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A kindness received should be returned with a freer hand.

Saint Ambrose
**Parish Faith Formation**

**Grades K -7** will meet on December 16th.

There will be **NO CLASSES** on December 23rd or 30th.

Enjoy the holidays with your families!

Family Field Trip to LaSalette Shrine on December 16th. We will meet in the St. James Parking lot at 2:30pm. All are welcome to attend!

We have begun our new Liturgical Year of Grace and we can mark the days with the beautiful ‘Inside the Vatican’ calendar provided to the parishioners of St. James by the Menard-Lacouture Funeral Homes. Thank you to Craig Lacouture.

**Saint James Parish 2018 Christmas Concert**

“Christ is Born! Let us Rejoice! December 30th

Feast of the Holy Family
2:00PM

On the feast of the Holy Family, the St. James Parish Choir, under the direction of Ms. Fern Dery and accompanied by Mr. Philip Desrosiers, will celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season in music and song. Join us in the beauty and joy of the Christmas Season.

**Congratulations to Tyler Bouffard, on making “ECHO,” a weekend-long retreat for teens that helps them grow and develop in their faith.**

**Christmas Eve Choir**

We are looking to assemble a group of singers to enhance and lead the music for our 4:00PM Christmas Eve Children’s Liturgy on December 24. The music is traditional and should be familiar to all. There will be no scheduled rehearsals but ask that you arrive at 3:00PM to review the music program before the Mass. Please see our organist, Phil Desrosiers or e-mail him (brph50@aol.com) if you intend on joining us for this special liturgy.

**Christmas Eve Schedule**

**Christmas Eve - December 24**

Mass at 4:00pm and Midnight—St. Ambrose

**Christmas Day – December 25**

Mass at 10:00am at St. James

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**New Year’s Day - January 1, 2019**

10:00am—St. James

**New Year’s Eve – December 31**

Mass at 4:00pm—St. James

On this Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Western Church we are reminded by the mass entrance antiphon: 

“We live always during Advent. We are always waiting for the messiah to come. The messiah has come, but is not yet fully manifest. The messiah is not fully manifest in each of our souls, not fully manifest in humankind as a whole: that is to say, that just as Christ was born according to the flesh in Bethlehem of Judah, so must he be born according to the spirit in each of our souls.

This season is providing all of us many opportunities to rejoice that the Lord is near. I am so impressed by the generosity expressed last weekend to the ‘Gifts for the Needy’. It is such a positive way of renewing hope and joy in the lives of people in need. Thank you! In these waning days the Advent of Christmas may we continue to open our hearts, minds and spirits to the Messiah of God, Jesus the Christ.

Maramatha! Maranatha!”

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**Your Christmas Flower donation envelopes and remembrances will be placed on the altar**

**ATTENTION:** Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers... SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE SACRISTY.

**Veterans Memorial Chapel Candle**

Our candle burns this week in Memory Of Gerard J. Peloquin, Jr. requested by Henry & Lorraine

**THE SACRISTY.**

**Altar Servers**

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**Up Sheets are In**

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**We offer our prayerful condolences and sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Denise J. Dufresne**

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**Decorating St. James Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 1PM**

All are invited to join in preparing our house of worship for the beautiful celebration of Christmas.