



ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

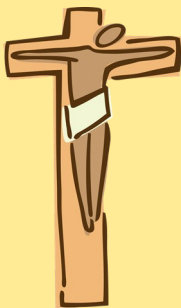
December 31, 2017 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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



Holy Family

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This Week at St. James

Saturday, December 30th
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:00 P.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian
Sunday December 31st **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
 8:30 A.M. Msgr. Sy Fedewa—*Sts. C&C*
 8:30 A.M. Joe Rabidoux—*Ed & Sara Goodman*
 11:00 A.M. George Dunivon/Kurt Every/Craig Butler—*The Mullins*
Monday, January 1st **The Solemnity of Mary**
 NO SERVICES OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, January 2nd NO SERVICES
Wednesday, January 3rd NO SERVICES
Thursday, January 4th
 11:00 A.M. Communion Service at Green Acres
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—*Youth Room*
 7:00 P.M. Women's Discovery Group—*South Wing*
Friday, January 5th NO SERVICES
Saturday, January 6th
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:00 P.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian
Sunday January 7th **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 8:30 A.M. Msgr. Sy Fedewa—*Sts. C&C*
 8:30 A.M. Joe Rabidoux—*Glen & Marilyn Garner*
 9:40—10:40 A.M. Faith Formation Class
 11:00 A.M. †Dcn. Lester Arquette—*St. James Parish*
 5:00 P.M. ROCK (grades 9-12)—*Youth Room*



Ministry Schedule For Next Week



Saturday, January 6th 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, January 7th 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, January 7th 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

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

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31ST

Sunday **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph** Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Monday **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

Sunday **The Epiphany of the Lord** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



*Do not be afraid to face life. This New Year has a lot of promises for us.
Trust God and everything will be fine. Happy New Year!*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

New Year's Message
FROM THE PASTOR

I am forever grateful for all the love and support you showed me this past year. I was again overwhelmed by your Christmas cards, gifts, goodies, gift certificates, monies, warm jackets, beverages, cookies, gift cards, family photos and stories of your 2017 family adventures, prayers and blessings. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. You're awesome! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you all and I wish you many blessings in the New Year. Vinaka vakalevu!

~Fr. Kusi

ADVENT PROJECT

Dear brothers and sisters,

It's not too late to donate to our Advent Project for 2017.

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.



Please Pray for Our Sick:

12/18 Aydin Weyer, Susan Wedell
12/13 Shirley Grieve, Kari Olney
12/5 Patricia Seman
11/27 Duffy Williams, Margaret Marshall.

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



If you would like to register with us, please call the office or visit us at www.stjamesmason.org.

WELCOME!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time or have visited before, we welcome you! If you are looking for a church home in this community, we invite you to consider St. James. Please join us again!



Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*
~S & Sue's Cleaners & Tailor~

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



Last Week's Collections	
December 24 th (270 envelopes, 30 EFT from 652 households)	\$20,554.43
<i>This date last year</i>	<i>\$19,236.59</i>
Fiscal Year to date (since July 1 st)	
This Year	\$236,034.23
<i>Last Year</i>	<i>\$228,755.85</i>
<i>Advent Project</i>	<i>\$ 4,82100</i>

HUSH DOCUMENTARY COMING TO ST. MARTHA

"Women Deserve to Know"

At 6:30 pm on Monday, January 8th, the St. Martha Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be showing the award-winning documentary "HUSH". Director, Punam Kumar Gill, felt that questioning anything around abortion was a treason to her feminist identity. But when she heard that the health information being given to women was subject to the politics of the people involved, and that 50 million women worldwide could be affected annually, she decided to take an honest look at this controversial subject. In the documentary, she wades through the highly volatile and politicized research around abortions' disputed connections with breast cancer, premature birth and psychological problems. This compelling documentary is open for all in the community! Childcare will be provided.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Fulltime Position Open at Mother Teresa House for an Overnight Caregiver

Female. Fulltime, 4 nights per week, 10pm to 8am. Begins January 2, 2018.

The overnight Caregiver provides personal care for up to three terminally ill guests of Mother Teresa House, according to the mission and policies of Mother Teresa House. A female caregiver is needed. This is a full time position, with health benefits. The candidate must be mature, and self-directed. Minimum one year of caregiving experience required.



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!



THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE



IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT.

Donate today using your debit, credit card, checking, or savings account.

- 1 Visit your church website and click **Give Online**.
- 2 Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
- 3 Click **Recurring Donation**, enter your donation amount and frequency.



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Or

517-676-9111



ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

i.d. 9:16 Disciples' Night For Young Adults (Lansing Chapter)

Attention all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Join us for our January Disciples' Night on Thursday, January 4th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection in Lansing.

We'll have Mass, dinner & drinks, and this month, we'll have Pat Brennan visit us in person to speak, who is currently a seminarian in the Diocese of Lansing. Pat has attended St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Student Parish in East Lansing.

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



THE MAN EVENT
LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US
HEBREWS 12:1

FEBRUARY 24, 2018

FEATURING:

 STEVE RAY MESSAGE	 BISHOP BOYEA MASS	 BRIAN FLYNN MUSIC
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10AM - 5PM **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**
MICHIGAN CENTER, MI
911 NAPOLEON RD. Catholic Leadership

ADULTS \$40 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
STUDENTS \$30

AS MEN, WE WEAR DIFFERENT SHOES THROUGHOUT OUR DAYS, BUT LET US ALWAYS RUN THE GOOD RACE THAT GOD HIMSELF HAS SET BEFORE US...

WWW.THEMANEVENT.ORG

"What a blessed day!"
"Please do more of these. It made me a better Catholic man."
"Conference helped prepare me for Lent!"
"Just one word... AWESOME!"

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Upcoming Events:
January 9th - Bishop Povish Assembly Meeting
January 19th - 4:30 to 7:00 PM First Lenten Fish Fry

At the Business Meeting of Mason Council #9182, the Officers selected the Family and Knight of the Month for the month of December.

The Knight of the Month was our lecturer, Bruce Utter. At every business meeting, Bruce always gives a very nice presentation on some topic he feels is important at that time. Bruce fills our hearts with many thoughtful ideas.

The Family of the Month is Jim and Margaret Marshall for all of the work they do to decorate the alter and the church. They especially made the Christmas celebration lively with all of the Christmas trees and flowers.

ATTENTION ALL SINGLES


(Mid 30s & up): Lansing Catholic Singles invite you to join them Jan. 14th for 11 am Mass at the Church of the Resurrection in Lansing. Meet in back of church at 10:40 am (taking our seats at 10:50). After we'll head to a local restaurant for lunch.

For more information phone 517-321-7886 or email lansingcatholicsingles@live.com. Make a New Year's resolution to get out and meet some new friends!

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Merry Christmas to all our faith formation families as well as to all the wonderful parishioners and groups who give our program their support! We will resume Sunday morning sessions on January 7th at 9:40 am. We plan to have an Epiphany celebration that morning—no catechist planning is needed.

Have a warm and peaceful break with your families!




YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

R.O.C.K.

NO ROCK the rest of the year!! Join us in the New Year, January 7th for an **Epiphany Party** 5-7pm in the ROCK ROOM! All 9th-12th Graders should come! Bring your Friends!

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 7th 5-7pm Epiphany Party!
Sunday, January 21st Talent Show & Chili Cook-Off!



ENCOUNTER

NO ENCOUNTER the rest of the year!! Join us in the New Year starting January 9th 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!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WAGON! R.O.C.K. Fundraiser!

Celebrate the New Year with a wagon full of fun! See a Youth Group member after Mass to get your ticket and to check out the wagon full of goodies!!

GOT TALENT??

Calling all youth who want to show off their talents! We need stars for our Talent Show on Sunday, January 21st! Contact Heather to sign up!

