



ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

July 2, 2017 The 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 2nd

- 8:30 A.M. †Dorothy McDonald
C&C
- 9:00 A.M. †Andrea Seratti
Dave & Evelyn Knauf
- 11:00 A.M. People of Sts. James,
Cornelius & Cyprian

Monday, July 3rd

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, July 4th

OFFICE CLOSED
NO SERVICES

Wednesday, July 5th

NO SERVICES

Thursday, July 6th

- 11:00 A.M. Mass at Green Acres
- 7:00 P.M. Women's Cell Group
Conference Room

Friday, July 7th

NO SERVICES

Saturday, July 8th

- 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
- 4:00 P.M. †Frank March, Sr.
Knights of Columbus

Sunday July 9th

- 8:30 A.M. †Carrie Wieferrich
C&C
- 9:00 A.M. Vocations
Knights of Columbus
- 11:00 A.M. People of Sts. James,
Cornelius & Cyprian



God Bless AMERICA!



St. James Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic faith community of St. James, freely choose to respond to God the Father's unconditional love by centering our lives in Christ through prayer and the Sacraments; welcoming and sharing our love with all people by being missionary disciples of Jesus and open always to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our Vision:

Love God—Love People—Make Disciples

YOU'RE INVITED!



Show our love for God & Country by joining with the Youth Group in Mason's 4th of July Parade!! All parishioners are welcome! We will begin decorating a float & gathering at 6:00pm in the High School Parking lot at! Wear your Red, White, & Blue! Let's show the town how we:
Love God ~ Love People ~ Make Disciples!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 2ND

Sunday	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
Monday	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26; 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

**I will praise Your
name forever,
My Lord and My God.**

Ministry Schedule For Next Week



Saturday, July 8th 4:00 P.M.

Lector: Diane Whitney, Julie Payne

Commentator: Dan Bishop

EM: Joan Jones, Linda Schroeder, Phil Wieferrich

Altar Server: NEED TWO!

Ushers: Sandy DeView, Marilee Soltis, Pat Morrison, Irene Morrison

Music Tech: Colin Cooper

Sunday, July 9th 9:00 A.M.

Lector: Anne DeVitto, Sue Rabidoux

Commentator: Stephanie Gibbs

EM: Tiny Igl, Mary Ann Jensen, Rhonda McNeely, Vickie Munro, Jessica Sherfinski, Mary Kerschke, NEED ONE!

Altar Server: Madison Barrett, Mati Schafer, Wesley Rogers

Ushers: Dave Knauf, Tim Zielinski, Jay Jensen, Thomas Dick, Paul Schnipke, Jerry Baldwin

Liturgy of the Word: None for Summer

Music Tech: Amelia Kerschke

Sunday, July 29th 11:00 A.M.

Lector: Lisa Leibrand, Karen Ceccanese

Commentator: Ann Dunivon

EM: Trudy Mangan-Brandenburg, Paul Brandenburg, Linda St. Amant

Altar Server: Elizabeth Leibrand, Taylor Doerr

Ushers: John Simpson, Lynda Simpson, Ryan Skaggs, Regina Skaggs

Music Tech: Zach Leibrand

Parish Directory

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-4:00 Closed Fridays in summer

New Parishioners please register with the office or at
www.stjamesmason.org.

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Bulletin Deadline NOON Monday Email Preferred!

Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged. ~Ronald Reagan



PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY



Almighty God, maker of men and women in Your own image, we thank you for the many blessings You have showered upon our country. We pray for the whole human race as divisions seem to be pulling us apart. We ask that your own Divine Power hold us together. In a special way we ask you to hear our petitions for our country. We pray for our President, Congress and all leaders that they may be guided by Your Holy Spirit and they may seek to build a country based on truth and justice. May they have the ability to hear Your voice above all other voices. We pray for all citizens of the United States that we will be focused on doing our part in strengthening this great nation. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. ~Amen.

ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



There are still a few Saturday appointment times available for our *Anniversary Edition of the St. James Pictorial directory!*

When: July 21st & 22nd (More dates coming in September!)

Where: Keating Hall

Sign up in the gathering space or online at www.ucdir.com/. Church code is MI1016 and password is pictures.

DART BANK MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT

On the Courthouse lawn

June 30th—Lego Batman

July 28th—Secret Life of Pets

August 18th—Moana

THE GIVING TREE – BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The St. James Giving Tree will be up filled with tags starting July 8/9th until Aug 5th/6th. There will be money tags for children's clothing, but if you want to shop you can take a backpack or school supplies tag.



Money tags returned can be placed in the Money box next to the tree. When the purchases of backpacks and school supplies are brought in, please set them under the table next to the tree. A volunteer will be picking them up after all the Masses. All purchases need to be returned by August 6th.

Join us to make a child's first day back to school special with new backpacks and clothes they have picked out. Thank you parishioners of St. James, because you always make this a successful event. ~St. James Christian Services

YOUTH ROOM NEEDS

Our Youth Room is looking for some teen friendly seating (like beanbag chairs or saucer chairs, etc). We are also looking for a foosball/gaming table. If you have anything that might work, please contact Heather at stjamesheather1@gmail.com. Due to remodeling underway, please do not drop off items.

SAVE TIME AND DONATE ONLINE!

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with **WeShare**, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. **Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.**

With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays!

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit

www.stjamesmason.org

If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please contact Alison at stjamesalison2@gmail.com or 517-676-9111.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." --Luke 6:38



A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to: **Mother Teresa House**

Please Pray for Our Sick:

6/26 Carol Johnson, Gene Prentler 6/5 Don Leinhart, Dcn. Gordy Kilburn, Dcn. Tom Feiten, Gordon Terwilliger, Kari Olney.

NOTE: Names will remain on this list for just four weeks. Please contact the office if you wish to renew a person's name.



Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*

Ace Hardware Mason & Holt



Last Week's Collections

June 25th **\$6,521.00**
(126 envelopes, 31 EFT from 643 households)

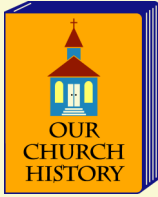
This date last year \$7,538.00

Fiscal Year to date (since July 1st)

This Year **\$461,833.40**

Last Year \$429,578.29

ST. JAMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY—DECEMBER 25, 2017



1981-The St. James circular Driveway officially became One Way but the signs did not go up until December. Vince Guarnaccia was elected Parish Council Chairman in July. Marylou Pax became the Parish Secretary/bookkeeper in September. A new storage building was constructed on the edge of the ball field for equipment storage compliments of the Ushers Club and Bingo. Choir Directors in the 1980's included Marilyn Newman, Carl Starkey, Peter DeFore, John & Sandy Gerrish and Ricky Belknap.

1982-Marguerite Cave, long time parishioner and St. James benefactor, died on January 25th leaving a large part of her estate to St. James Church. The Summer Fest '82 Fundraiser was held on June 18th-19th with a pig roast, Las Vegas Night, kids games, craft show, food and beer tent. Casablanca fans were installed in the Sanctuary for better circulation. In October, the Parish celebrated the newly remodeled Sanctuary including four faceted stained glass windows designed and fabricated by Ronald Lukas plus a new tabernacle that features the scene of the last supper on the door. Some of the items were purchased with funds from the estate of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Keating (42-55). Just before Christmas, Dr. Vince Guarnaccia ceremoniously burned the mortgage to the old Church at a Mass witnessed by the Most Reverend Kenneth J. Povish, Bishop of Lansing, Fr. William Meyers, Pastor, and Margaret England, cousin of Marguerite Cave.

1983-Fr. William J McKeon was appointed St. James Administrator in January and served until June. Fr. Richard Groshek was appointed Administrator of St. James in June. Both were appointed by the Most Reverend Kenneth J. Povish, Bishop of Lansing. Upon his return from a six month sabbatical in Rome, Fr. William Meyers presented St. James with a plaque bearing a replica of the painting of St. James that is housed in the St. James Armenian Church in Jerusalem. It currently hangs on the wall of the Chapel. {James, Son of Fisherman Zebedee, Brother of John Evangelist, Called by Jesus in Galilee, Son of Thunder, To Be Apostle, Companion at his Transfiguration, And Agony in Gethsemane, First Apostle to be Martyred, Beheaded by Herod Agrippa II, Pray for us who Pray to You, that we too be Apostles of Jesus' Gospel, Faithful to Death, Witnesses of His suffering and sharers of His Glory, Amen. Fr. William Meyers, 1983} Summer Fest '83 was held in August including a 10K run, food, Las Vegas night, games, crafts, auction and a beer and dance tent. An Ushers Club was started by James Birney Sr. Art VanCampe, Larry Cool, Frank March Sr. Charles Brandell, Mitch Grahek, Dick Grahek, Dick Woods, Duff Williams Les Jones and James Birney Jr. Gordon McMann was our organist and choir director and Nancy Manning was our Parish Secretary/bookkeeper. St. James men started a softball team and used the ball field west of the Church. They played from 1983 through the 1990 season. They played other denominational church in the area. Teams like Leslie Methodist, Edgewood Baptist, Childs, Eden United Brethren, Mason Nazarene, Capital City Baptist, Holt Baptist, Okemos Baptist, Mason Methodist, Charity Baptist, All Saints, Columbia Road Baptist, Bunker Hill and others. Gene Murawski was the early coach and Bob Rodriguez in later years. They had names like "Sons of Thunder" and the "St. James Cornhuskers" Fr. Paul J. DeRose (55-57) died on January 31st.



EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Help celebrate St. James upcoming 75th Anniversary by sharing a story about you and/or your family.

How long have you attended St. James Church? Did you attend school when St. James had one?

Have a story about a former priest? Memories of past organizations? Memory of how you were welcomed? Did you help with getting the new building up and going?

You are encouraged to SIGN THE BOOK in the gathering space, include how long you've been a parishioner. Think of it as a "Guest Book" or high school yearbook. Write a short greeting. OR email your story to Bonnie Gurzenda at bonniegurz@gmail.com, and I will see that it gets into the Anniversary Book. OR do both! OR please call Bonnie at 517-623-0089.



We want EVERYONE to participate! Everyone matters! Everyone has a story. Please share yours.

Share Your Stories

ATTENTION!

Mason Knights, spouses and friends! Our annual Independence Day visit to Jefferson Square is Wednesday, July 5th. Join us from 6:00—6:30 for patriotic songs and from 6:30—7:00 for fellowship. Please bring a plate of snacks or sweets to share. Drinks and dinnerware will be provided, as well as song lyrics.

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Upcoming Events:



July 4th - Fourth of July. Lets celebrate our Freedom with all of the activities that will be happening in Mason.

The Knight of the Month for June was Dr. Larry Prokop for all of the great leadership he has shown over the last two years as the Grand Knight of Mason Council Knights of Columbus #9182.

The Family of the Year was Dr. Larry and Pam Prokop for all the work that both have done for the Mason Knights of Columbus #9182 over the past years.

ATTENTION SINGLES!

Lansing Catholic Singles is hosting its 6th annual state-wide picnic for Catholic singles in their mid 30's & up from Noon to 5 pm (eating at 1 pm) on Saturday, July 15th at Burchfield Park's North Bluff shelter in Holt, just south of Lansing. Held rain or shine. Join us for a Patriotic Day picnic! We'll supply sloppy joes and table service. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. In keeping with the patriotic theme feel free to wear a ball cap or red/white/blue. Cost is \$7 plus park admittance. Please RSVP by July 10th.

For more information or to RSVP, phone 517-375-2354 or 517-321-7886, email LansingCatholicSingles@live.com or visit www.lansingcatholicsingles.com. Join us for Food, Fun, Games and Fellowship!

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

A new retreat "Mary: Blessed Are You Among Women" will be given Tuesday, July 25th from 9:00am-3:30pm at St. Francis Retreat Center by Tony Sperendi. Mary is truly THE Wonder Woman created by God with super-powers of grace and humility! We will unpack the Scriptures and her apparition at Fatima to understand the great role she plays in our lives and how much she loves us! All are welcome. Cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over and includes breakfast snacks, lunch, Mass and materials. Bring your Bible. Contact the retreat center at <http://www.stfrancis.ws/> or 517-669-8321.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Save the date! The theme this year is *Rome, Paul & the Underground Church*

When: Monday, August 14th—Thursday, August 17th

Time: 5:30—8:00 PM Dinner is included! Watch for more details to come!

Registration is now available online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/572f1c>



ATTENTION CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE CATECHISTS!

All current and new catechists should look over the 22 topics offered in August nearby- St. Therese! Please plan to attend the Festival of Faith- any part or all of the sessions over the course of 8 days. Any adults interested in their own faith development or having any ministry in the parish can take the session too. Our parish will cover the cost of attending for catechists- just turn in your registration form to the office. Detailed information was emailed to you and is also available on the counter in the gathering space. Register at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=6fbc74eb497f4041ac756cd2484410cf>

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Hannah's House is looking to hire a Case Manager to work one-on-one with residents. They handle residents' problems case-by-case, which might include struggles with domestic violence, physical or emotional illness, alcoholism, drug abuse and other conditions that contributed to their homelessness. Case managers coordinate services for clients who need permanent housing, health care, financial help or job training. This is a part-time position 25 hours per week and early morning, evening and weekend hours may be required

Apply at www.hannahshouselaning.org

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

ROCK ~ 9th-12th

Starting this fall will meet on SATURDAYS from 6-8pm

ENCOUNTER ~ 6th-8th grades

Starting this fall will meet on TUESDAYS from 6-8pm

[Stay in touch this summer using Remind.com!](http://Remind.com)

High School—Text @stjrock to 81010 to get ROCK updates!

Middle School—Text @enc678 to 81010.



Dalton Trimmer & Elizabeth Sherfinski at DYLC—Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

As many of you have heard during the weekend Masses, we have been looking at options to change Faith Formation times and days for our children. We would still be interested in hearing your responses to our survey asking you if you would prefer your child to attend on Wednesdays as they have been, or Sundays between the Masses. **We have decided to add a Sunday option for your children in addition to our Wednesday classes.** We will need catechists and other help. We can't do it without you! Please email Maureen at stjamesmaureen@gmail.com if you indicated your willingness to volunteer.

Please look for the survey, and if you haven't received it, contact the office. We want to hear everyone's voice. **With the Sunday option, the early Mass will change to 8:30 am in the fall.** These changes are being made because we want to be in line with recent studies, recommendations and successes of other Catholic churches on a national level. Much prayer and thought has gone into these proposals, and we ask for your continued prayers as we discern where we need to go to meet our families where they are. Questions? Contact Maureen at stjamesmaureen@gmail.com.