



ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

August 13, 2017 The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 12th

3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
4:00 P.M. †Fr. Jow Tuvere
Charli & Karen Heiler

Sunday August 13th

8:30 A.M. Dan Berrera
Sts. C&C
9:00 A.M. George & Helen Kenyon
Richard & Shirley Grieve
11:00 A.M. People of Sts. James,
Cornelius & Cyprian

Monday, August 14th NO SERVICES

Tuesday, August 15th Office Closed
7:00 P.M. Mass

Wednesday, August 16th

12:10 P.M. Mass preceded by Rosary

Thursday, August 17th

9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary

Friday, August 18th NO SERVICES

Saturday, August 19th

3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
4:00 P.M. †Walt Gurzenda
Bonnie Gurzenda

Sunday August 20th

8:30 A.M. People of Sts. James,
Cornelius & Cyprian
9:00 A.M. Grace Lee
Vincent Family
11:00 A.M. Vocations
Knights of Columbus



19th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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

ST. JAMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

IMPORTANT! Please sign up!

If you are planning to attend the celebration dinner which follows 10:30 Mass on Sunday, September 17th, PLEASE sign up in the gathering space and let us know how many will be in your group. The dinner is part catered, part potluck. We need a count for the caterer. Be sure to put this date on your calendar and plan to celebrate the rich history of St. James with your fellow parishioners at Mass and at dinner.

PRODUCE SWAP

Have too many zucchini but not enough lettuce? Bring your excess produce to the gathering space and pick up what you need! If you have nothing to swap, but want some fresh produce, leave a donation for the Mason Food Bank!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13TH

Sunday	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



Ministry Schedule For Next Week

Saturday, August 19th 4:00 P.M.

Lector: Dave Kalchik, Diane Whitney

Commentator: Karen Ceccanese

EM: Ruth Wieferrich, Phil Wieferrich, Sharon Kalchik

Altar Server: Catherine Ehresman, NEED ONE!

Ushers: Chuck Dadswell, Pat Dadswell, Frank March, Tammy March

Music Tech: Colin Cooper

Sunday, August 20th 9:00 A.M.

Lector: Sue Rabadoux, Dionne Mumby

Commentator: Lisa Mazure

EM: Dcn. Al Turkovich, Jessica Sherfinski, Beverly Fink, Mary Ann Jensen, Rhonda McNeely, Tony Igl, Cameo Williams

Altar Server: Emma Barnum, Sophia Barnum, Amelia Barnum

Ushers: Tom Murawski, Ron Bates, Bill Sheridan, Jim Bartaliocci, Jim Wedell

Liturgy of the Word: None for Summer

Music Tech: Colin Bradley

Sunday, August 20th 11:00 A.M.

Lector: Connie Shutes, Jim Marshall

Commentator: Heather Dunivon

EM: Nancy Babin, Wayne Babin, Sue Powers

Altar Server: NEED TWO!

Ushers: Steve Crippen, Cathy Pinkos, Jerry DeRosa, Deb Heady

Music Tech: NEED ONE!

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!**



~The best things in life aren't things~

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS



New this fall – we are offering classes between the two Sunday Masses. They will be held from 9:40 am to 10:50 am.

This change is being made after much consideration, discussion, parishioner survey input and prayer. There are many area churches, as well as many nation-wide, that are maximizing the Sunday experience for families by joining Sunday Mass with children's faith formation. Research and experience has shown that in order to serve today's modern families, we need to work toward focusing on whole family faith development. Various parent/adult presentations and faith development sessions will be held concurrently with our children's sessions. Adults will gather during the time between Masses in Cave Hall. We will continue to use a program called *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts*, by Loyola Press with our children. Please continue to prayerfully consider how you might be able to help with the children's ministry. ~Blessings, Maureen

Registration for Elementary Faith Formation and Youth Ministry is now available on our website www.stjamesmason.org. Questions? Call the office.

ATTENTION MINISTERS!

It will soon be time to submit dates that you are unavailable for the Fall schedule which will begin after Labor Day and run until right before Christmas. **Please remember that Mass times will be changing with the change in Faith Formation classes!** Sunday Masses will be 8:30 and 11:00, so if this changes your Mass preference, please let the office know!

You may submit your dates to stjamesalison2@gmail.com or pick up a form in the gathering space.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

If you'd like to send a card, we have a few clergy August birthdays!

August 15th—Rev. Kenneth McDonald

401 E. Madison, Apt. D DeWitt, MI 48820

August 26th—Rev. Alan Wakefield

325 N. Whittaker St. #36 New Buffalo, MI 49117

August 25th — Deacon Tom Feiten

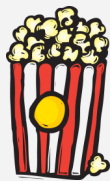
411 Peachtree Pl. Mason, MI 48854



DART BANK MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT

On the Courthouse lawn

August 18th—Moana



Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.

Be kind. Always.

A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:
~Capital City Rescue Mission Maplewood~



Please Pray for Our Sick:

8/03 Bill Walsh, Bob Walsh 7/24 Luke Granger 7/20 Don Lienhart, Dcn. Tom Feiten, Gordon Terwilliger, Kari Olney, Hazel Lienhart, Peggy Davis .

BELIEVE. BE COURAGEOUS. SPREAD THE Faith.

Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*
~Kempeinen Dentistry PC.~



ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

There will be another photography session for our

Anniversary Edition of the St. James Pictorial directory!

Thursday, September 28th through Saturday, 30th

Sign up online at <https://ucdir.com/>

Church Code "MI1016"
Password "pictures"

PLEASE NOTE!

Father Godfrey will be here until August 24th. If you are doing something that might be fun for Father Godfrey or would just like to take him to dinner, call him at the rectory at 517-676-1159!



YOU'RE INVITED!



Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian Parish picnic

Sunday, August 20th

After 11:00 A.M. Mass
~please note change in Mass time!~

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS AT MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

Are you interested in caring for terminally ill people? Mother Teresa House has openings Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evenings, Friday evenings and weekends. Orientation is Friday evening, August 25th followed by Practical Skills Workshop Friday, September 15th 5-8pm and Saturday, September 16th 9-3pm If you might be that person please contact us at 517-484-5494 or serving@motherteresahouse.org.

Last Week's Collections

August 6th **\$8,808.65**
(121 envelopes, 43 EFT from 644 households)

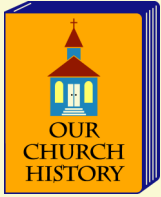
This date last year \$7,060.15

Fiscal Year to date (since July 1st)

This Year **\$48,858.66**

Last Year \$47,839.99

ST. JAMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY—DECEMBER 25, 2017

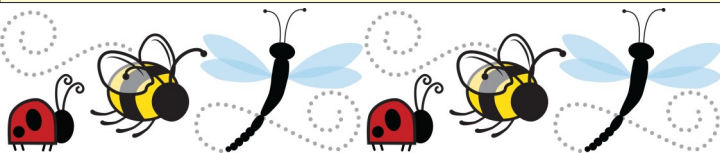


Please stop in the gathering space and sign up for the September 17th St. James 75th Anniversary Dinner to help us plan for food and ordering tables and chairs

1995-Wood risers for the choir were completed compliments of the Mason Lumber Company, Tom Bergeon, Don Kill, Mike Birkmire and Ken Tiffany. On March 12th volunteers from St. James removed our old assorted pews and our new pews were installed during the week. Donors for our new pews are included on a plaque in the West entrance of the Church. Bonnie Gurzenda joined Ellie Flood as St. James Bulletin Editor. Steve Harmon was elected Pastoral Council Chairperson. "Marriage as a lifetime commitment" was presented at St. James by Allen Theison on April 23rd and 30th. On July 23rd, Bishop Kenneth J. Povish joined us for the Sunday Liturgy celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the new Church building. Mass was followed by a chicken BBQ and dance. The Video Lending Library was started at St. James with a grant from the Diocese of Lansing and a video cabinet was purchased. The St. James fall Festival was held on October 6th through the 8th with a Las Vegas Night, raffle, auction, craft booth, teen dance and chicken BBQ.

1996-A Debt Reduction Campaign was conducted throughout the year. Walt Gurzenda was elected Pastoral Council Chairperson. On May 11th a concert/dinner Benefit featuring the Irish Band "Blackthorn" was held to help Fr. Daniel Noud from Ireland. The event was chaired by Parishioners Bill and Carol Noud. This concert started the long running "Blackthorn" concert fundraisers at St. James. On December 15th, our Favorite Son Fr. Phil Schmitter celebrated his 25th Anniversary as a Priest with a Mass at St. James followed by a reception in his honor. The St. James Memorial/Meditation Garden concept started with a memorial to two deceased Youth Group members Jody Metz and Amy Hill. A bench and shrubs were planned to be placed in the grass area near the main entrance to the Church. Aida Hill designed a 3-5 year landscape plan and the garden started.

1997-Our new Baby Grand Piano was delivered thanks to the Jim Brown, Richard Brown and Jim McEwan Families in Memory of I. Roberta Brown, the Ralph DeVitto Family, the Steve Szilagyi Family, the Tim McNeely Family and the Mason Knights of Columbus Council #9182. The first "Blackthorn" Concert fundraiser was held on March 22nd at the Ingham County Fair Community Center. The new St. James Bell Tower was donated and constructed in April compliments of the Bergeon Family in Memory of Mary and J.C. Bergeon. The bells and carillon were paid for by 32 donors from St. James. On May 10th, Fr. Kenneth McDonald celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination with a Mass and Parish reception. Keating hall was reroofed. The Knights of Columbus, Mason Council #9182, received the State Council "Church Award" at the Knights of Columbus Convention on Mackinac Island. Sue Bauer, Music Director, left St. James in July. Joe Guarnaccia erected a gazebo in the grass area between the North and South parking lots dedicated to the Memory of Rose Petitto. Bob Byrans was completing a Master Gardener series at MSU and started digging the Memorial Garden walkway. On Memorial Day Weekend, the Duff & Martha Williams family, the Roger and Rose Robertson family and a group of youth poured the cement forms for the cobblestone walkway including their initials. Name boards for \$50 were available in memory of loved ones and Duffy Williams carved out the names and the youth group painted the letters and the memorial structures started. In the fall, a prayer vigil was held during Youth Group to dedicate the Memorial/Meditation Garden. Bob Bryans continued to maintain the Garden with name board donations. Ginny Guarnaccia was commissioned a Lay Ecclesial Minister of St. James by the Most Reverend Carl Mengeling, Bishop of Lansing. Walt Gurzenda was re-elected Pastoral Council Chairperson. On August 9th, a special Mass and Potluck Dinner were held for Sister Maureen Martin, CSJ, on the occasion of her 40th Anniversary of Final Vows. A Parish Mission, "Give God a Second Thought" was given by Fr. John Collins CSP on September 15th-18th. Marjan Helms was hired as our new Music Director in October.



EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Help Celebrate St. James 75th Anniversary




Share Your Stories

You are encouraged to sign the memory book in the gathering space--a simple greeting is sufficient, include your name and how long you've been a parishioner. If you have a story to share please write it in the book, or either give it to the office or email it to Bonnie Gurzenda at bonniegurz@gmail.com, and it will be put into the book.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES:

The Raising Saints Catholic Homeschool Enrichment Program will begin its 6th year at St. Therese Parish on Friday September 15th. We come together on Friday mornings as a Catholic community of homeschoolers to attend mass and to sample the gifts and talents of one another as we supplement what we are doing at home with fun group activities. We welcome you to come get to know us and see if this is a good fit for your family. Our Fall Kick-off meeting will be Wednesday August 23rd at 6:30PM, our Fall Family Potluck will be on Wednesday August 30th at 6PM, and our last Summer Mass & Playdate will be on Friday September 1st starting with 8:30AM Mass at St. Therese Parish. We would love to meet you! Please contact Kristine Witkowski at kristinewitkowski@gmail.com for more information.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS?

If you are a male 18 years of age or older, you would be joining the largest Fraternal Catholic Organization in the World. In Mason, you would join a group of Catholic Gentleman that want to do projects for the Church, Youth, Family and Community. Projects that we donate money or our time to besides the Fiji Project are Right to Life Booth, Rectory Renovation, St. James Festival, Caroling at Jefferson Square Tootsie Roll Drive, Holy Cross Children Service, Fr. Kusi's Anniversary, Sound Proofing Cave Hall, Benches in the Garden, Ultra Sound Machine, Pews and Chairs, Stainless Steel Cabinets, Marriage Enrichment, Crop Walk, Mason Graduates, Youth Program, plus many others.

Joining the Knights of Columbus will give you the opportunity to get to know more of the parishioners personally at St. James. If you would like to know more about the Knights, just ask one of my fellow Knights to get more information.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

A new overnight retreat is being offered at St Francis Retreat Center August 21st and 22nd entitled, "*Going Deeper into the Life and Message of St. Therese the Little Flower.*" Her message is transformative! Popes and lay people have called Therese the greatest saint of modern times. Contact the retreat center for more info at stfrancis.ws or 517-669-8321.

AQUINAS COLLEGE VISIT DAY – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids is hosting an AQDay for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. The Admissions Office invites you to come and discover what life at AQ is really all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more.

Please visit aquinas.edu/aqday for more details or to register for the event on September 1st.

AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY SEEKING VOLUNTEER FOOTBALL SCOUTS

Do you enjoy high school football? Would you like to help young Catholic men have an opportunity to attend an authentic Catholic university and play football? If so Ave Maria University (AMU) could use your help! AMU is developing a scout network in Michigan to help identify Catholic football players from all schools (public / private / Catholic) in this area. Generous scholarships are available.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

Only a month to go and things will get ROCK'n again! Get ready to have an awesome ENCOUNTER with God!

ROCK Kickoff - Sept 9th
 Encounter Kickoff - Sept 12th

Make sure you are signed up today!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS



Come join the fun as 5 local Christian communities join together to present *Rome, Paul and the Underground Church*

When: Monday, August 14th through Thursday, August 17th
 5:30 - 8:00 pm.

Who: Children ages Preschool to 6th grade

Where: Mason 1st United Methodist

Register at www.stjamesmason.org

Dinner is provided! There is no charge!

Register by today, August 13th, and your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize given out Monday night August 14th. It is a family value pack from City Limits, donated by the Orlando family! Bowling, pizza and pop for the family!

Walk-ins welcome! Come join us!

Questions? Contact Maureen at stjamesmaureen@gmail.com

SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE

St. Mary Cathedral Rummage sale
 August 10th 9 am—7 pm

ATTENTION SINGLE MEN & WOMEN

(mid 30s & up): Lansing Catholic Singles invite you to join them on August 25th for an outing to the Greater Lansing Balloon Festival at the Hope Sports Complex in Lansing. Meet at 5:30 pm at Cleats Bar & Grille on site. We'll grab a bite to eat and check out the festival. Bring a car or blanket to view launch. Entrance fee is \$10. In case of rain, we'll meet at Los Rancheros in south Lansing for dinner. Please RSVP by August 24th.

For more information or to RSVP phone 517-321-7886 or emlansingcatholicsingles@live.com. New members always welcome!



MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

The men of our parish have their annual retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt scheduled for September 8th-10th. The theme for this directed retreat is "*Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord's Prayer in Our Day*" based on the book by Fr. Charlie Irvin. We will be delving into the richness that lies within the Our Father prayer. For more information or to register, visit www.stfrancis.ws. You can also register by calling 517-669-8321 or contacting your parish representative. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$175. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to set aside time for this encounter opportunity!