

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
From a sermon by Saint Anselm, bishop
Virgin Mary, all nature is blessed by you

Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night—everything that is subject to the power or use of man—rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendor by men who believe in God. The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God himself, its Creator, it sees him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son who was the glorious fruit of your virgin womb, just souls who died before his life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself.

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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 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

Mon. December 5	Advent Weekday
Tue. December 6	St. Nicholas
Wed. December 7	St. Ambrose
Thu. December 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri. December 9	St. Juan Diego
Sat. December 10	Advent Weekday

Mass Intentions

Saturday	December 3	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	December 4	9:00 am	†Agnes Rezac
Monday	December 5	7:00 am	†Deceased Members of Tasler Family
Tuesday	December 6	7:00 am	†Fr. Jim O'Connor
Wednesday	December 7	7:00 pm	†Joe & Mary Cherovsky
Thursday	December 8	7:00 am	People of the Parish
Friday	December 9	7:00 am	†Agnes Rezac
Saturday	December 10	5:30 pm	†People of the Parish
Sunday	December 11	9:00 am	†Jim Kasun

Saunders Catholic Schools will be offering a new program called the Transfer Student Grant Program at both grade schools. The grant is intended to encourage families to explore the benefits of Catholic education for their children and provides \$750 per student to offset some of the costs of grade school tuition. It is a one year grant that is available to students going into 1st - 6th grade, who transfer from another public or private school to St. John's in Weston or St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. If you know of anyone who might consider joining one of our great schools please have them contact our Enrollment Coordinator, McKenzie Swanson at mckenzie-swanson@cdolinc.net.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Elizabeth Ann Seton group at Bishop Neumann is collecting winter clothing and/or blankets now through Dec 16th to donate to Catholic Social Services in Lincoln and the Sienna/Francis House in Omaha. Items can be dropped off at Neumann in the northwest entry. Please contact Brandi Sladky or Cindy Wenninghoff at Neumann with questions. Please be generous!

Protecting Human Life is the Cornerstone of Catholic Social Teaching.

The abortion conflict has never simply been about repealing Roe v. Wade. And the many pro-lifers I know live a much deeper kind of discipleship than "single issue" politics. But they do understand that the cornerstone of Catholic social teaching is protecting human life from conception to natural death. They do understand that every other human right depends on the right to life. They did not and do not and will not give up – and they won't be lied to."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M

Please join us for a free family movie night on Friday, December 9th in the St. John's school gym in Weston. We'll be showing the Polar Express and serving free popcorn. Bring blankets, chairs and your favorite family beverage. The movie will start at 7 p.m. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on call 1-888-317-5654 February 24-26, 2017 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

This Thursday we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All Catholics have a grave obligation to offer praise and adoration to our Lord by attending Mass. Masses here at St. James are Wednesday evening at 7:00 (replacing the morning Mass) and Tuesday morning at 7:00.



Vocation Prayer of the Week

Please pray for:

Sr. Mary Jacinta, St. John Lalande Parish
Blue Springs, MO., First Vows
Sr. Mary Ruth, Sts. Ann & Joachim,
Fargo, ND, First Vows

Minister Assignments

	Wednes., Dec. 7	Thursday, Dec. 8
Acolytes	Mike Determan	Al Luetkenhaus
Readers	Marie Gruenes	Ed Cherovsky
Servers	Sean Determan	Nolan Luetkenhaus
	Matt Determan	Philip Chohon
	Saturday, Dec. 10	Sunday, Dec. 11
Acolytes	Jeff Hageman	Bob Sabata
Readers	Connie Eckley	Craig Quick
Servers	Landon Montanio	Jerry Hageman
	Garrison Knuth	Bobby Hageman

November 26-27 Tithe	
Adults	\$ 2,980.00
Loose	192.00
Second Collection	78.00
Cloistered Sisters	454.00
Total:	<u>\$ 3,704.00</u>
<u>Monthly Obligations</u>	
St. Wenceslaus School	\$3,116.66
Bishop Neumann	8,247.00
Total Parish Expenses:	<u>\$11,363.66</u>

Church Directory- LifeTouch will be taking photos for our church directory on January 5th, 6th and 7th. Sign up today after Mass in the vestibule. All families/individuals will receive a free church directory & 8x10 photo.

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