

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday	Dec 01	2:00 p.m. Wedding: Heather Holdener and Jay Haines
		5:00 p.m. Eugene Kujawa
Sunday	Dec 02	8:00 a.m. The Parish
		10:00 a.m. Louise Hepp
Monday	Dec 03	8:00 a.m. -----
Tuesday	Dec 04	8:00 a.m. Pauline Range
Wednesday	Dec 05	8:20 a.m. Joseph and Johanna Hankammer
Thursday	Dec 06	8:00 a.m. Dave Downs
Friday	Dec 07	8:20 a.m. Maurice Hoeffken
Saturday	Dec 08	9:00 a.m. Virginia Hankammer
		5:00 p.m. Emil Helfrich
Sunday	Dec 09	8:00 a.m. Joseph and Loretta Schaefer
		10:00 a.m. Abbie Haudrich

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You cannot love someone you do not know.
 Adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist is your
 chance to know Jesus better. Therealpresence.org

Wednesday, Dec. 5. 7-9 PM. Rosary at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Immaculate Conception Church, Columbia will host the Communal Penance Service on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a Scripture Service followed by Confession. Several priests will be available. All are invited to attend.

SERVERS

Dec 08	9:00 a.m. Volunteers
	5:00 p.m. Nicole and Zoey Edmiaston, Addison Colbert
Dec 09	8:00 a.m. Andrew and Ben Tyler
	10:00 a.m. Erick Garcia, Emma Souder, Kyle Toenjes

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday	6:30 p.m. CCW Christmas Party
Tuesday	4:30 p.m. Quilting
	6:20 p.m. PSR
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Quilting
	7-9 p.m. Adoration
Sunday	9:30 a.m. Over 50 Christmas Party
	3:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS
November 24-25, 2018

Loose	170.00
Sunday Envelopes	4000.00
Christmas Flowers	120.00
CCHD	25.00
All Saints	10.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Rel. Retirement Fund	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Debt Reduction	121.00
Votive Candles	26.00

STANDING, WATCHING, ALWAYS READY-We are challenged not to slide easily into this new liturgical year. We must be on guard. We must be ready. Simply stated, Christ the King says heaven-worthy acts are Works of Mercy.

- * What Works of Mercy do I need to do this week?
- * How can I encourage others to help?

PARISH NEWS

December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a holyday of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

If anyone is interested in a donation to purchase Christmas flowers, please use the Christmas Flower envelope provided in your packet. Print clearly the name of the person/persons you would like to remember or honor and return to the rectory by December 16. The cost of a poinsettia is about \$10.00. Thank you.

Thank you for taking an ornament and purchasing a gift to benefit children who participate in the Griffin Center Programs in East St. Louis. There are a few left. Bring the wrapped gift with the paper ornament attached to church and place it under the tree by Sunday, December 16th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, ST. JAMES CONFERENCE

Inserted in the bulletin is the 2018 Annual Report. The St. Vincent de Paul is vital in helping those in need. Requests for gifts cards and cash will be available next weekend. A box is provided for the gifts cards and cash under the Christmas tree.

PARISH CONCIL NOMINATIONS are being held this weekend and next. If you are interested nominating someone or yourself, please complete the form found at the end of the pew and give it to one of the ushers or call Willie Holdener 476-1599. Three people are needed to replace those whose terms

have expired, one man, one woman and a third either a man or woman.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart, seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's collection. An envelope is included in your packet.

The St. James Council of Catholic Women will hold their Christmas Party on Monday, December 3 in the parish center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Madonna (791-3675) or email: gmstapf@gmail.com.

PSR NEWS

This Tuesday, December 4, the students in grades 3-7 will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

BEST ADVENT EVER-We prepare for everything we consider important in life and that includes Christmas. We visit family, bake cookies, decorate our trees and shop for gifts until we drop.

This year prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with:

- * Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt and Dominick Albano with guest appearances from Matthew Kelly
- * Practical tips for your everyday life
- * Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

Plus, every Sunday during the program, you'll receive a thought provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life. To sign up, visit:

BestAdventEver.com/AlmostChristmas

OVER 50 CLUB

The Over 50 Club Christmas Committee is planning to go to Bootsie's Restaurant in Waterloo for the Christmas meeting on December 9th. We plan

to attend St. James Church for Mass at 8:00 a.m. We will then meet at Bootsie's at 9:30 a.m. You will order from the menu. Should you plan to go, please call Mary Ann Krausz at 476-1362 or Carol Terveer at 476-9317. Bootsie's Restaurant is located on Rte. 3 going to Waterloo.

The members will be going to the Senior Center on Dec. 3 (Fried Chicken), Dec. 6 (Cheddar Meatloaf) and on Dec. 11 (Pot Roast). If you plan to attend call Darleen at 476-1542 or the Senior Center.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The ministries and programs that rely on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal ensure the healing, teaching and redemptive presence of Jesus Christ for the people of our Belleville Diocese. **Yet their work cannot continue without your help and support.** We ask for your continued prayers for the success of the Appeal and please consider making a gift. **No amount is too large or too small.**

25th Annual Weihnachtsfest (German Christmas Festival) this Sunday, December 2. 10a.m.-5p.m. St. James Parish Center-Craft Fair, Homemade Cookie Walk, Raffles, Attendance Prizes, German Food served from 11:30-???

SPIRITUAL/ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*"A Musical Gift to the City." Webster University Chorale at Christmas. St. Peter's Cathedral. Dec. 8. 7PM.

SOCIALS, FESTIVALS AND MORE

- *Magical Breakfast with Santa. Ss. Peter and Paul Gym. Dec. 2. 9AM-10:30AM or 11AM-12:30PM. RSVP by Nov. 27. Call Jennifer Kreps (314-223-6981. Sponsored by GCHS March for Life.
- *Noon Luncheon/Card Party. St. Luke, Belleville. Dec. 4. Cost \$8.00. Cards, Bingo or any game you choose. Prizes.
- *Millstadt Library Open House. Dec. 6. 5-7 PM.
- *Cookie Walk. Trinity Lutheran Church. Dec. 8. 9AM-Noon. Sold by the pound. Advance orders taken-call Shirley Boehm 476-1113.
- *Millstadt Community Choir. Christmas Concert. Zion Evangelical Church. Dec. 16. 7PM.

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