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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

5500 Douglas Lane, Bartlesville, Ok. 74006
www.saintjamescatholicparish.org

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 4:30pm or by appt.

Weekday Masses
Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday 8:30am

Holy Hour: Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday 9am -10am

Holy Days 7:00pm

Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Thursday 8:45am-2:45pm
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Please submit items for the bulletin to: secretary_stjms@sbcglobal.net
Deadline is noon Wednesday for the upcoming weekend



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023

Readings for December 24, 2023	Readings for December 31, 2023
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Romans 16:25-27	Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 1:26-38	Luke 2:22-40

If you are a new parishioner, 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

Mon 12/25 - 9:30am - +Daminh Khoa Pham by My Vu
 Tues 12/26 - 8:30am - Brad Hart - Special Intention
 Thurs 12/28 - 8:30am - +Paul, Ron & Allen Vitt by Cecelia Vitt
 Sat 12/30 - 8:30am - Yvonne Herman - Special Intention
 Sat 12/30 - 5:30pm - Pat & Christine Kendrick - Special Intention
 Sun 12/31 - 9:30am - +Zeny Johnson by Bruce & Nita Swan

**This Week at St. James
 December 24-30**

Sun 9:30am - Mass
 Sat 5:30pm - Mass

STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 2023

<u>MONTHLY: November 2023</u>	<u>Actual</u>
All Revenues	\$18,450.71
Expenses	\$18,412.69
Net Income	\$ 38.02

<u>YEARLY: July 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023</u>	
All Revenues	\$91,862.07
Expenses	\$62,839.03
Total	\$29,023.04

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

GOSPEL for 4th Sunday in Advent: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

GOSPEL for Christmas at Night: Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

CONCERN

For **December** we are collecting **16oz peanut butter**, canned pinto beans, crackers and tuna. Homeless items: hats, gloves, and hand warmers.

Celebration Ministries

December 30, 2023

Greeters
 David & Carolyn Benne
Gift Bearers
 David & Carolyn Benne
Lector/Intersessions
 Rita Leland
Extraordinary Ministers
 Rose Hammerschmidt
 Linda Ruegsegger
Servers
NEED
Cross Bearer
 Marion Hammerschmidt
Senior Usher
 Louise Martel
Usher
 Marion Hammerschmidt

December 31, 2023

Greeters
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Gift Bearers
 Adam & Lori Shelley
Lector/Intersessions
 Howard Thill
Extraordinary Ministers
 Marcos & Tonita Moran
Servers
 Ben & Stephen Lauritsen
Cross Bearer
 Peter King
Senior Usher
 Steve Bell
Usher
 Guy Lenora

We Pray For

Michael Bellamy, Martha Clark,
 Chris Duncan, Alice Fagan,
 Kathy Gonser, Brad Hart,
 Yvonne Herman,
 Pat & Christine Kendrick,
 Darrel Kimery, Teresa McDonald,
 Joan McKinney, Debbie Miller,
 Jake Munyon, Julie Neece, Mark Pace,
 Janet Riley, Eva Scott, Toni Stark,
 Laura Stanfill, Shelley Sumner,
 Lexi Towne and Bob & Jane Zoeller



CRE WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM AT ST. JAMES

There will be **NO CRE December 27. We will meet again on January 3!** Have a Blessed Christmas!

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

TURN YOUR OKLAHOMA INCOME TAXES INTO SCHOLARSHIPS WITH GO FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND VERITAS! These programs are both scholarship granting organizations (SGO) under the Oklahoma Tax Commission requirements that provide scholarships to K-12 students to attend accredited Catholic schools in the Diocese of Tulsa. **Deadline is December 31, 2023.**

To learn more about the GO for Catholic Schools online, please visit goforcatholicsschools.com.

To learn more about the Veritas program online, please visit veritasok.org.

YOUTH NEWS

We meet 6:30-8pm on Sundays at the Youth House
We will not meet December 31. Have a great Christmas!



RCIA Class will meet again on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Thank you for your attentive attendance and encouragement. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

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.

**SPIRITUAL READING BOOK CLUB
 Catholic Community of Bartlesville**

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 he 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN GIVE THANKS

With heartfelt thanks, Catholic Women (CW) give a huge round of applause to all the parishioners of St John and St James parishes for making the Sweet Treat Sale the SWEETEST ever! Additionally, CW would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to both parishes for your love and support of all our fund raising efforts in 2023. Through your loving generosity, we were able to bless many lives in both parishes, local charities and our community. Blessings and Happy Holidays to one and all!



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

REMINDER: Please choose one Mass to attend for the weekend of the 4th Sunday in Advent (December 23/24)

AND one Mass to attend for Christmas (December 24/25)

**CHRISTMAS EVE,
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

MASSES:
 5pm 10pm at St. John
 8pm at St. James
 5pm at St Catherine in Nowata
 8pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dewey

**CHRISTMAS DAY
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

MASSES:
 10:30am, 1:30pm (en Español) at St. John
 9:30am at St. James

**HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,
 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 MONDAY, JANUARY 1**
 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
 10am at St. John

RURAL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE Saturday, January 27th. 9am-5pm Cost \$50/couple Lunch included. Mass with Bishop Konderla at St. John in McAlester at 9am followed by a day of retreat at Hampton Inn Hotel. Speakers are Robert & Diane Schwind of the Three Hearts Institute. They speak about Prayer, the Sacraments and Matrimonial Spirituality

**ST. JOHN'S DAY
 WINE BLESSING
 DECEMBER 30TH**

FOLLOWING HOLY FAMILY'S 5PM MASS
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