

December 1, 2023

Dear Saint James School Families,

I hope each of you had a blessed Thanksgiving. This Sunday, we begin the beautiful season of Advent. At our faculty meeting this week, we brainstormed ways to celebrate these weeks of preparation in the classrooms. As a school, our middle school students will lead us in Old and New Testament readings each morning as we fill our "Jesse Tree" with ornaments. I have always found Advent to be an especially grace-filled time. Our Church's liturgy is filled with readings and prayers that remind us of the importance to be ready for the coming of the Lord--both at Christmas as we remember His birth and at His glorious return at the end of time. Let us help one another and the children to "remember the reason for the season" and to be most excited not for the presents but for the Presence of Jesus in their lives.

This coming week, our 3rd-8th graders will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A number of area priests will be coming to hear confessions. We look forward to our Christmas Musical at the PAC at 6:30 on December 6, "Glory to God in the Lowest" by our 3rd and 4th graders. All are invited to attend, but seats must be reserved ahead of time. You can find the link below. Thank you to all our parents who came this week as helpers for our "Santa Shop."

As we enter these weeks of December, we remain focused on our mission, ensuring that every student can continue to grow spiritually, academically, and morally. Please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. We are grateful for your partnership in the formation of these saints for our world!

Know of my prayers for each of you!

God bless you,
Sister Mary Grace



<https://thepac.net/event/third-party-event-st-james-catholic-school-christmas->

Coming Events:

12/6: NO MASS today; Confessions for 5th-8th grade; 6:30 Christmas Musical at the PAC (3rd and 4th grade)

12/7: Confessions for 3rd-4th grade.

12/8: Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation)

This Saturday December 2nd at 11am we will be extracting, cleaning, and packing for storage the 3,025 crosses of the Cemetery of the Innocents. This is an opportunity to help serve our church community and earn service hours. We hope you can be there to help.



Request for help from the St. James Respect Life Committee

This Saturday, December 2nd at 11am, we will remove, clean and pack for storage, the 3025 crosses of the Cemetery of the Innocents, located on the lawn of Dr. & Mrs. Godfrey at the intersection of Ring Road and Pear Orchard Road in Etown.

Organization of the work:

Extractors will remove the crosses, possibly tapping them lightly on the side with rubber mallets, if necessary, to loosen them and move them to the cleaning station where:

Cleaners, using brushes, plastic scrapers and water, as necessary, will clean most of the dirt from the bottom of the crosses and place them aside for transport to the packing station.

Packers will move the cleaned crosses to the packing tables. There they will dry, if required, then, using #2 Phillips head screw drivers, loosen and align the crossbars with the uprights and pack them in the storage boxes.

Hats, gloves, water proof shoes or boots are recommended. Tools to bring, if able: rubber mallets, stiff brushes, water buckets, plastic scrapers and #2 Phillips head screw drivers. Chairs, tables, tarps and drying towels will be provided. Please join us this Saturday.

The Saint James Respect Life Committee and the Kentucky Right To Life Heartland Association are grateful for your participation. Thank you!





Raffle tickets for the 11th annual Black & White Knight event are starting to come in! The Grand Prize item this year is an EZ GO Valor golf cart (sponsored by Extreme Sports) or \$10,000 cash option. We ask each family to sell the **three** \$20.00 tickets provided to earn a *Choose Your Shoes Day* for your family.



Thank you for getting us off to a great start! Please keep them coming so we can reach our goal! If every school family sells three tickets, we will be almost halfway to our goal. If we reach our 1,850-ticket goal, the whole school will get to watch Mr. Black, Mr. Padgett, Officer Powell, Mr. Lanz, Mr. Ragland and Mr. McDonald get Slimed! If you would like to sell additional tickets to help us reach our school-wide goal, please contact the Raffle Chair, Courtney Fleck, at courtneyrleck@gmail.com or stop by the school office.

***All ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned by January 12th. See attached flyer for golf cart specs.**



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Each family that purchases Raise Right cards totaling \$100 or more, starting November 17 and ending December 8, will earn a JEANS with SPIRIT SHIRT day on Friday, December 15!

1. Orders can be physical cards (great for holiday gifting) or e-cards for self or gifting
2. Can be one order or multiple orders. Can be orders placed by others on behalf of the family. The TOTAL for the family by December 8 must be \$100 or more.
3. If your child has PE on that day, they ARE able to forego their PE uniform and partake in the jeans and spirit shirt
4. Teachers and staff are included in the fun!
5. email pto@sjschoolonline.org with questions



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Each family that purchases \$100 worth of gift cards through Raise Right from November 17th- December 8th will receive jeans with a spirit shirt day on Friday, December 15th! This includes teachers and staff as well! Email

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for the enrollment code. Download the Raise Right app

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FORT KNOX CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL



ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

December 13, 2023

9:30am to 2:00pm

Prichard Place Chapel Basement

Guest Speaker: Father Ricardo Pineda, CPM

Topic: Humility

****Catered lunch provided****

Childcare is available on site for children 5 and under during CWOC meetings. Children must be registered through CYS.

Contact ftknoxwoc@gmail.com for information

Fort Knox Catholic Women of the Chapel wanted to share this with the St James Community. Please see the information provided and contact ftknoxwoc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

