



# ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

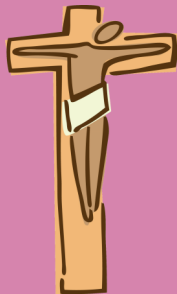
November 26, 2017 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## 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



## GROW + GO

### GROW

as a disciple of Jesus!

*The purpose of your life is to continually GROW in intimate relationship with God.*

- **PRAY** every day
- **STUDY** the faith
- **ENGAGE** in parish life
- **SERVE** others' needs

### GO

evangelize!

*Jesus' final command to his disciples was, "GO and make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28:19)*

- **PRAY** for those who are separated from God
- **WITNESS** about Jesus
- **INVITE** them to church
- **ACCOMPANY** them as they grow

**This Week at St. James**

**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

**Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 A.M. Faith Study Group—*Conference Room*  
 NO SERVICES

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</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 29<sup>th</sup>**

12:10 P.M. Mass preceded by Rosary

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary  
 11:30 A.M.—5:15 P.M. Blood Drive—*Cave Hall*  
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—*Youth Room*  
 7:00 P.M. Women's Discovery Group—*South Wing*

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary  
 5:00 P.M. ROCK Potluck—*Cave Hall*

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

3:00 P.M. Reconciliation  
 4:00 P.M. †Denis Seman—*Theresa Seman*  
 NO ROCK

**Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 A.M. Barb Szafrin—*Sts. C&C*  
 8:30 A.M. †Grace Lee (anniversary)—*Vincent Family*  
 9:40 A.M. Faith Formation Classes  
 11:00 A.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian



**Ministry Schedule For Next Week**



**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 P.M. Youth Mass**

**Lector:** Youth Group  
**Commentator:** Heather Dunivon  
**EM:** Youth Group  
**Altar Server:** Youth Group  
**Ushers:** Jeff Haueter, Linda Haueter, George Wygant, Jim Brayton  
**Music Tech:** Sam Thompson

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 A.M.**

**Lector:** Bill Sheridan, Dodi Smith  
**Commentator:** Stephanie Gibbs  
**EM:** Dcn. Al Turkovich, Mary Kerschke, Jessica Sherfinski, Tammy Dionise, NEED THREE!  
**Altar Server:** Fletcher Smith, Wesley Rogers, Maddie Barrett  
**Ushers:** Dick Brown, Tom Trimmer, Al Dionise  
**Liturgy of the Word:** Erin Etters  
**Music Tech:** Riley Kerschke

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 A.M.**

**Lector:** Lisa Leibrand, Ann Dunivon  
**Commentator:** Lynda Simpson  
**EM:** Wayne Babin, Nancy Babin, Steve Crippen  
**Altar Server:** Elizabeth Leibrand, NEED ONE!  
**Ushers:** Pat Hesch, Tony Essenmacher, Norm Puma, Ann Puma  
**Music Tech:** Zach Leibrand



**Parish Directory**

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

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**Bulletin Deadline NOON Monday** Email Preferred!



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**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

**Monday** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

**Friday** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor :3-9; Mk 13:33-37





*Oh Lord, my God, I cried out to you and you healed me —Psalm 30:2*

**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!

**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!

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON IS HERE!**



How would you like to do your Christmas shopping and earn money for St. James at the same time? Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday

purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from St. James at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. **The difference is an instant rebate for St. James!**

It's really that simple! When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers more than 700 of the country's biggest retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more.

- ◆ Earnings add up quickly—families can earn \$1,000 or more per year.
- ◆ Gift cards make great gifts!
- ◆ We offer over 750 retailers, so you can use scrip for practically anything.

You're shopping anyway, right? Why not shop and earn money for St. James at the same time? Call the office for details!



Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception:  
Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm at St. James

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am at Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian,

Advent Penance Service: Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm at St. James

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass (December 24<sup>th</sup>)

8:30 am at Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian, 10:00 am at St. James

Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>):

4:00 pm Children's Mass at St. James

4:00 pm at Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

10:00 pm at St. James

Christmas Day:

10:00 am at St. James

**Please note:** New Year's Eve will follow the regular weekend schedule. There will be no Mass on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ATTENTION!**

The new membership directory for St. James Catholic Church should be ready for publishing in December, 2017. If your contact information has changed (address, phone numbers or email address), or you wish to remain unlisted, please contact the office!~Thank you!



Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*

~David W. Golder, D.D.S.~

A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:  
~St. Louis Center~



IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Please Pray for Our Sick:**

11/17 Louise Face, Kari Olney  
11/13 Patty Anderson, Toni Holtz, Aydin Weyer, Susan Wedell  
11/3 Margaret Marshall, Mickey Bergeon.

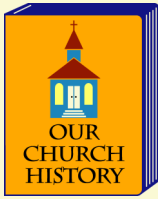


How can we **PRAY** for you?

**PLEASE NOTE!**

Due to early bulletin submission deadlines, there is no collection information available for the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup>.

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



2017—We started this year by kicking off our St. James 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year and celebrating those who came before us. In January, 1942, Annabelle Clinton, President of the Catholic Women’s League, and Bill and Mary Meier, tired of traveling to Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian Catholic Church at Bunkerhill or traveling to Lansing every Sunday, met with a small group of Mason residents, namely the Catholic Women’s League members and other area residents and petitioned the Most Reverend Joseph H. Albers, Bishop of Lansing, for a Catholic Church in Mason, Michigan. Forty three Mason Area Catholics signed the petition. Part of the reasoning for a local church was gas rationing that was in effect due to the war effort and many people could not travel to services at Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian Catholic Church at Bunker Hill or drive to Lansing. The new Mission Church was named by the Most Reverend Joseph H. Albers, Bishop of Lansing and honors St. James the Greater, one of the twelve apostles, son of Zebedee and a fisherman. He is the patron saint of pilgrims, Spain, Guatemala and Nicaragua. His Feast Day is July 25<sup>th</sup>. The first Mass in the newly organized St. James Mission was celebrated by Fr. Charles Keating (Secretary to Bishop Albers) in the Chapel of the Ball Funeral Home on South Jefferson Street, Mason, Michigan, on December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day, at 10:30 AM with 75 in attendance. Fr. Keating celebrated Mass with the Mass Kit used by Bishop Albers while serving as a Chaplain in World War I. Adult altar boys were William Meier and Charles Schmitter. For the next twelve years, Jean Ball, from the Ball Funeral Home would make sure the Chapel was ready for Mass each Sunday. Fr. Keating called her his “Altar Boy”. Fr. Kusi experienced a miracle on January 6<sup>th</sup> as he departed for a two week vacation. His Delta plane was delayed prior to take off and once in flight, was diverted from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida to the Orlando Airport in Florida. This miracle kept him away from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport where a lone gunman killed five people and wounded six others at the Delta baggage claim area. The first monthly Youth Mass kicked off on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus, Mason Council #9182, Winter/Lenten Fish Fries started on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Blackthorn concert and fund raiser was held on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Oremus Series Learn How to pray started on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parishioner Charles Heiler came forward to Chair our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Parishioner Bonnie Gurzenda spoke at all Masses in early March explaining our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and inviting all Parishioners and groups to participate in some way during the year. A list of ideas and projects were presented to the Parish. The official “Kickoff” will be near the Feast of St. James on July 25<sup>th</sup> and will end on September 17<sup>th</sup> with a 10:30 AM Mass with Bishop Boyea and Fr. Kusi. A program and dinner will follow Mass. Bishop Earl Boyea confirmed 61 St. James and Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian students on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Parishioner Gordon Terwilliger graced the April cover of Faith Magazine including an inside story of his faith journey written by Parishioner Rose Robertson. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, St James celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination of our former Priest Fr. Kenneth McDonald (85-99) and Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling with Mass, a program and luncheon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #9182. On May 26<sup>th</sup> Mason Council # 9182 received the Knights of Columbus, State of Michigan, Community Service Award at the Convention on Mackinaw Island. The project was “Cyclone Winston, a Fiji relief project”. On hand to accept the award was Fr. Kusi, Grand Knight Larry Prokop, State Ceremonials Director Gene Murawski and Gene Hentkowski. (2017 continued next week)



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. **Raffle tickets can be purchased from any Knight at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday or at coffee & donuts Sundays**



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.



75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS



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! Makes a great Christmas gift!

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!





### KNIGHT'S CORNER

#### Upcoming Events:

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



### 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 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. Grace was a beautiful, strong, smart girl that always had a smile on her face bringing joy to all around her.

Please consider supporting this effort. Donations can be made on the St. Jude fundraising site: <http://heroes.stjude.org/ForGrace>. Thank you!

### FOOD BANK NEEDS

Mason Food Bank needs canned Fruits, vegetables, hearty soups, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti sauce, pasta side dishes, spaghetti, Rice and rice sides, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, cereals, & stuffing.

### 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.

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*"

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).

### 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 an evening 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>.