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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
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Celebration of the Eucharist
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Sunday 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
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Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday 8:30am

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

Holy Days 7:00pm

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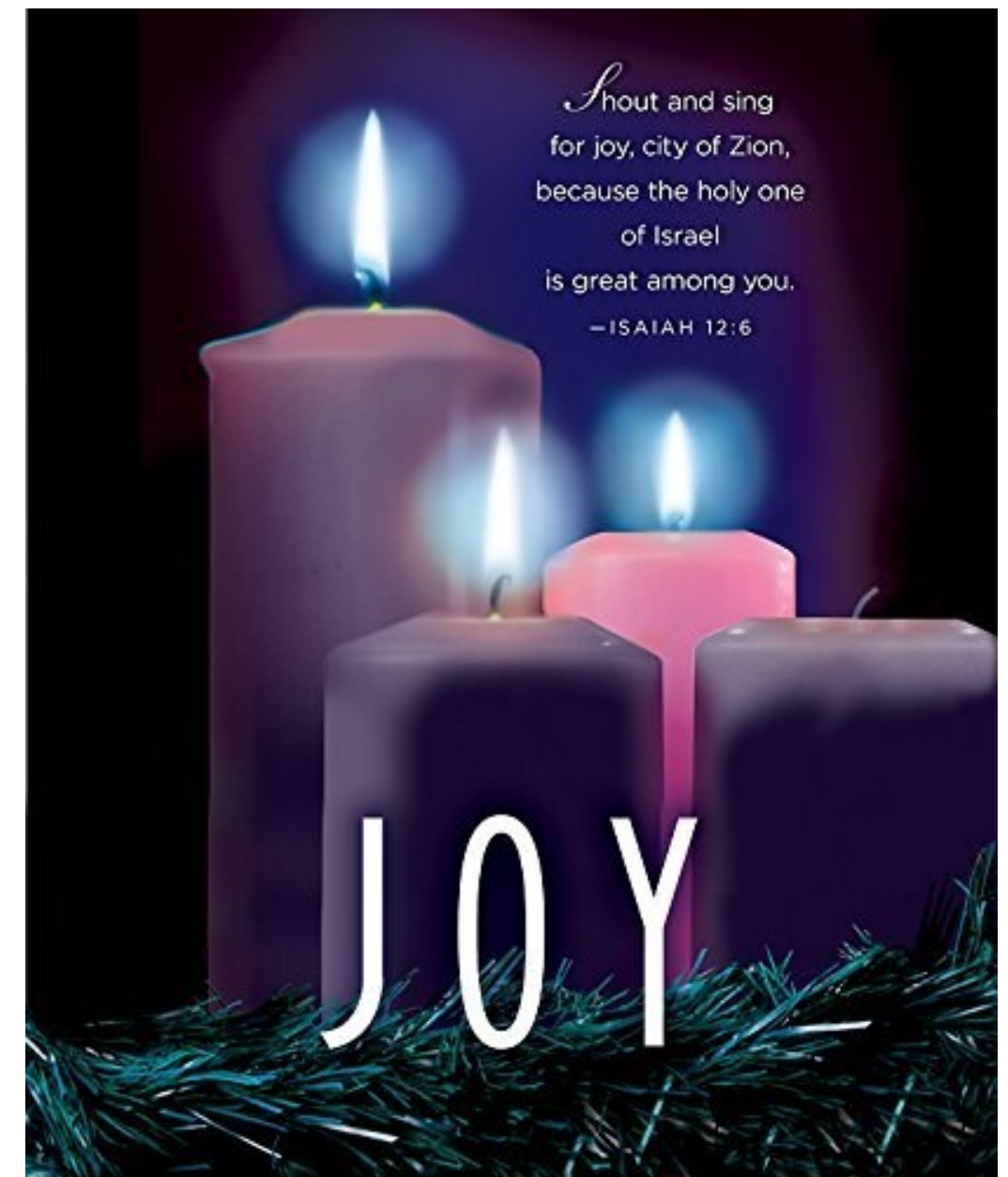
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Please submit items for the bulletin to: secretary_stjms@sbcglobal.net
Deadline is noon Wednesday for the upcoming weekend



Shout and sing
for joy, city of Zion,
because the holy one
of Israel
is great among you.
—ISAIAH 12:6

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

Readings for December 17, 2023	Readings for December 24, 2023
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
1 Thessalonians 5:16-2	Romans 16:25-27
John 1:6-8, 19-28	Luke 1:26-38

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

Tues 12/19 - 8:30am - +Marie McCoy by Mary Lou & Jeanne
 Thurs 12/21 - 8:30am - +Jody Hart by Bob Hart
 Sat 12/23 - 8:30am - Chris Duncan - Special Intention
 Sat 12/23 - 5:30pm - +Kay Simon by Family
 Sun 12/24 - 9:30am - +Daminh Khuong Vu by My Vu
 Sun 12/24 - 8:00pm - Kathy Gonser - Special Intention

This Week at St. James December 17-23

Sun 9:30am - Mass
 Mon 5:00pm - Concern Board Meeting (Room 104)
 Sat 5:30pm - Mass

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'* As Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

THEME: Living the Eucharistic Banquet

6:30pm at St. James Church

Speaker: Fr. Josh Votruba

(Associate Pastor, Holy Family)

BLUE CHRISTMAS

For persons experiencing loss during the holidays

Thursday, December 21, 6:30pm

East Cross Methodist Church (820 S. Madison)

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

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

CONCERN

For December we are collecting 16oz peanut butter, canned pinto beans, crackers and tuna. Homeless items: hats, gloves, and hand warmers. Concern is also looking for a replacement 7 ft. pre-lit Christmas tree. We would accept a new or used tree.

Celebration Ministries

December 23, 2023

Greeters

Elaine Lovec
 Florene Sotosek
 Elaine Lovec
 Robert Zoeller

Lector/Intersessions

Rachel Becker

Extraordinary Ministers

Evert Lovec
 Louise Martel
 Servers
 NEED

Cross Bearer

Carolyn Benne
 Senior Usher

Ardene Dickerson

Usher

Rayln Boudreaux

December 24, 2023

Greeters

Guy Lenora Family
 Gift Bearers

Paul Pham Family

Lector/Intersessions

Suzanne Lauritsen

Extraordinary Ministers

Scott & Patricia Mason
 Servers

Anthony Mann
 Abby Shelley

Cross Bearer

Ben Lauritsen

Senior Usher

Steve Bell

Usher

Marcos Moran

December 24, 2023

8:00pm

Gift Bearers

NEED

Lector

Karen Cruce

Eucharistic Minister

Karen Cruce

NEED

Altar Server

NEED

Cross Bearer

NEED

Sr. Usher

NEED

Usher

NEED

Monday, December 25, 2023
 9:30am

Need everything but Lector
 Thank you!

CRE WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM AT ST. JAMES

There will be NO CRE December 20, 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 24 or 31. Have a great Christmas!



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

We wish you, your families, and your loved ones a Very Blessed Christmas Season and look forward to meeting again next year! Thank you for your encouragement and prayers!

Contact Kim Barbour, RCIA coordinator at 952-270-4665 or rcia@stjohnbartlesville.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWS

SWEET TREATS SALE - AFTER ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND

RAFFLE RESULTS Thank you ever so much to all St. John & St. James parishioners who participated in the Catholic Women Christmas raffle. This year was the Gift of Giving. Winners were:

1st place - Dinner once a month for a year. Braulio Polo who gifted his prize to: Luz Amanda Reyes.

2nd place - Dinner to Sterling's Grill & 2 tickets to the Nutcracker. Laura McIntyre gifted her prize to: Marie Consepsion

3rd place - Bible - Blythe Zielenski

Once again, thank you so much for participating. We appreciate your kindness.

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 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Sunday, December 17, The Spanish Marriage Encounter will host a Posada at **St. Pius X Church beginning at 5pm** including the Posada, Holy Hour, and a Rosary. ALL young adults are invited to join the festivities.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: There are a few job opportunities at the **diocese** level, including Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries and Chief Editor and Communications Specialist. The diocese is using **catholicjobs.com**. The easiest way to find the listings is to go to that website and use the **pull down menu to click on Oklahoma**. The list will come up.

The diocese is also looking for **college age persons** (age 18 and over) to be Totus Tuus missionaries for next summer. Please go to: dioceseoftulsayouth.org/missionary for all the information.

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

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

ST. JOHN'S DAY WINE BLESSING DECEMBER 30TH

FOLLOWING HOLY FAMILY'S 5PM MASS
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