



ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

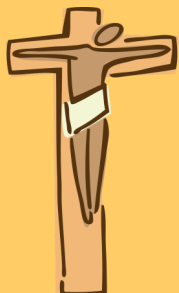
November 5, 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



31st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:10-11

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This Week at St. James

Saturday, November 4th
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:00 P.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian
 5:15 P.M. ROCK (grades 9-12)—*Youth Room*

Sunday November 5th
 8:30 A.M. †Ervin Smith—*Sts. C&C*
 8:30 A.M. †Andrea Seratti—*Robyn Sheely*
 9:40 A.M. Faith Formation Classes
 11:00 A.M. †Albert Turkovich, Sr.—*Dave Hayes*

Monday, November 6th NO SERVICES
 11:00 A.M. Faith Study Group—*Conference Room*

Tuesday, November 7th
 12:10 P.M. Mass preceded by Rosary
 4-5:45 or 6-7:45 P.M. Encounter (grades 6-8)—*Youth Room*

Wednesday, November 8th NO SERVICES

Thursday, November 9th
 9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary
 4:00 P.M. Bookies—*Conference Room*
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—*Youth Room*
 7:00 P.M. Catholic Information Series—*Conference Room*
 7:00 P.M. Women's Discovery Group—*South Wing*

Friday, November 10th
 9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday, November 11th
 9:00 A.M. Baptism Prep Class—*Conference Room*
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:00 P.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian
 5:00 P.M. Market Day—*Cave Hall*
 5:15 P.M. ROCK (grades 9-12)—*Youth Room*

Sunday November 12th
 8:30 A.M. †Mike Smith—*Sts. C&C*
 8:30 A.M. †Christian Bradley—*Janet Bradley-Mendez*
 9:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Market Day—*Cave Hall*
 9:40 A.M. Faith Formation Classes
 11:00 A.M. ΩVocations.—*Knights of Columbus*



Ministry Schedule For Next Week



Saturday, November 11th 4:00 P.M. Youth Mass
Lector: Diane Whitney, Anne Schmidt
Commentator: NEED ONE!
EM: Karen Ceccanese, Jean Crawford, Marilee Soltis
Altar Server: Catherine Ehresman, Olivia Ehresman
Ushers: Chuck Dadswell, Pat Dadswell, Frank March, Tammy March
Music Tech: Colin Cooper

Sunday, November 12th 8:30 A.M.
Lector: Dionne Mumby, Emma Barnum
Commentator: Julie Payne
EM: Dcn. Al Turkovich, Mary Ann Jensen, Mary Kerschke, Alison Burch, Rhonda McNeely, Jim Marshall, Ron Iwaszkiewicz
Altar Server: Wesley Rogers, Sophia Barnum, Amelia Barnum
Ushers: Tom Murawski, Ron Bates, Bill Sheridan, Jim Wedell, Jim Bartolacci
Liturgy of the Word: Debra LaFleur
Music Tech: Becca Burch

Sunday, November 12th 11:00 A.M.
Lector: Brenda Messing, Lynda Simpson
Commentator: Ann Dunivon
EM: Fran Clark, Trudy Mangan-Brandenburg, Sue Powers
Altar Server: Emma Murphy, Elizabeth Leibrand
Ushers: Steve Crippen, Cathy Pinkos, Jerry DeRosa, Deb Heady
Music Tech: Melody Baker

Parish Directory

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-4:00 Fridays 8:00-Noon

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5TH

Sunday 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; Ps 13:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Monday Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13



Gratitude is the first sign of a thinking, rational creature. ~Solanus Casey

FALL MARKET DAY

Come shop your local parishioners at Fall Market Day the weekend of November 11th & 12th in Cave Hall after all Masses.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Beginning on Wednesday, November 1st, the Book of Remembrance will be on a podium at the foot of the Sanctuary steps where you are invited to record the name(s) of your deceased loved ones. Also bring pictures of your deceased loved ones to put on display on tables in the gathering space. These will remain up for the month of November.



MASON FOOD BANK NEWS



It's Turkey Time again! For those wishing to donate for this year's turkeys and fixings, envelopes are at the back of the church and can be placed in the collections basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity to struggling families. Meijer Simply Give Campaign has chosen Mason Food Bank for the period Nov. 5th through Dec. 9th and they will match all donations made at the registers at Mason store. Dec 8th & 9th are double match from Meijer!!

ATTENTION SINGERS!



Rehearsals for the Adult Christmas Choir will be from 6:30—8:00 pm on Tuesdays during November and on Thursdays during December. All are welcome to join! Questions? Please see Antoinette!

WOMEN'S CLUB POTLUCK



Come enjoy the fellowship of the women of our parish at our Potluck dinner on Monday, November 13th at 6:30 in Keating Hall.

BLACKTHORN AUCTION

The Blackthorn Dinner Concert and Silent Auction is coming up March 3, 2018, so it's time to start thinking about silent auction items! We will be taking donations of **NEW** or **HAND-CRAFTED** items. Questions? Call the office!



PLEASE NOTE!



There will be a 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass at Sts Cornelius & Cyprian.

DISCOVERY SMALL GROUPS START THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5TH!

Small groups are forming now!

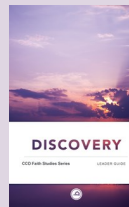
We have women's men's, mixed, couples, and many other groups. There are groups being offered on different days and times too!

Are you looking for a small group to join?

Please contact Heather in the office to sign up for one today!
Stjamesheather1@gmail.com
517-676-9111 ext 5.

Discovery Participant Guides are now available!

Get yours today in the office! Only \$10!



WELCOME!

If you have been away from the Church or want to discover the Church for the first time, we are thrilled to welcome you! Please visit www.stjamesmason.org and explore some of the resources we have. You can also register with the parish right on the website or if you prefer, call the parish office at 517-676-9111.

Welcome, Visitors!



FOOD BANK NEEDS

Mason Food Bank needs rice and pasta sides.

Last Week's Collections

October 29th \$6,166.58
(141 envelopes, 24 EFT from 649 households)
This date last year \$8,058.00

Fiscal Year to date (since July 1st)

This Year \$143,141.83
Last Year \$141,903.49



Please Pray for Our Sick:

10/23 Louise Face 10/23 Kari Olney 10/16 Liz Perez, Mike Perez, 10/9 Dixie Gilhouse, Heather Hause, Don Lienhart 10/2 Aydin Weyer, Frank March.

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



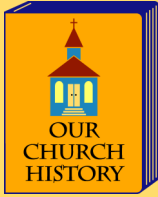
A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithes has been sent to:
~Senior Companions~



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Thank you
Our Sponsor of the Week
~CP Federal Credit Union~



ST. JAMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY—DECEMBER 25, 2017

2015—Fr. Kusi returned from Fiji in the middle of January. The annual Knights of Columbus Winter/Lenten Fish Fries started on January 23rd. The 19th annual Blackthorn Dinner and Concert was held on February 28th. St. James staff introduced the St. James Cell phone App and assisted with loading it on cell phones on the weekend of March 7th & 8th. Our website was changed to stjamesmason.org. Fr. Kusi conducted a "Mass of Explanation" sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on March 12th. Seven new members of the Church were welcomed at St. James at the Easter Vigil on April 4th. Twenty two St. James children made their First Communion on April 19th. The Knights of Columbus held their annual "After the Fish Fry" Party on April 24th and invited all the new Parish Families to join them. Fr. Alan Wakefield (99-10) celebrated the 11:00 Mass on April 26th and then attended a party in his honor celebrating his 40th Anniversary of his ordination sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The DSA Drive exceeded our goal by achieving over 136% of the goal. The "Let's Go Green" program was announced the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd by St. James Staff. This provides options for electronic regular offerings online. Fr. Kusi announced that he will be the Pastor at Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian Parish at Bunker Hill starting on October 1st and will continue at St. James as well. A new ice machine for Cave Hall was purchased by a St. James Parishioner, the Knights of Columbus and St. James Parish. Long time Parishioner Mary Glynn passed away at age 99 on May 12th. She crocheted the Altar cloth at St. James. Music Director Jan Krzesicki retired at the end of May and receptions were held for her after all Masses. Ballots were distributed and collected regarding new Mass times at St. James as we merge with St. Cornelius and Cyprian. Training meetings were held with all ministers at Mass to try and improve efficiency and save time so Mass can be completed within one hour. Fr. Larry Delaney, Director of the St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, passed away on June 7th. Fourteen St. James High School Seniors attended the Senior Mass and Breakfast on June 7th. New Music Ministers started at St. James, Stephen Chip Rumier on June 7th and Antoinette LaCinski on June 15th. Office Manager Vicky Martin retired from St. James after 21 years of service on June 30th. Receptions for her were held after all Masses the weekend of June 27th and 28th. A Special Collection for "Faith in Flint" was taken up the weekend of June 27th and 28th. Alison Burch was appointed to the position of Business Manager in the office at St. James. The Offertory Collection method changed to passing the collection baskets back and forth through the pews the weekend of July 4th and 5th. The Camino of St. James 8k/5k race was held on August 9th. A video message screen was installed in the gathering space. In August, a new gold with blue trim Offertory Basket was introduced during all the Offertory Processions compliments of the Knights of Columbus #9182. In anticipation of the upcoming Clustering with Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian, Fr. Kusi and Father Mike, exchanged places on August 16th. Fr. Tuhairwe Godfrey, Pastor at our Sister Parish in Buseesa, Uganda, spent the last week of August at St. James hosted by our International Outreach Ministry Committee. Over \$8,000 was collected for our Sister Parish. Fr. Kusi announced the new Mass Schedule for the two Parishes. Four O'clock on Saturday at St. James, 7:30 AM Sunday at Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian and 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM at St. James. Pope Francis visited the United States on September 22nd with stops in New York, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia on his six day visit. Gina Orlando joined the St. James Office staff. A video projection system with two screens on either side of the Altar was installed at St. James and along with that the new position of Video Tech. A Parish Kick-off Retreat Day, with guest speaker Sr. Ann Shields, SGL, was held on September 26th with representatives from St. James and Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian attending. The official Clustering of the two Churches took place on October 1st. Bishop Povish Assembly K of C provided a free breakfast for our Veterans on Veterans Day at St. James. Knights of Columbus Council #9182 presented their first Magic Show on November 22nd. St. James Parishioners experienced an unseasonably warm Christmas Season and came through with donations to our Advent Project to build a house for a homeless family in Haiti exceeding \$8,000.00. Christmas Eve Masses were the 4:00 Children's Mass at St. James, 7:00 Christmas Eve Mass at Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian and Midnight Mass (10:00) at St. James.



**MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND DECEMBER 1ST-3RD AT
ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER IN DEWITT**

Spend a weekend away with your spouse to connect with God's Grace as a couple. There is ample time to spend with your spouse and with others including a social hour, special dinner, and bonfire. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321. Registration fee is \$300 per couple with a \$50 deposit. Refer another couple, and receive \$50 off your weekend fee if they attend.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, Nov. 10th- 10am-7pm—Saturday, Nov. 11th-9am-4pm & Sunday, Nov. 12th-10am-2pm

Location: St. Mary School 220 N. Cedar St Williamston

ATTENTION WOMEN!

The Catholic Women's Club will host a luncheon on November 16th at Coral Gables in East Lansing. We begin at 12:30 and the cost is \$18.00. All Catholic Women of the Lansing Diocese are invited to join us. For more information and to make reservations by November 10th call Judy Sibal at 517-449-5365.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Upcoming Events:

- November 4th & 5th - Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign
- November 11th - Holy Cross Christmas Services Giving Tree will begin.

At the October 29th Knight's Meeting, the following individuals were voted Family and Knight of the Month.

The Family of the Month: The **Howard and Vickie Ehresman Family**. Howard and Vickie are active in various Church Programs, but the latest event was the visit to Jefferson Street to entertain the residents at Jefferson Street. The highlight was when their children dressed up in their costumes that cheered up the residents.

The Knights of the Month were:

George Wygant who donated the pig for the All Saint's Day Pig Roast that turned out to be a great success.

Jeff Haueter was named for all of the work he did to get the pig cooked and to organize the All Saint's Pig Roast.

AMAZING GRACE

Parishioner Patrick O'Connor will be running the St. Jude Memphis Marathon on December 2nd to help raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He will be running in memory of Grace Bushey (daughter of parishioners Brian and Stacey Bushey) who lost her battle against leukemia in 2014. Grace was a member of the St. James ROCK youth group, and attended St. James catechism classes. She was a freshman at Mason High School where she was an honor student and pursued her many interests of volleyball, swimming, and track. Grace was a beautiful, strong, smart girl that always had a smile on her face bringing joy and happiness to all who were around her.

Please consider supporting this effort. Donations can be made on the St. Jude fundraising site: <http://heroes.stjude.org/ForGrace> . Thank you for your consideration, and thank you to those who have previously donated to St. Jude's. .



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

R.O.C.K.

NEW TIME!! ROCK starts @ 5:15! We meet following the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays! Same great Fun, Friends & Faith!!

ENCOUNTER

Join us Tuesdays from 4-5:45 pm OR 6-7:45 pm! Bring your friends for a night of Fun, Exploring our Faith & Encountering God's Love!
All 6th-8th Graders welcome!



ATTENTION SINGLES!

LANSING CATHOLIC SINGLES (mid 30s & up): Invites all single men and women (mid 30's & up) to join them on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Come watch the MSU vs. Ohio State football game at Fireside Grill in Dimondale near State of MI secondary complex; time TBA. The time will depend on TV coverage and will probably be announced the week of the game. We will meet about 1 hour before game time in order to get some tables together. Please RSVP by Nov. 9th. For more information and to RSVP email lansingcatholicsingles@live.com or phone 517-321-7886. New members always welcome!

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

"A Eucharistic Advent Retreat" will be given Dec. 8th at St Francis Retreat Center from 9:00am-3:30pm. It will be co-directed by Louise Pare and Tony Sperendi. Louise brings a wealth of professional experience from her many years in Catholic Publishing and her unique vocation as a Consecrated Virgin in the Diocese of Lansing. This retreat promises to inspire and deliver practical ways to make this Advent memorable to you! Contact the retreat center for more information at: stfrancis.ws or 517-669-8321.

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

75th Anniversary Commemorative t-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets with the St. James logo will be available to order in the gathering space. Stop by and take a look!

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS



The elementary children and catechists are appreciating the Catholic Children's Bibles donated by the Knights of Columbus this fall. Each bible has been stamped with a "thank you" and these bibles are now in classrooms for all the children to use.

We are participating in the international Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" project for our second year. Filled shoe boxes should be left in Keating Hall Tuesday, November 7th. You don't need to tape them. Sarah Wright and I will do that as well as print labels and add postage. We will be able to track where and when they arrive in various places around the world! If you would like to contribute something, a check to be used for postage is always appreciated. Each box is \$9 to ship.

We will be competing soon in the poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Mr. George Wygant will be talking with the children on Sunday about the theme, "Keeping Christ in Christmas." Contest winners will receive cash prizes and even have a chance to have their poster, if chosen during the national phase of the competition, made into Christmas cards!