



## St. James Catholic Church

December 21<sup>st</sup> , 2025

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

7:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

4:30 pm Saturday

9:00 am Sunday

### Confessions:

Saturdays 3:30 – 3:55 pm

Sundays 8:00 - 8:25 am

or by Appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration:

First Saturdays/Sundays between  
weekend Masses.

### Pastor

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### Parish Office

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### Website:

[www.stjamesmead.com](http://www.stjamesmead.com)

### Facebook/Mass

### Livestream

[www.facebook.com/stjamesmead](http://www.facebook.com/stjamesmead)

9:00 am every Sunday

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 am	No Mass
Tuesday	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 am	Mike Fiala
Wednesday	December 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
		<b>4:00 PM (Children's Mass)</b>	Gary Mach
		<b>6:00 PM</b>	Tom Schliffke
Thursday	December 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	
		<b>9:00 AM</b>	Special Intentions
Friday	December 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am	No Mass
Saturday	December 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Ray Henry & Dorothy Sexton
Sunday	December 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Bob Springer

### Your Contributions last week

Adults	\$1640.00
Plate	\$ 860.00
For the Poor	\$ 21.00
Online Giving	\$1960.30
Immaculate Conception	\$ 359.00
Donation	\$4000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8840.30</b>

### Weekly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$ 857.50
Bishop Neumann	\$ 2018.00
Other Parish Expenses	\$1800.00

**Total Parish Weekly Expenses: \$4675.50**

### Ministry Assignments for Next Week

#### Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Reader: Connie Eckley

Acolyte: Mike Determan

Servers: VOLUNTEER

#### Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

Reader: John Grandgenett

Acolyte: Al Luetkenhaus

Servers: VOLUNTEER

### New Parishioners & Visitors

We are grateful you are here! In our parish community, all families and individuals are welcome! If this is your new parish, you are asked to pick up a registration form in the back of church on the bulletin board and return by placing it in the collection basket.

Our Catholic tradition prays for those who have gone before us. Each Mass includes prayer intentions for the whole church, living and deceased. Within these prayers, there is a place to recall a particular person/s or a special intention.

We honor them by remembering that they were a gift from God to us; we are grateful for the gift they gave us and the inspiration we carry into our lives; we pray for the reparation of any sins they may have committed and the purification of their souls.

You can remember someone who have died recently or many years ago, you can even remember all your deceased family, friends and benefactors at one a Mass. The intentions do not have to be just for the dead: they make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday; anniversary; in thanksgiving for a prayer answered; an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trama. We desire the Lord's support for them in their need.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** – January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of obligation (The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God) Mass times are Vigil Mass is Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30 pm & Holy Day Mass Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 am.

**HAT & GLOVE DRIVE** – During Advent we will be accepting hats, gloves, mittens, socks, and under garment for men & women. Please leave your donation in the back of church in the bin. Donations will be accepted until December 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be taken to Catholic Social Services.

**LOOKING FOR JOYFUL VOICES** - Our choir is opening its doors to new members for 2026. No experience and no audition required. We understand that singing up front is not for everyone, so participation is flexible: join for hymns, parts of the Mass, the psalm, or whatever feels comfortable. We would love to hear from you. Please speak with Father Gross, Kristi, Beth, or any choir member to learn more or to express interest.

**ST. WENCESLAUS SCHOOL BREAKFAST BURRITO DRIVE** - \$25 per pack of 5 burritos ready for the freezer. Submit pre-orders by January 9th via the online order form at <https://bit.ly/stwencburritodrive> or ask a St. Wenceslaus School student to submit a paper order. Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, January 23rd from 3-7pm at St. Wenceslaus School.

**NO CONFESSSIONS** – Before Christmas Eve Masses or Christmas Day Mass.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm (Children's Mass)**

**6:00 pm**

**Christmas Day, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am**

#### **HOLY DAY MASS TIMES**

**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Vigil at 5:30 pm**

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Holy Day at 8:00 am**

#### **CHRISTMAS PENANCE SERVICES**

**Sunday, December 21st**

**Time      Location (# of Priests**

**9:45 am      Mead (2)**

**2:00 pm      Ashland (2)**

**Morse Bluff (2)**

**4:00 pm      Colon (2)**

**Prague (2)**

**Davey (2)**

**5:00 pm      Weston (3)**

**5:30 pm      Valpraiso (9)**

**Monday, December 22nd**

**7:00 pm      St Wenceslaus (9)**

**Reminder: Bulletin announcements need to be in by 9 am on Wednesdays.**