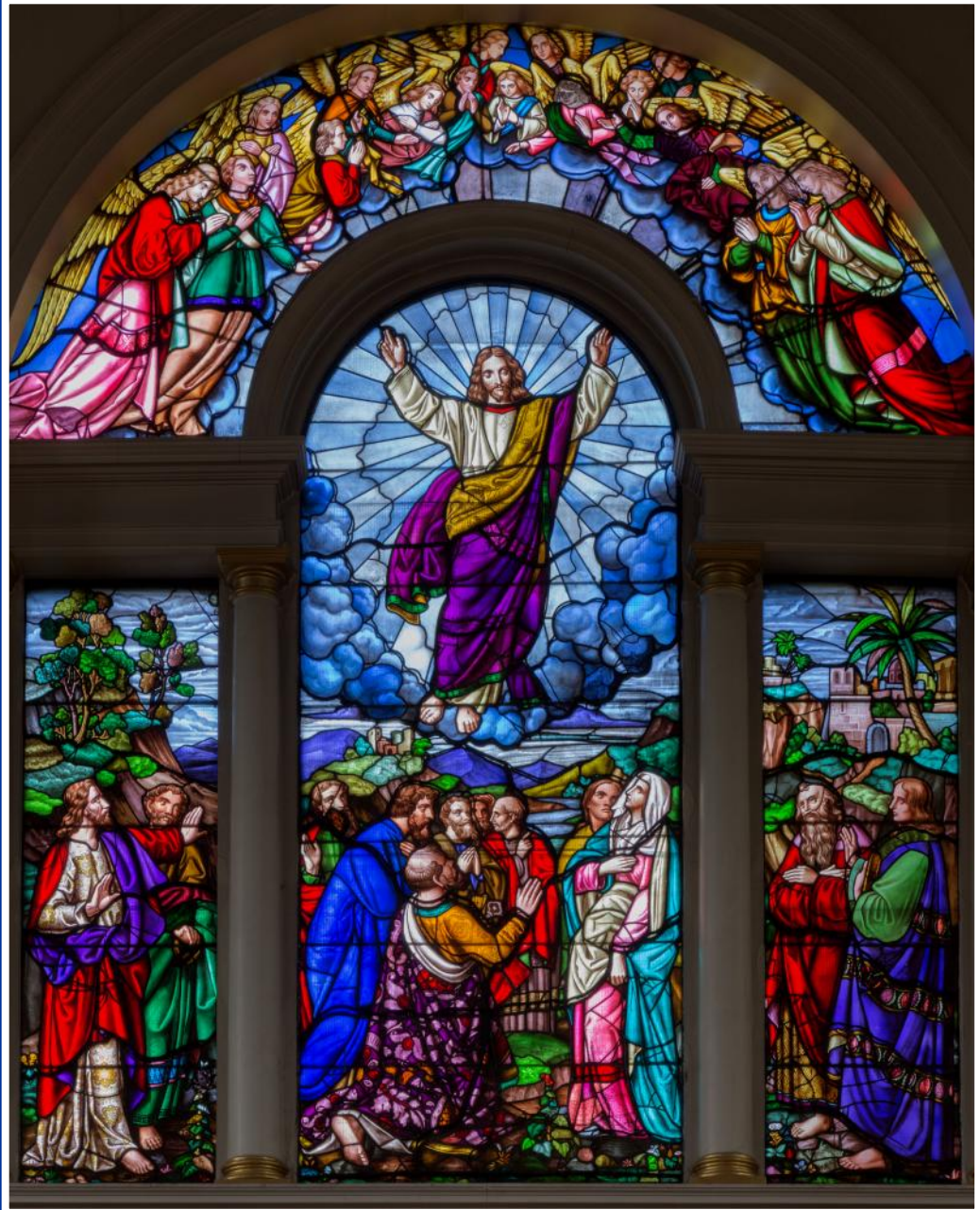


Saint James Catholic Community

The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

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St. James Catholic Church

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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 on Facebook Live.

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

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

Next Weekend
 May 30 & 31

Daily Masses
 June 1

At this time, our parish offices will remain closed, but our staff is available via phone and email.

BLOOD DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED
 Give Now
Community Blood Center

ST. JAMES BLOOD DRIVE
May 26 from 12:30 - 6:30pm
New location for May
Heritage Hall - 117 W. Kansas
By Appointment Only
See Details on Page 4

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 I begin my reflection today, I want to give special recognition and thanks to Fr. Mike and to the staff members who celebrate with us at the Sunday 8:00am Mass. Deacon Chuck, Danny, Cecilia, Lori, and Kirsten have been so generous with their time and talents. I am sure that many parishioners find great comfort in celebrating the Mass by way of Facebook.

The feast of the Ascension of the Risen Lord Jesus celebrates something mysterious. Jesus, now risen and yet appearing in human form, leaves a worldly life and returns to the presence of the heavenly Father. What does "return" mean? Obviously whatever the "presence of the heavenly Father" means it is not a place as we understand a physical place. Where is the presence of the Father? Everywhere. So what does it mean to say that Jesus "returns" to the Heavenly Father? To put it simply, we don't know. The presence of God is beyond our understanding, beyond our language, beyond our explanations.

The account from the gospel of Matthew does not give any details about the Ascension. The apostles are summoned to the "mountain" and commissioned to go and proclaim the gospel. The mountain is symbolic of nearness to God. The account from the Acts of the Apostles is more detailed. Again there is an instruction and commissioning to the apostles by Jesus. Then Jesus was "lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight." Again human words are inadequate. The words "lifted up" do not necessarily mean a direction, as though God is somehow out there in a distant galaxy. The "cloud" is another metaphor for the presence of God. So all that we can say is that the details of the Ascension are beyond our understanding and simply mean that the Risen Lord Jesus is no longer present on earth but exists in another way. We make that act of faith.

There is a practical application we make as we celebrate this feast. The Ascension is about leave-taking. Every human is mortal. Death comes and there is an end to our earthly life. So what does that mean? For a non-believer it simply means the end. Life is over. Period. But for the Christian, we hold to the promise that human death is transition to a new way of being. Like Jesus, if we are in union with Him we pass to a new life or at least a new way of experiencing life in union with the presence of God. Today pray for perseverance that we, too, would ascend to the glory of the presence of God.

My prayers are with you. Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of May 25 - May 31

Saturday	
5:00pm	†Patricia Blankenship
Sunday	
8:00am	†Larry Katzer
10:30am	†George Dixon

Staff Changes Effective June 1

As Joe LaScala moves on to the new chapter in his life that brings marriage, relocation and a new ministry position, we want to send our very warmest wishes for a wonderful wedding and marriage as well as success in his new job. We would like to thank Joe for serving the St. James community this past year as Director of Religious Education. We offer our best wishes to both Joe and Michelle.

Lori Tajchman, best known to many of you as Miss Lori, will transition into the Director of Religious Education position this summer.



Lori has served our parish for the past ten years as Children's Choir Director and PB&J creator/educator, and in a number of other ministries involving families and their children. She has been active in our community for the past 15 years, and has personal parent involvement in our Religious Education programs. Lori is very excited to begin walking with our St. James families in this new role.

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

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!

**Donate Clothing, Household Items
 To CORNERSTONES OF CARE
 Monday, June 1 from 9:00am to 11:00am**

On Monday, June 1, from 9am to 11am, the Altar Society is holding a collection for clothing, shoes, linens, and household and kitchen items to benefit CORNERSTONES OF CARE.

Jeanne Greenwald will be in front of the old church doors from 9:00am to 11:00am to guide people to where to put their donations.

When bringing your items, please wear a mask and keep "social distancing".

Remember this is for clothing and household items only. **NO FURNITURE.**

Thank you in advance for your donations.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Recently Fr. Richard Rohr introduced his readers to the spirituality of Julian of Norwich. She lived in the 14th and early 15th centuries, a dark time when there was a terrible disease sweeping across England and Europe (the Black Plague). Infection was greatest in cities and towns because people lived close together. Estimates from Norwich, in the east of London, indicated that one in three or perhaps one in two people died from the plague; approximately ten thousand deaths were recorded. The death toll was so high there were not enough left to bury the dead or to plant and harvest crops; bodies were simply dumped into mass graves. Food was scarce and expensive with the greatest impact among the poor. (Sound familiar?) Julian survived childhood during the Black Plague, however, when she was thirty she became seriously ill. On the verge of death, Julian experienced visions, later recorded in her *Revelations of Divine Love*. In the 14th revelation she describes the unity of our soul with God. She writes "I saw no difference between God and our substance . . . my understanding accepted that our substance is in God, that is to say that God is God, and our substance is a creature in God." Later in that same revelation she describes God as "our Father . . . [who] knew us and loved us before—any-time . . . He willed that [Jesus] the second Person should become our mother, our brother and our savior." She explained that "truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother. Our Father wills, our Mother works, our good Lord the Holy [Spirit] confirms . . . Therefore it belongs to us to love our God, in whom we have our being . . . for in these three is all our life . . .and all is one love."

As was true in Julian's time, you may find her words difficult, especially referring to Jesus as mother. I feel her words can be understood, however, when we think of Jesus as the one who nurtures our faith (as a mother nurtures her child), who shows love through acts of kindness and forgiveness; who cares for the poor, heals the sick, reconciles the lost and forgotten, and establishes a way of living centered in love. Julian understood the existence of everything as an act of love: God has made everything, God loves everything, God looks after everything.

I think you probably agree there is much pain and suffering in the world. Things happen; there is illness, war, famine, and many feel lost, confused, and alone. As we struggle during this unprecedented time, when we cannot gather for Mass or visit friends and family, Julian's words bring comfort. We are one with God, our life is an act of His love, He nurtures us like a mother, and He cares for all creation. We are not alone, God is always present; it is up to each of us to behold His presence.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

Rejoice ! Homecoming Is At Hand

St. James Opens Limited Public Masses Next Week

8:15am Daily Mass Resumes Monday, June 1

Limited to 120 People
Face Mask Required

The Wednesday Mass is Designated Especially
For Our Senior Citizens

Weekend Masses Resume Next Weekend - May 30/31

Limited to 120 People
Face Mask Required

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday 5pm / Sunday 8am, 10:30am, 5pm

Important Information You Need To Know Before Coming To Mass Applies To Both Daily and Weekend Masses

- Mandates by the Diocese and Clay County require our limiting attendance at Mass to 120 people. Once we reach 120, no one else will be allowed inside. While we do not want to turn anyone away once the limited number of seats have been filled, unfortunately we must, to be compliant with the mandates.
- All four area diocesan bishops have dispensed the faithful from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass, and we will continue to live-stream the 8:00am Mass for the foreseeable future. If you are in an at-risk category, we implore you to stay at home (However, note that the daily Mass on Wednesday is designated especially for our senior citizens).
- All of the faithful coming to the church **MUST** wear a face mask upon entering the church and during the celebration of the Mass. There will be no exceptions.
- There is to be no social gathering before or after Mass.

Entering the Church and Social Distancing

- Enter the church through the front doors only. The sanctuary will not be accessible through the door at the back of the church.
- Do not congregate in the Gathering Space or on the steps. Go directly to the pew.
- Social distancing made simple. All Masses will be held in the Sanctuary and seating is limited to the two center sections. Within the center sections, some pews will be taped off to ensure the six foot distancing. – markings on available pews designate the 6 foot distance. When entering and exiting the church and when going to receive Holy Communion, observe the markings on the floor designating 6 feet.
- The Sign of Peace will be offered, but with no physical contact.

Receiving Holy Communion

- Use the center aisle going to communion and the side aisles for returning to your pew.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only.
- When approaching the Communion minister bow your head and then step forward with your mask on, say "Amen" clearly. Extend your hands, palms up, one hand cupped below your dominant hand. Receive the Host, then use your non-dominant hand to pull your mask down to your chin. Consume the host and immediately pull your mask back up. Return to your pew by the side aisle.

Exiting the Church

- After Mass is over proceed directly out of the church. Father cannot be available for greeting and there will be no coffee and doughnuts.

Our custodial crew will completely clean and sanitize the sanctuary, gathering space and bathrooms after each Mass so that it will be clean for the next Mass.

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

Bridget Bagby	Sara Platt	Lori Burns
Mallory Cunningham	Scott Rader	Jessica Cloutier
Krista Daniels	Judith Schoenrock	Harrison Heutinck
Matthew David	Brooke Tran	Joyce Olson
Jena Duffy	Mica-Ela Vitug	John Parrish
David Hartley	James Welsh	Janet Peters
Allison Holyfield	Kaylee Chase	Laura Prather
Kathryn Holyfield	Emma Diegel	Jacob Rizek
Mary LaJaunie	Justin Fowler	Elizabeth Witherow
Margo Maddox	Lynn Galetti	Addison Baker
Mary Miele	Andrew Grither	Philip Baumert
Sage O'Donnell	Jason Madson	Mary Hopkins
Franklin Pfeifer	Anthony Mohr	Matthew Koch
Lily Pilsil	Nicole Rice	Kellie Long
Gavin Rizek	Abigail Roberts	Kirk McCabe
Stephanie Rogers	Chandler Rose	Christopher McFaul
Dryad Skaggs	Collin Sarver	Rex Montgomery
Ronald Vaccaro	Patricia Scroggin	Mia Ramirez
Joshua Wantland	Anthony Valenciano	Jackson Redshaw
Jacob Winkler	Erika Vedder	Sohia Vansell
Kieran Wright	Marilyn Willis	Ryan Brown
Hattie Alford	Nicole Cantrell-	Anne Crossett
Mary Askren	Hantel	Nicholas Guetta
Kathryn Caine	Kristin George	Ava Hood
Kaitlin Galetti	Reese Hohmann	Alexander Jansen
Kirsten Maggi	Carmalita	Ryan King
David Mattingly	Munsterman	Patrick Prendergast
Steven McLaughlin	Augustin Paredes	Andra Schreiber
Jason Nowatzke	Addison Paulson	Gage Schreiber
Jessie Perez-Murphy	Emma Schmidt	
	Brianna Wagoner	

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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



From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with ...

Ernie Collins and his family and friends on the recent death of his wife Becky.

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



we congratulate all graduates class of 2020

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.

