

**January 12, 2020**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**Weekly Mass Schedule**

Saturday	Jan. 11 5:00 p.m.	Rita Helfrich
Sunday	Jan. 12 8:00 a.m.	The Parish
	10:00 a.m.	Leonard Kujawa
Monday	Jan. 13 8:00 a.m.	-----
Tuesday	Jan. 14 8:00 a.m.	Virginia Hankammer
Wednesday	Jan. 15 8:20 a.m.	Catholic Extension
		Society Donors
Thursday	Jan. 16 8:00 a.m.	Walter Friedrich
Friday	Jan. 17 8:20 a.m.	Jim Thornton
Saturday	Jan. 18 5:00 p.m.	Donald Wild and
		James Bready
Sunday	Jan. 19 8:00 a.m.	Patricia Pratt
	10:00 a.m.	JoAnn Pisel

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Sunday	8:45 a.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade PSR
	2:00 p.m.	Over 50 Club
Monday	7:00 p.m.	School Board
Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Quilting
	6:20 p.m.	PSR
	8:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Quilting
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade PSR

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**Dec. 31-January 5, 2020**

		Dec. Online
Loose	247.00	
Envelopes (Dec. & Jan.)	8898.00	5480.00
Christmas		340.00
Christmas Flowers		25.00
Needy		66.66
Religious Retirement		111.66
Solemnity of Mary	846.00	
First Offering	450.00	
Sister Parish	85.00	
Building Fund	15.00	
Debt Reduction	197.00	220.00
School Endowment	120.00	
SVDP	30.00	200.00
Votive Candles	20.27	

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**NO PARTIALITY.** St. Peter declares this truth: God shows no partiality. God may be my God, but God

does not love me-or only mine-the best. God is not only on my side. God is on every side. God loves everyone and everything. On the day recalling the Baptism of Jesus, we cherish our own Baptism into him. Baptism calls us to discipleship and to mission.

- \* How will I, like Jesus, go about doing good this day?
- \* How will I, like Jesus, bring forth justice-even in some small way?
- \* How will I be at peace?

**PARISH NEWS**

The 2020 St. James Parish Directories may be picked up after Mass this weekend, Jan. 11 & 12. If parishioners did not have their picture taken, directories may be purchased for \$5.00, cash or check.

Thanks to the Stewardship and Welcoming Committee and all who helped to provide the parish with the updated directory and a special THANK YOU to Scott and Becky Courtney for coordinating all aspects of the St. James Parish Directory. Thank you to Marvin Jansen for helping to organize the parishioner information.

Thank you to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations.

The statement showing your contribution to the church of \$200.00 or more will be mailed this week. Please call the rectory if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity

Inserted in this weekend's bulletin is the financial report for the **2019 DINNER AUCTION**. A GIGANTIC THANKS to Chair Chris Toenjes and Co-Chairs Lindsay Underwood and Terri Souder for all the work done to make the dinner auction a success. Thank you to all who helped in any way and those who attended. The Dinner Auction is an important parish fundraiser and everyone's participation is appreciated.

All ladies are invited to the Cabin Fever Retreat at Zion Evangelical Church on Saturday, January 18 from 9AM-2PM. \$10 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and program. Program includes spiritual reading, speaker from Southern Illinois Tourism and scrap booking. RSVP to Jan Beller 541-8657 by Tuesday, January 14.

**SVDP**-The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their meeting on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

**ADULT CHOIR**-The adult choir practices every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church balcony. No experience is necessary. Contact Scott Ruppel at 304-3574 or email: ruppel@gibaulthawks.com.

**St James Open house** will be held on Wednesday, January 29 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please spread the good news about St. James School. For more information call the school at 476-3510.

### OVER 50 CLUB

The Over 50 Club will meet this Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the parish center. The meeting will include 2020 planning; bring your favorite cards, game and snacks to share.

The members will be going to the Senior Center on Jan. 14 (Fried Chicken), Jan. 16 (BBQ Pork Steaks), Jan. 21 (Pork Loin) and on Jan. 23 (Ham/Beans). If you plan to enjoy lunch at the Senior Center please call 476-3731.

### ACTS RETREAT

The Immaculate Conception Women's ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) Retreat will be held on January 23-25, 2020 at the church in Columbia. The ACTS weekend *inspires, encourages, challenges and so much more*. It is put on by lay women, for lay women and with the support of our parish priests. More information and registration forms are available in the back of church or call 281-5105.

The St. James Athletic Association will hold a TRIVIA NIGHT on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun!

Mark your calendars to join the Run with Heart Sponsored by the St. James Athletic Association on Saturday, February 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Fun Run, 10:00 a.m. 5K and 10K, 11:30 AM Awards. Register by Feb. 2 to receive a shirt. Run begins at St. James Parish Center.

### THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL... BLESSED TO RECEIVE, CHOSEN TO GIVE

At Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School-the only remaining Catholic elementary school in East St. Louis-100 % of the students graduate from high school and 95% attend colleges and universities! **Your support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to make this possible**. If you have not already done so,

please consider making a gift today. The youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman are counting on you.

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Our Lady of the Snows & NAWAS is sponsoring a classic Austria/Germany Pilgrimage featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau, September 15-25, 2020. Visit Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Vienna, Munich and Rothenburg. For information call 394-6292.

The Department of Faith Formation Diocese of Belleville is inviting high school students to the Diocesan Youth Camp at Camp Ondessonk from Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The camp will include: keynote speaker, team challenges, campfires, music, outdoor adventures, fellowship, food, Mass, etc. For more info call the rectory.

### SPIRITUAL/ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

\*Chorale Up-Close. Philharmonic Hall, Belleville. Jan. 31 & Feb. 1. 7:30 PM. Enjoy popular and traditional choral classics in an intimate setting. Desserts and beverages available.

### SOCIALS, FESTIVALS AND MORE

\*Quilt Bingo. St. Liborius. American Legion Hall, St. Libory. Jan. 12. Doors open at 11 AM. Bingo begins at 1 PM.

\*Winter Soup Supper sponsored by The Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower. Held at Zion Evangelical Church. Jan. 23. 4:30-7:00 PM. All You Can Eat for \$9. 5 kinds of homemade soups, homemade desserts. Carryouts available.

\*Euchre Tournament. SPPS, Waterloo. Jan. 24. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Tournament at 7 PM. For info call Tim Huels (406-6399).

\*Poker Tournament. K of C. Assumption Church, Mattese Rd., St. Louis. Feb. 15. Cost \$25. Call Steve at [valksr@yahoo.com](mailto:valksr@yahoo.com).