



# ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

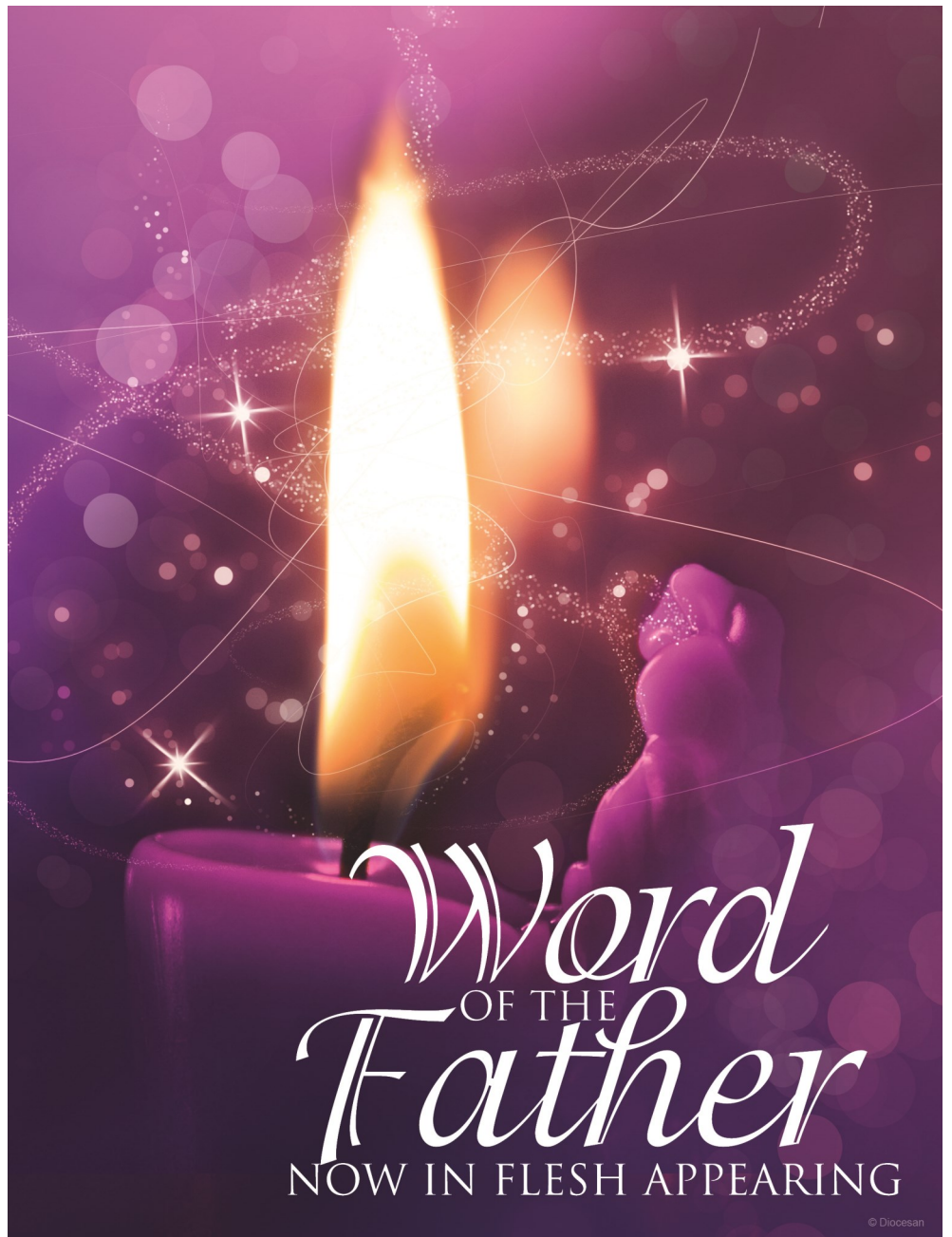
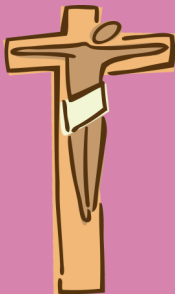
December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

## 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



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This Week at St. James

<u>Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	
3:00 P.M.	Reconciliation
4:00 P.M.	†Denis Seman— <i>Theresa Seman</i>
	<b>NO ROCK</b>
<u>Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup></u> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:30 A.M.	Barb Szafrin— <i>Sts. C&amp;C</i>
8:30 A.M.	†Grace Lee (anniversary)— <i>Vincent Family</i>
9:40 A.M.	Faith Formation Classes
11:00 A.M.	People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian
<u>Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup></u> <b>NO SERVICES</b>	
11:00 A.M.	Faith Study Group— <i>Conference Room</i>
7:00 P.M.	Capital City Ringers Christmas Concert— <i>Church</i>
7:00 P.M.	Men's Discovery Group— <i>Conference Room</i>
<u>Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup></u>	
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>
7:00 P.M.	Adoration
7:00 P.M.	Kitchen Committee Meeting— <i>Conference Room</i>
<u>Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup></u>	
12:10 P.M.	Mass preceded by Rosary
<u>Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup></u>	
11:00 A.M.	Mass at Green Acres
3:00 P.M.	Christian Services— <i>South Wing</i>
7:00 P.M.	RCIA— <i>Youth Room</i>
7:00 P.M.	Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception
<u>Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup></u> <b>Immaculate Conception OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
9:00 A.M.	Mass followed by Rosary
<u>Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup></u>	
9:00 A.M.	Baptism Prep Class— <i>Conference Room</i>
3:00 P.M.	Reconciliation
4:00 P.M.	ΩViocations— <i>Knights of Columbus</i>
<u>Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup></u> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:30 A.M.	The Phelps Family— <i>Sts. C&amp;C</i>
8:30 A.M.	People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian
9:40 A.M.	Faith Formation Classes
11:00 A.M.	†George Dunivon— <i>Mike, Ann &amp; Heather Dunivon</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-7
<b>Monday</b>	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5 -11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Nicholas</b> Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



Ministry Schedule For Next Week



<u>Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 P.M.</u>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Ceccanese, Dan Bishop
<b>Commentator:</b>	Julie Payne
<b>EM:</b>	Karen Bishop, Joan Jones, Linda Schroeder
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Catherine Ehresman, Olivia Ehresman
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jeff Haueter, Linda Haueter, George Wygant, Jim Brayton
<b>Music Tech:</b>	Colin Cooper
<u>Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 A.M.</u>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Emma Barnum, Dionne Mumby
<b>Commentator:</b>	Kale Taylor
<b>EM:</b>	Dcn. Al Turkovich, Alison Burch, Ted Burch, Beverly Fink, Rhonda McNeely, Ron Iwaszkiewicz, NEED ONE!!
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Alexis Taylor, Teagan Taylor, Korina Taylor
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dick Brown, Tom Trimmer, Al Dionise
<b>Liturgy of the Word:</b>	Deb Scafer
<b>Music Tech:</b>	Paige Filice
<u>Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M.</u>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Brenda Messing, Stephanie Rawson
<b>Commentator:</b>	Connie Shutes
<b>EM:</b>	Sue Powers, Margaret Marshall, Terri Miller
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Emma Murphy, Melody Baker
<b>Ushers:</b>	Pat Hesch, Tony Essenmacher, Norm Puma, Ann Puma
<b>Music Tech:</b>	Sean Hohn



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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<b>PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS</b>		

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**ADVENT PROJECT**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Welcome to the holy season of Advent! It's a time of waiting in anticipation for the coming of the Messiah into our world and our hearts. It's also a time to prepare to give a Christmas gift to Jesus who identifies himself with the poor, the lonely, the homeless, the stranger, etc., and especially for those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus.

For our Advent Project this year, we have chosen to support the Knights of Columbus whereby each Council is being asked to raise \$2,000 to resettle one Christian family back in the Nineveh Plain in Iraq. The Christian community in Iraq has fallen from 1.5 million in 2003 to fewer than 200,000 today.

Let us join hands together in supporting our persecuted brothers and sisters in Iraq and offer them a new home for Christmas and for the New Year. If you're writing a check, please make it out to the parish with "Advent Project 2017" on the Memo line. You may also donate online at our website [sss.stjamesmason.org](http://sss.stjamesmason.org). Thank you for your generosity. May Emmanuel – God With Us – bless you in abundance.

~Fr. Kusi – Pastor.



**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 St. James and  
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>.

**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!

**NO Cost but a free will offering will be collected.**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**



With the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent falling on Christmas Eve, there will be little time for decorating this year. We will be setting up the Christmas trees on Sun. December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass to be ready for December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please gather in Cave Hall after Mass.

**MANY THANKS!**

I want to thank Father Kusi, friends and parishioners of St. James for all the cards, call and prayers while I went through my ordeal with my shoulder. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

~Louise Face



**FUNDRAISING DINNER**

The Knights Angels will be having a ham dinner fundraiser at A&W on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 9:00 pm. We will be raffling off a beautiful china "Angel of Faith" by Lenox. Six tickets will be \$5.00. This will help support the charities we are involved in such as Pregnancy Serves, Stuff a Crib, Shop with a Hero, Catholic Women's Conference and the Knights Golf Outing. Please come out and support your Knights Angels!

**IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers**

**Please Pray for Our Sick:**

11/27 Duffy Williams, Margaret Marshall 11/17 Louise Face, Kari Olney 11/13 Patty Anderson, Toni Holtz, Aydin Weyer, Susan Wedell.

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



Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*  
~North Winds Heating & Cooling, Inc.~



A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:  
~EVE, Inc.~



**Last Week's Collections**

**November 26<sup>th</sup> \$6,998.10**  
(150 envelopes, 29 EFT from 647 households)

*This date last year \$7,774.00*

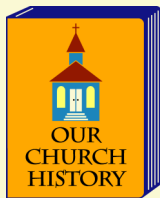
**Fiscal Year to date (since July 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**This Year \$180,674.63**

*Last Year \$177,135.15*

*Advent Project \$500.00*

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



(2017 continued from last week) St. James unveiled its new Logo and Mission statement the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup>. The logo includes St. James, the scallop shell and our vision; Love God, Love People, Make Disciples. The Mission Statement is *"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 a missionary disciple of Jesus and open always to the guidance of the Holy Spirit"*. Keating Hall was painted in March and received new carpeting in June along with the Administrative offices. Bishop Earl Boyea approved the appointment of Parishioner Dan Bishop to serve on the Board of Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Kusi announced on July 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> that Bishop Earl Boyea had declared him "incarnate" in the Diocese of Lansing. Fr. Tuhairwe Godfrey, Pastor of our Sister Parish in Buseesa, Uganda, started an extended visit to St. James and the Lansing area on July 12<sup>th</sup> He filled in for Fr. Kusi as he completed some Fiji Mission Appeals and lead the Mission Trip to Fiji. Fr. Kusi and his Mission group left for Fiji on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Parishioner Jeff Haueter received the "Sue Parsons Community Service Award" from the Mason Kiwanis Golden K Club on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The new St. James Logo Altar Cloth was installed on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Prior to Mass, Betty Rodriguez placed the new veil on the tabernacle. Fr. Kusi welcomed Bishop Earl Boyea, Bishop of the Lansing Diocese, Fr. Raymond Goehring (76-80) Fr. Richard Groshek (84-85) Fr. Kenneth McDonald (85-99) Fr. Alan Wakefield (99-2010) Fr. James Shaver, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian, Fr. Philip Schmitter, St. James favorite son, Fr. loane Sigarara, Fr. Kusi's nephew, Deacon Al Turkovich, Deacon Tom Feiten, the staffs and Pastoral Councils from St. James and Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian and a packed Sanctuary of Parishioners. During Mass, Bishop Earl Boyea installed Fr. Kusi as the Pastor of St. James Catholic Church. At the conclusion of Mass, a short program was held with comments from Fr. Kusi. A proclamation was read from the Governor and State Representatives for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. After dismissal, the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony in recognition of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A catered and pot luck dinner was served and enjoyed by all. Our photographers were Dr. Larry and Pam Prokop and our videographer was Thomas Miller. Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to St. James Catholic Church, Mason, Michigan. On September 24<sup>th</sup> the early Sunday Mass time was changed from 9:00 am to 8:30 am to accommodate the Faith Formation classes in between Masses. Professional photographers took portrait pictures of St. James families in August and September for our St James 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictorial Directory. The Discovery Small Group program was introduced to our Parish and Mrs. Amber Zolz from Vancouver Canada provided four days of training on October 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. Small groups will be forming to carry out this program. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Coats for Kids give away was held at St. James on October 28<sup>th</sup>. An All Saint's pig roast, potluck and Ministerial Fair were held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Kusi received verification that the 20 foot Sea going container shipped from St. James on June 21, 2016, finally reached Holy Cross Parish in Fiji after 17 months in transit and delays. And the People Rejoiced. The Grow and Go Lansing Diocese Program started on November 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>. The Advent Project this year will be supporting the National Knights of Columbus Program to resettle Christian families in Iraq.

**EXCLUSIVE MOVIE EVENT!**

St. James has set up an exclusive showing of *"The Star"*, an animated story of the first Christmas.

**When:** Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Where:** Celebration Cinema-Edgewood

**Cost:** Just \$6:00per person

Special snack packages available.

Contact Maureen for more information at [stjamesmaureen@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesmaureen@gmail.com) or 517-676-9111.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

James was working by the seashore when Jesus called him to be an apostle. He followed Jesus faithfully, all the way to martyrdom. James' remains rest in the Spanish city of Santiago de Compostela, one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in the world. Along the roads to James' tomb, scallop shells are badges of honor for those who have made the harrowing journey to visit the site. James is the patron saint of Spain and was beloved by the horse-riding conquistadors who often sought his intercession.

Patron Saint of: Spain, equestrians, veterinarians.



**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 26<sup>th</sup>—Mason Council # 9182 Family of the Month for November was the Tim and Deborah Zielinski for their work with the Food Bank, Mason Care Program and all of the other items they do for St. James.

The Knights of the Month for November was Al Schulien, Anthony Orlando, Paul Schnipke and Jim Powers for all of their work for our council to have a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive for the benefit of the Intellectual Disabled people in our area.

December 1<sup>st</sup>– We celebrated the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Charter of the Mason Council Knights of Columbus #9182.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>—Last day for Keep Christ in Christmas Sales. A variety of items are still for sale in the Gathering Space or Cave Hall after all Masses through December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

December 4<sup>th</sup>—The Knight's Angels will be have a benefit Ham Dinner at Mason A&W from 11:00 AM until 9:00 PM to help funds some of the Angels projects. The Angel's will be raffling off a Lenos Angel.

December 12<sup>th</sup>—7:00 PM Bishop Povish 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting at St. Mary's Church in Charlotte. There will be a Christmas Party for the Sir Knights and their Ladies after the meeting.

December 17<sup>th</sup>—Second Annual Food for Family Program. 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 Noodles, Rice and Rice Sides, Peanut Butter, Macaroni and Cheese, Cereals, Stuffing. **No Home Canned Items.**

December 17<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 AM Mass will be celebrated as a Knight's of Columbus Corporate Communion.

December 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM Rosary in the Chapel, followed by the Officer's meeting at 6:00 and the regular meeting at 7:00

December 17<sup>th</sup>—7:00 PM Knight's Angels Meeting

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR TRAINING**

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Lectors at 9:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00 am

For more information, call the office!



**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.

**CUTCO SERVING KNIFE MISSING**

A parishioner is missing a Cutco serving knife that was brought to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. If you possibly took this home by mistake, could you please return to the office? Thanks!

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Colt' & Filly's Child Care, Inc.

Looking for full and part time assistant child care teachers.

Please apply in person: 3700 Harper Rd. or call 244-0814



**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

We are excited that the children will be able to have formation sessions for most of Advent this year! There are many special projects and activities planned for them!

Next Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> is the due date for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Please see Mr. George Wygant after Mass to fill out the parent permission form and turn in your child's poster.



Samaritan's Purse Project

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!**

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

Next Meeting TONIGHT, 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! Bring your Friends!

**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!

**ATTENTION all Youth!**

We will be attending Adoration together on Tuesdays during Advent at 7:00pm. For those of you who have been in the past you understand how amazing and important this time with Jesus is. If you have never been before, this is your chance to see what the others are talking about! We will have hot chocolate in the ROCK Room for anyone that wants to stay after!

