

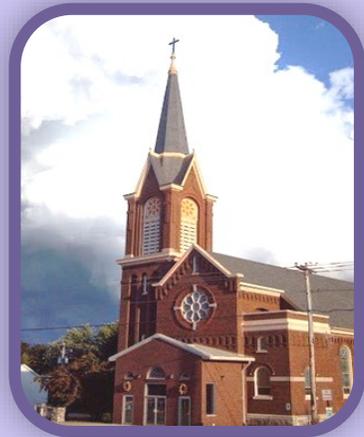
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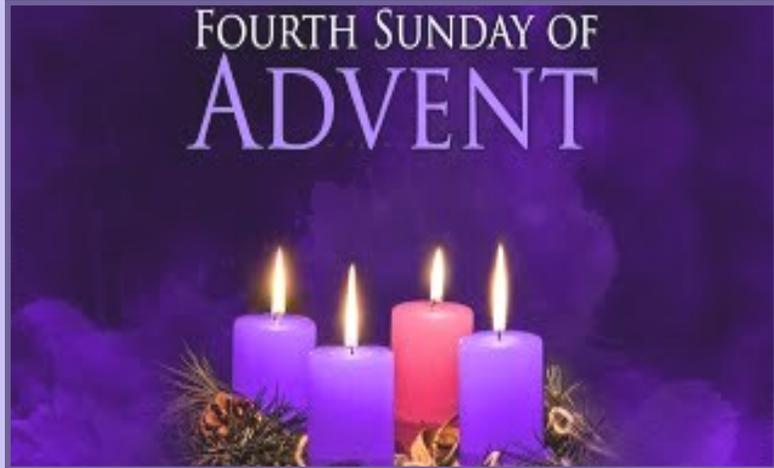
 <i>Mass Times</i>		 <i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sat. Dec. 20	4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	+ Dan Chupita
Sat. Dec. 20	7:30 pm	St. James Church	+ Arlene & Jr. Skaleski & Debbie Petrich
Sun. Dec. 21	8:00 am	St. James Church	+ Art & Lou Nooyen
Sun. Dec. 21	10:00 am	St. Joseph Church	+ Stephen Zipperer & Zipperer Family
Tue. Dec. 23	8:00 am	St. James Church	+ All the Homeless and those needing food and shelter
Wed. Dec. 24	4:00 pm	St. James Church	For all the children of St. James
Wed. Dec. 24	4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	+ Sr. Marlene Greatens and Sr. Joleen Van Dyke
Wed. Dec. 24	8:00 pm	St. James Church	+ Fr. Ron Colombo
Thur. Dec. 25	8:00 am	St. James Church	Living & +Deceased Parishioners of St. James Parish
Thur. Dec. 25	10:00 am	St. Joseph Church	Living & +Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
Sat. Dec. 27	4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	+ Suzanne Paider
Sat. Dec. 27	7:30 pm	St. James Church	+ Peg Dewane Holloway
Sun. Dec. 28	8:00 am	St. James Church	+ Nels "Lloyd" & Sara Rasmussen
Sun. Dec. 28	10:00 am	St. Joseph Church	+ Rose Tadych & Marion Mleziva



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CHRISTMAS

Mass Schedule

Wednesday Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
 4:00pm. St. Joseph
 4:00pm. St. James
 8:00pm St. James

Thursday Dec. 25 Christmas Day
 8:00 am St. James
 10:00am St. Joseph

READINGS - DECEMBER 24 , 2025 CHRISTMAS EVE

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6 (14ABC)
 2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14
 Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

READINGS - DECEMBER 25 , 2025 CHRISTMAS DAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:11-12 (15ABC)
 2nd Reading: Titus 34-7
 Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

READINGS - DECEMBER 28 , 2025 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (17ABC)
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (17A)

Parish Office Hours

Both St. James and St. Joseph parish offices will be closed on December 24-25, and on December 31 and January 1st. The offices are always closed Fridays.

Both offices will go back to regular hours starting January 5, 2026.

Monday thru Thursday 8:00am-noon.
 If you need to make an appointment or come in after hours, please call your parish office.

St. James: 920-863-2582
St. Joseph: 920-732-3770



In the case of inclement weather, please call your parish office for

any cancellations. Weekend and Holy Day Mass cancellations will also be listed on WBAY-TV channel 2.

Faith Formation classes at St. James will be cancelled if the Denmark Schools have been cancelled due to bad weather.

CHRISTMASTIDE

You have probably heard of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

This period is also known as Christmastide.

The following is an explanation of the Twelve Days and the liturgical celebrations that are celebrated.



The First Day of Christmas (Thursday, December 25) is Christmas Day when we rejoice in our Savior's birth.

The Second Day (Friday, December 26) is the feast of St. Stephen, the first recorded Christian Martyr.

The Third Day (Saturday, December 27) is the feast of St. John the Evangelist, in whose gospel it is revealed "The Word made Flesh, and dwelt among us." (Jn 1:14)

The Fourth Day (Sunday, December 28) is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, the innocent children who were slain for the sake of Christ. This year, however, since a Sunday occurs between December 25th and January 1st, the Holy Family will be celebrated in place of the Holy Innocents.

The Fifth Day (Monday, December 29) is the Feast of St. Thomas Becket, who was martyred on this day in 1170, in Canterbury Cathedral.

The Sixth Day (Tuesday, December 30) is a Christmas Mass within the octave (eight days).

The Seventh Day (Wednesday, December 31) is the Memorial of St. Sylvester, the pope during whose pontificate Constantine donated the Lateran Palace after his acceptance of Christianity.

The Eighth Day, (Thursday, January 1) is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. In Greek she is *Theotokos* "God-bearer." *Mother of God* is *Mary's* highest and most glorious title. How appropriate this day is celebrated as a holy day of obligation and a fitting way to usher in the new year.

The Ninth Day (Friday, January 2) is the Feast of St. Basil.

The Tenth Day (Saturday January 3) is The Holy Name of Jesus, to which the entire month of January is dedicated.

The Eleventh Day (traditionally January 4) is usually the memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who founded the first women's religious community in the United States.

The Twelfth Day (traditionally January 5) is the Memorial of St. John Henry Neuman, the first American to be canonized a saint. The evening of January 5th is celebrated as the Twelfth Night or Epiphany Eve, and the Epiphany of the Lord is traditionally celebrated on January 6, which in some countries is a Holy Day of Obligation that does not typically fall on a Sunday.

In the United States and many places of the world, the Epiphany is observed on the Sunday nearest to January 6th, which this year is Sunday, January 4. Epiphany means to reveal. On this day we celebrate the visit of the Magi and Jesus's revelation to the world. Byzantine and Orthodox traditions also exchange gifts on this day. Epiphany is also an appropriate day to bless holy water, doorways, and homes. A closely related Christmas feast is the Baptism of the Lord, When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River and God the Father reveals, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." (Lk 3:22) This is typically celebrated either the day after Epiphany or the following Sunday, as it will be this year on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Can you believe that this will already be my second Christmas season with you? May it be filled with many blessings and may the peace of Christ be always with you, your families, and parishes.

Blessings on your Christmas Celebrations,
 Fr. Brian

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP ENDING NOV. 30, 2025

St. James Parish
 Sacrificial Giving \$920.00
 Loose \$253.00

St. Joseph Parish
 Sacrificial Giving \$525.00
 Loose \$240.10

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 by email at: fatherbrian.sjcsjk2024@gmail.com.

ST. JAMES CHURCH



FAITH FORMATION

No Class

Christmas Break

Classes will resume Wed. Jan. 7

ChurchTime: Sun. Dec. 21 during Mass

Christmas Programs

4pm Mass - Christmas Eve

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

8pm Mass - Christmas Eve

Preludes will begin at 7:30pm

8am Mass - Christmas Day

Preludes will begin at 7:30am.



CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE

If you still need a Christmas card for someone, please stop in the back of church. There is a stand with beautifully handmade cards for Christmas and other occasions. Each card has an original matted photo and is made by a parishioner. They are \$3.00 each, and the proceeds go to the Good Samaritan Fund. The cards are self serve.

2026 Church Calendars

We are grateful to Cotter Funeral Home and Cremation Care for providing the 2026 liturgical Calendars for our parishioners. Copies are available at the church entrances.

Giving Tree Donations

Please bring your donations for the Giving Tree to our church by this

Sunday December 21st.

Your donations will help the homeless at St. John's Ministries in Green Bay.



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Secretary - Kathy Herlache: secretary@stjamescooperstown.org

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Dinner & Dance

Our annual Dinner & Dance fundraiser will be held **Saturday Feb. 7, 2026.**

The dinner tickets are now on sale after weekend masses and at Degrand's family restaurant, Maribel Diner or in the parish office. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours.

THE SEASON OF GIVING

The blessings of the Advent season are nearly completed. This Christmas as we give to others, please consider a monetary gift to St. James Parish.

Whether your gift be big or small, please know that our parish thanks you for your generosity. You can make a one-time or a recurring donation online by visiting our website: stjamesandstjoseph.org/give or scan this QR code for quick access.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards expenses that St. James Parish occurred during 2025.

As this year comes to an end, please remember that contributions should be in by Dec. 23, 2025 if you want to apply them to your contributions for your 2025 taxes

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



SEASONS OF FAITH

December 21

This is a family and all generational opportunity to learn and grow in Faith together. For information, contact Cathie Lodel: 920-732-3770.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

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



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Please bring your donations for the Advent Collection by this **Sunday Dec. 21st.** Your donations will help the Lumen Christi Farm in their ministry to help others.



CARE NOTES

If you have lost a loved one, the Holidays can be a very difficult period to navigate. Please look at the Holiday Care Notes in the stand in back of church. We hope that the Care Notes will offer support in dealing with grief.

2026 CALENDARS

The 2026 liturgical wall and desk calendars are available in the main entrance of church. Thank you to Lakeshore Family Funeral Homes for their generous donation.

SENIOR HOUSING AVAILABLE

The Kellnersville Housing has an opening for a two bedroom apartment. This unit must be occupied by two people and one of them must be 62 years or older or qualified disabled. Rent is income based. For more information, call Heather at: 920-304-1910.

SANCTUARY LIGHT & HOSTS & WINE

Week of December 21, 2025
Dan, Dawn & Dixie Oswald

REMEMBERING

Each year at this time, we remember the lives of two women who were loved by St. Joseph parishioners and our community. Sr. Marlene Greatens and Sr. Joleen Van Dyke died tragically in a fire in the church rectory home where they resided, during the early morning hours of December 23, 2004. We will always

remember the kindness and love of these two beloved



angels who enriched our lives.

Attention - Please note new emails

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