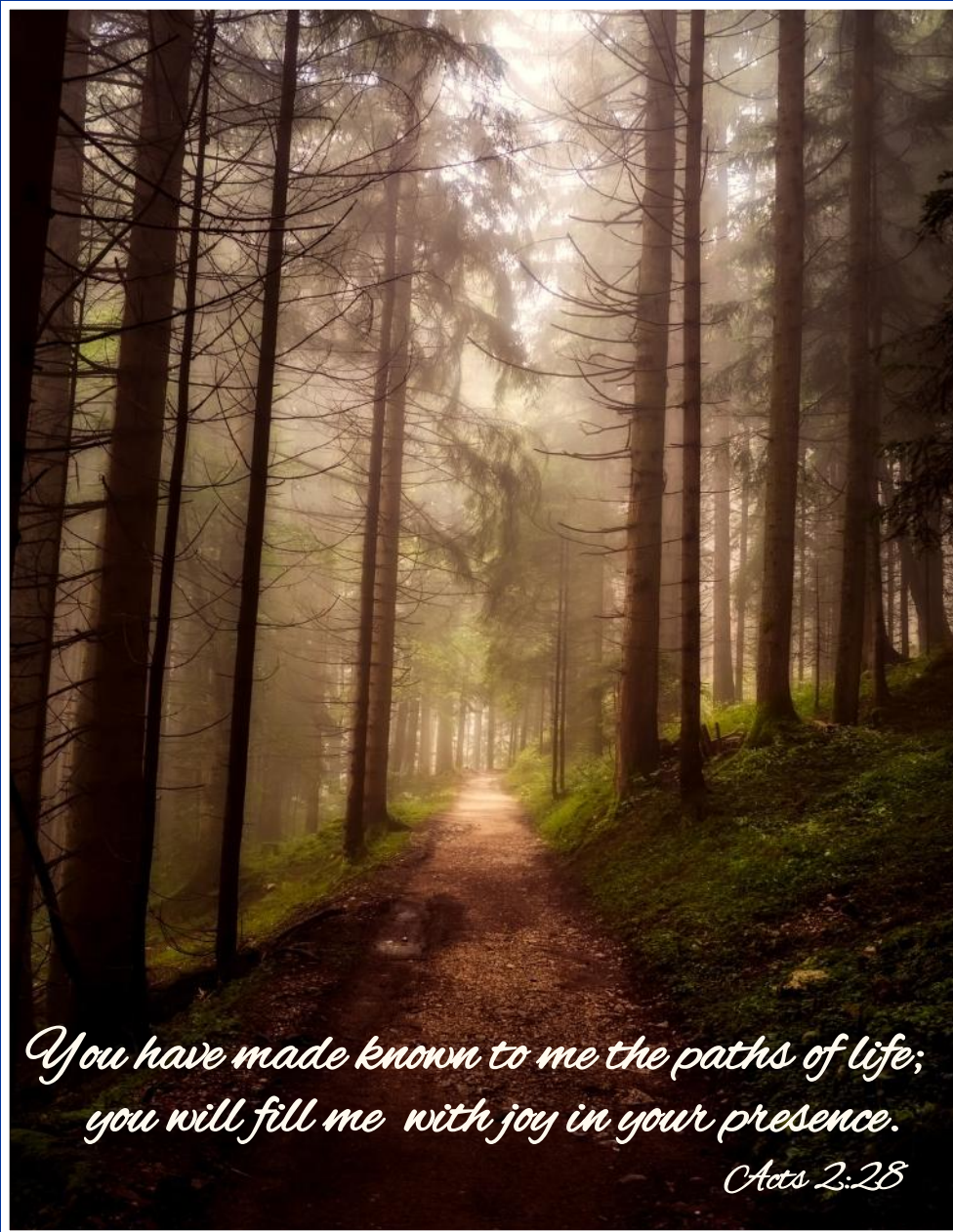


Saint James Catholic Community

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

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God • Church • Community
Together We Can Do Great Things



*You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*
Acts 2:28

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Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

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 everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

Join the Celebration of the Sunday 8:00am Mass Livestreamed on Facebook



We livestream the Celebration of the Mass on Sundays at 8:00am via Facebook Live.

The recording of the Mass, along with the songs and readings, are then posted on our St. James website for you to view at any time.

www.stjames-liberty.org

The video of the Mass is also be available on our YouTube channel for you to follow along at home at your convenience.

St James Catholic Church - Liberty MO - YouTube



Annual Diocesan Day of Prayer in Atonement and for the Healing of all those Harmed by Sexual Abuse

Monday, April 27

Livestream Mass at 12:15pm

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr DD, JCL

**To view and join the Mass
Go to Diocesan Day Of Prayer
on the St. James Website**

**ABANDONED
IN SUFFERING - ONE IN
RENEWAL**

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, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

As you know, our pastoral reflections are written days before the Sunday in which they appear in the bulletin. So naturally we are lagging behind in recent events, especially in these days when situations are changing so rapidly. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect all areas of our lives, including our parish. We join in prayer that the virus might be contained and that we might be kept safe, always holding each other in prayer.

What will not change is the liturgy of this Third Sunday of Easter. I'd like to reflect a bit on the gospel assigned for this celebration. We are all familiar with the account. In the days after the death and burial of Jesus, two disciples are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, stunned by what has happened. Someone they do not recognize joins them and asks about their conversation. When they tell him about the events with regard to Jesus, the stranger interprets for them passages from the Scripture which are about the Messiah. In that telling, their hearts are "burning within them." When they get to their destination, they invite the stranger to stay with them. In the meal, the Risen Lord takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and shares it, actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. In those gestures, they recognize that it is the Risen Lord, but he vanishes from their presence and they hurry back to Jerusalem to tell the others about their experience.

The Church invites all of us to place ourselves in the shoes of those Emmaus disciples. Sometimes we, too, do not recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in the people we walk with, or at least who enter into our lives in some way. One of our most difficult callings is to find the Risen Lord in each person we encounter. A second teaching might be that we find the presence of the Risen Lord in the Scriptures. Sometimes accounts from the Hebrew Scripture (our Old Testament) can be confusing. And yet those events prefigure the coming of the Risen Lord and teach us how these events prepare for the coming of the Risen Lord among us. And finally, and maybe most importantly, is the recognition of the presence of the Risen Lord in the Breaking of the Bread. I think that sometimes the actions of the Mass can become so routine that we fail to meditate carefully on what is happening. We might receive that Broken Bread without much reflection. So the call of this Emmaus event is a reminder to remember that it is the Risen Lord who invites us to His table.

My prayers are with you each day. Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of April 27 - May 3

Monday 8:15am	†Todd Nystrom
Tuesday 8:15am	Special Intentions
Wednesday 8:15am	<i>St. Catherine of Siena</i> †Mary Mahoney †Gerhard Schulte
Thursday 8:15pm	Our Country's Leaders
Friday 8:15pm	†Joe Gubera
Saturday 5:00pm	<i>St. Athanasius</i> †Gary Brecht
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am 5:00pm	†Mary Mahoney Our Country Special Intentions

About Mass Intentions

Although we are unable to have daily Masses during this time, we will continue to list the intentions by date requested. As our priests celebrate a private Mass each Sunday all the intentions for the week will be remembered.



*From Death
to New Life*

Our prayer support is with ...

Brian and Jennifer Goens and their families and friends in the recent death of Brian's mother Delores Goens.

May the healing hand of our Lord Jesus be felt by all who are coping with grief and missing loved ones.

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

Hand In Hand - Heart To Heart Many Hands Make Light Work

A sincere word of thanks and appreciation to the 45+ parishioners, both men and women, who have bonded together and volunteered their time, equipment, and energy in keeping our lawn and grounds manicured.



Dan Bacon, Dave Jones, John Jamboretz, Kyle Deere, Clark Kelly, and the tireless pair of Rich Venditti and Rockne Gross have formed, structured, begged, borrowed, and resurrected equipment and garnered the support of our

That Man Is You, Knights of Columbus, Do-Dads groups and other parishioners to keep 10 acres cut and trimmed.

This group of volunteers have joined our landscape team in filling the need and saving a buck for St. James. Our landscape team, headed by Gretchen Lathrop and Sandy Turner, are continuing their annual tasks of keeping the weeds at bay and the plants healthy. While we have not mentioned all who have been involved, as there is not enough room in this bulletin, we'll have more on this later.



This task will continue through the dog days of summer and into the fall, giving life to the meaning of church.

Three teams, Red, White, and Blue, have been established and they cut at various times between Thursdays and Saturdays (depending upon the team and free time).

Three riding mowers plus two gas string trimmers have been donated to this effort. Some people are donating money for gas and fertilizer which the parish will purchase. It is expected that Hy-Vee Hope Gifts Cards will be used for the gas (if anyone would like to help out).

Social distancing is not an issue since this is an outside activity and people do not need to work close to each other. However, for safety, workers use the "buddy system" so that no one is alone on the campus. All workers wear long pants, high visibility vests, plus eye and ear protection.

Kyle Deere of Atlas Landscaping or his staff will be mowing closest to the church. The teams will handle the rest.

This Is Our Church Family At Work !

Someone is Watching and Wondering



There is nothing more precious and loving than a child, nor a more obvious sign of God's grace. In fact Jesus teaches us to cherish and protect all life. Children's needs are generally obvious, yet adults try to hide theirs. I believe our most basic need is to love and be loved, yet strangely enough, this need is what we often try to hide. Unfortunately many of us have been taught, when confronted with physical or emotional pain, to suck it up, push through it, and not burden others. This seems wrong in so many ways. Didn't Jesus unite himself with our pain and suffering? Aren't we all God's children and doesn't a loving parent embrace his/her child when the child is frightened, anxious, or in pain. Then why do I try to hide my pain?

As we continue the Easter Season I am reminded of God's great, omnipresent love. I am drawn to Jesus on the cross, a freely chosen act, revealing total love on His part. God doesn't demand sacrifice as an act of appeasement. Instead He offers Himself for us. Our meditation on the cross is meant to shock our hearts and turn us not away from suffering, but toward our loving Father. The cross invites us to soften our hearts, not only to the suffering of Jesus, but to all suffering. The cross is meant to hold us in the mystery of pain, to look at pain in its many dimensions, and to learn from Jesus' pain, our pain, and the pain of others. Through the cross, God leads us to a new understanding of compassion and love. He invites us to surrender our hearts to Him, to bring the pain of all who suffer to His cross, to be comforted by His love and mercy.

In Chapter eight of the letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Verses 37-39) I understand this to mean that God's love is always with us; we cannot fall out of God's love. However, as an act of despair we may try to ignore His love, thinking we are abandoned, and believing that we must suffer alone as a sign of loving God. Nothing is further from the truth. God doesn't abandon His children nor demand suffering. He is always present and His love will bear our pain. As Fr. Mike so frequently proclaims, "Trust God. His love never fails. His love is always constant."

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*



We Are The Light: A Beacon of Light At Home Parish Mission April 26 - May 2



During this uncertain time, we are having to adjust our lifestyles. We are doing many things that we would do in community at home: school, work, and worship. Despite not being able to be hand in hand to praise God at Mass, we remain a community of believers . . . We are the church.

The Easter season reminds us that the light of Christ is present even today. Jesus commissioned the Church to bring the light of his Resurrection to the world. We take this week to help us focus on and empower us for this call. Join us in this mission to enkindle a brighter light inside of ourselves to help make the world around us brighter.

You will be provided with daily activities that you can do on your own time. The activities include a daily prayer, video reflection by a member of our clergy or parish staff, reflection questions, and optional activities.

Day 1: Foundations of the Call: Fr. Mike will share about Scriptural connections of light including the first words of God, the coming of Christ, the commissioning of the Church and each person's call to be the light of Christ through Baptism.

Day 2: Recognizing the Light: This is about the speaker's life and recognizing the moments of Christ's light through the Church and through other people.

Day 3: Flaming the Light: This is about how the speaker enflames the light of Christ in their life through participation in the Sacraments, Scripture, and prayer.

Day 4: Models of Light: The speaker will share stories about some Saints and what they say about being the light and how they let their light shine.

Day 5: Community of Light: The speaker will discuss how we are called to be an active member of the community in our own way

Day 6: Sharing the Light: The speaker will talk about ordinary ways that they share the light in their families, friend groups, and communities.

Day 7: Living in the Light: The speaker will provide an opportunity to reflect on the various aspects that have been discussed and how each of us can live in the light.

The activities for each day will be on the St. James Facebook page and on the St. James website.

May Crowning Friday, May 1 - Time to be determined



Traditionally, the month of May is set aside by the Catholic Church to honor Mary.

In the footsteps of generations before us, the students of St. James School typically host a May Crowning ceremony with the children led by the 2nd Graders and the 7th grade Crowning Court. The students normally process in and lay flowers at Mary's feet as a Crowning Court of students line the main aisle with Maypoles adorned with ribbons. A student is chosen to place a beautiful crown of roses on top of Mary's head.

This year is a bit different but we still want to honor Our Blessed Mother, Mary. We are work-

ing on the details of the event but we invite everyone to join us on social media on Friday, May 1.

Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael will help us crown Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Parishioners and school families are invited to celebrate with us.



Please check the St. James Facebook page and the St. James website for more details about the time. Plan to celebrate and join the school as we honor our Blessed Mother in our hearts and our homes.

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

Edward Anselmo	William Robertson	Daniela Enriquez
Megan Boteler	Margaret Rogers	Brian Goens
Stephanie Branham	Carter Abbott	Kyle Haas
Stephanie Federoff	Jennifer Askren	Zachary Kernell
Nora Lewis	Mary Blackwood	Leah Kuchem
Kara Mathews	Andrea Grow	Samuel Mann
Ana Ruiz	Heather Herr	B. Palmentere
Garrett Smith	Ross Kelling	Jesse Rainey
Adam Swearingin	Steven May	Joanna Ruzsala
Tabitha Wantland	Alexandra McLain	Kristin Smithmier
Kaitlyn Winfrey	Teresa Plummer	Sophia Spurlock
Mike Young	Eric Fortman	Melissa Testrake
Joseph Barry	Nicholas Fuller	Izabella Wallace
Richard Bouhan	Paul Guastello	Marvin Weishaar
Chad Combs	Matthew Harbert	Amanda Angles
Patricia Kenealy	Benjamin Hickey	Jason Goodwin
Peyton Mortensen	Adam Houck	Deborah Green
Joel Nedeau	Jasper Locascio	Jim Higgins
Cynthia Rogers	Ricardo Mauna	Grant McCubbin
Scott Auman	AnnaMarie Milano	Joyce Muck
Michael Caine	Alex Pope	Chastity Olivencia
Toni Cline	Eric Puckett	Veronica Rogers
Michael Kromeich	Abigail	Adam Schuerman
Jacob Lyon	Richardson	Jamie Schuster
	Halle Wright	Colleen Taylor
	Nicholas Angles	Ursula Wilkes

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank all of the St. James Prayer Warriors for their thoughtful cards during Lent and most especially for their prayers.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES ALWAYS!

Pat Cull

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

"But you must help us with your prayers, so that on our behalf God may be thanked for the gift granted us through the prayer of so many." (2 Cor 1:11)

The above reading speaks volumes for us. Thank you to Fr. Mike, our church family and prayer warriors for all your prayers, cards and thoughts during Don's brain bleeds and our journey of recovery.

You are all a blessing in our life and we are thankful for each and every one of you.

We pray that God will watch over you and keep you safe and healthy.

Blessing and Love,

Don and Debbie Taylor

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Janet Ward & Jeff Julie Miller	Pat Carey & Family	Catherine Finley
James Filippe	Gavin McKenna	Loren Wolken
Alicia Paredes	James Fulton	Kristie Koontz
Mike Mall	Helen Szczech	Carla George
Bob Pezman	Angie Parnacott	Sue McKnight
Jack & Sue Schwarz	Monica Nelson	Kyle Sellmeyer
George Polsdofer	Eddie Campbell	Margarita Mendoza Family
Patty Larson	Joe Witherow, Jr.	Bob Hedrick
Denise W.	Ricky Gisi, Jr.	Marie Brancato
Mark Collins	Adam McCray	Rich Curasi
David Roach	Melissa Andrasik	Tricia Kauffman
Marina	Randi Amess	Bob Roach
James Gubera	Tom Biggs	John Brocato
Tina Helm	Diana Marchisio	Barbara (Roach) Still
Becky Collins	Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.	Debbie Pickett
Hazel Lewis	Sandra Hensley	Kathleen Haines
Dan Tomc	Rachelle Pomfrey	John Phannenstiel
Laurie Beach	Ron & Peggy Pettz	Mike Sheeley
Rachel Johnson	Paul Gossett	Rick George
Wanda Finnigan	Julie Rush	Saree Morely
Geralyn Hosticka	John & Susan-Kelly Corsione	Christy Mock
Beth Atwater	Tony & Jo's Family	John Findlay
K&M Davis	Colleen Kearney	Duane Sander
David Butel & Family	Walter Ruby	Mattie Mae Weaver
Eric Cummings	Lynn & Monica Nelson	Troy Cronkite
Ciara Davis	Ricky Deese	June Bender
Pat Neibergall-Timm	Michael Amos	Matt Biskup Family
Brian Akers	Alice Hosticka	Kim Lackey
Janice Brimer	Hannah Taylor	Pam Fink
Audria & Eddy Martin	Carol Rakoczy	John Nausea
Jose Torres	Ellen Wentz	Bill Roach, Jr.
Erma Brecht	Rodriguez Family	Jacob & Dana Lansford
Charley Moubry	Ralph & Jan Peters	Robert McCallum
Dan & Bibi Chadwick	Scott Neibergall	Keith Newman
Pat Aten	Bob Leonardo	Gary Andrew Reese
John Vrocato	Margo Eastland	Emma Shay
John Barrington	Adalina Simmons	Joseph Greenwald
Donnie Smith	Margie Myers	Sam Porter
Eddie & Teresa Rogers	Jean and Richard Jackson	Mary Alice Worth
Philip Pernice	Steve Decker	Amy Villarreal
Don Taylor	Linda Smith	Lori and Sam Dale
Leo Oberfoel	Pamela & James Anderson	Mary Kaye Masnado
Kai Bennett	Travis Shay	Louie & Carole Bussjaeger
Jacob McKay	Barbara Meigs	John Amaro
Nick Peters	Tony and Tet So	Randy Baumert
Dwain Jones	Travis and Sarah Shay	Jackie Plack Pelling
Joanna Mooney	Julie Sildeck	Kennedy Noel Holcumbink
Desmond Arciga-Quenga	Stan Carver	Rita Lowe / Megan
Colette	The Curiel Family	Tony V. Sr.
Kathleen Amos	Reba and Debra Sutlief	Deric DeMasi
Frances Parker	Alice Rusch	Sarah Rupp
Michelle Bacus	Hanna Carver	Chris Alvey
Gabrielle	Jeff Richardson, Sr.	Carol Yeager Laplant
Brian Glaser	Monica Barrington	Patrick O'Neill
Baby Brooke	Anna Jackson	John McMahon
Carol O'Brien	Kari and Jesse Rainey	Eddie Ansalmo
Helen Finn	Louise Andrasik	Les VanBibber
Anna Kain	Barbara Fortier	Maria Giannelli
Mark Schweitzer	Barb Schwery	Kenadee Gallagher
Jennifer Goens	Nichole Stewart	Shawn Adkins
Lucy Arthur	Doug Schuster	Jason Robinson
Fr. Joe Miller	Adolph Barringhaus	Leah Biskup Coady
Bill Kirwan	Kelly Gentrup	Olivia Hernandez
Jamie Martin	Denny Farrell	Darleen Farnan Kenny
Stivers Family	Nancy Carr	Laura Ann DiGiovanna
JoLynn Distasio	The Hollomon Family	Robert Doleshal
Deacon Bud	Trivino Family	Jersey & James Hicks
Jackson Erwin	Jacke & Enike Hayes	
	Jeanette and Roberta Casel	

Please notify us to remove your name from our prayer lists when it is time.

In respect of HIPAA we will add names to the prayer list only by request of the person or immediate family.

*please
pray for
the sick*