# Saint James Catholic Community

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity June 7, 2020



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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 everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

### Welcome Home Public Masses - Changes As of June 1

- The limit on attendance at a Mass has been increased to 600 people.
  - Masks are still required at all times, except when sitting in the pew.

### Details are on our St. James website.

Our first priority continues to be the safety of all of our parishioners.

Please note that the 5:00pm Sunday Mass has been temporarily suspended for the summer

### LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES Begins Thursday, June 18

St. James is excited to announce a new, summer musical offering for you and your family. Beginning Thursday, June 18th, and each Thursday there after, we invite you to attend our "Lunchtime Recital Series" featuring musicians from St. James and all across the Kansas City. These free and open to the public recitals will be held in the church as well as live-streamed on our Facebook page. Each recital is approximately 45 minutes and begins at 12:00. Our first recital will feature Baritone, Alejandro Manso. Alejandro is the Director of Music and Liturgy at Visitation Parish in Kansas City.

For more information, or if you would like to perform, please contact Danny in the Music/Liturgy Office at St. James: *danny@stjames-liberty.org* 



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 write this reflection a couple weeks before June 7, no one is sure what the situation will be with regard to the pandemic and public Masses. It is likely that limited attendance and social distancing will continue into the future. We will continue to miss the routine which we so much have taken for granted, especially our face to face interactions with each other. Maybe an unforeseen effect of the pandemic will be the realization of how much we want and need the presence of one another.

In fact, that is one of the meditations that might come out of the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Trinity, which is basically about relationships. A simple way of expressing the Trinity is that God is the Father, who speaks a Word of Love, Jesus, and that Love is personified as the Holy Spirit. Of course it is easy to use this language, but in truth the Trinity is a mystery beyond our language and understanding. But one thing is clear: that if we reflect the presence of God to one another the only way is in the manner of loving relationships.

That teaching sounds so good and so true. And yet we might ask: is such a way of living possible? Certainly not all the time. The great saints seem to have realized this ideal much of the time. Yet every one of the saints would admit to human weaknesses and failures. When Pope Francis was asked who he was, he made the simple statement: "I am a sinner." We would all fit that same description. We all claim the name "Christian" and the name "Catholic." We all say we believe in the same Creed. We all say the words: "I believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit." What we are professing is to be lived out in relationships, loving relationship. That's the way we are a mirror for the life of the Trinity.

Yes, it sounds so simple: just be loving to all the people we encounter. Yes, easy enough (most of the time) with regard to family and friends. But maybe not to simple when we are called to love "outsiders," especially those who can be so unloving and act in hurtful ways to us. Today we celebrate the feast of the Trinity and the reminder of how we make that mystery real and meaningful in our lives.

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

## 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!

**Eucharistic Adoration** Resumes June 11 Exposition of the Consecrated

We are continuing

to Livestream Our Sunday

8:00am Mass

on Facebook Live

Video available later on our website and

YouTube Channel.

### Host (Jesus) every Thursday from 9:00am until 6:00pm in the Chapel.

Everyone is welcome to come for Eucharistic Adoration and be with Jesus for awhile.

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

## Mass Intentions

Week of June 8 - June 14		
Monday 8:15am	<b>+</b> +Glen & Virginia Corum +Ed Corum	
Tuesday 8:15am	Lorin Sweetland Family	
Wednesday 8:15am	Carol O'Brien	
Thursday 8:15pm	<i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> <b>+</b> Bill Flanigan Alice Flanigan	
Friday 8:15pm	+Richard S. Gisi, Sr.	
Saturday 5:00pm	<i>St. Anthony of Padua</i> <b>†</b> Frank Kromeich <b>†</b> Kate Robles	
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	<ul> <li>+Daniel Styhlt</li> <li>+Harry Woltkamp</li> <li>+Alex Bruening</li> </ul>	
5:00pm	+ Fr. Vincent Capodanno, MM	

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### New Church Fund (NCF) Information May 2020 Income: \$ 80,971

We have made it through another month. I want to say THANK YOU again for your support through this difficult time. You have provided supportive words, acts of kindness and financial support for our parish. Words can not express how important these things are to folks and how much they are appreciated.

As you can see from the numbers above, we had expenses surpass income by \$26,747. Given the situation we have been in this Spring, I truly feel we have held our own. We have done good things. We are sharing the Light of Christ during a dark and difficult time for our society.

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

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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### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



St. James is again hosting a Financial Peace University Class – but this one will be virtual!

Join us on Monday evenings, July 6-August 31, to meet virtually. Each participant will watch the video at home and

then will join a virtual class for the discussion segment of the lesson. Sign up today by using our unique class link: *fpu.com/1115949* 

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SHRIMP BOIL June 19 from 5 to 8pm Curb Side Dinners Available For Pick Up See website and next week's bulletin for more information

## Someone is Watching and Wondering



Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is not simply a concept, rather it is a relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy. Through grace these three continually call us to participate in their loving communion. Essentially the Trinity is our belief that God is one in essence (GK *ousia*), but distinct in person (GK

*hypostasis*). We believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are distinct, undivided, yet completely united in will and essence. The Trinity is one God in three distinct persons. The divine persons do not share one divinity; each is wholly God. The Father is generative, the Son begotten, and the Holy Spirit proceeds the Father and Son (CCC 253, 254). I recently learned that to play the C cord on a piano, three keys/notes (C, G, & E) are played simultaneously. Three separate notes, one cord, one sound; yet each note remains whole in and of itself. This musical reality serves well as an analogy for the Trinity; hearing the C cord played allows another glimpse into the mystery of the Holy Trinity; three separate but equal, together one whole.

Perhaps reading the icon above will also help. (Icons are not considered paintings, rather they are referred to as written and read from left to right.) This icon is titled Troitsa (Russian for Triune or Trinity) and was created by Andrei Rublev. Here Rublev depicts a Trinitarian interpretation of Genesis 18:1-16,(three men visit Abraham and Sarah and promise the couple a son). In the icon the three divine persons are presented as three angels, with the same form and size, the same stave in their hands, sitting on the same type of throne, and clothed in the same type of garments. Taken individually, however, they are distinct. Rublev positions the central figure and the one on the left looking toward the figure on the right. Thus the angel on the left depicts the Father and the house rising behind him points to John 14:2: "in my Father's house there are many dwelling places." The house also symbolizes the hospitality given by Abraham and Sarah. The angel in the middle depicts the Son. The purple and gold of his garment represents that he is "the anointed one of God". The tree behind the Son is both a symbol of the Tree of Life and the Wood of the Cross; the Son transforms the Cross into the Tree of Life whose fruits are passed to us at baptism, through the Holy Spirit, represented by the figure on the right. In Russia, the liturgical color for Pentecost is green (the garment of the Spirit), representing new life in the Spirit, the "Giver of Life." At the center of the icon is an altar. We are invited to share in both the celebration of the Eucharist, and in what passes between the Father, Son, and Spirit. We are eternally invited into their relationship of love.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon

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

Eleanor Hess **Brittany Jones** Bryce McCloskey Amelia Aust Anna Beyer Alex Blevins Matthew Coultis Julie Harned Tyler Holyfield Christian Koelliker Lauren McDonald Conner Myers Brenda Rizo Antonina Clark Scott Daldrup Stephen Davidson James Green Jacob Jimenez Henry Koch **Evelyn Krause** Angela Lombardo Christopher Mallett Peter Mallett Jill Maloney Curtis Mathews Annamae McLaughlin Patrick Phelan Lucy Reliford Joseph Angles Ava Bailev Gene Chartier Wyatt Dugan Connor Francis

Hailey Hedberg Rachel Houck Tami Mast Kaitlyn Monnig Jeffery Richardson Ashleigh Robinson Cora Ross Connor Swope **Glen Thilges** Emmett Üsher Arlene White Susan Winingham Samuel Brabbin Jonathan Cerilo Joe Hussey David McDonald Lauren Slocum **Catherine Smith** Jan Agee Curtis Bundy Joshua Erwin Christopher Fernandez Caitlyn Forgues Merindah Ladenthin Michael Mason Pamella McDonald Chervl Nalley Jaden Orellano Deborah Pickett Jackson Tritz

Edward Weixeldorfer Miles Winders Augustin Alexander Linda Clark Lawrence Giglio Pam Gordon Linda Gross Samuel Herr Elijah Jacobs Kaitlyn Kixmiller Michael Lollar Mary Jane Lombardo Caden Murphy Kari Rainey Paula Ruf Sarah Rupp Samuel Sahlfeld Annette Saitta **Braxton Salois** Cayla Saragusa Dustin Dahlberg Jace Fuentes Elena Genova Lucy Kopp Ellie Meisel Anthony Miele Conner Paulson Jane Reardon Troy Savaiano Leola Schmidt Shelly Seiler James Smith

### Thank You For Supporting HOPE

We so much appreciate your support of our HOPE Gift Card ministry during the "shut down". From March 17 through May 31 your purchases have earned a profit of \$4,600 for our church.

HOPE is a win-win program. Your cost is no more than you would normally spend and St. James earns a profit.

This month 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.

### A Thank You From Ernie Collins

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness, prayers, and kindness during the loss of my wife, Becky Collins.

Although our hearts are broken and will remain so always, we do know this: God is with her, and God is with us (family forever).

### We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

George Katzer Mauricia O'Brien Velda Conard Carol O'Brien Janet Ward & Jeff Julie Miller James Filippe Alicia Paredes Mike Mall Bob Pezlman Jack & Sue Schwarz George Polsdofer Patty Larson Denise W. David Roach Marina James Gubera Tina Helm **Becky Collins** Hazel Lewis Dan Tomc Laurie Beach Rachel Johnson Wanda Finnigan Geralyn Hosticka Beth Atwater 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 Vrocato 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 McCrav Melissa Andrasik Randi Arness Tom Biggs Diana Marchisio Wilfredo Crespo, Jr. Sandra Hensley Rachelle Pomfrey Ron & Peggy Pettz 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 Tavlor 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 Sutlief Alice Rusch Hanna Carver Jeff Richardson, Sr. Monica Barrington Anna Jackson Kari and Jesse Rainey Louise Andrasik Barbara Fortier Barb Schwerv Nichole Stewart Doug Schuster Adolph Barringhaus Kelly Gentrup Denny Farrell Nancy Carr The Hollomon Family Trivino Family

Jacke & Enike Haves Jeanette and Roberta Casel **Catherine Finley** Loren Wolken Kristie Koontz Carla George Sue McKniaht 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 Shav 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 Holcumbrink 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

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.



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### Welcome - New Members Of Our Church



Let me begin by saying how blessed I am having the privilege of walking the RCIA journey with so many people during my time as the director. This year has been especially poignant because of our separation due to the COVID19 pandemic. Unlike previous years where we welcomed our St. James Elect and Candidates as part of the Easter Vigil, we faced postponement this year, and were forced

to schedule not one but two liturgical celebrations in order to accommodate participants, sponsors, Godparents, and family members given the current restrictions regarding number of people who can attend Mass.

On the Eve of Pentecost (Saturday, May 30th, 2020) we celebrated a beautiful liturgy to welcome into our Parish, Clint Bartlett, Bailey Basgall, James Crocker, David Dugan, Mariam Hess, Jeffrey Lair, and Chris Lonsdale through the Sacraments of Baptism, Conformation and Eucharist. We also welcomed Mark Basgall through Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Eucharist and Nathan Lair received his first Communion.

As you can tell from the photographs, the liturgy and initiation looked different, but were both sacred and emotional for all present. Fr. Mike was the celebrant, Fr. Michael was the concelebrant. Deacon Chuck assisted, Cecilia Richardson lectored, Kristen Maggi cantored, and of course Danny Baker not only provided beautiful music but organized and oversaw the liturgy. I feel grateful and blessed to work with this team and thank them for their constant support, even on my bad days.

A second liturgy will be held on June 13 (the Vigil Mass for Corpus Christy) to welcome Dawn Shannon through Baptism, Conformation and Eucharist and Debra Doering, Alison Iske, Katherine McDonald, John Palone, Megan White, Deborah Pokora, and Samantha Torres through Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Although this liturgy will also appear different, I know Our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will be present and bless all those being initiated with sacredness and strength. I am truly blessed to be a part of our continuing journey of faith, and hope to keep Mystogogy alive in our hearts.

Your sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon



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