

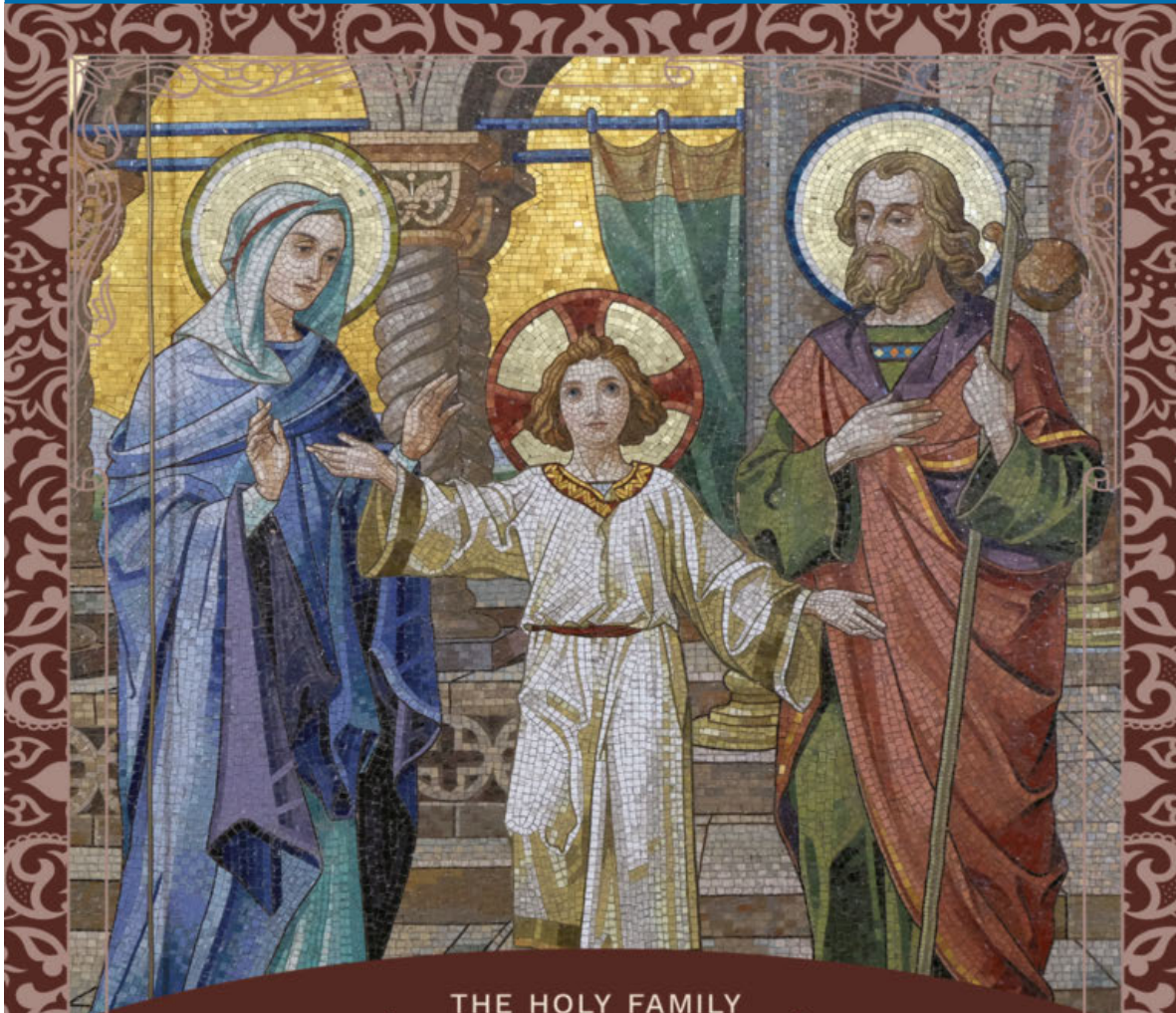


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**FEAST OF
THE HOLY FAMILY**

**FIESTA DE LA
SAGRADA FAMILIA**

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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

*1:00 p.m.

*Español/Spanish
(Church & On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.

(Chapel & On-line)

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Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

First Friday of the Month

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

(Chapel)

Every Saturday

And Confessions

@ Missionary Servant House

3347 S. Michigan

3:30 to 5:00 pm



DECEMBER 29, 2024

ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

The Roman god Janus (for January is named) is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, frames, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces. Janus frequently symbolized change and transitions such as the progress of past to future, from one condition to another, from one vision to another, and young people's growth to adulthood. He represented time because he could see into the past with one face and into the future with the other. Hence, Janus was worshipped at the beginnings of the harvest and planting times, as well as at marriages, deaths and other beginnings. He represented the middle ground between barbarism and civilization, rural and urban space, youth and adulthood. Janus is the mythological representative of change.

Change is a constant in human affairs. As we transition to a new year, we at St. James, like Janus, can look back and look ahead. When we look back there is much to be grateful for here. The parish continues to evolve. We became the home for the SPRED community and resumed celebrating the 11:30am Mass. We also added a Mass in Spanish. The campus ministry expanded its outreach with the local students and the food pantry was able to serve the increase in clients – about 50% more than before the pandemic. We navigated the changes in Jazzin' to Feed with even greater participation. And we paved the parking lot!

Looking ahead, 2025 will have three new streams which will be added to the normal flow of life in the parish. The Archdiocese is working with St. James to help us develop an evangelization action plan. We need to position ourselves so that we aren't just welcoming those who come through our doors but even extending our spirit of hospitality to those who are on the periphery of church life. Our neighborhood is changing and we must adapt our efforts to move from maintenance to mission. We will all need to become involved in his endeavor. The second stream is a new Archdiocesan capital campaign entitled Generation to Generation. Over the past ten years the local church has undergone major re-alignment. The closures, mergers, combinations have been difficult for many Catholics. The Cardinal is determined that we as Catholics stop thinking in terms of diminishment but in terms of growth. This campaign is designed to create the necessary human infrastructure in place to make growth possible. Of course, much on this later! The third stream is the growing Hispanic Ministry here in the parish. Given the change of administration in Washington with its anti-immigrant rhetoric no one is sure what the future holds for the refugee population but St. James wants to make sure that we are doing what we can to welcome these newly arrived Catholics.

Dag Hammarskjöld, a former secretary of the United Nations, wrote in his personal journal: "For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes." That is a good message for us as we, Janus-like, celebrate what was and anticipate what will be. As the old spiritual puts it: We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in His holy word. Can't turn around, He's never failed us yet.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 12/29	The Holy Family	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	For the people of St. James
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 12/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tue 12/31	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 01/01	10:30 a.m.	Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day (Chapel & On-line)
	†	Peter, Louis and Anna Marano and Ralph Garofalo by Mena Marano
	11:30	New Year's Day Brunch (Basement)
Thurs 01/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 01/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 01/05	The Holy Family	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker
	11:30 a.m.	Mass SPRED (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



**January 1 New Year's Day
Mass at 10:30am
Followed by a brunch supplied by
Deacon Terry and his family**

**Office and Food Pantry is closed
this week. Will open on January 6**



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday January 3

8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)

Confessions available upon request

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

Observances for the week of December 29, 2024

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Tuesday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Wednesday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
- Thursday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Friday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Saturday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 | THE HOLY FAMILY



Saint of the week

St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) is the first woman doctor and working mom to be canonized. During her last pregnancy a uterine tumor was surgically removed so she could bring her daughter into the world, even at the expense of her own life.

Prayer for Family

Dear God,

Help my family to be holy, too!

Amen.



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall

Our Sick:

Aayliah Cooper
Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss
Claude Fisher
Paul Kanzer
Linda Griffin Kennard
Nancy McCarthy
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