Saint James Catholic Community

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 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.

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.



Saturday Morning Faith Sharing Jesus and the End Times A Catholic View of the End Times Begins July 18 - 10am in the Parish Hall

Have you ever wondered what the Bible teaches about what will happen at the End of Time?

In this detailed Bible study on the end times, Dr. Brant Pitre brings clarity and precision to the confusion that frequently surrounds the doctrine of the end times.

If you've ever wondered about where this world is heading and what the ultimate destiny of humanity is, then you don't want to miss this powerful study of the truth about what the Bible and the Catholic Church teach about the last days.

Please join us. We practice social distancing and have class in the parish hall - only 3 per table.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



It's not too late to register for this class! Sign up today by using our unique class link: *fpu.com/1115949*

Please join us. We meet virtually on Monday evenings, July 6 - August 31. Each participant will watch the video at home and then join a virtual class for the discussion segment of the lesson.

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

2. Other 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

Independence Day is a mid-summer holiday in our country, celebrating the colonists who fought for freedom, those who have protected and defended that freedom, and the values we have as a nation. We are blessed by having a democracy, a Constitution, and a Bill of Rights. In the earliest days of our nation, the idea of the separation of church and state was deemed by many as a threat, even by our Catholic Church. In the light of history, now it is seen as a blessing. The state has no right to impose religious beliefs on people nor the right to deny religious beliefs of people.

It seems, though, that there will always be some controversy about freedom. We witnessed that controversy over the past few months in the light of the COVID-19 epidemic. When it was first realized the dangers of the virus, restrictions were put in place by the national government, the Institute of Health, state and local governments, churches, dioceses, and parishes. As we are well aware, these restrictions led to controversies. There were some who claimed freedom: that the government could not tell them what to do. They had their "rights" ensured by the First Amendment. When it was declared that churches should be closed to worship and activities, a few pastors revolted and defied such restrictions. They claimed that their faith was a higher authority than outside agencies. Of course, they were claiming that individual rights super-ceded the common good. I think they misunderstood the Bill of Rights and the primacy of the common good.

Freedom is never the right to do whatever one chooses to do. There is always a higher good at stake. For Christian believers, the higher good is living in the light of our faith and especially the great law of love. Sometimes we may be given a choice to do something; there is no law against it; for example, patronizing a porn shop. But there is a law of our faith which forbids us to patronize that shop because it promotes the idea that the human body may be used and abused in any way. There are lots of other examples. But the point is clear: we use our freedom to do what is good and rights, for living the great law of love.

Enjoy the weekend and celebrate well, always remembering the price of freedom and giving thanks for our nation.

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Let Freedom Ring

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!

Mass Intentions

Week of July 6 - July 12		
Monday 8:15am	+ Ken Pricer	
Tuesday 8:15am	++ Helen and Frank Kasperbauer	
Wednesday 8:15am	+Clarence & Alice Boyer	
Thursday 8:15pm	Mary Mahoney K&M Davis Intentions	
Friday 8:15pm	+Sylvester Ginther	
Saturday 5:00pm	Saint Benedict † Frank Kromeich † George Dixon	
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	 Clementine Crainer Harry Woltkamp Alex Bruening 	



Our prayer support is with ...

The family and friends of Charles "Chuck" Curtis who passed away on June 25.

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 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

10th Annual Holy Smoke BBQ Contest

August 28-29, 2020 🐇 Bigger and better than ever!



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/ sponsor ship, 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 <u>troy.sheeley@gmail.com</u>or call 816-679-0425 for more information.



THANK YOU – We are all blessed to have such a wonderful community as St. James! Our dedication to "stay the course" during this difficult time is to be applauded. Our time, talent, and treasure continue to make us shine as we have shared during these past months. The prayers, visits, phone calls, mowing, planting, purchasing HOPE cards, helping with Mass - the list goes on. SO – THANK YOU for being there for each other.

I do have one bit of business: We will be removing the recycle bins from our campus. The recycle bins on the south side of the property will be removed in the next couple weeks. The expense of having them on site has become cost prohibitive.

Thank you for supporting our parish family during this uncertain time. Checks continue to come in and we are grateful.

Any questions/concerns.....

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

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Someone is Watching and Wondering



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When I was thinking about what this holiday weekend represents and how words which we hold dear as Americans are reflected in our everyday life as Catholics, I was drawn to this poem by Langston Hughes:

Let America be America Again

Let America be America Again Let it be the dream it used to be. Let it be the pioneer on the plain seeking a home where he himself is free.

(America never was America to me.)

Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed. Let it be that great strong land of love where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme that any man be crushed by one above.

(It never was America to me.)

O, let my land be a land where Liberty is crowned with no false patriotic wreath but opportunity is real, and life is free, equality is in the air we breath.

(There's never been equality for me, nor freedom in this "homeland of the free.")

Say, who are you that mumbles in the dark? And who are you that draws your veil across the stars?

I am the poor white, fooled and pushed apart. I am the Negro bearing slavery's scars. I am the red man driven from the land, I am the immigrant clutching the hope I seek - and finding only the same old stupid plan of dog eat dog, of mighty crush the weak. I am the young man, full of strength and hope, tangled in that ancient endless chain of profit, power, gain, of grab the land! Of grab the gold! Of grab the ways of satisfying need! Of work the men! Of take the pay! Of owning everything for one's own greed! I am the farmer, bondsman to the soil. I am the worker sold to the machine. I am the Negro, servant to you all. I am the people, humble, hungry, mean – hungry today yet despite the dream, beaten yet today - O, Pioneers! I am the man who never got ahead, the poorest worker battered through the years. Yet I am the one who dreamt our basic dream in the old world while still a serf of kings, who dreamt a dream so strong, so brave, so true, that even yet its might daring sings in every brick and stone, in every furrow turned that's made America the land it has become. O, I am the man who sailed those early seas in search of what I meant to be my home - for I'm the one who left dark Ireland's shore, and Poland's plain, and England's grassy lea, and torn from Black Africa's strand I came to build a "homeland of the free."

The free?

Who said the free? Not Me? Surely not me? The millions on relief today? The millions shot down when we strike? The millions who have nothing for our pay? For all the dreams we've dreamed and all the songs we've sung and all the hopes we've held and all the flags we've hung, the millions who have nothing for our pay – except the dream that's almost dead today.

O, let America be America again - the land that never has

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

Leo Burns Aida Cerilo Giuliana DeLeo Sydney DeMayo Michelle Easterday Marla Edwards Lena Hogan Ryan Ildza Elliott Lister **Emmalyn Lister** Madelyn Mallett Amy Pilsl Jeffrey Ridder Matthew Saragusa **Deborah Willis** Adelfino Andrade Laura Denton Alexander Donnici Deborah Owen Aleen Power Henry Schmidt Carrie Whiston Catherine Wilkes Michael Witherow Delia Bouhan Matthew Godfrey **Devyn Herrick** Jacqueline Jones Amy Jorgensen Urszula Kolodziejski Daniel Pittman

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been yet – and yet must be – the land where every man is free. The land that's mine – the poor man's, Indian's, Negro's ME – Who made America, whose sweat and blood, whose faith and pain, whose hand at the foundry, whose plow in the rain, must bring back our mighty dream again.

Sure, call me any ugly name you choose – the steel of freedom does not stain, from those who live like leeches on the people's lives, we must take back our land again, America!

O, yes I say it plain, America never was America to me, and yet I swear this oath – America will be!

Out of the rack and ruin of our gangster death, the rape and rot of graft, and stealth, and lies, We, the people, must redeem the land, the mines, the plants, the rivers, the mountains and the endless plain – all, all the stretch of these great green states – **and make America again!**

Although he wrote this poem in 1936, I think the words still resonate with where we find our country today. Yet I believe the American dream is worth fighting for and for me this dream begins with living the teachings of Jesus.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Kathy Peters Helen Pete Gardner Dan Habiger George Katzer Mauricia O'Brien 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 Hazel Lewis Dan Tomc Laurie Beach Rachel Johnson Wanda Finnigan Geralyn Hosticka Beth Atwater David Butel & Family Eric Cumminas Ciara Davis Pat Neibergall-Timm Brian Akers Janice Brimer Audria & Eddy Martin Jose Torres Erma Brecht Dan & Bibi Chadwick Pat Aten John Vrocato John Barrington Donnie Smith Eddie & Teresa Rogers Philip Pernice Don Taylor Leo Oberfoel Kai Bennett Jacob McKav Nick Peters Dwain Jones Joanna Mooney Desmond Arciga-Quenga Colette Kathleen Amos Frances Parker Michelle Bacus Gabrielle Brian Glaser Baby Brooke Helen Finn Anna Kain Mark Schweitzer Jennifer Goens Lucy Arthur Fr. Joe Miller Bill Kirwan Jamie Martin Stivers Family

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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.



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St. James Catholic Parish Community presents the 2020



Held in conjunction with the St. James Holy Smoke BBQ!

Share the good news about St. James Catholic Parish with friends and family! All are welcome to join us for the First Annual Color Run Event that will bring our parish community together for an exciting fundraiser!

All ages are welcome to join us for an untimed 2 mile Run/Walk

Check your email for more information on the event. Any questions email Julie.miller@stjames-school.org or Karen.biggs@stjames-school.org

Details and the Registration Form is on the St. James website <u>www.stjames-liberty.org</u>



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 still accepting donations of cash or gift cards as we anticipate a new resident soon.

Contact Lori Tajchman for more information or to help out.

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).



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