

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)

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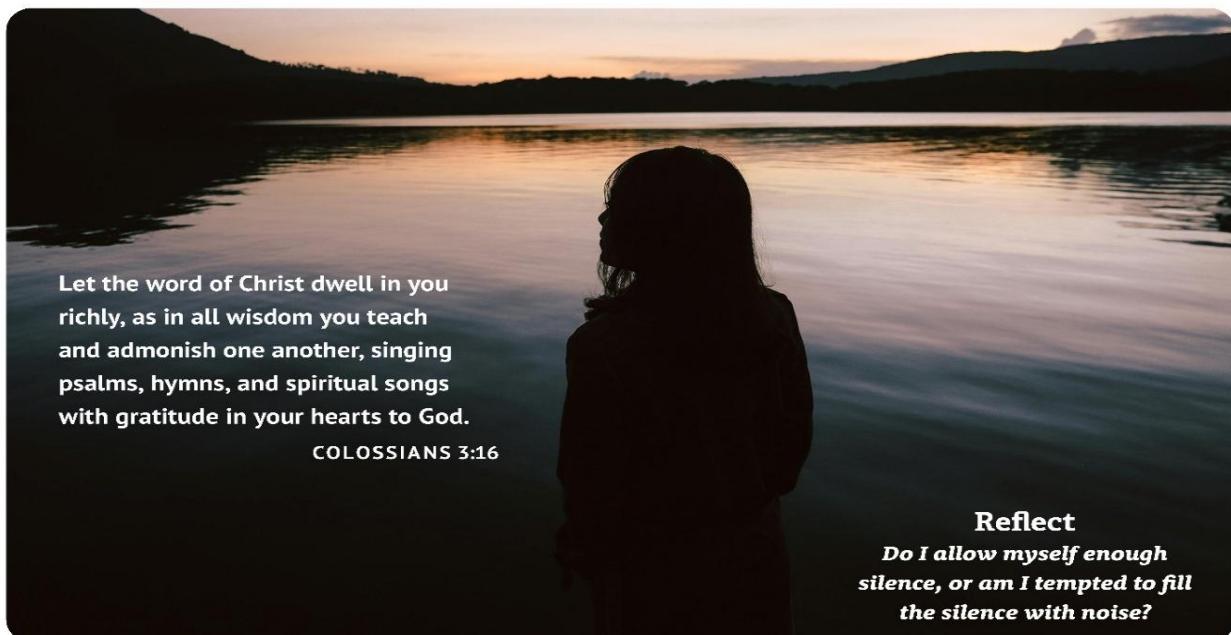


Embracing a Spirituality of Listening

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Reflect

Do I allow myself enough silence, or am I tempted to fill the silence with noise?

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Mass Schedule
January 2026

Mon: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Tues: 8:15 AM (St. James)

Wed: 8:15 AM (St. Joachim)

Thurs: 8:00 AM (St. James)

Fri: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Sat: 8:00 AM (1st Sat. of the Month @ St. James)

Saturday: 4:00 PM
(1st & 3rd weekend @ St. James; 2nd & 4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)
10:00 AM (St. James)



Confessions:

Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm
Prior to Sat. evening Mass or by appointment

**MASS
INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, Dec.
29th
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Dec.
30th:
**Charles & Mary
Gibson**

Wednesday, Dec.
31st:
**Fr. Jim
Hanson/Billy E.
Cain**

Thursday, Jan
1st:
**Bess
Lalumondiere**

Friday, Jan 2nd:
@ St. Joachim

Saturday, Jan
3rd
**8am-Edna
Merseal
4pm-Pamela
Hoffman**

Sunday, Jan 4th:
Joan Knott

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January 3rd & 4th

Lector:

Saturday 4pm: Laura Allen
Sunday 10am: Bob Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

<u>Saturday 4pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10am</u>
C:Vikki Neier	Nikki Warden
L:Judy East	Jamie Warden
R:Annette Portell	David Woodland

Servers

Saturday 4pm: Lane & Madison Battreal
Sunday 10am: Meadow Henson

Music:

Sat: 4:00pm. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00am Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band



Heavenly Dusters

Jeanne Degonia 1/2-1/9
Faye Jarvis 1/16-1/23
Diane Mull 1/30-2/6

Altar Linens

Glenda Farrow 12/22-12/29
Glenda Farrow 1/5-1/12
Connie Scott 1/19-1/26

Money Counters

Pat & Tina 12/30
Mary Ann & Donna 1/6

(FYI: The office is open on Mondays if you would like to count on Mondays.)

Weekly Collection 12/21/2025

<u>Envelopes:</u>	\$2970.00
<u>Loose:</u>	284.00
<u>Online Giving</u>	115.00
<u>Maintenance:</u>	125.00
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	195.00
<u>Votive:</u>	46.00
<u>Stained Glass Window</u>	30.00
<u>Christmas Offering</u>	20.00
<u>Christmas Flowers</u>	60.00
<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	20.00
<u>Seminary Collection</u>	510.00
<u>Other (Stipends)</u>	50.00

Total Giving: \$4425.00

of Contributors: 51

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“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
COLOSSIANS 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for

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New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!

Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

*Go to <http://signup.formed.org>

*Enter our parish's zipcode 63664

*Enter your name and your email address.

*Enjoy!

MONDAY
December 29
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

TUESDAY
December 30
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY
December 31
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY
January 1
Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy
Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

FRIDAY
January 2
Sts. Basil the
Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops
and Doctors
of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

SATURDAY
January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY
January 4
The Epiphany
of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Good News!

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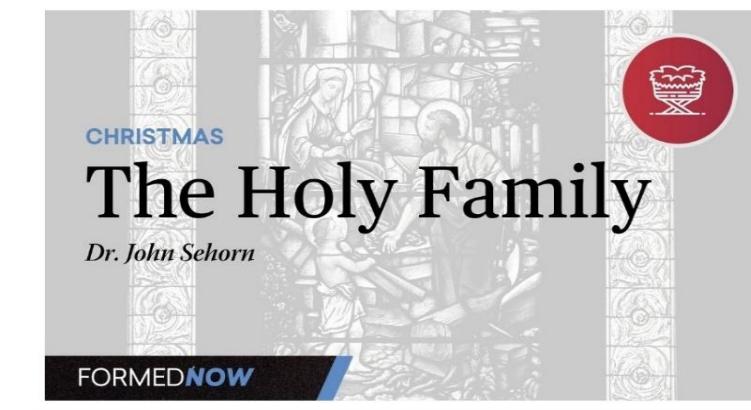
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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Interested in Becoming Catholic? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

During this Christmas Season, the Catechumens and Candidates are eagerly awaiting the coming of Jesus in Baptism and the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please pray for Catechumens: Keith Blankman, Joey Thebeau, Judy Vance, Caitlyn Gibson, Anthony, Lilly Pashia and family, Jerry Randall, Chris McCoy and Inquirer, Jerry Goza.

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, in being fully received, or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact the parish office, or call coordinator, Joyce Politte 636-328-1343. All are welcome.

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How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year?



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Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com!

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Get Ready to Celebrate Our Bicentennial Jubilee!

On January 1, 2026, communities across the Archdiocese of St. Louis will come together in joy and prayer to officially launch the Bicentennial Jubilee Year. This Jubilee Year marks a significant milestone as we prepare for the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of St. Louis on July 18, 1826. It is a time to celebrate and honor our rich Catholic heritage, deepen our faith, and recommit ourselves to carrying the light of Christ into the future. Please look for upcoming parish communications for more information, and on January 1st, visit the website dedicated to celebrating the bicentennial: ArchSTL200.org.

To begin this holy year in unity, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski has asked that all church bells throughout the archdiocese ring at 10:00 a.m. on January 1. When you hear the bells, pause and lift your heart in prayer. Offer thanksgiving for all those who came before us carrying the Catholic faith through generations, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us so we may carry our faith forward with renewed joy, hope, and commitment to the Gospel.

Parish Calendar

Dec 31: Holy Day Mass 4pm

Jan 1: Holy Day Mass 8am

Jan 6: Ladies Sodality meeting 5:30pm

Jan 7: PSR classes resume

Jan 9: Clarity House at 6pm

Jan 12: St. Vincent de Paul 6pm

Jan 12: Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm

Jan 13: Eucharistic Adoration 9am-4:45pm

Jan 13: Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm

Jan 13: KC Men's Meeting 6:30pm

Ladies Sodality

We would like to welcome new members to join our Ladies Sodality. Our next meeting is on January 6th from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please consider joining us!

Thank You!

Fr. Tony would like to thank all those who gave him Christmas cards and gifts. May God bless all our parishioners!

May you have a great Christmas Season and a Blessed and Happy New Year!



THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

We want to wish all our parishioners a Happy New Year! Our next meeting is January 13 @ 5:30pm.

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
FEEL FREE TO
CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON
@ 314-605-6268***

St. James PSR NEWS

Poco A Poco. We at St. James Parish School of Religion wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Classes resume on January 7.

*From Dr. Melissa Cordia
and the PSR Catechists*



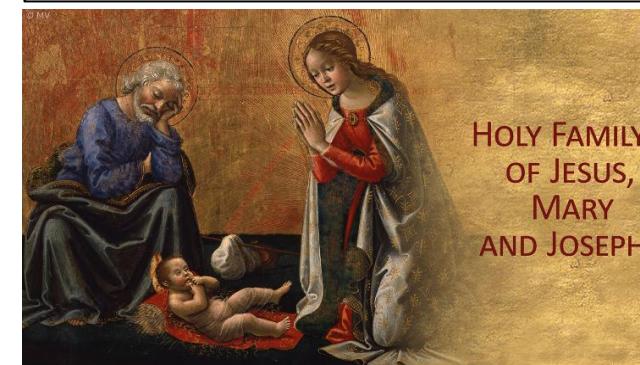
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. James Food Pantry provided food for 183 families (504 individuals) on Saturday, December 20th. Thanks to all our packers and those who helped on Saturday with the distribution. Many thanks to our generous church family! We want to wish everyone a very Happy, Holy and Blessed New Year!

"Let us love God, my sisters and brothers, Let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow."

St. Vincent de Paul

**St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,**



Holy Family December 28, 2025

Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

Celebrate 200 Years of Faith with the Archdiocese of St. Louis!



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

In 2026, we joyfully commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our diocese in 1826. This once-in-a-generation Bicentennial Jubilee invites us to rejoice in the light of Christ and renew our shared mission as Catholics in eastern Missouri.

Throughout the year, the faithful are invited to take part in prayer, storytelling, acts of service, and special archdiocesan initiatives rooted in the spiritual legacy of our three patron saints:

St. Louis, King of France
faithful leadership and justice

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
missionary prayer and perseverance

St. Vincent de Paul
compassion and care for the poor

"A Legacy of Faith. A Future of Hope."

Please Share Your Jubilee Moments!

As you celebrate, we'd love to see and share those moments! Tag your photos and stories with #ArchSTL200 and let's illuminate the joy of our Catholic faith across the Archdiocese.



ArchSTL200.org

All are invited!

OLD MINES KC CHICKEN & BEEF DINNER- Jan. 4th
We start serving at 10:30 a.m. until we are sold out.
Everyone one is welcome to come out and enjoy a good home cooked meal. It is \$15 a plate with two sides and a dessert and drink included.
Drive thru and carry out is available.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

With Spiritual Director
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