



## 307 West Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701 www.stjames-etown.org

January 5, 2025

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#### MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS: Please see bulletin for details.

### DAILY MASSES:

Monday: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.\* \*The parish office is closed for lunch from Noon - 1:00 p.m.

#### **PHONE NUMBERS:**

Parish Office	270-765-6268
Parish Fax	270-982-3303
Saint James Catholic School	270-765-7011
Youth Ministry	270-765-6268
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#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

#### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:**

Monday at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday at 12:00 p.m. Friday at 3:00 p.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

#### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:**

Monday 6:45 p.m. Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

#### **BAPTISMS:**

Expecting a baby? Call the parish office to begin the process for preparation of baptism.

#### MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date.

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR

JOINING OUR PARISH? Please contact the parish office at 270-765-6268 or parishoffice@stjamesetown.org.

MASS INTEN	TIONS	PARISH	I WEEKLY	PLANNER	
MONDAY, JANUARY 6		MONDAY,	MONDAY, JANUARY 6		
Saint André Bessette, Religious		Saint James Scho	ol back in session toda	ıy.	
	William & Annie Horton	4:45 p.m.	Women's Cath	olic in Recovery, 859-351-3747	
6:00 p.m. †	Tom Lynch	6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Ac		
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7		6:30 p.m.	o.m. Safety Committee Meeting, Parish Office Basement (POB)		
Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Pr	iest	6:45 p.m.	Confessions, c		
	Marilyn & Jason Johnston	6:45 p.m.		udy Evening Session, Batcheldor Hall, (BH)	
WEDNESDAY, JAN		8:00 p.m.		loration Closes, Church	
-	Jim Lanz and		JANUARY 7	1	
	Marilyn Johnston	9:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Ac		
THURSDAY, JANUA		9:00 a.m.	Zumba, Batcheld		
	Deacon Joe Chathaparampil	12:30 p.m.	AY, JANUARY	loration Closes, Church	
8:00 a.m. †	Donnie Art Crisp	-			
FRIDAY, JANUARY	10	9:00 a.m.		n of St. James (CWOSJ), Rodney Thomas Room (RTR)	
7:00 a.m.*** †	Zoey Baula	- 12:00 p.m.		ora (Pray & Walk), вн	
8:00 a.m. †	Dick Striegle	6:30 p.m.	-	entucky Heartland, вн	
SATURDAY, JANUA	ARY 11	6:30 p.m.	Family Faith N	Night & MSYM, St. James School (SJS)	
8:00 a.m. †	Rudy Rossman	THURSDA	Y, JANUARY 9		
5:00 p.m. †	Marlin Carroll	8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Ac	loration, Church	
SUNDAY, JANUARY		8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible St	udy Morning Session, RTR	
BAPTISM OF THE LORD	1 12	- 12:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Ac	loration Closes, Church	
	dmondson & Greenwell families	2:00 p.m.	Haiti Parish T	winning Meeting, POB	
		5:00 p.m.	Fraternus, вн		
10:00 a.m. † John Hammann		7:00 p.m.			
	Jim Connelly	FRIDAY, JA	ANUARY 10		
3:00 p.m.** P	arishioners of Saint James	8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Ad	loration, Church	
† Denotes deceased ** Mas	s in Spanish *** Mass Convent	3:00 p.m.	Event Setup, в		
Coint Iamon Cul	tural Diversity Committee	5:30 p.m.	A	loration Closes, Church	
Saint James Cultural Diversity Committee		· ·	Y, JANUARY 1		
THE	presents THE MULTICULTURAL		Eucharistic Ad		
EPIPHANY MASS & CELEBRATION		9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration, Church Eucharistic Adoration Closes, Church		
		9:00 a.m.			
SATURDA	AY, JANUARY 11TH	9:00 a.m.	Men's Study G	roup, ров	
5:00 P.M.	6:00 P.M.	6:00 p.m.	Multicultural	Epiphany Potluck Celebration, вн	
Mass	Potluck celebration	3:00 p.m. Confessions, Church			
	in Batcheldor Hall	SUNDAY, JANUARY 12			
		2:15 p.m. Confesiones (Español), Iglesia			
		* A funeral Mass may alter this weekly schedule			
S. 9	Witness the beautiful music, Mass readings	SUNDAY'S READINGS for January 12 Lecturas del próximo domingo The Baptism of the Lord Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor			
	& Christmas traditions of the many cultures represented at Saint	First Reading Responsorial Psalm Second Reading Gospel		Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	
Fiew this bulletin online at www.D	James Catholic Church.	Salmo	ra lectura responsorial la lectura elio	Isaías 42, 1-4. 6-7 Salmo 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10 Hechos 10, 34-38 Lucas 3, 15-16. 21-22	
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



# Life: An "Epiphany" of God

"Life is always a good... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26 -27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God.' Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself." (St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 34)

Today's Feast conveys powerfully the message of the sanctity of life. Epiphany is about "revelation" and "manifestation," and that, of course is what

Christ does. Not only does he reveal the Father to us, but he reveals us to ourselves. He shows us that this human nature of ours, that can be so troublesome and burdened, has in fact been renewed in the immortal image of God. That, indeed is "the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" that Paul proclaims to the Ephesians in the second reading. It is a promise that God will draw us into the life of His Spirit, where life itself reaches its total fulfillment. Death is no longer the final word for the human family, and this gift is shared not only by one nation or one people, but by all humanity.

The universal offer of God's salvation extends to those still in the womb. Epiphany not only tells us that there are no national or ethnic boundaries to God's call, but that there are no artificial boundaries between "born" and "unborn," "wanted" or "unwanted," "convenient" or "inconvenient."

Moreover, the "epiphany" most needed in our time is the ability to see beyond the appearances of those who are smaller and weaker, and beyond the illusion created when some are declared "non-persons" under the law. Breaking through all this darkness and blurriness is the clear light of Christ, which shines on every human life without exception, bringing those lives God's love and giving us the sacred obligation to love them as well.  $\sim$  Priests for Life  $\sim$ 

## Saint James Catholic Church Elizabethtown, KY



## Saint James School

welcomes all new families and offers a quality education where students can grow academically, spiritually, and socially. *Please visit us at 401 Robinbrooke Boulevard, Call us at 270-765-7011 or go to our website at* **www.sjschoolonline.org** 

Black and White Knight Sponsorships are still available. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact the sponsorship chair, Courtney Fleck, at <u>courtney.r.fleck@gmail.com</u>.



## Black & White Knight raffle tickets are now available for purchase online at: https://sjschoolonline.org/bwk-raffle-tickets/

The capital prize is \$10,000 and the winning ticket will be drawn at Black and White Knight on February 1, 2025. Raffle tickets are still available at the parish and school offices.



## **Giving to Charity:** Tax Planning with Qualified Charitable Distributions

Are you at least age 73 and subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from your IRA? Are you at least 70 1/2 and have Charitable Intentions for the required distribution?

# Then you may consider the use of a qualified charitable distribution!

Qualified Charitable Distributions were made permanent in 2015 when Congress passed the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act. The IRA owner subject to required minimum distributions can donate up to \$105,000 <u>directly from an IRA</u> to a charity <u>without</u> getting taxed on the distribution.

Donating IRA funds directly to qualified charities allows the IRA holder or beneficiary to avoid taking possession of the funds and the tax bill that comes with it.

Another benefit of the RMD payment applied to a Qualified Charitable Distribution is the amount is **excluded from tax** formulas that could impact multiple categories such as Social Security taxation, Medicare Part B and D premium increases, and the Medicare tax on investment income.

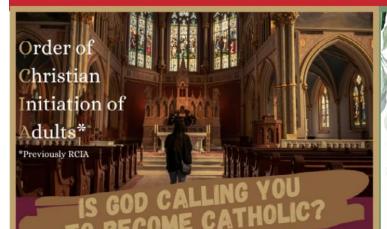
## HOW IT WORKS

The Qualified Charitable Distribution must be paid <u>directly</u> from the IRA to a qualified 501(c)(3) institution eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, like St. James Catholic Church and many other public charities. The charitable entity, as the recipient of the Qualified Charitable Distribution, must receive the donation by December 31st in order to ensure credit to the proper year. It is that simple!

Since each individual's situation is unique, donors are urged to consult their attorneys, accountants or tax advisors with respect to questions relating to the deductibility of various types of contributions for federal and state tax purposes. To learn more, please contact:

Scott Johnson, Business Manager 270-765-6268 ext. 509

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Take the next step!

CONTACT SISTER AUGUSTA TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OCIA PROCESSI

anickel@stjames-etown.org OR 270-765-6268

## MARRIAGE RETREAT

**REGISTER TODAY!** 

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18- 2:30PM-8:30PM SAINT JAMES CHURCH- RODNEY THOMAS ROOM

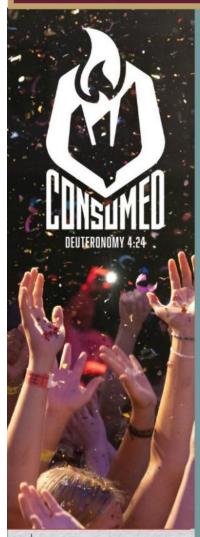
### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN DECEMBER 15 - JANUARY 10**

\$60 RETREAT COST INCLUDES: APPETIZERS, DINNER, DESSERT, PRESENTATIONS, INDIVIDUAL TIME WITH SPOUSE, MASS, CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY, ADORATION, AND

A SMALL GIFT SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY: ELINA S. HOLLAND, MS | PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL PRESENTER/PUBLIC SPEAKER

Contact **Olivia Dvorjak** at the Parish Office for questions! odvorjak@stjames-etown.org | 270-765-6268





CAN UNIVERSITY STEUBENVILLE 

# Steubenville Conference MAIN CAMPUS 1 - JUNE 27-29, 2025 OPEN TO FALL 2025 FRESHMEN -GRADUATING SPRING 2025 SENIORS

# \$50 Deposit due by January 10

Remaining payment of \$300 due by April 1. Cost covers event registration, meals, housing, & travel. \*Chaperones also needed\*

For more info, email Olivia Dvorjak at odvorjak@stjames-etown.org

*Please don't let the price prevent you from attending: Scholarships are available!* 

LOCATION: Franciscan University of Steubenville



## WATCH THE PROMO VIDEO HERE!

The next bulletin set to be produced is for the weekend of January 19th. The submission deadline will be NOON, WEDNESDAY, January 8th.

Please email items to: lbradford@stjames-etown.org

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Thursdays @7pm

WOMEN'S

Mondays @4:45pm Contact SB at: 859-351-3747 "NEW!" Women's Group will begin meeting on December 2!

For more information visit: www.catholicinrecovery.com

# THE FOREVER YOUNG CLUB



meets Tuesday, January 14th. The theme is Game Night and it will be potluck, soup, salad, sandwiches, and desserts. *We hope you can join us!* 

## Sunday, January 5, 2025

## **Stewardship of Treasure**

Weekend of December 29

## TOTAL: Not available before print deadline.

NOTE: Collections that are paid through automatic withdrawals are drafted in the last week of the month. **To make a contribution to the Saint James Catholic Church Endowment, contact** Jennifer Moran <u>imoran@stjames-etown.org</u> or call 270-765-7011 ext. 110.





Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Outreach /Food Pantry Located in Batcheldor Hall Open Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Closed Friday — Sunday and all national holidays. 

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