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If you are moving, please remember to notify the church office of your new contact information for any future mailings.



St. James Catholic Church

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Sunday 9:30am

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Saturday 8:30am

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Please submit items for the bulletin to: secretary_stjms@sbcglobal.net
Deadline is noon Wednesday for the upcoming weekend



The Epiphany
January 7, 2024

Readings for January 7, 2024 Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12	Readings for January 14, 2024 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42
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NEWCOMERS!! We welcome you to St. James. Please fill out a registration card located at the back of the church. Place it in the box on the back table or leave it at the office.

Mass Intentions	
Tues	1/09 - 8:30am - +Ervin Morse by Dana Morse
Thurs	1/11 - 8:30am - Debbie Miller - Special Intention
Sat	1/13 - 8:30am - Jake Munyon - Special Intention
Sat	1/13 - 5:30pm - +Kay Simon by Family
Sun	1/14 - 9:30am - +Portia Dacalos by Dan & Eva Boatwright

**This Week at St. James
January 7-13**

Sun	9:30am - Mass
Mon	7:00pm - WCSC - Hall
Tues	12:00pm - Senior Luncheon
	7:00pm - RCIA
Wed	6:00pm - CRE
Sat	5:30pm - Mass

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. The prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

**NEWS FROM THE OKLAHOMA MONKS
AT ST. GREGORY'S ABBEY**

The dates for the **2024 Monastic Encounter Weekends** have been announced! **Catholic single men, ages 18-45**, are invited behind the cloister gate to learn more about monastic life at St. Gregory's Abbey. **The dates are: February 16-18, June 7-9, August 2-4 and October 18-20.** During this time, attendees will share in the liturgical prayer, lectio divina, common work and communal life of the abbey and live as a monk. While these encounters are primarily intended for those discerning a religious vocation, they are still of spiritual benefit to those yearning to know God's still, small voice amidst life's chaos. For more information contact Fr. Simeon Spitz, OSB, vocations director at 405-878-5456 or at vocations@monksok.org.

Register today for the January 27 **Day of Reflection "Discerning the Body: Holy Eucharistic and Sacred Assembly."** Presenter will be Fr. Simeon Spitz, OSB. This day of reflection will explore the real presence of Jesus Christ in the body and blood of the Eucharist and in His body, head and members, the Church. Both the Eucharist and the Church are a Holy Communion that manifests the real presence of Jesus Christ on Earth. The cost is \$30 (if prepaid, \$35 if paid at the door), preregistration is required. Lunch is included. The day begins at 8:30am with Mass in the Abbey church, and ends after Adoration around 3pm. To register go to our website at www.monksok.org, email retreats@monksok.org, or call 405-878-5296.

Registration for the **February Day of Reflection** is now open. Abbot Lawrence Staszyn, OSB will present "**Powerful Prayer in the Medal of St. Benedict**" on **February 24**, at St. Gregory's Abbey. Cost is \$30 if prepaid (\$35 at the door), preregistration is required. Lunch is included. The day begins with Mass at 8:30am and ends after Adoration around 3pm.

To register for either of these Days of Reflection, please go to our website at www.monksok.org, or email: retreats@monksok.org, or call 405-878-5296.

Celebration Ministries

January 13, 2024

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January 14, 2024

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Julie Neece, Mark Pace,
Janet Riley, Eva Scott, Toni Stark,
Laura Stanfill, Shelley Sumner,
Lexi Towne and Bob & Jane Zoeller

CONCERN

For **January** we are collecting **Canned Soup**. Homeless items: hats, gloves, and hand warmers.

UPCOMING: Saturday, January 13, Bishop Konderla will be at the 5pm Mass for his annual visit to St. John Church.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024**

CRE WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM AT ST. JAMES

RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, January 17, 6-8pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION

**Wednesday, January 24, 7-8:30pm
at St. James Church**

YOUTH NEWS

We meet 6:30-8pm on Sundays at the Youth House

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CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Please meet on **Sunday, January 7, at the 9:30am Mass, at St. James Church**, followed by fellowship and class.

We will not meet January 14, but will meet January 21 & 28.

Please pray for our students as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, which will be held at St. John Church, **Thursday, April 25, 5:30pm.**

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN ENROLLMENT: SJCS is taking applications for enrollment for the 2024-25 academic year. Please go to SJCS website: www.sjcs-ok.org click on the **About** tab then go to the **Admission and Enrollment** page. If you would like to tour the school, please contact the school office at 918-336-0603 or email Dr. Cristal Miller, Principal at miller@sjcs-ok.org.

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SPIRITUAL READING BOOK CLUB

For January 2024, the Catholic Community Spiritual Book Club has chosen Richard Rohr's book, "**Eager to Love**"-**The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi**. The group enjoyed Rohr's clear and enjoyable writing style in other books, but be warned that this book asks us to look "beyond the birdbath image of the saint to find a life-changing embrace of Jesus' teachings". The book is about \$15 from Amazon. The January 10th discussion will cover the Preface and 1st Chapter. Hope to see you at **1:30pm** at Penny Eccleston's, 5635 Baylor Place. Call Pat Netzer at 918-332-6302 for more information.

SENIOR LUNCHEON Tuesday, January 9 at 12 Noon. It is Soup Time!!! Hostess are Steve & Diane Leroux and Frank & Florene Sotosek. We have 4 people already bringing Soup, so please bring a salad, bread or dessert to share. Sue Woods, our resident Microbiologist, we discussion on some of God's smallest creatures.

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who attended Masses and events, served/ministered, provided music, provided support, volunteered, prayed, cleaned/arranged, our staff, the school...all who helped in any way during the Advent and Christmas seasons! We especially thank our area priests: Fr. John, Fr. Carlos, Fr. Higgins, Fr. Chris and we also appreciate our area Deacons: Jerry, Dan, Joe, and Charlie. **THANK YOU ALL!**

Copies of the graphic novel, "**Together our Faith Goes Further—An Illustrated History of the Diocese of Tulsa**", have arrived! If you preordered a copy, you may pick it up at St. John in the office. (\$16). There are some copies available in the office for persons who didn't preorder, also \$16 each.

TULSA DIOCESE FAITH & WORKS is scheduled to begin the weekend of February 3 & 4.

If you donated money for the Poinsette's, you may get them after church starting this weekend. **Thank You!**



**RCIA Session #17
Sacrament of Initiation: The Eucharist
Presenter: Fr. John**

The sacrament of the Eucharist lies at the very heart of the Catholic faith. When we receive Holy Communion, we are united with Jesus in the most intimate way possible here on earth. For the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ. The Almighty God, Creator of the universe, humbles Himself so that He can become one with us each time we attend Mass and receive communion. As we explore the Church's teachings on the Eucharist, Fr. John will help open our minds to a deeper understanding of the mysteries and fill our hearts with a greater love for our Lord.

**Tuesday, January 9, 7pm
St. James Catholic Church**

NEEDED! The RCIA ministry is in need of adult childcare volunteers for Tuesday nights this Spring. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Julie Heath at 918-914-0467.

RURAL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 27, 2024, at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 300 E. Washington, McAlester, OK. **9am: Mass with Bishop David Konderla, 10:30am-5pm: Day of Conference & Prayer at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 711 S. George Nigh Expressway, McAlester, OK.** Key Note Speakers include Robert and Diane Schwind from the Three Hearts Institute. They will be speaking on Prayer, Sacraments and Matrimonial Spirituality. **This conference is open to seriously dating, engaged, or married couples.** Lunch and snacks are provided. \$50 per couple. Scholarships are available. Register online: www.dioceseoftulsa.org/rural-marriage-conference. Questions: email Audrey Stubblefield, audrey.stubblefield@dioceseoftulsa.org

Next weekend, January 13/14, is the intro to COMMITMENT SUNDAY for Parish Stewardship. **During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.** Our goal is to be a Stewardship Parish—a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish ministry, and generous financial support. All three are equally important. **May God bless you** as you discern how He is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.



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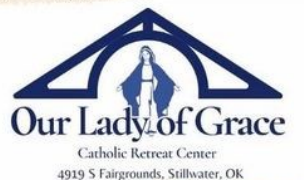
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