

Give Praise and Worship to God

Easter and Christmas

These citations below from the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" make it quite clear what the expectation of the Church is regarding Sunday and holy day Mass attendance. Though anyone reading this might be considered the "choir to whom the pastor is preaching" (i.e., those who faithfully worship God in Mass attendance are the ones most likely to pick up a bulletin), it is possible you may know friends or family members who may attend Mass only occasionally.

Some people might have the mistaken notion that it is acceptable to receive Holy Communion when attending Mass infrequently without confessing this sin against the third commandment to keep the Lord's day holy. More than likely these people are not even aware of this expectation of the Church, as shown below, though one can hardly escape the clear expectation from God Himself who expects us to keep the Lord's day holy.

The Lord commands that we remove the plank from our own eye before attempting to remove the speck from our brother's eye, yet there is still no question the obligation is placed upon us in charity to care for our brother's spiritual welfare. If we know such circumstances apply to our family or friends we are called upon to present this truth in as charitable way as possible.

Missing Sunday Mass is a grave sin.

#2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

Sacramental reconciliation (confession) is necessary for the removal of grave sin.

#1856 Mortal sin, by attacking the vital principle within us - that is, charity - necessitates a new initiative of God's mercy and a conversion of heart which is normally accomplished within the setting of the sacrament of reconciliation:

When the will sets itself upon something that is of its nature incompatible with the charity that orients man toward his ultimate end, then the sin is mortal by its very object . . . whether it contradicts the love of God, such as blasphemy or perjury, or the love of neighbor, such as homicide or adultery. . . . But when the sinner's will is set upon something that of its nature involves a disorder, but is not opposed to the love of God and neighbor, such as thoughtless chatter or immoderate laughter and the like, such sins are venial.

One who is aware of committing a grave sin must not receive Holy Communion without first having reconciled through confession.

#1457 According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession. Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

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www.sjamescatholicchurch.com

Bulletin Submissions: call the rectory or email to: fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net by noon on Friday.

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am.
Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment
Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

St. James Catholic Church

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent



Mon. Nov 4 Advent Weekday
Tue. Nov 5 Advent Weekday
Wed. Nov 6 Advent Weekday
Thu. Nov 7 Saint Ambrose
Fri. Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat. Dec 9 Advent Weekday

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 2	5:30 pm	†Shelly McEvoy
Sunday	Dec 3	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	Dec 4	7:00 am	†Sue Ann Versch
Tuesday	Dec 5	7:00 am	Ryan Murphy
Wednesday	Dec 6	7:00 am	†Rose Gruenes
Thursday	Dec 7	7:00 pm	†Stan Kucera
Friday	Dec 8	7:00 am	People of the Parish
Saturday	Dec 9	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Dec 10	9:00 am	†Bill Cihal

Please note the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is this Friday, December 8. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses to fulfill the obligation are on Thursday, December 7th, at 7:00pm, and Friday, December 8, at 7:00 a.m.

Minister Assignments

	Thurs. Dec 7	Fri. Dec 8	Sat. Dec 9	Sun. Dec 10
Acolytes	Mike Determan	Erik Carlson	Gene Benal	Craig Quick
Readers	Marie Gruenes	Ed Cherovsky	Bob Hageman	Patty Benal
Servers	Ian Dunn	Jerry Hageman	Collin Morrissey	Vinny Hageman
	Briar Kems	Rocco Hageman	Jacob Feldhaus	Bobby Hageman

Nov 25-26 Collection

Adults	\$4,255.00
Loose	92.00
Second	75.00
Contemplative Sisters	<u>315.00</u>
Total:	\$4,737.00

Monthly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$ 3,258.33
Bishop Neumann	<u>9,479.00</u>
Total Parish Expenses:	\$ 12,737.33

Vocation Prayer of the Week

Please pray for:

Wade Bakhit, St Charles Borromeo Seminary

Theology 1

Lane Barnhill, St. Gregory the Great Seminary

College 4

Married Singles Lifestyle – The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Feb 16-18, 2018 call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

The PCCW -has sign-up sheets in the entry for anyone who can help with the dinner on December 10th. Please check the times and duties needed and sign up. We appreciate anyone who can help. Thanks!

Holiday Bazaar-Do all of your Holiday shopping at one place! St. John Nepomucene’s PTA group is hosting a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. It will be at the St. John Nepomucene School Gym. Do some holiday shopping, support local vendors and St. John’s School. Vendors include Thirty-One, Lipsense, Monat, Scentsy, LuLaRoe, DoTerra, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Wild Tree, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay and Many More! If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ben Hain at benjaminhain@gmail.com

Bishop Neumann High School-is looking for a part time kitchen aide. The position would require working 7:30am-1:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Timeliness, attention to details, and a strong work ethic are important qualifications. Please contact Diane Rezac at 402-443-4151 for more information or to set up an interview.

Take some time as a family to prepare your hearts for this Advent Season-Please join us for an Evening of Reflection and Adoration of our Lord next Wednesday, December 6 from 7-9 pm at St. James. Confessions will also be available. Refreshments following, sponsored by Regnum Christi. Hope to see you there!

Mass of the Holy Innocents-will be celebrated on **Thursday, December 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with Mass at **7:00 p.m.** at **John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel**, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Family Life Office at 473-0620 **before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th.** *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

The Giving Tree-What you can spare, they can wear! The PCCW is hosting a caps, gloves, and mittens drive for Catholic Social Services from now until December 17. Any size, any color: Do not wrap the items please. We appreciate your giving!

St. John Nepomucene School-Weston is hosting a New Year Eve Celebration on Dec. 31 at the St. John School Gym. Dinner, catered by CK Catering, will be served from 6:30pm – 7:30pm followed by dancing to the Kenny James Band starting at 8:30pm! \$35 per person. Advance tickets only! Must be 21 to attend! To purchase tickets or for more info call St. John School 642-5234.