME LET US  
ADORE HIM**

**LIVE NATIVITY  
December 19-20**

Held at Lumen Christi Farm this live Nativity

will begin at 6:30pm and includes real animals and people, beautiful music and Adoration. Tickets must be purchased in advance: [www.lumenchristifarm.org.events](http://www.lumenchristifarm.org.events) or scan the QR code shown here.



**HISTORY IN THE MAKING!**

Recently Pope Leo XIV made his first apostolic journey since his papal election.

Providentially, his first visit was to Istanbul, Turkey, which was once known as Constantinople.

This has sincere implications that continue the hope of reconciliation and unity between the Catholic and Orthodox.

The relationship between the

Latin west, which became known as the Catholic Church, and the Greek east, which became known as the Orthodox church, is long and complicated. From the birth of the Church at Pentecost until the mid-eleventh century, despite the myriads of political, cultural, liturgical, spiritual, and liturgical differences between the Latin west and the Greek east, unity was, for the most part, maintained. Nevertheless, the events following the Great Schism of 1054 and especially after the sack of Constantinople and the desecration of the Hagia Sophia (The great Cathedral of Constantinople) by the crusaders of the Fourth Crusade in 1204, that unity was broken. In 1054, the Patriarch of Constantinople, Michael Cerularus publicly accused the Latin west of heretical practices and sought to restrict the Latin practices within his patriarchate. His public letter fell into the hands of Cardinal Humbert who was a primary advisor of Pope Leo IX. Long story short, this episode led to Humbert and a delegation on behalf of the Pope travelling to Cerularus with a scathing letter seeking a retraction. Humbert and Cerularus had no love for each other. They were both strong willed, hot-headed, and both saw themselves as correct. The meeting was deadlocked and ended with an angry Humbert storming away with Cerularus adamantly refusing to meet him again. On July 16, 1054, just as Cerularus was preparing to celebrate the Divine Liturgy (Mass), Humbert marched into the Hagia Sophia and tossed a bull of Cerularus' excommunication on the altar. (This event led to an uprising and Humbert and his entourage barely escaped with their lives.) In turn, Cerularus called a synod in Constantinople that excommunicated Humbert and his delegation.

Some historians believe that had it not been for the Fourth Crusade in 1204 commissioned by Pope Innocent III that tragically resulted in the crusaders sacking the city of Constantinople and desecrating the Hagia Sophia, the spat between Cerularus and Humbert and the events of 1054 could have healed in as little as fifty years.

Nevertheless the damage caused by the crusaders sealed the division between the Catholic and Orthodox that has not yet been healed. It was not until 1964, when Pope Paul VI met with Patriarch Athenagoras that major attempts toward reconciliation occurred when they mutually lifted the excommunications that had separated the East and the West for a thousand years. That is why the meeting of Pope Leo XIV and Patriarch Bartholomew in November was significant. To have the Pope, the Patriarch of the West and Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople embrace each other, pray with each other, and act like brothers in Christ is hopeful. To have both leaders solemnly commit to continue the path of reconciliation in order to one day, under the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, restore full unity between the Latin west (Catholic) and the Greek East (Orthodox) is most welcomed news and a breath of fresh air for the Church.



**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP  
ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

**St. James Parish**

Sacrificial Giving \$4,389.00

Loose \$546.00

**St. Joseph Parish**

Sacrificial Giving \$550.00

Loose \$329.57

ACH Support (Nov. 17) \$685.00

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## ST. JAMES CHURCH



**FAITH FORMATION**  
Wednesday Dec. 17  
Christmas Skit and Choir Practice

ChurchTime: Dec. 14 during Mass

**St. James Christmas**  
Children/Youth Solo/Choir/Skit  
Practice for the Christmas Eve Mass

**Wednesday December 17**

Children/Youth grades 1-12

\* Christmas solo instruments or vocal  
practice 6:00pm-6:30pm

\* Choir rehearsal 6:30-7:00pm

\* Skit rehearsal at 7:00pm

Please contact the following people for  
more information:

Tammy or Nancy Kinjerski - solos

Mary Ozarowicz - choir

Traci Hickey - skit

**4pm Mass - Christmas Eve**

Vocal and Instrumental solos will begin  
at 3:30pm Skit will begin at 3:50pm

**8pm Mass - Christmas Eve**

Preludes will begin at 7:30pm

**8am Mass - Christmas Day**

Preludes will begin at 7:30am.

### COOKIES FOR SHUT-INS

If you would like to bake and  
decorate cookies for the  
elderly and the shut-ins,  
please bring them to the parish hall  
kitchen by this Sunday, December 14.



### RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

This weekend - December 13-14

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING Sunday December 21

Everyone is welcome to help decorate  
the church after the 8am Mass.

### GIVING TREE

Please help the homeless population at  
St. John's Ministries in Green Bay by  
stopping at the tree in the back entrance  
to church. Pick up a slip of paper and  
return that item to church and place it  
under the Giving Tree.



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Secretary - Kathy Herlache: [secretary@stjamescooperstown.org](mailto:secretary@stjamescooperstown.org)

Faith Formation - Traci Hickey: [faith@stjamescooperstown.org](mailto:faith@stjamescooperstown.org)

## Save The Date!

Our annual  
Dinner & Dance  
fundraiser will be

*Dinner & Dance*

held **Saturday Feb. 7, 2026**

If you have not received an information  
letter in the mail, please contact our par-  
ish office. While you are out Christmas  
shopping, please consider putting togeth-  
er a themed basket for the silent auction  
or bucket raffle. Cash donations and gift  
certificates are needed as well and also  
live auction items. **A volunteer caller  
meeting will be held this Sunday,  
December 14 after the 8am mass.**

*In the case of inclement weather,  
please call the parish office first at  
920-863-2585. Any Mass, meeting,  
Faith Formation or event cancellation  
will be announced on our phone mes-  
sage. WBAY-TV channel 2 will also list  
our cancellations.*

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



**SEASONS OF FAITH**  
Next Sessions will be held  
December 14 & 21

This is a family and all generation-  
al opportunity to learn and grow in Faith  
together. For information, contact Cathie  
Lodel in our Parish Office.

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC

We invite children who want to play  
Christmas music before the Christmas  
Eve Mass to contact Jeff at 920-973-  
3831 or Rachel at 920-419-5840.  
Parishioners and Guests are invited to  
come early to the Christmas Eve Mass.  
Prelude music will begin at 3:30pm.

### SENIOR HOUSING AVAILABLE

The Kellnersville Housing will have an  
opening on Jan. 1st for a two bedroom  
apartment. This unit must be occupied  
by two people and one of them must  
be 62 years of age or older or qualified  
disabled. Rent is income based and  
there is an income limit. For more infor-  
mation, call Heather: 920-304-1910.



### LUMEN CHRISTI FARM ADVENT COLLECTION

Lumen Christi Farm is a  
Catholic retreat center that  
is also a non-profit faith culti-  
vated farming operation.  
The food that is grown on  
the farm helps to nourish  
people in need by donating

meat, eggs and produce harvested for  
distribution to local food pantries.  
In an effort to help support the good works  
of Lumen Christi Farm, the Social Concerns  
Committee is collecting items (from their  
wish list) throughout Advent.  
The list can be found on the Giving Tree in  
back of church. Please take a list and help to  
donate something from the list. Please bring  
that item back under the tree before  
Christmas. A box is also under the tree to  
collect gift cards and monetary donations.

### SANCTUARY LIGHT & HOSTS & WINE

Week of December 14, 2025  
**Leo & Marjorie Fogeltanz**

### JOB OPENING

We have a position  
within the linkage  
for a

**BULLETIN EDITOR.**

The position starts  
mid January and  
may require up to

10 hours a week, onsite or remote.

If interested and for more information,  
please contact Father Brian via email at  
[fatherbrian.sjcsjk2024@gmail.com](mailto:fatherbrian.sjcsjk2024@gmail.com).



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Bookkeeper - Raquel Duescher:

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