



OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS



Today	Preacher, Pastor Thadeus Flitter
	Music — Charmaine Wagner
	Adult Bible Study / Teen Bible Study / Sunday School @ 9:05am
12/20	Bible Information Class 6pm
12/20	Praise Choir 6pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SET-UP—We will be setting up the gym **TODAY**, Sunday, December 17th **beginning at 10:15am (if you plan to go to late church, please stop in the gym to help finish setting up after church)**, for our upcoming Christmas Eve services. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

ADOPT A FAMILY - St. John-St. James is collecting donations to purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need who lives in Manitowoc County. We have been assigned a family with 6 children this year and need your help to make their Christmas a blessed one! If you would like to shop & donate a specific gift, please pick up a tag from the board in the back of church or the school commons. Cash donations & gift cards (SCRIP) are also welcome. Please drop off your donations (**unwrapped**) in the collection boxes in the back of church or the school commons by **TODAY, Sunday, December 17th**. (Gift receipts are appreciated!)

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES—2024 offering envelopes can be found in the west office of church. They are in alphabetical order for easy pick-up. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience, as they will not be mailed out.

DIVINE CALLS —At our recent call meeting, our voters extended a call to Mr. Andrew Mantz to serve as our Principal & Teacher for grades 6 -8. A part-time call (75%) was also extended to Mrs. Emily Mantz (Andrew's wife) to teach grades 6-8 (Administrative Release) & Exceptional Learners. Andrew & Emily are both currently serving at Christ the King Academy in Palm Coast, FL. Please keep the Mantz Family in your prayers as they deliberate where the Lord can best use their talents and abilities. Feel free to contact them with words of encouragement at andrew.mantz@gmail.com or emilymantz1@gmail.com.

SHOP SCRIP—The SJSJ Scrip Program would love to help you with your Christmas shopping! SCRIP gift cards make excellent gifts. If you are not familiar with our SCRIP Program, please contact the school office for more information or visit www.raiseright.com. The enrollment code for our organization is: A755918L7794. Please remember that if we do not have what you need in our inventory or you need a large amount, we can certainly order it and have it available for you within a week. **SCRIP UPDATE: We now have Walmart \$10 & Amazon \$10 cards available for a limited time!**

GRIEFSHARE—GriefShare is a program to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. Each session is about 2 hours long. There is a short video on various topics presented by people who have gone through the grieving process and mental health experts. There is then group discussion time, though sharing is not required. Between each weekly session there is a workbook that has daily exercises that point you to God's Word and help you work through your grief. We will be having the GriefShare program starting **Thursdays January 4th to March 28th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM**. We will be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc, in the church office conference room. The entrance is across the covered area from the church entrance. If you are interested in getting more information or know someone who we should personally invite please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net. You also can get more information or register at the GriefShare website griefshare.org. **Please register by December 26th** so we can make sure we have enough workbooks. We will be charging \$20 per person to cover the cost of workbooks. People are free to join our group at any time during the GriefShare cycle.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER—Please submit any information/reports for the upcoming newsletter to Katie Janssen by Friday, December 22nd. kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com

THANK YOU—Thank you to Bill & Marilyn Wunrow for the gift of money given to the Building Fund in memory of Richard Ohlrogge.

SEMINARY FOOD PANTRY DRIVE—Thank you so very much for everything that was donated to our Seminary Food Pantry Drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Our future Pastors at the Seminary, also appreciate your generosity.

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights

December 11, 2023

Rod Bubolz reported on income for the month of November was \$118,533 and expenses were \$72,490. Total debt balance at the end of November is \$13,217.82.

The Charities balance at the end of November was \$20,103.86. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$28,179.91

Transfers out:

Avery Helberg—communicant: Release from membership to join a church not of our fellowship.

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Times of Worship: Sunday 8am & 10:15am ~ Adult Bible Study /Teen Bible Study /Sunday School 9:05am
Church Office Hours: 1:00pm—3:00pm Monday thru Wednesday

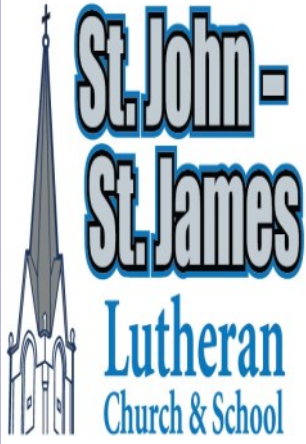
Send Bulletin Information to kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com; jsheahan@stjohnstjames.com
Wednesday Deadline

SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMATION: School Office Phone: 920-754-4432

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School Office Hours: 7:30am – 3:00pm M-F Scrip available for purchase during office hours.



Third Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 17, 2023

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK ■ **Sunday, December 17 — 8:00am Ushers** - Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad Busse, Jade Busse, Marshall Kirkpatrick **10:15am Ushers** — Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton Kasten, Nathan Kasten ■ **Flower Committee** —Tim/Joan Sheahan ■ **Church Cleaners 12/11—12/24** Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail/Randy Denor

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK ■ **Sunday, December 24 — 9:00am Ushers** - Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Zac Bubolz, Joe Bubolz, Jon Winkel **Candlelight Service, Sunday December 24 — 7:00pm Ushers:** Gary Bernhardt, Randy Denor ■ **Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 — 9:00am Ushers** Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **Flower Committee** — Tim/Joan Sheahan ■ **Church Cleaners 12/11—12/24** Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail/Randy Denor; **12/25-01/08**—Sarah/Rick Zimmerman, Carissa Hillmann, Vicki Rolf

THANK YOU—The Children’s Christmas Bag committee would like to give a huge **“THANK YOU”** to all who have donated money to fill the Children’s Christmas candy bags!

CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS—We are again offering Christmas greeting cards for the Christmas Season. Christmas cards will be available in the Commons this year. Please pay Amanda Schrubbe in the school office for your cards, during school hours. Prices for the cards are on each box. Payment box will be available on Sundays by the cards.

USHERS—The 2024 Ushers schedules are printed and available for pickup in the back of church.

CHURCH CLEANERS—The 2024 Church Cleaners schedules are available for pickup in the back of church.

OFFICE HOURS—Church/School Office will be closing at Noon on Friday, December 22nd.

POINSETTIA ORDERS—Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia this year. Our church and gym are going to look amazing for Christmas! As a reminder, you are welcome to take your poinsettias home with you after the Children’s Service (5:30pm) for the blue & white poinsettia’s and Christmas Day Service for the red poinsettia’s. Thank you again!

SPECIAL DECEMBER SERVICES

Children's Christmas Eve Service Friday, December 22—8:30 am (Gym)
 & Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 pm (Gym)

Sunday Worship Service, Sunday December 24 at **9:00 am** (Church)

Candlelight Christmas Service, Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 pm (Church)

Christmas Day Worship Service, Monday, December 25 at 9:00 am (Church)

New Year's Eve Worship Services, Sunday, December 31 at 8:00 am & 10:15 am (Church)

Church Attendance

Sunday, 12/10 8:00 am — 195 10:15am — 75 TOTAL — 270

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE				
<i>Sunday, December 10, 2023</i>				
FUND	NEEDED WEEKLY	GIVEN THIS WEEK	WEEKLY Over/(Under)	FISCAL YTD Over/(Under)
General Fund	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,346.75	\$ (653.25)	\$ 1,897.39
Synod	\$ 538.00	\$ 637.00	\$ 99.00	\$ (2,104.50)
MLHS	\$ 452.00	\$ 653.00	\$ 201.00	\$ (1,684.50)
Building Fund	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 3,045.00	\$ 733	\$ 5,050.20

Debt Retirement—\$50