

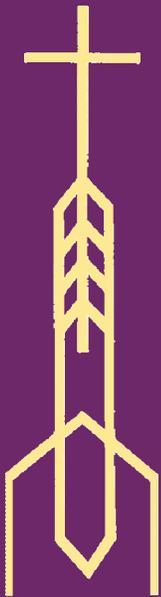
Saint James Catholic Community

Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021

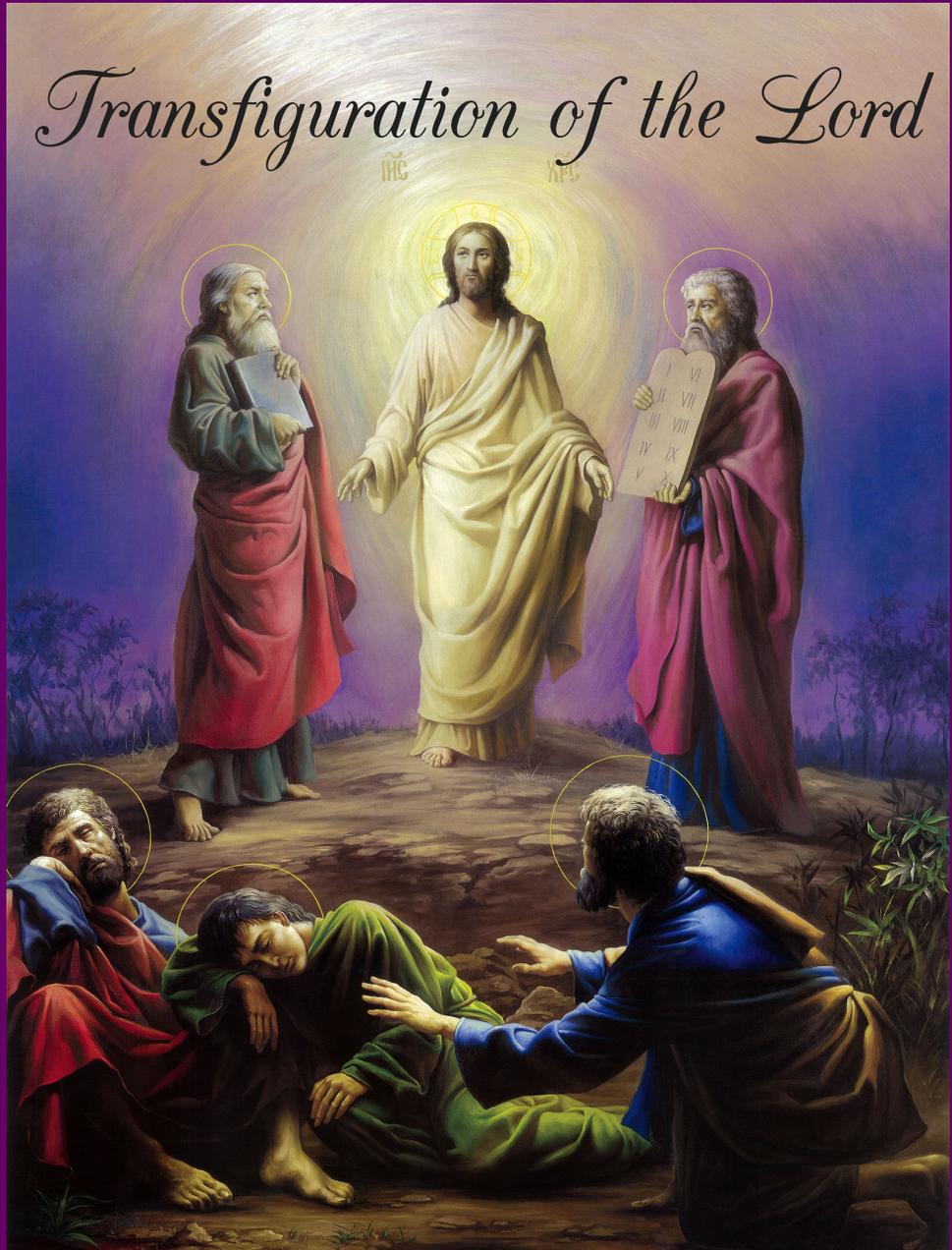
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Transfiguration of the Lord



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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 8:00am and 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve every-one, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays
 During Lent
 at 5:30pm
 In The Church



March 5
March 12
March 19
March 26

PREFER TO PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT HOME?

Go To Our St. James Website
 Click on the
 Stations of the Cross link
 In the Blue Lenten Resources Menu
 At the Top Of the Home Page.

stjames-liberty.org/blog/2020/02/21/stations-of-the-cross-2/

1st Saturday Confessions



Confessions will be heard from
 7:30 - 8:30am
 on Saturday, March 6
 This time is in addition to the
 regular Saturday afternoon
 confession time.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.
- The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

Each time we come into our beautiful church we see the striking mural behind the altar. The mural depicts the scene of the Transfiguration, the very story recounted in today's gospel. We all know the account of how Jesus goes to the top of the mountain with Peter, James, and John, and how Jesus is transfigured before them. In His glorified presence, the apostles are transformed by a spirit of joy and peace. It is, of course, an anticipation of heavenly joy, promised not only to the three apostles but to all faithful disciples as well.

We all have tastes of joy and peace in this worldly life. Perhaps it is a Christmas or Easter gathering of the family and the experience of being together. Or perhaps it is the satisfaction of the completion of a project or the joy of witnessing a son or daughter at graduation. Maybe it is a time when we are at Mass and we feel drawn to the Lord in a spirit of deep prayer. We also know that these times of joy do not last. There is a longing in our hearts for a lasting peace and joy that we can never fully achieve in this life. But the anticipation of a lasting joy helps us to stay on the path of faith, always striving to live the great law of love.

In the story of the Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John want to stay on the mountain, basking in the joy of the glorified Jesus and free from the burdens of life "in the plain" of our everyday world. Jesus says that they must go back down the mountain and be about the work of discipleship. We all know the burdens and sorrows of our earthly journey. We experience sickness, hurts in relationships, the drudgery of work, a routine that tires us out, the demands of striving to be safe in pandemics like COVID. A good night of sleep helps, but we know that more hardships will come to us. We can never rest completely freed of anxieties.

So yes, we need to come back again and again to the story of the Transfiguration, and, even more so, the story of the Resurrection of Jesus. The promise is always there: perseverance in faith will bring you to a marvelous joy in God's Kingdom. So we leave Mass this weekend, lifted in spirit because we know that Jesus loves us and waits for us with open arms, urging us on as we make our way to the glory of Paradise.

Be strong and know that my prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of March 1- March 7

Monday 8:15am	Loved ones of Mary and Doug Schuster
Tuesday 8:15am	†Michelle Keck and Family
Wednesday 8:15am	†Mark Raznick †Walter White Family
Thursday 8:15am	†Gayle Bennett †Mary Grant
Friday 8:15am	†George Tulipana
Saturday 5:00pm	†George Brecht †Miley Avey
Sunday 8:00am	†Mary Tajchman †Bob Aue In thanksgiving for our Knights of Columbus on the 45th anniversary of their charter
10:30am	††Phyllis and Jo Stasi

Lent is a journey of returning to the essential, during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps:

**ALMSGIVING
PRAYER
FASTING**

Pope Francis

Contact Info

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 202 or kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

Religious Education: For Preschool through adult spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

New Parishioners: Please register at the parish office.

We Welcome You!

St. James School: PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

Sacrament of Marriage: 9 months advance notice

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:
email daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday 12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org



**Knights of Columbus
Curbside / Pick Up & Go
Lenten Fish Fry**



**Save The Date
Friday, March 12
For Our Next Fish Fry**



Dinners Served
5:00pm - 7:00pm

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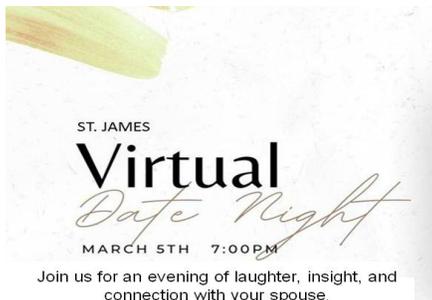
This week on our Lenten Retreat / Reflection, "**A Journey for Seekers**" the focus is on one of the pillars of Lent, **prayer**.

I think that many good people think of prayer as a human activity, something we do, such as familiar prayers before meals, at bedtime, or at times of loss such as praying the Rosary. Consequently, given this understanding there is a sense that "I do not pray enough" or "I need to learn "the prayers or the new ways of praying." I wish to suggest something a bit different: Prayer is what God does for us. I am not suggesting that prayer happens without our conscious participation, however, if prayer is communication between God and His children, then God must have a primary role. As such, for me to pray, I must be ready to hear the voice of God, to listen, to quiet the turmoil within my anxious heart long enough to hear God's voice and recognize His presence.

We learn in both Hebrew and Christian scriptures that God is with and within us. Looking for God, therefore, seems to be the act of becoming aware of ourselves, God's great and final gift of creation. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God and sent his spirit to be with us always. I do not think that means the Spirit is out there somewhere and needs to be found. Rather I believe the Holy Spirit is intimately a part of my being, the essence of my humanity which God proclaimed as good.

Bill Huebsch in his book *A New Look at Prayer*, tells of a priest friend who "Punctuated his day with pauses for prayer, not the official prayers of the Church, but something very meaningful. . .in which he'd simply pause to feel God's presence. . .or to wonder at beauty, or to recall someone in need, this was his 'real prayer' and he knew it (11). Prayer is not leaving ourselves and going to God, however briefly, nor is it about moving out of our earthly reality. Prayer is a radical movement to the center of life, to the center of creation, to recognizing God in the present, in the world, in our ordinary lives. In prayer we gather the fragments of our lives, and we find God, the master potter. In prayer we take what is divided, ruptured, scattered in our lives and give it to God, who weaves it all together in beautiful patterns. In prayer we hear the voice of God; we hear our own words, expressed in love for our Lord. Our prayer is created and ordered toward God, seeking what only God can give (healing, forgiveness, hope, inner peace, and joy that acknowledges the many blessings lovingly by our Lord. A Zen master was asked to explain the meaning of life. He responded, "It is being able to find the sacred in everything . . . That is where we find God." **How will you find God in Prayer?**

Your sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*



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or scan the QR Code below



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Have Questions?
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Drive By Food Drive - Next Weekend - March 6 & 7

Sponsored by Our St. James Boy Scout Troop

**Grocery sacks will be distributed
after all Masses this weekend**

Please pick up a bag this weekend and fill one (or 2)
for drop off next weekend - March 6 and 7.

Next weekend we will be accepting donations in front of the Narthex
in the previous church building before and after Masses.

All donations will benefit those in need through the In As Much Food Pantry. We happily accept all non-perishable, non-expired food items.

Wish List

Canned Collard /or Turnip Greens	Ramen Noodles
Mac & Cheese	Sloppy Joes
Egg Noodles	Helper Meals
Baked Beans	Spinach
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Tomato Paste

Pretty much anything else you care to toss in

Thank You For Your Generosity To This Very Worthy Cause!

Knights of Columbus To Celebrate 45 Years at St. James Next Weekend



Forty-five years ago, on March 7, 1976, a group of thirty-six St. James parishioners received their charter from the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, making their small group of men officially the St. James Council 6780 of the Knights of Columbus.

Today, Council 6780 has over 200 members, including three of its charter members, Joe Barry (the first grand knight), Jim Mooney, and Larry Mendyk.

The Knights will celebrate this 45th anniversary of their founding at the 8:00am Mass next Sunday, March 7 (45 years to the day).

The picture below was taken last October, when Fr. Mike presented the Knights of Columbus prestigious Star Award to Grand Knight Kevin Casel and Dave Jones, Immediate Past Grand Knight.



Catholic Charities 2021 Celebration of Hope Gala

Individuals and families across the 27 county diocese are invited to attend this year's virtual Celebration of Hope Gala on Saturday, March 20, 2021 benefiting the programs and services of Catholic Charities Kansas City - St. Joseph.

The theme for this year's gala is "Ignite the Night," recognizing the community's support has the ability to set the ongoing work of Catholic Charities ablaze like grassroots.

Catholic Charities empowers at risk people to create a pathway out of poverty by alleviating their immediate crises to create stability; then providing robust support to lift them to dignity and self-reliance.

Register for the event and
look for more information to come!

<https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/>

Registration is free ~ Watch For Free

Parish Religious Education

To Our Parish

**Please pray for the students
in our Confirmation program, as they near
Confirmation on March 18.**

We ask for prayers as they complete the program, for a faith and Spirit filled retreat on March 13th, and for strength as they begin this journey deeper into their Catholic faith. Please invite the Holy Spirit to rest upon our confirmands, and to fill our parish with support as our teens grow closer to Jesus Christ.

Confirmation Families

As we near the end of our program, participation in the following events is very important. We ask that students, parents and sponsors (as is possible) attend these last few events.

Sunday February 28 / 6pm, in the Church

The final meeting of our program is Sunday February 28 and includes practice for Confirmation.

Saturday March 13 / 9:30 -11am, in the Church

Our Confirmation Retreat will include an opportunity for confession/reconciliation.

Religious Education Families:

Be sure to bring back you're Al*el*ia's (for displaying during the Easter season) and your Stations of the Cross illustrations (due 3/1). There is a basket on a table in the Gathering Space marked Religious Education Lenten Projects. They can be dropped in the basket or scanned and sent to Miss Lori.

Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30pm

All Religious Education Families (those scheduled for Sundays, Wednesdays and Virtual) are invited to attend a gathering at 6:30pm in the Church to pray the Stations of the Cross.

As we are unable to move from station to station in large groups, we will be using your students' illustrations as our prayer and meditation guides. We hope your students participate in the illustrating and praying of this event.

**HOPE Gift Cards can be purchased
in the Parish Office
Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 11:00am.**

If these hours are not convenient,
please contact the parish office
(816-781-4343 ext 200)
and we will get in touch with you
to arrange a safe drop/pickup

The Year of St. Joseph

A Creatively Courageous Father



If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it.

God acts through events and people. He chose Joseph to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God to come into the world. Faced with imminent danger from Herod, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt.

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the "good news" of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

That kind of creative courage was shown by the friends of the paralytic, who lowered him from the roof in order to bring him to Jesus. Difficulties did not stand in the way of those friends' boldness and persistence. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you". Jesus recognized the creative faith with which they sought to bring their sick friend to him.

While in Egypt, the Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard Saint Joseph is the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.

At the end of every account in which Joseph plays a role, Joseph gets up, takes the child and his mother, and does what God commanded him, despite the difficulties and challenges involved.

Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.

Lucy Acock	Aurelia Ortiz	Kandy Powers
Kylie Chester	Mendoza	Danny Quint
Joshua Davis	Elise Pasieniuk	Landon Rizek
Dean Fullinwider	Robert Rolling	Sophia Rothery
Collins Haas	Rachael Sanchez	Annie Wilson
Christopher Hand	Justin	Kevin Boehm
Jacob Haynes	Steffensmeier	Landon Durington
Kaleigh Klosak	Riley Steinbauer	William Gordon
Lucas Shatto	Shem Yap	Cole Havelka
John Siedlik	Valerie Bennett	Katherine Talbott
Scott Thornton	Fiona Ford	Kathryn Bohr
Elizabeth Walsh	Shannon	Lauren Bohr
Donna Yarbrough	Hesemyer	Molly Brame
Arsenio Arciga	Anna Jackson	Samuel Brennan
Mimi Evans	Christian Jacobs	Marie Buchholz
Addie McKee	Michelle Usher	Parker Claas
Natalie Murphy	Marcy Amberg	Logan East
Willow O'Donnell	James Anderson	Marie Evans
Aidan Roark	Charles Ballard	Rebecca Harrelson
Heather	Marshall Bauer	Bryce Mereness
Timmerberg	Mary Colgan	Joshua Mesmer
Alec Caine	Juan Covarrubias	Angeleen
Ava Henry	Jeremy Finn	Mollenhour
Jackie Johnson	Zachary Ford	Emily Murdock
Chase Jones	Makenzie Hill	Charles Peck
Donald MacNeil	Maverick Jones	Michael Reichert
Joseph Marchino	Clarissa Lenger	Aaron Smitka
Callie Montgomery	Kennedy Naseem	
Jessica Olson	Caitlyn Pearson	

St. James School News



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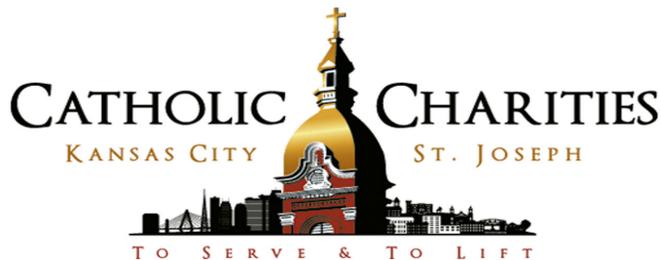
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Kindergarten -5th Grade
- Small Class Sizes
- Weekly Enrichments: Spanish, Art, Music, Technology, Library & PE
- Weekly School Mass
- Participation in Parochial League Sports



MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

- 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Classrooms
- Daily Prayer and weekly Adoration and Mass
- Science Lab
- Community Service Opportunities
- Enrichments & Parochial League Sports



Lent offers us a beautiful opportunity to reflect and prepare before celebrating the Resurrection. Our 40 day observance mirrors Jesus's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. At Catholic Charities KCSJ, we recognize that many of the things that we often promise to abstain from during Lent are luxuries that many of our neighbors go without all year round.

As you reflect on how you will fast, pray and give alms this Lenten season, please consider making your sacrifice one that will make a life altering change to the most poor and vulnerable.

For more information on how you can help, please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager, at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.

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We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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As A Sign Of
Your Respect And Care For
Those Around You



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