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St. Ambrose
Weekly Collections
**Sunday, December 16, 2018**
- **Budget:** $2,645.00
- **Poor Box:** $25.00
- **Capital Improvements:** $348.00
- **Candles:** $68.00
- **Online Giving:** $1,017.50

**Thank You for your generosity!**

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**Saint James Parish**
**2018 Christmas Concert**
**Christ is Born! Let us Rejoice!**
**December 30th**

Feast of the Holy Family
2:00PM
In Church

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.

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**Veterans Memorial Chapel Candle**
Our candle burns this week
In Memory Of
ALL VETERANS

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**Parish Faith Formation**
**Grades K-7**
There will be **NO CLASSES** on December 23rd or 30th.
Enjoy the holidays with your families!

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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve - December 24**
- Mass at 4:00pm and 10:00pm—St. James
- Mass at 4:00pm & Midnight—St. Ambrose

**Christmas Day - December 25**
- Mass at 10:00am at St. James
- Mass at 10:00am St. Ambrose

**New Year’s Eve - December 31**
- 4:00pm—St. James

**New Year’s Day - January 1, 2019**
- 10:00am—St. Ambrose

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It is our Advent desire that Emmanuel comes. This hope is expressed in the Evening Prayer antiphon of December 23:

*O Emmanuel, ruler and lawgiver,*
*Desire of the nations,*
*Savior of all people:*
*Come and set us free, Lord our God.*

Christmas is almost here and it comes with the promise of God being one with His people in the incarnation of the word. The desire of the nations, and savior of all people, Jesus the Christ, takes on flesh and is born in Bethlehem to bring hope and joy to all God’s creation. The immensity of the incarnation is expressed in a very thought provokingly way by Karl Rahner:

“It is both terrible and comforting to dwell in the inconceivable nearness of God, and so to be loved by God that the first and last gift is infinity and inconceivability itself. But we have not choice. God is with us.”

May all of us be filled with Christmas joy and hope as we gather with family and friends in this holy season and may we ponder the truth of Venerable Bede’s words from the 8th century:

“Christ is the Morning Star, Who, when the night of this world is past, Gives to his saints the promise of the light of life, And opens everlasting day.”

**Merry Christmas!**