THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

FAITH • FAMILY • SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 16-20, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EVERY DAY IS A NEW CHANCE TO GROW!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

- **ADORATION:** Students in Grades 1–6 will attend Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Eucharistic Adoration is a special opportunity to slow down, quiet our hearts, and spend time with Jesus, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. It allows us to pray, reflect, give thanks, and grow closer to Him. Parents are invited to join us for this time of prayer and spend time with Jesus alongside our students.
- **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & COSTUME REQUIREMENTS:** Mrs. Evans has finalized the costumes for this year's Christmas program. **HERE** is the memo outlining the costume requirements for each grade level. Please take a few minutes to read the memo and review what your child will need to wear. This will give you plenty of time to gather the necessary costume pieces before the program.
- **CITY OF GULFPORT TREE LIGHTING:** Students in Grades 1-6 are invited to sing at the annual City of Gulfport Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m. If you would like your child to participate, please fill out the form that Mrs. Evans sent out and return it before December 3. **HERE** is the link to the form with all of the information.
- **iGIVECATHOLIC CAMPAIGN:** St. James Catholic School will participate in this year's #iGiveCatholic campaign! Early giving begins Monday, November 16, with the official day of giving on Tuesday, December 1. Our goal is to raise $50,000 to help fund the cost of repairing the awning at the front entrance of the school due to termite and structural damage. This project is important to maintaining a safe and welcoming entrance for our students, families, and visitors. Our campaign will be promoted through the school's social media pages and website. I encourage everyone to share our Facebook posts with family and friends to help spread the word and reach potential donors. Every donation and every share will help us reach our goal. Thank you for supporting St. James! **HERE** is the direct link to our iGIVECATHOLIC page.
- **SANTA SHOP:** Santa Shop will take place December 1–4. Please keep an eye on your child's individual class GroupMe page for information about volunteer opportunities and ways to help make this event a success. We appreciate your support!

FAITH FORMATION:

- **Nov. 16: St. Margaret of Scotland – Service**
  St. Margaret was a queen who used her position to help the poor, care for the sick, and serve those in need.
  Look for ways to serve others through kindness and thoughtful actions each day.
- **Nov. 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Charity**
  St. Elizabeth was a princess who gave generously to the poor and spent her life caring for the sick and suffering.
  Share what you have with others and remember that giving from the heart shows God's love.
- **Nov. 18: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne – Perseverance**
  St. Rose Philippine Duchesne traveled to America to teach children and spread the Catholic faith. She continued her mission even when faced with many challenges.
  Keep trying when things are difficult and trust that God will help you along the way.
- **Nov. 19: St. Agnes of Assisi – Faithfulness**
  St. Agnes was the sister of St. Clare of Assisi. She dedicated her life to God through prayer, humility, and service to others.
  Remain faithful to God and show your love for Jesus through your daily choices.
- **Nov. 20: St. Edmund – Courage**
  St. Edmund was a king who bravely stood firm in his Christian faith, even when threatened because of his beliefs.
  Have the courage to stand up for what is right and remain strong in your faith, even when it isn't easy.

CURRENT FLYERS:

Christmas Program Information
Christmas Tree Lighting Information
November Lunch Calendar
Fall Festival Survey
Biloxi Diocese 50th Anniversary Art Contest

RESOURCES:

VIRTUS
FACTS Family Portal
(SJC-MS)
Monthly Calendar
Family Handbook

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ADORATION
Monday, November 16 - 10:00 a.m.
Students in Grades 1-6 will attend.

DAILY MASS
Wednesday, November 18 - 8:30 a.m.
Students in Grades 1, 2, 3, and 6 attend.
6th Grade (Moreno) Reads/Serves

FAITH FAMILY - THANKSGIVING THEME
Thursday, November 19
Students in PK4 - Grade 6 will participate.

DAILY MASS
Friday, November 20 - 8:30 a.m.
Students in Grades 4 and 5 attend.
5th Grade (Starks) Reads/Serves

THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 23-27

SANTA SHOP
December 1-4

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
December 5 - Half Shell Gulfport