



# ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

November 12, 2017 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. James Parish Mission Statement

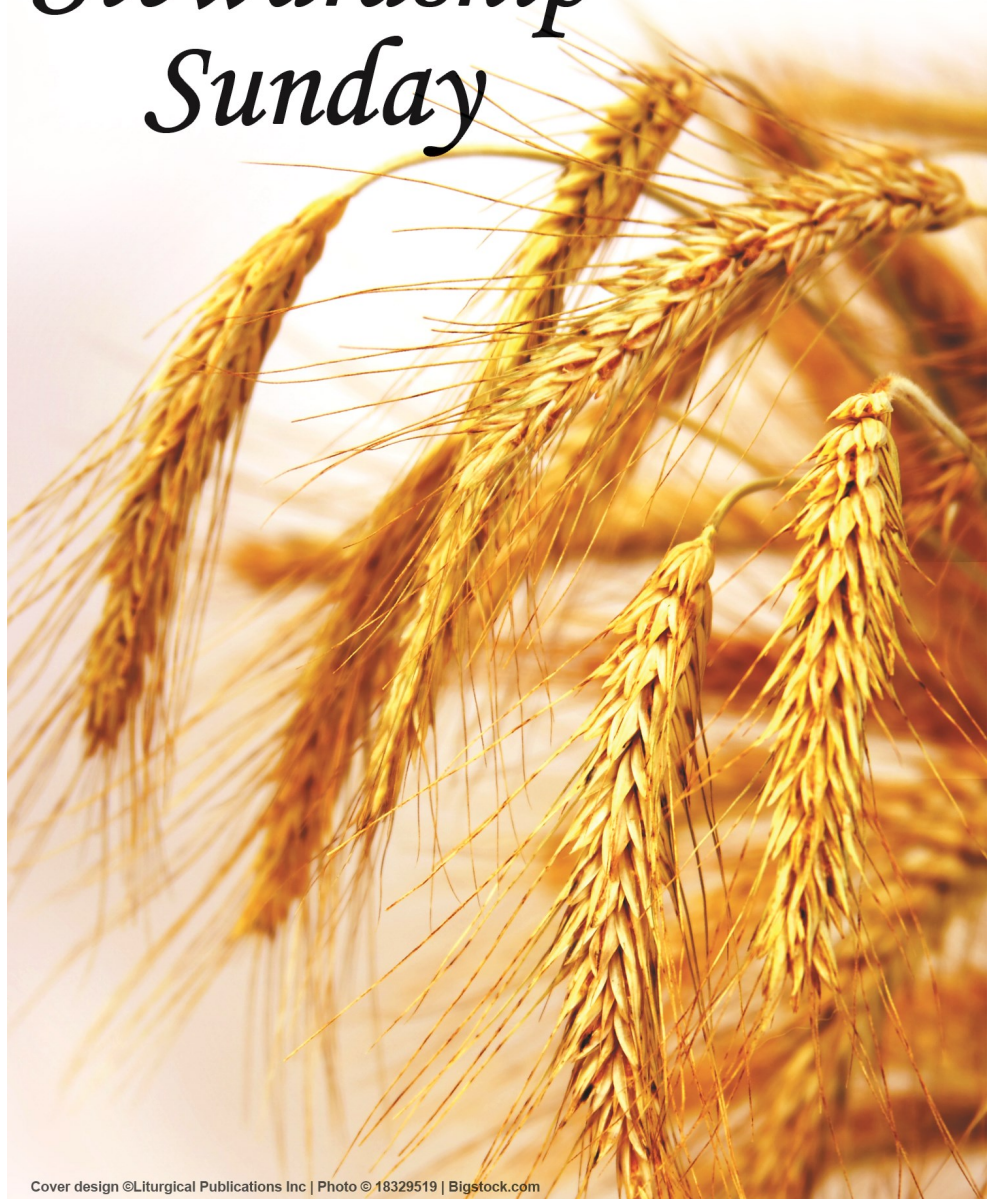
We, the Catholic faith community of St. James, freely choose to respond to God the Father's unconditional love by centering our lives in Christ through prayer and the Sacraments; welcoming and sharing our love with all people by being missionary disciples of Jesus and open always to the guidance of the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

### Our Vision:

Love God—Love People—  
Make Disciples



## *Stewardship Sunday*



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**This Week at St. James**

<b>Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup></b>	
3:00 P.M.	Reconciliation
4:00 P.M.	People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian
5:00 P.M.	Market Day— <i>Cave Hall</i>
5:15 P.M.	ROCK (grades 9-12)— <i>Youth Room</i>
<b>Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:30 A.M.	†Mike Smith— <i>Sts. C&amp;C</i>
8:30 A.M.	†Christian Bradley— <i>Janet Bradley-Mendez</i>
9:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M.	Market Day— <i>Cave Hall</i>
9:40 A.M.	Faith Formation Classes
11:00 A.M.	ΩVocations— <i>Knights of Columbus</i>
<b>Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICES</b>	
11:00 A.M.	Faith Study Group— <i>Conference Room</i>
6:30 P.M.	Women's Club Potluck— <i>Keating Hall</i>
<b>Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
12:10 P.M.	Mass preceded by Rosary
4-5:45 or 6-7:45 P.M.	Encounter (grades 6-8)— <i>Youth Room</i>
<b>Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
12:10 P.M.	Mass preceded by Rosary
<b>Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00 A.M.	Mass followed by Rosary
7:00 P.M.	RCIA— <i>Youth Room</i>
7:00 P.M.	Catholic Information Series— <i>Conference Room</i>
7:00 P.M.	Women's Discovery Group— <i>South Wing</i>
<b>Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00 A.M.	†Vince Guarnaccia— <i>Barb Guarnaccia</i> Mass followed by Rosary
<b>Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
3:00 P.M.	Reconciliation
4:00 P.M.	†Alfred Hengesbach— <i>Jeff &amp; Linda Haueter</i>
5:15 P.M.	ROCK (grades 9-12)— <i>Youth Room</i>
<b>Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:30 A.M.	People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian— <i>Sts. C&amp;C</i>
8:30 A.M.	†Eileen Sheridan— <i>Carol Synk</i>
9:40 A.M.	Faith Formation Classes
11:00 A.M.	†Vince Dragonetti, Sr.— <i>Vince &amp; Denise Dragonetti/family</i>

**Ministry Schedule For Next Week**



<b>Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 P.M. Youth Mass</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	David Kalchik, Dan Bishop
<b>Commentator:</b>	Heather Dunivon
<b>EM:</b>	Sharon Kalchik, Phil Wieferich, Ruth Wieferich
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Patrick Gaddy, NEED ONE!
<b>Ushers:</b>	Chuck Dadswell, Pat Dadswell, Frank March, Tammy March
<b>Music Tech:</b>	Colin Cooper
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<b>Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30 A.M.</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Anne DeVitto, Stephanie Gibbs
<b>Commentator:</b>	Kale Taylor
<b>EM:</b>	Dcn. Al Turkovich, Beverly Fink, Sue Domzalski, Tammy Dionise, Cameo Williams, Tim Williams, Jessica Sherfinski
<b>Altar Server:</b>	William Barnum, Anna McRay, Madison Barrett
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Murawski, Ron Bates, Bill Sheridan, Jim Wedell, Jim Bartolacci
<b>Liturgy of the Word:</b>	Sheila Maxwell
<b>Music Tech:</b>	Amelia Kerschke
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<b>Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M.</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Connie Shutes, Paul Brandenburg
<b>Commentator:</b>	Stephanie Rawson
<b>EM:</b>	Terri Miller, Paul Miller, Margaret Marshall
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Lauren West, Emma Murphy
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Crippen, Cathy Pinkos, Jerry DeRosa, Deb Heady
<b>Music Tech:</b>	Maddie West



**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](http://www.stjamesmason.org)

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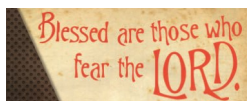
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 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
<b>Monday</b>	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
<b>Saturday</b>	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



*Each day is a gift from God. What you do with it is your gift to Him.*

**FALL MARKET DAY**



Come shop your local parishioners at Fall Market Day this weekend in Cave Hall after all Masses.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Beginning on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 years 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. 5<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and they will match all donations made at the registers at Mason store .Dec 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SHOP WITH A HERO FUNDRAISER**



The Ingham County Sheriff's office *Shop With A Hero* fundraiser Ham Dinner will be held at the A.W. Restaurant in Mason November 13<sup>th</sup> 11a.m.— 9. Pm. Dinner includes ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, soup or salad, and biscuit, all for \$5.99. Each year we take disadvantaged children from the outlying areas of Ingham County, we are provided the list of participating children by the school they attend. The schools involved are in Dansville, Holt, Leslie, Mason and Webberville. We invite the children and their families to the Mason Meijer and allow each child to shop. Each child is paired up with a Police Officer or Firefighter and is escorted throughout the store to pick out gifts for themselves or their families. We also provide each child with a food basket which includes a turkey, a ham and all the fixing for a full Christmas dinner. Donations will be accepted at the dinner, or you may contact Shirley Grieve 648-8861.

**ATTENTION!**

The new membership directory for St. James Catholic Church should be ready for publishing in December, 2017. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement or personal message in support of our new directory should call Jill Garner at 800-544-6903 ext. 111 toll free or email her at jgarner@cathedraldirectories.com. Your current ad or business card could be used or help in making up a new ad could be arranged. Please feel free to pass this information on to others. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church.



*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

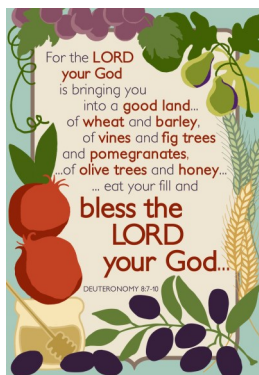
**Please Pray for Our Sick:**

11/3 Margaret Marshall, Mickey Bergeon 10/23 Louise Face 10/23 Kari Olney 10/16 Liz Perez, Mike Perez.

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 Tithe has been sent to:  
~St. Louis Center~



Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*

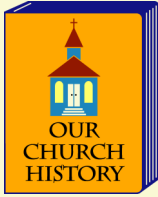
~Zielinski Family Dental~



**Last Week's Collections**

<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$10,973.65</b>
(157 envelopes, 45 EFT from 647 households)	
<i>This date last year</i>	<i>\$12,809.07</i>
<b>Fiscal Year to date (since July 1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	
<b>This Year</b>	<b>\$154,115.48</b>
<i>Last Year</i>	<i>\$154,712.56</i>

ST. JAMES 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY—DECEMBER 25, 2017



2016—The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus, Mason Council #9182, Winter/Lenten Fish Fries started on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Sound system in Cave Hall was repaired in early February and works great. The Saturday Mass at 4:00 PM went from four Eucharistic Minister Stations to Eight Eucharistic Minister Stations. St. James Parishioners supported the collection to help the Flint Water Crisis with contributions exceeding \$2,500.00. The Evangelization Commission handed out a free book for Lent, Rediscover Jesus, with a chapter for every day of Lent. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Blackthorn Dinner/Concert was held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. A Special Collection was taken on the weekend of February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and others bringing in over \$22,000 for the Holy Cross Parish in Fiji following their devastating Cyclone on February 20, 2016. The clothing drive for Fiji just about filled the South Wing of Keating Hall. The Youth Ministry sponsored a Lenten Journey, Taste of Taize, to St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing on March 6<sup>th</sup>. St. James surpassed its 2016 DSA goal on March 14<sup>th</sup> just four weeks into the Pledge Drive. The final totals for the DSA Drive exceeded \$50,000. Fr. Kusi announced that he passed his Citizenship Test on March 19<sup>th</sup>. A new, state of the art sound system was installed in the Sanctuary. Parishioner George Wygant, Major Retired, was appointed Lead Usher by Fr. Kusi. The Mason Ecumenical Good Friday Service was held at the Mason Methodist Church. It was announced that the evening collection was for the Holy Cross Parish and the Villages of Vuna and Navakawau, Fiji, surprising and overwhelming Fr. Kusi. Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Masses were held at 8:00 AM at Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian and 10:00 AM at St. James. The Fish Fry for Fiji benefit sponsored by Mason Council #9182, Knights of Columbus, was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> and brought in over \$10,000 for Holy Cross Parish and the Villages of Vuna and Navakawau. Sixteen children made their First Communion on April 17<sup>th</sup>. St. James office staff and Parishioners pulled off a huge Surprise 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Fr. Kusi on April 30<sup>th</sup> after the 4:00 Mass. Fr. Kusi received a new set of Callaway Big Bertha irons, XB adjustable driver, Mac Daddy sand wedges and an Odyssey white hot putter. Many Parishioners also gave Fr. Kusi cards and best wishes. Food service was provided by the Mason Knights of Columbus #9182. (2016 continued next week)

COATS FOR KIDS

St. James parish has given many coats, gloves, hats etc. to our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "COATS FOR KIDS". Often, I am asked "How we get so many coats? This is because St. James is not the only church involved in the coat drive. There are six Mason churches working along with us. This is largely a Mason community effort with the three elementary schools, and the middle school collecting coats for us.

We have businesses also involved in our success, such as A & W who support us by holding a fundraiser that pays for our flyers. The flyers are given out in all the Mason schools. Every child takes a flyer home. Dart Bank is represented on our committee by two members who set up a donation box at bank headquarters.

The Knights of Columbus reached out and has been helpful in supplying us with some brand new coats. We have recently been given the use of a storage facility by parishioners John and Marie Black. So many volunteers from all of the churches work the sorting of coats and the actual event.

Our Christian Service Commission was established to promote Christian Service among the people of St. James Parish and surrounding community. The Coats for Kids is a Christian Services program. St. James is well located and an excellent place to hold our community coat drive. Since we have been the hosts of this event for 7 years, the Mason community has become aware of the good works that come out of St. James Parish.



FOOD BANK NEEDS

Mason Food Bank needs rice and pasta sides.

SIGNS AND WINE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6:30PM

Join some Mason Area Girl Scouts for an evening of sign painting and wine drinking. Your \$25 entry includes all materials needed to paint a sign by Life Expressions, snacks, wine, and adult conversation. Participants should be 18 or older. Feel free to bring other beverages as you would like. This is a fundraising event for Mason Girl Scouts who are planning a trip to Savannah, GA—the birthplace of the Girl Scouts.

MYSTERY SOLVED!

And the prize goes to parishioner Vickie Munro who suggested that the mystery couple at the 75th Anniversary Celebration is Fr. Phil Schmitter's brother and sister--Dr. Charles Schmitter and Dr. Ruth Schmitter. Their parents, Charlie and Ruth, were parishioners in 1942 and Charles, Jr. and Ruth, Jr. were babies. This information was confirmed by Fr. Phil. Mr. and Mrs. Schmitter, the parents, were long time parishioners at St. James before their deaths.

The prize? Heartfelt thanks!



**KNIGHT'S CORNER**

Upcoming Events:

November 11<sup>th</sup>—Holy Cross Christmas Services Giving Tree will begin.

This is a great program. For many years the Mason Council Knights of Columbus has been asking for sweatshirts for Holy Cross. These items will be given to both boys and girls who have been in trouble with the law in some way. Holy Cross is funded partly by the State Knights of Columbus at a tune of \$10000 per month. These youngsters need our support. A group of us have personally gone to Holy Cross with a car full of sweat shirts to be given to these individuals. The look in their eyes and the excitement they show when they open their present is overwhelming. Please consider taking a tag from the tree, and help some individual have a Merry Christmas

The Mason Council Knights of Columbus is starting after masses the Keep Christ in Christmas program. We have various items that you can purchase after mass. We need to show the World that we want Christ to be an important part of our Christmas season

**AMAZING GRACE**

Parishioner Patrick O'Connor will be running the St. Jude Memphis Marathon on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. .

**WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION?  
WHAT DOES IT DO?**

You may have noticed at mass that the announcement is made about "4% of our Christian Service tithe goes to..." a specific organization. The Christian Service ministry was started in the early 1990s when Fr. Kenneth McDonald was our pastor. He suggested that the parish tithe part of our contributions to the needy in our community. It was an innovative project. Suggestions were made as to areas of need, and a budget was constructed with the Finance Council.

That same model continues to this day. In June, when the commission meets, the existing list of organizations is reviewed. Changes are made occasionally, members may suggest a new need. An amount and the month when the donation will be sent from the office is agreed upon. Currently there are 18 organizations who receive donations from St. James over the course of a year. They include St. Vincent Catholic Charities, EVE, Inc., Mother Teresa House, Pregnancy Services, Mason Food Bank, and others.

Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, in April, May, June, Sept., Oct., Nov. In December EVE, Inc. hygiene packets are assembled from the travel size items the parishioners have donated. (Also in June.) New members, or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry, are always welcome! The meetings are not long, much is accomplished, and there is an abiding feeling of reaching out to others in the surrounding communities with love and care, which is what our faith encourages us to do.

**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



Children are participating in the international Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" project for our second year. Filled shoe boxes will be at the local drop off site next week. We will keep you posted as to where they end up going!

We have begun the poster contest sponsored by our Knights of Columbus with 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 promotional posters for the following year. The poster paper and instructions were give to catechists. Some children may be working on them in class and some may have taken them home, but they need to be returned to Mr. George Wygant after any Mass the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**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



Jamboree 2017

for a night of Fun, Exploring our Faith & Encountering God's Love! All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders welcome!