



ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

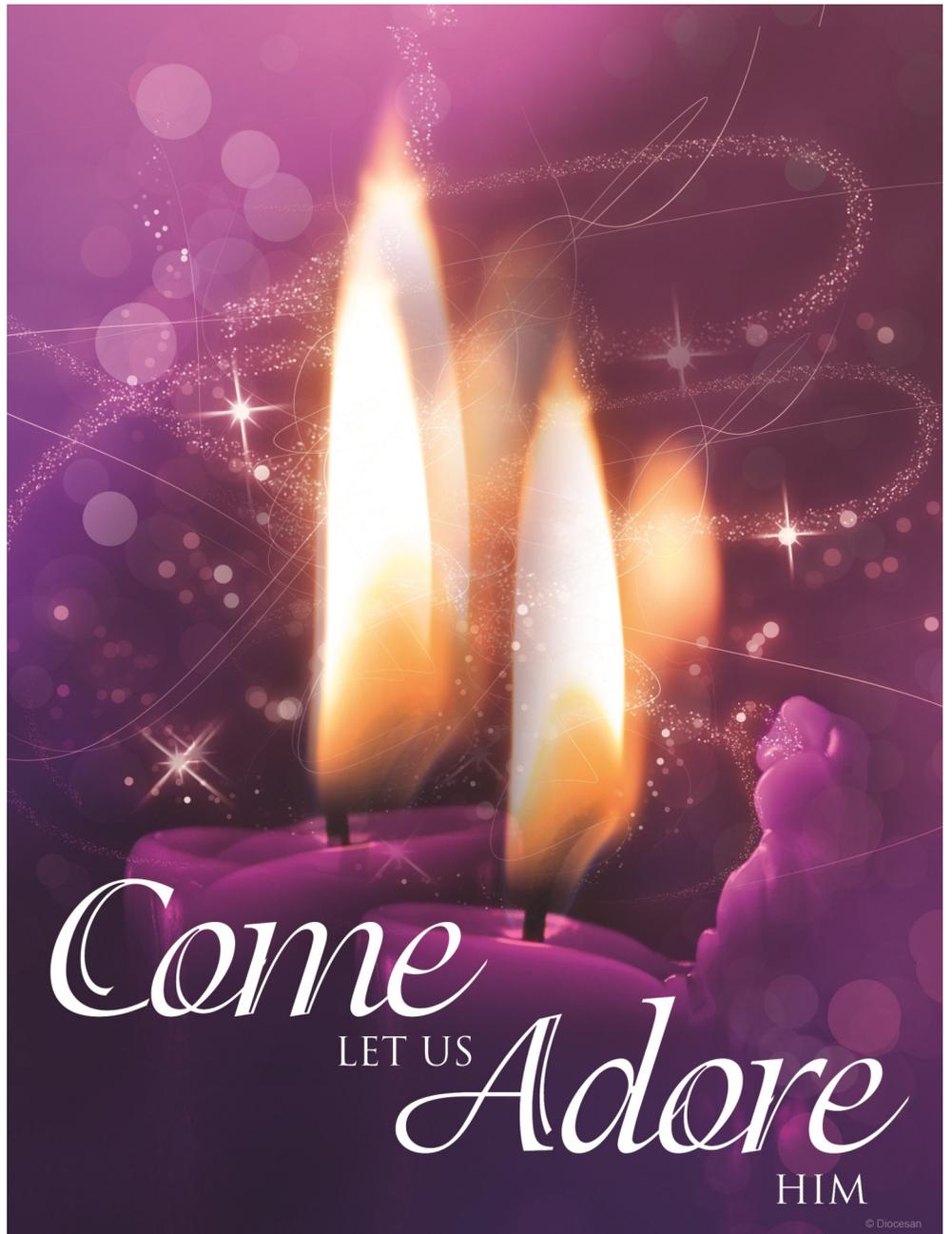
December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

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



Come
LET US
Adore
HIM

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This Week at St. James

Saturday, December 9th	
9:00 A.M.	Baptism Prep Class— <i>Conference Room</i>
3:00 P.M.	Reconciliation
4:00 P.M.	ΩVocations— <i>Knights of Columbus</i>
Sunday December 10th Second Sunday of Advent	
8:30 A.M.	The Phelps Family— <i>Sts. C&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 & Heather Dunivon</i>
Monday, December 11th NO SERVICES	
11:00 A.M.	Faith Study Group— <i>Conference Room</i>
6:30 P.M.	Women's Club Christmas Cookie Exchange— <i>Keating Hall</i>
7:00 P.M.	Men's Discovery Group— <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, December 12th	
12:10 P.M.	∞Bobbi Lynn Stouffer— <i>Charli & Karen Helier</i> 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
Wednesday, December 13th	
12:10 P.M.	†Carolyn Lewis— <i>Charles Lewis</i> Mass preceded by Rosary
Thursday, December 14th	
9:00 A.M.	Mass followed by Rosary
7:00 P.M.	RCIA— <i>Youth Room</i>
7:00 P.M.	Women's Discovery Group— <i>South Wing</i>
Friday, December 15th	
9:00 A.M.	Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday, December 16th	
9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Lector and Eucharistic Ministry Training
3:00 P.M.	Reconciliation
4:00 P.M.	People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian
Sunday December 17th Third Sunday of Advent	
8:30 A.M.	Joseph, Joanna & David Raciborski— <i>Sts. C&C</i>
8:30 A.M.	†Joseph Rabidoux— <i>Mike & Ellen Glynn</i>
9:40 A.M.	Faith Formation Classes
11:00 A.M.	†Catherine Brady— <i>Charli & Karen Heiler</i>

Ministry Schedule For Next Week

Saturday, December 16th 4:00 P.M.	
Lector:	Diane Whitney, Heather Dunivon
Commentator:	Anne Schmidt
EM:	Jean Crawford, Ruth Wieferrich, Phil Wieferrich
Altar Server:	Patrick Gaddy, NEED ONE!
Ushers:	Jeff Haueter, Linda Haueter, George Wygant, Jim Brayton
Music Tech:	Sam Thompson
Sunday, December 17th 8:30 A.M.	
Lector:	Anne DeVitto, Sue Rabidoux
Commentator:	Kathleen VanFleet
EM:	Dcn. Al Turkovich, Mary Schwalm, Tammy Dionise, Cameo Williams, Tim Williams, Jessica Sherfinski, Mary Kerschke
Altar Server:	Amelia Barnum, Sophia Barnum, Anna McRay
Ushers:	Dick Brown, Tom Trimmer, Al Dionise
Liturgy of the Word:	Suzi West
Music Tech:	Mitch Lovell
Sunday, December 17th 11:00 A.M.	
Lector:	Knights of Columbus/Angels
Commentator:	Knights of Columbus/Angels
EM:	Knights of Columbus/Angels
Altar Server:	Knights of Columbus/Angels
Ushers:	Knights of Columbus/Angels
Music Tech:	Sean Hohn



Parish Directory

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10TH

Sunday	2nd Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jud 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	3rd Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Peace begins with a smile. ~Mother Theresa

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 www.stjamesmason.org. Thank you for your generosity. May Emmanuel – God With Us – bless you in abundance.

~Fr. Kusi – Pastor.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR TRAINING



Saturday, December 16th

Lectors at 9:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00 am

For more information, call the office!



Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: **Frank Selinsky**, father of Pam Feiten, and **Janet Rayl**.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please pick up a form in the gathering space or go to our website www.stjamesmason.org and go to the "donate" section. **Deadline is Monday, December 18th.**

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please Pray for Our Sick:

12/5 Patricia Seman 11/27 Duffy Williams, Margaret Marshall 11/17 Louise Face, Kari Olney 11/13 Patty Anderson, Toni Holtz, Aydin Weyer, Susan Wedell.

Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*
~FD Hayes Electric Co.~



A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:
~Sparrows Nest~
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Advent Penance Service: Wednesday, December 20th
7:00 pm at St. James

4th Sunday of Advent Mass (December 24th)

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

Christmas Eve (December 24th):

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 1st.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

With the 4th 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 17th after the 11:00 am Mass to be ready for December 24th. If you can help, please gather in Cave Hall after Mass. On December 24th, we will get the Christmas decorations up right after the 10 am Mass. **Please help if you can!**

ATTENTION MINISTERS!

It's time again to submit your unavailable dates for the schedule that will run from January 6, 2018 until March 25, 2018 (Palm Sunday). You may email your dates to me or pick up a form in the gathering space. **Deadline for submitting dates is Monday, December 18th.**



Last Week's Collections

December 3rd \$10,689.85
(160 envelopes, 44 EFT from 647 households)

This date last year \$9,518.10

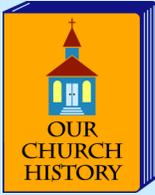
Fiscal Year to date (since July 1st)

This Year \$191,364.48

Last Year \$186,653.25

Advent Project \$500.00

ST. JAMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY—DECEMBER 25, 2017



Since March we have included articles from the history of St. James spanning the 75 years since our Founders petitioned Bishop Albers and requested a Catholic Church here in Mason, Michigan. We hope they made you feel a part of our great history. I have enjoyed bringing these articles and information to you over these 10 months.

What a wonderful celebration we had on September 17, 2017, with Fr. Kusi, Bishop Boyea, our Priests and Deacons, all of our Ministries and you. I enjoyed serving on the 75th Anniversary Committee with Chairman Charli Heiler and member Bonnie Gurzenda. The cooperation and help we received from so many was very humbling and so appreciated. Thank you everyone.

I would like to thank Alison Burch for working with me for these 10 months to get all the articles in the Bulletin and keep me on track.

The History of St. James time line can be found on our St. James Website at www.stjamesmason.org It is updated about every six months so please check it out. It is under the *About Us* tab. This is a living document so when I find or receive additional, verified, information about any year in our history, I update the timeline.

This time line is dedicated to the memory of Betty Evans, long time St. James Parishioner and St. James Historian who passed away on February 18, 2010. Without her many years of collecting and compiling our Church history, much of this time line and its details would not have been possible.

Our goal is to have our St. James Historical information as accurate as possible. If you find errors, or have additional information regarding our history, please send to sjhistorian@gmail.com or drop off at the Parish Office. We are looking for old pictures of activities at St. James and at the Ball Dunn Funeral Home that welcomed the St. James Mission for its first 12 years.

Happy 75th Anniversary St. James Catholic Church. Thanks for all those who came before us, all of you and all those that will follow us.

God Bless, Paul S. Miller, St. James Historian, Parishioner since 1974

75TH MEMORY BOOK

The 75th Anniversary Memory book is located between the doors into the church. If you haven't signed it, please take a moment to sign your name, tell how long you've been a parishioner, and share a short story if you want. St. James' actual 75th anniversary is December 25. Only takes a moment to sign! If you want to write something longer please drop it off at the office and it will be placed in the book.

REGIONAL COMMUNAL ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVES

Sunday, December 17th 2:00 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas in East Lansing and St. Gerard in Lansing

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

HEARTFELT THANKS!

To our amazing supportive parish family,

We are grateful so much more than words can express and greatly appreciate all the love, prayers and card I have received. Because everyone is so caring and supportive, some are still wondering "What's up?" I am diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma in my left ear. For now, we are "waiting and watching". I will have another MRI in April to see where I'm at. So please keep the miracle prayers coming! We are so blessed by the people of this parish and are praying for all of you each day, Thank you!

Love and Blessings,

~Margaret & Jim Marshall



75TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS



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! 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:

December 12th—7:00 PM Bishop Povish 4th Degree Assembly Meeting at St. Mary's Church in Charlotte, followed by a Christmas Party after the meeting.

December 17th—This is the day for the Second Annual Food for Family Program. Twice a year the Mason Council Knights of Columbus sponsors this food drive for the Mason Food Bank. They need canned fruits, vegetables, soups, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti Sauce, pasta side dishes, pasta, Rice and Rice Sides, peanut butter, mac & cheese, Cereals, and Stuffing.

December 17th—11:00 AM Mass will be celebrated as a Knight's of Columbus Corporate Communion.

December 17th—5:30 PM Rosary in the Chapel, 6:00 PM Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM Regular Knights of Columbus Meeting. There will be no Knight's Angels Meeting.

December 20th—6:00 PM Christmas Caroling at the Jefferson Square. What a way to spread Christmas cheers to the residents!

THANK YOU!

The Mason Food Bank was able to provide 117 Thanksgiving orders this year with the generosity of St. James. Thank you St. James for your support during this holiday!

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 750 of the country's biggest retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, and more.

- ◆ Earnings add up quickly—families can earn \$1,000 or more per year.
- ◆ Gift cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers!

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

CUTCO SERVING KNIFE MISSING

A parishioner is missing a Cutco serving knife that was brought to the 75th 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

Posters for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest are due today. Please see George Wygant after Mass to fill out the parent permission form and turn in your child's poster. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and all participants will receive a certificate and have their poster displayed for Christmas in Cave Hall.



PLEASE NOTE!

Sr. Maureen is living at the Nazareth Center Her address is PO Box 31, Nazareth, MI 49074 if you would like to send her a Christmas card!



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!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

R.O.C.K.

Next Meeting TONIGHT, Dec 10th from 5-7pm! Yes, we are going back to Sunday nights!! Join us for the **ROCK Christmas party on Dec 17th**! All 9th-12th 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 6th-8th 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!