



# ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

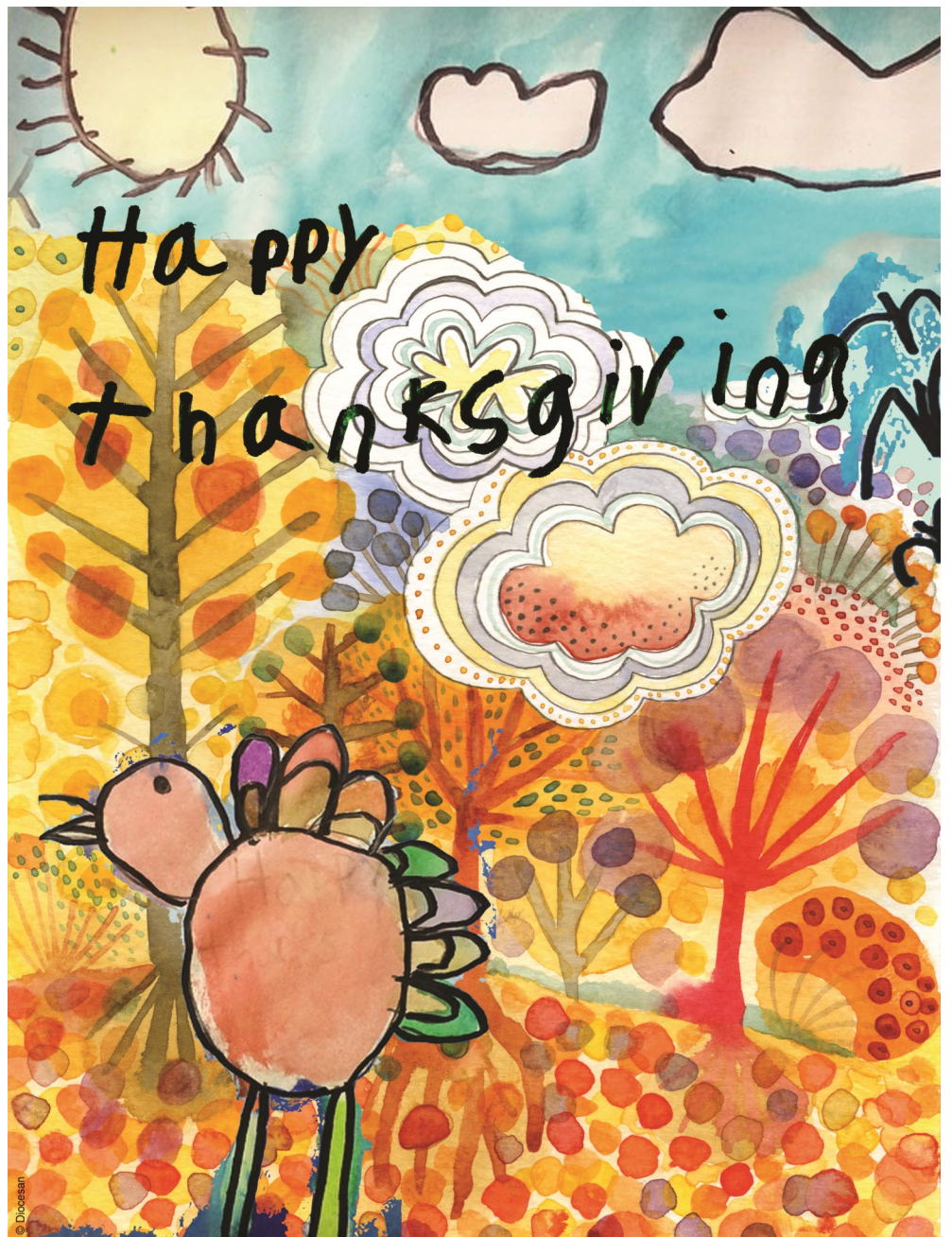
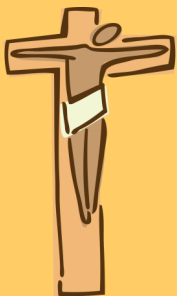
November 19, 2017 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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



**This Week at St. James**

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation  
 4:00 P.M. †Alfred Hengesbach—*Jeff & Linda Haueter*  
 5:15 P.M. ROCK (grades 9-12)—*Youth Room*

**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 A.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian—*Sts. C&C*  
 8:30 A.M. †Eileen Sheridan—*Carol Synk*  
 9:40 A.M. Faith Formation Classes  
 11:00 A.M. †Vince Dragonetti, Sr.—*Vince & Denise Dragonetti/family*

**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** NO SERVICES  
 11:00 A.M. Faith Study Group—*Conference Room*

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 7:10 P.M. †Eileen Sheridan—*Bill & Sally Sheridan*  
 Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

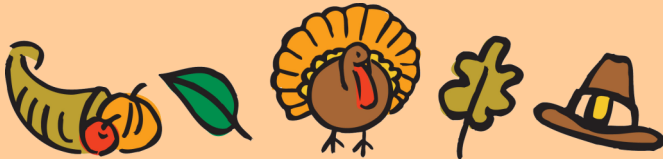
**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** Thanksgiving Day

**Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** OFFICE CLOSED

NO SERVICES

**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation  
 4:00 P.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian  
 NO ROCK

**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 A.M. Living/deceased Jack & Amy Bremiller family—*Sts. C&C*  
 8:30 A.M. †John Gaskin—*Vincent Family*  
 NO Faith Formation Classes  
 11:00 A.M. †Valentino DeRosa—*Orlando family*  
 7:00 P.M. Knights/Angels



SO MANY BLESSINGS

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sunday** 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

**Monday** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10

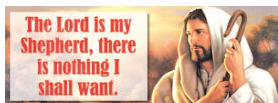
**Wednesday** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15; Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44;

**Friday** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



**Ministry Schedule For Next Week**



**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00 P.M.**  
**Lector:** Karen Ceccanese, Diane Whitney  
**Commentator:** Julie Payne  
**EM:** Theresa Seman, Karen Heiler, Marilee Soltis  
**Altar Server:** TWO!  
**Ushers:** Chuck Dadswell, Pat Dadswell, Frank March, Tammy March  
**Music Tech:** Colin Cooper

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**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 A.M.**  
**Lector:** Kathleen VanFleet, Sue Rabidoux  
**Commentator:** Lisa Mazure  
**EM:** Dcn. Al Turkovich, Mary Schwalm, Ron Iwaszkiewicz, Rhonda McNeely, NEED TWO!  
**Altar Server:** Wesley Learned, Lillian Kelly, Amelia Hall  
**Ushers:** Tom Murawski, Ron Bates, Bill Sheridan, Jim Wedell, Jim Bartolacci  
**Liturgy of the Word:** None  
**Music Tech:** Brendan Mumby

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**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M.**  
**Lector:** Michael Clark, NEED ONE!  
**Commentator:** Jim Marshall  
**EM:** Trudy Mangan-Brandenburg, Fran Clark, Paul Miller  
**Altar Server:** Melody Baker, Emma Murphy  
**Ushers:** Steve Crippen, Cathy Pinkos, Jerry DeRosa, Deb Heady  
**Music Tech:** 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)

Parish Office/Staff: 517-676.9111

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| <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>                                   | <b>NOON Monday</b>   | <b>Email Preferred!</b>  |



*There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.* —Albert Einstein

**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!!

**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!



**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!

**PLEASE NOTE!**



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

**T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**

75<sup>th</sup> 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!



**LEAVE YOUR CHECKBOOK AT HOME!**



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](http://www.stjamesmason.org). If you have any questions or concerns about the program or need help setting up your account, please contact Alison at [stjamesalison2@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesalison2@gmail.com) or 676-9111.



**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](mailto: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.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: **John Knudstrup**, brother of Chris Knudstrup.



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

Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week* **~Fair View Corners~**



**Please Pray for Our Sick:**

11/13 Patty Anderson, Toni Holtz, Aydin Weyer, Susan Wedell 11/3 Margaret Marshall, Mickey Bergeon 10/23 Louise Face, 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.



**Last Week's Collections**

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| November 12 <sup>th</sup>                              | \$6,461.80          |
| (148 envelopes, 25 EFT from 647 households)            |                     |
| <i>This date last year</i>                             | <i>\$7,168.09</i>   |
| <b>Fiscal Year to date (since July 1<sup>st</sup>)</b> |                     |
| <b>This Year</b>                                       | <b>\$160,577.28</b> |
| <i>Last Year</i>                                       | <i>\$161,880.65</i> |
| <i>Building Fund Collections</i>                       | <i>\$100.00</i>     |

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

2016 continued from last week—On May 18<sup>th</sup> Fr. Kusi took the Oath of Citizenship in Grand Rapids and became a United States Citizen. The day started with breakfast at A&W with Parishioners and then on to Grand Rapids where other friends and Priests joined in. Fr. Kusi took the oath with 80 other new Citizens from 35 countries. A reception at City Limits, organized by Shirley Grieve, was attended by many Parishioners, friends and dignitaries. May 22<sup>nd</sup> was proclaimed “Fr. Kusitino Cobona Day” in the City of Mason. Gordon Terwilliger retired from St. James Maintenance Department. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fr. Kusi’s Mother Merisiana and brother Lekesio arrived in Mason from Fiji for a three month visit. Twenty St. James High School Seniors graduated in June. Sunday Masses at St. James returned to 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. The Sunday Mass at Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian is 8:30 AM. On June 21<sup>st</sup> the Sea going 20 foot long container was loaded on a truck and started its journey to Fiji with love from St. James. This followed months of donations of clothing, shoes, towels and blankets, kitchen items, hand and power tools of all kinds, generators, and other equipment and building materials. Securing the container and leading the packing effort with his band of volunteers was Parishioner Gene Hentkowski. Beth Lowman, Youth Minister at St. James, resigned her position due to health concerns. The St. James Parish held an 86th birthday party and pot luck for Fr. Kusi’s mom Merisiana complete with Fijian style in the ground roasted pig and many Fijian dishes. Merisiana and Lekesio returned to Fiji on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Witness to Hope Diocese of Lansing Capital Campaign kicked off at St. James on September 11<sup>th</sup> with Campaign Director Joe Citro. Heather Dunivon was hired as the new Youth Minister at St. James. Bishop Earl Boyea visited St. James on October 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss his vision for our Diocese and the Witness to Hope Campaign. Pete Barnum was elected chairperson of the Pastoral Council. Tom Moran started his duties in the maintenance department. The St. James International Outreach Ministry and dedicated friends made and sold a record 366 apple pies. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Kusi announced that the Witness to Hope Campaign had reached 120 % of the goal with 30 % parishioner participation. Spiritual Leaders appointed were Rose Robertson, Jim Marshall, Carol Demshuk and Bonnie Gurzenda. On December 8<sup>th</sup> the Witness to Hope Campaign had reached 170 % of the goal and grew to 176% by year end. Our Advent Project to build a house in Haiti for a homeless family brought in over \$8,000. A video screen and projector were installed in Cave Hall and were used during the Christmas Masses accommodating an overflow attendance. St. James website is at [stjamesmason.org](http://stjamesmason.org). Fr. Brendan Ledwidge, Pastor at St. James from 1966 to 1971 passed away in Brighton, Michigan, on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the age of 93.




## MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL RAFFLE



The St. James Knights of Columbus Council 9182 will be selling Michigan State Council raffle tickets. The raffle provides the funds for the numerous charities the State Council supports. Tickets are \$5.00 each. For each ticket that we sell, \$1.00 comes back to our council and goes to the Seminarians we support. The drawing will be April 14, 2018, and the winners will be notified shortly after that. You do not have to be present to win. This year’s prizes are:

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 8-day Western Mediterranean Cruise for 2, overnight in Rome w/Vatican Tour, Italy, Monte Carlo (Cannes), France, Ajaccio, Corsica, Palma De Mallorca, Spain, Sardinia (Cagliari), Italy. Includes roundtrip flight, ocean view balcony room, Transfers, taxes and port charges. Plus \$50 on board credit and \$5,000 cash.
- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 9-night Canada/New England Cruise for 2, Cape Liberty, Bayonne, Boston, MA, Portland, Bar Harbor, ME, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St John, New Brunswick. Includes roundtrip flight, transfers taxes and port charges. Plus \$50 on board credit and \$3,000 cash.
- ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 7-night Western Caribbean Cruise for 2, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, day at sea, Miami. Includes ocean view room, roundtrip flights, transfers, taxes and port charges, and \$1,000 cash.
- ⇒ 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Philadelphia for 2, tour pass with 27 stops hop-on-hop-off sightseeing tour. Includes roundtrip flights, 3 nights at the Marriott Hotel Downtown, a 3-day tour pass, and \$500 cash.
- ⇒ 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Prize \$1000 each
- ⇒ 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Prize \$500 each
- ⇒ 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Prize \$250 each
- ⇒ 21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Prize \$150 each

Raffle tickets can be purchased from any Knight at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday or at coffee & donuts after Sunday Masses



**KNIGHT'S CORNER**

Upcoming Events:

November 18<sup>th</sup>—Holy Cross Children's Services Giving Tree will begin.

November 18<sup>th</sup>—Keep Christ in Christmas Sales. A variety of items are for sale in the Gathering Space or Cave Hall after all masses thru November 26<sup>th</sup>. Another idea is to buy a box of Christmas Cards for our Veterans that will be sent to a military unit so our Veterans can send them home to their loved ones. A great idea.

November 18<sup>th</sup>—This is the start of the Second Food for Family Program. Twice a year the Mason Council Knights of Columbus sponsors this food drive for the Mason Food Bank. The Food Bank is looking for Canned Fruits, Vegetables and regular sized and Hearty Soups. Other items are Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta Side Dishes, Spaghetti, Rice and Rice Sides, Peanut Butter, Macaroni and Cheese, Cereals, Stuffing or any other perishable foods, but no Home Canned Items.

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM Rosary in the Chapel

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM Officer's Meeting, followed by regular Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 PM

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM Knight's Angels Meeting


**I.D. 9:16 DISCIPLES' NIGHT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Attention all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Join us for our December Disciples' Night on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection in Lansing, 1521 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI.

We'll have Mass, dinner & drinks and a live-streamed talk. Our speaker this month is Billy Kangas. His talk is titled, *"Joining Jesus in his Mission: discovering divine intersections in our life"*. Billy was raised in a strong Lutheran family, and even pursued a call to ministry. He began to ask tough questions about the nature of authority in his own denomination, but couldn't quite buy the idea of papal authority. Eventually, he overcame those theological difficulties and followed the Holy Spirit's leading into the Catholic Church. Still feeling led to use his ministerial gifts in some way, he and some friends started Cultivate, a coffee and tap house committed to addressing hunger where he is able to facilitate discussions, address community needs, and do many of the other things he loved most about being a pastor.

Please find our event on the Facebook group "i.d. 916 Lansing" and RSVP there, or email us at [id916lansing@gmail.com](mailto:id916lansing@gmail.com). For more information, visit [www.id916.com](http://www.id916.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!**



Come ring in the start of the Christmas Season with the *Capital City Ringers!*

When: Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Where: Here at St. James!

**VISIT AQUINAS COLLEGE**

Aquinas College is in Grand Rapids hosting two AQDays for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. You're invited to come and discover what life at AQ is all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more.

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>: General AQDay (open to all academic majors)

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Athletic AQDay (open to student-athletes). Please visit [aquinas.edu/aqday](http://aquinas.edu/aqday) for more details or to register.



**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!**

**R.O.C.K.**


Next Meeting SUNDAY NIGHT, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7pm! Yes, we are going back to Sunday nights!! So we will meet Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and then the Christmas party is on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>! All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders should come!

**ENCOUNTER**


Additional class added! 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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders welcome!

**ROCK PARENT POTLUCK!**

Please join us Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30! Bring your favorite dish to pass & see what's happening in the ROCK Youth Group! All High School students and Parents are encouraged to attend!




**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



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>.