Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:38
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.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES - Every Thursday

All are invited to attend our “Lunchtime Recital Series” featuring musicians from St. James and all across the Kansas City area. These free and open to the public recitals are held in the church and live-streamed on our Facebook page.
From the Pastor’s Pen

This week we learned that Msgr. William Blacet, pastor here at St. James, from 1959-1969, passed away on Sunday, June 21 at age 99. He had been a priest for almost 65 years, and had experienced good health until just a short time ago. He had lived a full life, and he was a good shepherd and pastor. I have very fond memories of him; he was pastor during my grade school years at St. James. Our prayers for God’s Peace and gratitude for his service to St. James and to our diocese.

A special thanks to all who have supported the ‘Relay for Life’ – what a marvelous opportunity to remember and honor those who have battled cancer and those who have ‘fought the good fight’ and are with God in heaven. Thanks to all who offer such wonderful support to these families.

Each weekend we have a few more individuals/families joining us for weekend Masses, and it’s great to see folks. We realize it’ll be a while for all to return, and we want everyone to be safe and healthy!

A special thanks to those who are so very faithful to your tithe and contributions to the parish, we are deeply grateful.

As we make plans for the Fall, for our school families, as well as our RE and Youth programs the expenses are increased considerably, especially in the area of maintenance, making sure that our facilities are constantly disinfected and sanitized, so that it can always be safe & healthy for folks.

We are excited about planning the future, and we also know there is much ‘uncertainty’. But that won't stop us. We want to provide opportunities for parish gatherings and a return to the programs that we’ve offered to nourish individuals and families spiritually. It’s a challenge to stay on top of the new recommendations, but together we can make it happen!

We know many families are ‘struggling’ in many ways, whether it be financially, emotionally, or spiritually. We want everyone to know we are here to support all, whatever the need is. People have always responded in ‘generous’ ways and I firmly believe the Lord will provide, if we do our part! That's what a parish community is all about.

As we are challenged about making sure that we are instruments of God’s Peace in our individual relationships, we want to make sure that everyone feels welcomed and cared for and that we never turn anyone away because of discrimination or racism. That’s a challenge for our entire community and we need to model that here at St. James.

Continued Blessings to you and all of our families as we journey through these 'interesting' times. Hopefully we have come to a deeper gratitude for the gift of life, of health and family. May we continue to journey together, to build God's Kingdom among us!

On behalf of Fr. Michael & all our staff,
God's Blessings & Peace,
Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

**Week of June 29 - July 5**

**Monday**
8:15am  
Saints Peter and Paul
†Kromeich Family

**Tuesday**
8:15am  
†Deceased Members of the Sandt & Collins Families

**Wednesday**
8:15am  
Keva David
†Donna David

**Thursday**
8:15pm  
†Dee Worley
†Dale Anderson
†Leo O’Brien

**Friday**
8:15pm  
Saint Thomas
†Thomas Balk
†Madalena Pfeiffer

**Saturday**
5:00pm  
†Gary Brecht
†Geraldine and Frank Vernickas

**Sunday**
8:00am  
Jeanne Verssue
10:30am  
†Beth Heidi

From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with …
Lucas Carey and his family and friends on the loss of his great-grandmother Jewell Mardel Hopson.

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

We are continuing to Livestream Our Sunday 8:00am Mass on Facebook Live
Video available later on our website and YouTube Channel.

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
Some mornings as I awaken I wonder what the day will hold. Other times I simply get up and get to work. I think however, I most cherish the days when I take time to sit quietly on my patio, or at my kitchen window, and simply wonder. I think of these times as my "God in Nature" mornings. Whether I watch the birds coming to the feeders, walk around my yard looking at the flowers which have set new blooms, or just listen to the sounds ever present in those early morning hours. I feel so blessed to have this time with nature that allows me to experience anew the many gifts God has given to me. I marvel at the beauty, diversity, and continuing cycle of abundant life. In the gentle breeze I feel that God is telling me "I love you. All will be well. Be patient and trust that I will never leave you." Somehow those days seem brighter and filled with hope.

I also find inspiration in reading. As I prepared to write this piece today I found a beautiful poem entitled “Evidence” by Mary Oliver and would like to share part of it with you.

“There are many ways to perish or to flourish. How early pain, for example, can stall us at the threshold of function.

Memory: a golden bowl, or a basement without light. For which reason the nightmare comes with its painful story and says: you need to know this.

Some memories I would give anything to forget. Others I would not give up upon the point of death, They are the bright hawks of my life.

Still, friends, consider stone, that is without the fret of gravity, and water that is without anxiety.

And the pine trees that never forget their recipe for renewal.

And the female wood duck who is looking this way and that way for her children.

And the snapping turtle who is looking this way and that way also.

This is the world.”

Yes, I believe this is our world. The world God created and gave to us and I believe He intends for us learn from nature. Do not worry and become anxious about the “What ifs”. Live each day knowing that He cares for us and provides what we need to be whole. He sends His spirit to strengthen us in holiness and His love never fails. All will be well if we choose to love God, seek His mercy, care for His creation, and follow Him in serving one another. What a wonderful love story.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon

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Our Lady of Fatima

The Five First Saturdays Devotion

Join Us on Saturday, July 4 For the 2nd of the Five First Saturdays Devotion

The Promise of Our Lady of Fatima

“I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”

Confessions Heard Beginning at 5:30 am
15 Decades of the Rosary Begin at 6:30 am
Mass Begins at 7:15 am

All Are Welcome To Join Our Lady on Saturday

For more information on The Five First Saturday Devotions, go to www.themostholyrosary.com

Parish Religious Education

First Communions have been scheduled for July! If you have not done so already, please contact Lori Tajchman as soon as possible to be scheduled to receive the sacrament and to attend a practice session. We understand if now is not the right time for your family; contact Lori Tajchman to discuss alternative options so we don’t miss anyone in the process.

Hillcrest Hope Apartment - We are getting a new resident in the apartment St. James sponsors at Hillcrest Hope! We will be deep cleaning the apartment and restocking pantry, cleaning and toiletry items. We invite you to participate in this ministry by donating toward the cost of these supplies with cash, check or gift cards to Walmart, Price Chopper or HyVee. Funds remaining will used for graduation needs or saved for the next resident. On move-in day (yet to be announced), we will provide the resident or family with a meal, and are seeking volunteers to help us provide a meal that can be refrigerated then reheated. Consider explaining to your children what this second chance ministry looks like and maybe pray every day for the resident/family with your kids, or make cards with encouraging words to be left throughout the apartment on move-in day. Let’s welcome our new resident with charitable acts of kindness and prayers! Contact Lori Tajchman for more information or to help out.
Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all

Sophia Cissell
Molly Corrigan
Ella Olberding
Jennifer Pate
Valerie Ross
Colton Saffell
Nikolas Baumert
Jenna Begulia
Michael Bruening
Nicholas Caine
Rocco Jay Frizzo
Sophia Grote
Matthew Messina
Bailee Middleton
Crystal Myers
Aiden Pasieniuk
Joyce Pecora
Mary Thompson
Misty Trinidad
Tricia Vulje
Ashley Asbury
Michael Barreca
Eileen Barry
Kaylee Browne
Elisa Castillo
Joseph Disciaccia
Ellyanna Doering
Evie Fortman
Derek King
Dominic MacNeil
Anthony
Pasqualucci
James Pate
Ivy Seiler
Robert Askren
Abigail Buckmiller
Robert Campbell
Anna Coday
Ruby Edwards
Susan Federoff
Alexandria Gorman
Amanda Grote
Caleb McClellan
Grace Miele
Molly Schwartz
Chelsee Seiter
Cari Usera
James Bednar
Mary Garza
Debra George
Jamie Hudnall
Karen Schamel
Ariel Sprung
Nicole Woodhead
Joseph Zegers
Sandra Brabbins
Jack Branche
Niccollette Hartley
Dilan Herrera
Julie Pate
Charlotte Rogers
Stacy Sarver
Antonia Hess
Amber Kollash
Marina Maniero
Zanah McCaulay
Carol O'Brien
Landon Swope

The Weeds Are Winning

Do you enjoy working outside in the yard? Do you have some free time? The weeds are prolific this year on the St. James grounds and we could sure use your help.

Consider joining our Garden Keepers team as we care for the landscaping here. Our normal work time is on Tuesday mornings but other times can be accommodated as well. No special skills required, just be able to do some common yard work like weeding, watering, deadheading, and pruning and if you have the strength, mulching.

If interested, please contact Gretchen Lathrop (816-223-6636).

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Pete Gardner
Dan Habiger
George Katzer
Mauricia O'Brien
Carol O'Brien
Janet Ward & Jeff
Julie Miller
James Filipe
Alicia Paredes
Mike Mall
Bob Pezman
Jack & Sue Schwarz
George Polisdofer
Denise W.
David Roach
Marina
James Gubera
Tina Helm
Hazel Lewis
Dan Tomc
Laurie Beach
Rachel Johnson
Wanda Finnigan
Geralyn Hosticka
Beth Atwater
David Butel & Family
Eric Cummings
Ciara Davis
Pat Neibergerl-Timm
Brian Akers
Janice Brimer
Audria & Eddy Martin
Jose Torres
Emra Brecht
Dan & Bibi Chadwick
Pat Aten
John Vrocatro
John Barrington
Donnie Smith
Eddie & Teresa Rogers
Philip Pernice
Don Taylor
Leo Oberfoel
Kai Bennett
Jacob McKay
Nick Peters
Dwan Jones
Joanna Mooney
Desmond Arciga-Quenga
Colette
Kathleen Amos
Frances Parker
Michelle Baus
Gabrielle
Brian Glaser
Baby Brooke
Helen Finn
Anna Kain
Mark Schweitzer
Jennifer Goens
Lucy Arthur
Fr. Joe Miller
Bill Kirwan
Jamiie Martin
Sivers Family
JoLynn Distaisio
Deacon Bud
Jackson Erwin
Pat Carey & Family
Gavin McKenna
James Fulton
Helen Szczez
Angie Farmacott
Monica Barrington
Eddie Campbell
Joe Witherow, Jr.
Ricky Gis, Jr.
Adam McCray
Melissa Andrasik
Randi Arens
Tom Biggs
Diana Marchisio
Willfredo Crespo, Jr.
Sandra Hensley
Rachele Pomfrey
Ron & Peggy Petz
Paul Gossett
Julia Rush
John & Susan-Kelly Corsone
Tony & Jo's Family
Colleen Kearney
Walter Ruby
Lynn & Monica Nelson
Elien Wentz
Rodrigez Family
Ralph & Jan Peters
Neil Neibergerl
Margo Eastland
Adalina Simmons
Margie Myers
Jean & Richard Jackson
Steve Decker
Linda Smith
Pamela & James Anderson
Travis Shay
Barbara Fortier
Barb Schwery
Nickole Stewart
Tony & Tety So
Travis and Sarah Shay
Julie Sildeck
Stan Carver
The Cunel 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 Schwery
Nichole Stewart
Doug Schuster
Adolph Barringhaus
Kelly Gentrup
Denny Farrell
Nancy Carr
The Holland Family
Trivino Family
Jacke & Enike Hayes
Jeanette and Roberta Casel
Catherine Finley
Loren Woken
Carla George
Sue McKnight
Kyle Sellmeier
Margaret Mendola
Family
Bob Hedrick
Marie Brancato
Rich Curasi
Tricia Kauffman
Bob Roach
John Brocato
Barbara (Roach) Still
Debbie Pickett
Kathleen Haines
John Phamnestiel
Mike Sheeley
Rick George
Saree Morely
Christy Mock
John Findlay
Duane Sander
Mattie Mae Weaver
Troy Cronkite
June An Bender
Matt Biskup Family
Kim Lackey
Pam Fink
John Nausea
Bill, Carol Jr.
Jacob & Dana Lansford
Robert McCullam
Keith Newman
Gary Andrew Reese
Joseph Greenwood
Sam Porter
Mary Alice Worth
Amy Villarreal
Lori and Sam Dale
Mary Kaye Masnado
Louie & Carole Bussjaeger
John Amaro
Randi Beamert
Jackie Plack Pelling
Kennedy Noel Holcumbrink
Rita Lowe / Megan
Tony V. Sr.
Derek Drass
Sarah Rupp
Chris Alvey
Carole Yeager Laplant
Patrick O'Neill
John McMahon
Eddie Ansalso
Les VanBibber
Maria Giannelli
Kenadee Gallagher
Shawn Atkins
Jason Robinson
Leah Biskup Coady
Olivea Hernandez
Darleen Farnan Kenny
Laura Ann DiGiovanna
Deborah Doleshaw
Robert Doleshaw
Jersey & James Hicks

Eucharistic Adoration
Revised Hours
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
every Thursday
from 9:00am until 7:00pm
in the Chapel.
Everyone is welcome to come for
Eucharistic Adoration
and be with Jesus for awhile.

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.
Mark your calendar! This year’s 10th Annual Holy Smoke BBQ Contest will be held on the St. James Campus on August 28-29. Registration is now open for BBQ teams! We are also currently looking for participants from the parish in the following areas: advertising/sponsorship, entertainment, BBQ judges, and vendors. If you have a business of any kind, we would like for you to be involved! Please also check out our website at www.holysmokebbqcontest.com. It should have all the information and forms you will need.

You may also email Troy Sheeley at troy.sheeley@gmail.com or call 816-679-0425 for more information.

Congratulations to St. Pius X High School Co-Valedictorian Kate Parrish - SPX’s KC Scholar Honoree! Kate is also a St. James Alumni.

So far this year, Love INC of Clay County has helped 24 individuals remain in their homes avoiding an eviction and 120 individuals keep or reconnect their utilities.

In addition, this past month gifts to Love INC of Clay County have provided 132 poor families with life changing help, to include the distribution of more than 6,000 diapers and $8,523 in rent, utilities and in-kind assistance.

Thank you for sharing with families in need.