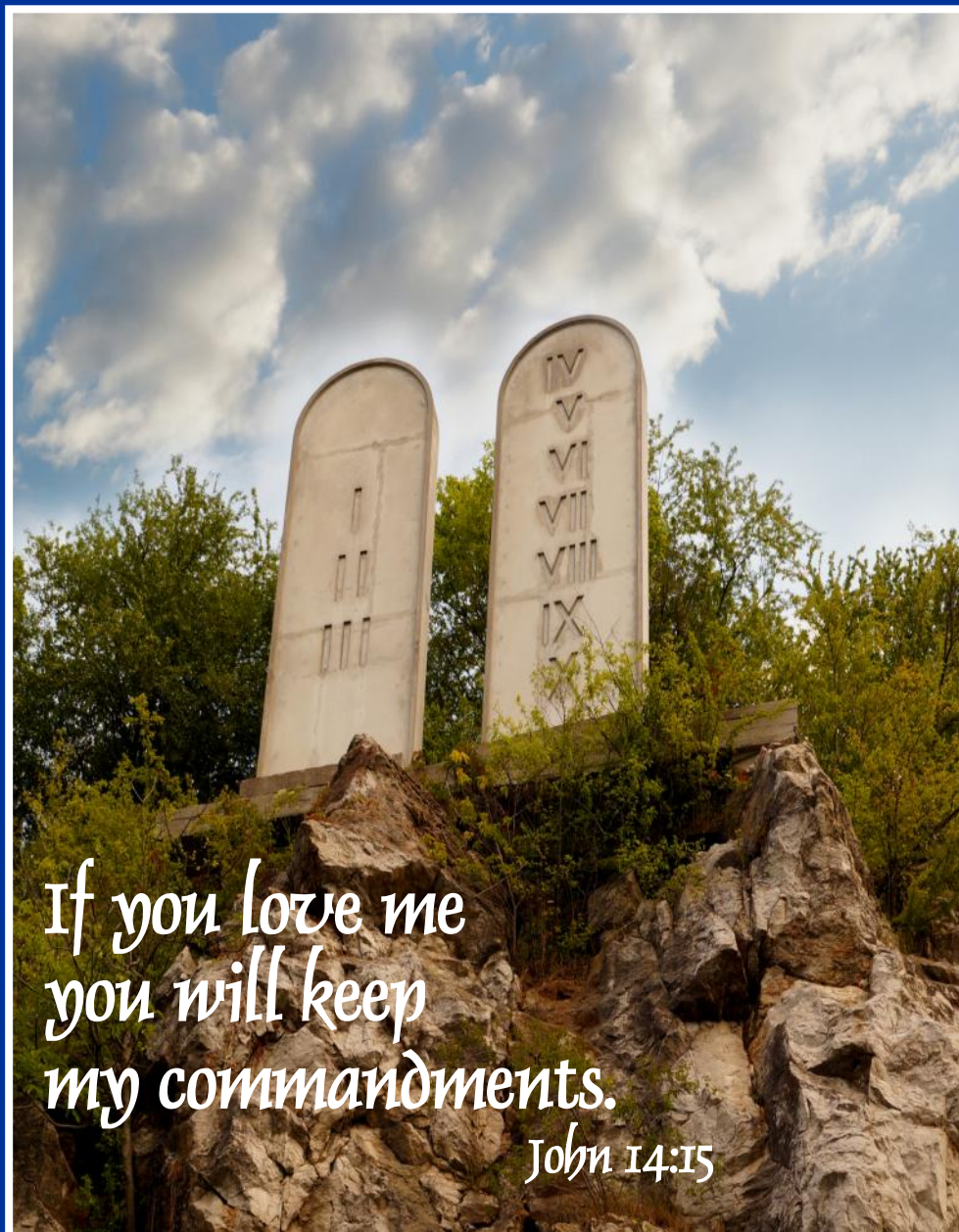


Saint James Catholic Community

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

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Together We Can Do Great Things



*If you love me
you will keep
my commandments.*

John 14:15

St. James Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule:

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 on Facebook Live.

The recording of the Mass are then posted on our St. James website and our YouTube channel for you to follow along at home at your convenience.

Our Lady of Mercy Country Home Volunteers Needed

Many of you are familiar with Our Lady of Mercy Country Home in Liberty. We have hosted many events there throughout the years.



They have always had a very large garden that many of the residents have been able to help out with throughout the years. Unfortunately, the residents are not able to help with this due to the Covid-19 lockdown, so they are looking for some outside help during the summer to help,

If you have a green thumb and/or enjoy working in the garden have some spare time, please give Bob Pasbach or Gary Wauthier a call to arrange some sort of schedule on when you can help out.

There are a few big projects there. The first is to get things planted in the next week or so; they also need to rebuild a fence and lastly they will need regular help, probably more on a weekly basis, depending on your schedule.

They would really appreciate any and all help on these opportunities.

Bob Pasbach's telephone # is 816 304-4907

Gary Wauthier's telephone # is 816 729-4954

Thank you in advance for helping them out.

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 we journey through the month of May, may we be mindful of the New Life of the Easter season that guides us in the ways of Hope and Trust in the Goodness of those among us.

Hopefully, we have learned a lot about ourselves and have come to a deeper appreciation and gratitude for the gift of Life during this time.

As the community and our country 'open up', we pray that we might continue to be cautious and practice safe guidelines, so that we can truly overcome this current wave, and keep ourselves and our families healthy. That's why we are delaying our opening to Pentecost weekend, May 30/31. We all want to be back worshipping as a parish community, but we don't want to come back too soon!

When we return Pentecost weekend, we will be welcoming our Elect, through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Then, two weeks later on the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ), we will be welcoming our candidates (those who have already been baptized in another denomination) into our parish community through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

These individuals have been patiently waiting and and we are excited to be welcoming them into Full Communion in our parish community soon!

We are also grateful to all teachers as we come to the end of our school year – a school year that no one had predicted! Hopefully we have a greater appreciation for those involved in the ministry of education.

We are extremely grateful for our faculty and staff at St. James School. They have gone 'over and above' in continuing to offer quality education to our young people and their families during this quarantine.

And a special THANKS to all parents, for your tremendous support.

St. James School is very excited about our upcoming plans to open in the Fall, and with this renewed dedication to helping our students learn, no matter what the circumstances. We invite all our parish families to consider St. James School as an alternative for your children. We have an excellent program from Preschool through 8th grade, and would love to provide more information or give a 'virtual' tour of our school (until the time that we can a 'real' tour). Give the school a call at 781-4428, and our staff would love to host you!

Lastly, a word of THANKS to all who have been so very supportive of our community in so many ways. We have great excitement for our future, as we look forward to our 'Homecoming'. Thanks for being such good and faithful stewards and may we all continue to do our part to help our community grow in the ways of God's Goodness and Love!

May God's continued health and safety be with you and your families, as we continue this journey!

Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of May 18 - May 24

Monday	
8:15am	Those on Our Prayer Chain
Tuesday	
8:15am	†Fred Thomason
Wednesday	
8:15am	Those Dealing with Cancer
Thursday	
8:15pm	†Fr. Vincent Cappodanno, MM
Friday	
8:15pm	†Sylvester Ginther
Saturday	
5:00pm	†George Vern Elliott
Sunday	
8:00am	†Charles Schauer
10:30am	†Joan Parrish

About Mass Intentions

Although 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.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

Tentative Dates

Sunday Masses
May 30/31

Daily Masses
June 1

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Month End Estimate

April 2020

Operating Income:	\$176,264
Operating Expenses	(\$201,009)

New Church Fund (NCF) Information

April 2020

Income:	\$ 67,869
Loan Balance	\$4,501,142

First – THANK YOU! So many of you have continued to support our parish. Father and I appreciate that you acknowledge we must still pay the basic bills while all this is going on. We have cut expenses back to just the basic utilities, payroll and insurance. As you know from your own homes, that is as low as we have ability.

As many of you have heard, the grass/grounds crew, made up of A LOT of parishioners allowed us to cut the mowing expense out for this summer! We should all thank them – this will save us \$20 - \$30 thousand depending on the weather we have. Huge savings – so BIG SHOUT OUT to those folks.

We did fall approximately \$25,000 short this month. We had some funds from those months we were ahead, so were able to cover our bills. As our Pastor told you, I am cautiously optimistic we will be okay. This is because I believe in YOU – our parish family. You have proven to step up to the plate when things get tough. I believe we stand together with the Trinity as our light along this journey.

I also want to give THANKS to the Diocese. They lowered our facility insurance premium and waived the Cathedraticum for April and May. This is a large part of the funds our Diocese uses to do the good works they do. So again – Thank you!

Stay safe and healthy! Our parish lives in our hearts.

Blessings, Katie

Any questions/concerns.....

As always, if you have any questions and/or concerns about any financial numbers – please feel free to contact me.

Katie Klassen

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Someone is Watching and Wondering



A few weeks ago our Parish Staff presented a Retreat titled “We Are the Church – Beacon of Light,” which continues to resonate in my mind. Without light, life as we know it would not exist. We also use the term symbolically (e.g. Don’t keep me in the dark; Christ, is the Light of the World, we who walk in darkness have seen a great light, etc). The analytical part of my mind, however, seeks other answers: What is light? Can anyone see light? Why does direct light always appear white? How do we humans see? Do I digress? Let me explain.

Light is a mystery. Science describes light as electromagnetic energy/radiation (EMR) with properties of both waves and particles. EMR is invisible without an instrument of detection; the human eye is such an instrument. Our eyes, however, only perceive a very small band of EMR known as the visible spectrum. When we look directly at light, all we see is a white brightness, which may in fact cause pain. Our ability to distinguish objects and color results not from direct light, rather light which is reflected or refracted. When light strikes an object, the object absorbs part of the light, reflects or refracts the remainder of it. Humans cannot see absorbed light, our eyes can only detect light that is reflected or refracted. For example, rainbows are visible when water droplets disperse reflected and refracted light, and rainbows only appear in the section of sky directly opposite the sun. An apple appears red because other wavelengths of vis-light are absorbed and we see the moon as white because it reflects most of the sun’s light.



I’m sure you are probably thinking, where is she going with this science lesson. Science cannot explain everything in our universe and may simply state, “It’s a mystery.” Likewise questions we have about God, our faith, and even our own existence may remain a mystery. However, we know the importance of light and in its absence we become disoriented and anxious. Consequently, I think using the metaphor of God as the Light to the World is most appropriate. Without God we humans are lost, disoriented, and anxious. We need God to lead, comfort, strengthen, and nourish us. We do not understand; we question; sometimes we fear, yet our need for God is a necessary part of our being. We offer God praise and adoration; we offer petitions; we accept His grace; and we crave His love. Without light our world cannot exist. Without God we exist in darkness. I choose light; I choose God, my center and my light.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

ST. JAMES BLOOD DRIVE - May 26 from 12:30 - 6:30pm New location for May - Heritage Hall

As hospitals begin to resume previously postponed operations, the Community Blood Center needs to stock their blood supply to be ready to help. At this time, we are not able to resume the blood drive for May at St. James, but a NEW LOCATION has been secured for this event.

**Join us at HERITAGE HALL, 117 W. KANSAS ST.
LIBERTY, MO 64068
on TUESDAY, MAY 26TH FROM 12:30-6:30PM.**

This is an APPOINTMENT ONLY drive.
There will be NO WALK-INS and NO CHILDCARE.

Please sign up at www.savealifenow.org/group and use Group Code: ES. You may also contact Nikki for an appointment at kpower@kc.rr.com or 816-407-1208.

For medical eligibility questions, call 1-800-688-0900.

Please note the following:

- Social distancing guidelines will be in place.
- Tablets and donor beds will be disinfected between each use.
- Donors are asked to wear a mask. One will be provided if needed.
- Temperatures will be checked at the door.
- Please bring a photo ID or donor ID card.
- If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, please do not attend.

For more information regarding CBC's COVID-19 protocol and response, visit www.savealifenow.org.

We appreciate your willingness to donate blood and wish you all the very best of health!

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Graduating Class of 2020



Last Row: Megan Boteler, Brett Ray, Jonathan Pittman, Gio DePalma, Preston Murphy, Dominic MacNeil, Collin Rumsey, Chambre Spencer

Middle Row: Lucia Christello, Caylen Weinzerl, Jenna Wilson, Molly Brame, Joseph Passantino, Frank Brown, Madeline Steiger, Lauren Stewart, Shannon McMahon

Front Row: Emily Murphy, William McGary, Isaiah Sprung, Connor Rottjakob, Austin Sellmeyer, Angelo Anselmo, Alek Kapetanovich, Christian Warner, Sophie Gibson

'Prayer, Bible Stories & Jamming'!



PB&J classes are getting a little "extra" in this time of change – with a Pentecost craft.

The children will be well prepared at the end of the month when we celebrate Pentecost. The craft provides a visual manipulative which helps information stick – even such simple information as "Jesus went up, the Holy Spirit came down."



Yes, You Can Still Buy HOPE Cards

If you would like to place an order for Price Chopper or Hy-Vee cards, please contact the parish office (816-781-4343 ext 200) and we will get in touch with you to arrange a safe drop/pickup. We also have some of the local gift cards that will be available as long as supplies last.

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

Mikaela Bell	Julie Aust	Troy Wooten
Susan Benoit	Timothy Bonneau	Kathleen Cline
Mason Buckmiller	Ashlyn Cockrum	Matthew Jacobs
Blake Coddling	Lawrence Giglio	Jordan Naseem
Carrie Dugan	Olivia Jansen	Jacklyn Rapp
Theresa Holmes	Luke Johnson	David Roelofsz
Curt Laven	Brandon	Chloe Rothery
Christopher	Klebenstone	Nicole Stillman
Lesnefsky	Patrick Martin	Lyle Swingler
Nina Teevan	Garry Puck	Brian Thompson
Spencer Weishaar	Bailey Redford	Paula Weiberg
Debra Blair	Darrell Stevenson	Chad Weinzerl
Kerri Dunn	Ann Bell	John Alvey
Rita Gatzemeyer	Mila Cervantes	Francis Chorbak
Chanssa Halford	Iris Comes	William Dierkens
Madalynn Mejia	Peter Cooke	Linda Elbow
Bert Powers	MarcAnthony	Payton Godfrey
Timothy Schell	DeLeo	Grace Grogan
Katlyn Boman	Elise Donnici	Joseph Heinzler
Joseph Donnici	Georganne	Tyler Klee
Gabriel Lozano	Edwards	Ryan Langdon
Ashley Muck	Angela Heller	Mark Mansfield
Kathleen Peters	Kathleen Jekel	Roman Mendoza
Seeley Sousley	Wade Kraft	Joel Mohr
Leslie Thompson	Kelly Martin	Patrick O'Brien
Margaret Whisnant	Nichole Stewart	Mary Ann Pfeifer
Vigil Adrinada	Cathi Svetleic	Caroline Ricono
John Atkisson	Madelynn Torres	Troy Wiederholt

St. James School Drive-thru Parade

On Friday, May 8, during a drive-thru parade, teachers had an opportunity to say hello to their kids and families and show our school pride. It was also a chance for the 8th grade grads to "shine" and the last day of Teacher Appreciation Week



We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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

