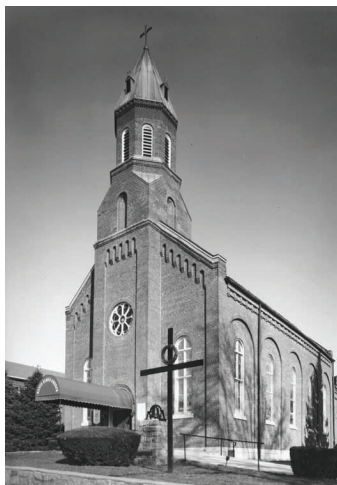


# St. James Parish Family

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**Worship:**  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri.  
**8:00AM**  
Saturday: **4:30 PM**  
Sunday **8:00 AM**  
**10:00 AM**

**Office Hours:**  
**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
Mon - Fri  
**Phone: 573-438-4686**  
**888-868-8188**  
Parish School of Religion  
Or Parish Hall  
**Phone: 573-436-0144**

## Staff

Rev. Joe Welschmeyer  
Pastor  
Mrs. Gail Aubuchon  
Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Leroy Jarvis  
Buildings & Grounds  
Mrs. Kathy Thompson  
PSR Principal/DRE

## Confessions: Saturday

4:00 until Last One

**Baptism:** Arranged  
by appointment

**Marriages:** Arranged by  
appointment at least 6  
months prior.

TO REQUEST PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS CALL:  
Glenda Farrow 573-438-2672

DATE: **JANUARY 2, 2010**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: January 3, 2011

MON,	8:00 AM	Ginny Garrett
TUES,	8:00 AM	Francis Luetkemeyer
WED,	8:00 AM	Vincent "Fred" Pinson
THURS,	8:00 AM	Mildred Schulte
FRI,	8:00 AM	Michael Drennon
SAT,	4:30 PM	The People of the Parish
SUN,	8:00 AM	Patricia Gaylord
	10:00 AM	Linda Emily

ENVELOPES.....\$2,335.00  
LOOSE .....\$119.00  
VOTIVE LIGHTS..... \$38.45  
Christmas Gifts ... \$6,390.25  
Seminary ..... \$364.00  
Solemnity of Mary .. \$10.00  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ....\$204.00

FOR THE WEEK OF:  
December 25th & 26th  
RECEIVED: \$8,864.25

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK JANUARY 8TH & 9TH

### Eucharistic Ministers

SAT, 4:30  
C. Faye Jarvis  
L. Leroy Jarvis  
R. Diane McGirl

SUN, 8:00  
Marvin Wright  
Geraldine Skiles  
Glenda Farrow

SUN, 10:00  
Nikki Warden  
Betty Mathews  
Linda DeClue

### LECTORS

SAT, 4:30  
Paul Villmer

SUN, 8:00  
Dan DeClue

SUN, 10:00  
Jamie Warden



SERVICES

SAT 4:30- McKenzie Smith, Eli Wilkinson, Kieranne Wilkinson  
SUN 8:00- MaryAnna Allen, Hannah Allen, Kiley Cain  
SUN 10:00- Anna Bone, Karter Dickey, Kiley Dickey



DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND  
SUNDAY: Kim Coleman



GIFT BEARERS  
4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Crump  
8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Darling  
10:00 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Craig



HEAVENLY DUSTERS  
Marvel Chazelle & Nancee Schamel

TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES  
THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE:  
High Score: Jerry Steudeman(110 pts)  
Low Score: Perry Farrow (31 pts)

**Thank You:** I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to the members of the parish who have been so kind to me, especially this Christmas. I appreciate the cards and gifts and the sentiment they express.

It is a joy to return to the parish and area for these later years of my life (the winter of life). I enjoy everyday here, at St. Joseph's at Tiff and with the Rural Parish Workers. God Bless you!

*Father Rich Tillman*

**Parish School of Religion Christmas Program:** On January 5, 2011 at 6:30 PM, the 4th & 5th Grade students along with their teachers, Geraldine Heifner, Judy Cain, Michelle Harmon and Mary Harmon will be performing a **Christmas play in Church**. Afterwards we will all be returning back to the Parish Hall for singing. **ALL** parents and parishioners are invited to attend. **Practice for this Program will be Sunday, JANUARY 2ND at 2:00 PM**



The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, January 5th at **6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. Confirmation Class will also meet this week. Please remember to listen to KTJJ for cancellation of classes due to bad weather.



## HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Kathleen Blanford —December 30th  
Della Sampson — January 1st  
Dorothy Bone — January 2nd

Let us give thanks for the Three Modern Day Magi of St. James Parish

## A Very Special Thank You To:

Jim & Judy Politte, Nicki Portell, Jamie Thompson, Wes & Sharon Forrester, Perry & Glenda Farrow, Glen Gelhot, Kristi Sutton, Jim Leonard and of course the church staff, Leroy Jarvis, and Gail Aubuchon for decorating the church so beautiful for Christmas. I received so many compliments about the church.

Again, Thank you so very much. *Father Joe*

## The Sacrament of Penance, (Confession)

What is the advantage of confessing our sins to a priest instead of confessing alone, privately directly to God? As Catholics, we confess our sins to God through His minister the priest in the Sacrament of Confession. This does not mean we can't also confess to God directly, if in fact, we feel we should do this, too. The "advantages" to confessing directing to a priest are: the Church's *guarantee of forgiveness, spiritual counseling, humility, help in overcoming self-deception and rationalization* in matters of sin, and most importantly is the *sacramental grace* received. None of the above are provided when a person only talks privately to God in a one-person conversation/or confession to God. Like St. Paul, who writes in his letter to the Colossians (COL 1:18), Catholics believe the Church is, in a mysterious way, the Body of Christ still living in the world today, therefore God will answer our pleas for forgiveness and mercy with greater compassion, if voiced in union with this Mystical Body of Christ, than if they are voiced by a mere one person to God, and independently of the **Mystical Body of Christ**. The "**Mystical Body of Christ**" are our brothers and sisters by having been baptized, and are now participating in the Celebration of the Mass (Eucharist). Some **claim** that confessing to a priest is **not** biblical. In John 20, we read of Christ appearing to the disciples on Easter Sunday. He breathed on the apostles giving them the authority to forgive, and not to forgive. This means they had to *hear* the sins in order to forgive/not forgive. Jesus then says "as the Father has sent me, so I send you". This means the apostles are to continue Christ's mission, the essence of which is the forgiveness of sins. In 2 Corinthians, St. Paul describes the apostles as ambassadors of Christ's work of reconciliation. In the Epistle of James we read that the presbyters (priests) are called to pray for the sick and forgive their sins. Why are priests called to perform this task? Obviously, the priests have an authority/ordinance, that ordinary Christians are not given.

It is clear that Christ did give the apostles, and those in apostolic succession, the power to forgive sins.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Leon Robert Taylor, 80. He died Monday, December 27, 2010. He is the father of Cindy & Cliff Johnson, Parishioners. His funeral was Thursday, December 30, 2010, arrangements in care of Moore Funeral Homes.

## St. James Cyber-Viewed Around the Globe

By the time our first Mass began at 5 pm on Christmas Eve, JPG photos of the decoration of our parish church had been sent to various States and cities as well as world wide. Bishop Luis Morgan Casey, of Riberalta in Pondo, Bolivia, was one who responded to the photos that our secretary Gail Aubuchon had taken, as the decorating volunteers were finishing. The bishop's words were "what a beautiful job" your parishioners provided in the decoration of their parish church at Christmastide.

A native of this parish of St. James in Potosi, Bishop Casey, 75, will be returning to the United States in mid-January 2011, to undergo something very sensitive and serious spine surgery. Bishop Morgan Casey asks that our parish **P-R-A-Y'ers** offer prayers for the success of this delicate surgery. Please join me in praying for the success of the our 'hometown' bishop, and his complete recovery and convalescence. (Fr. Joe Welschmeyer)

The **January 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference** is rapidly approaching. This year's conference will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the **St. Louis University Busch Student Center, St. Louis**. There is free parking in the garage on the corner of Laclede and Grand. The theme is "**Fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience.**" As always, the conference is an extraordinary opportunity for the men of our Archdiocese to spend a day totally devoted to their faith (a rare thing to say the least!) It is an occasion for Catholic men to experience tremendous spiritual growth, healing and inspiration, and the comradery of fellow Catholic men. The registration fee is \$45 per person. For more information go online to **[www.catholicmenforchrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforchrist.org)**. Or speak with your pastor, Fr. Joe for further information.

## CHICKEN & BEEF DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus of Washington County will be having a Chicken & Beef Dinner this Sunday, January 2, 2011 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at the K. C. Hall in Old Mines.

## SHOOTING MATCH

There will be a Shooting Match the 2nd & 3rd Sunday each month (January 9th & 16th) at the K. C. Hall in Old Mines. If you have any questions please contact:

Rick Hendricks at 573-438-0035