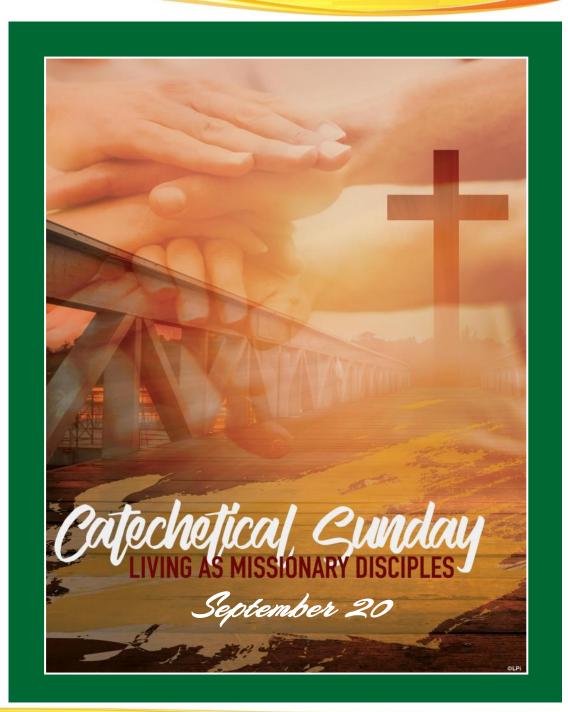
Saint James Catholic Community

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 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.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Available Only At The 5:00pm Saturday Mass



Do you want to attend Mass but find it difficult to walk long distances and/or navigate stairs?

Whether you just need an arm to lean on, or a wheelchair, volunteers from our new HELPING HANDS MINISTRY can provide

the extra help you need to reach the sanctuary safely and easily.

Here are a few things to remember if you are interested in using this service:

- This is available ONLY at the 5:00 Saturday Mass.
- You will need to let us know that you want to use this service by calling the Parish office and making an appointment.
- Enter the building through the side door (near the dumpster) at the lower level of the building .

Please see the complete details on how to use this service on page 8 of this bulletin.

Catechetical Sunday - September 20



This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, and we want to thank our many parishioners who serve as catechists and volunteers this year. With so many changes and adjustments upon us, we recognize the sacrifices and the

sharing of your time and talent.

The word catechist comes from the Greek word meaning to echo. St. James is truly blessed by so many who share their gifts, and echo their faith, with the younger generation in our parish.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

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:

- 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

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With Fall upon us, we enter into a new time of year. But everything is 'new' as we journey through this pandemic!

This past weekend, we have had the largest crowd we have had in over 7 months. We had over 670 people total at all our weekend Masses. Thanks so much for families returning – it's great to see so many families with children.

We realize that there are many elderly and those with 'compromised' immune systems, so I understand why they cannot and should not be with us each weekend. That's why we are able to 'upgrade' our Live-stream Mass. We are so very grateful for Quinn Knabe's faithfulness in taping it for us each and every weekend!

As I mentioned this past weekend, it's important that we try to come back to Church. If we can bring our families to crowded places like Walmart, we can surely take the risk of coming to Mass. I think each of our families would benefit greatly!

Many of us have gotten into the 'habit' of not coming to church on the weekends. We just need to try to make it a priority for all of us! Bishop Johnston still has the 'dispensation' for us to watch the Live-stream Mass and we certainly hope you will if you cannot join us!

Don't forget that our RE and Confirmation programs are beginning this month. Lori Tajchman with her great leadership, along with some very dedicated volunteers, have put together programs to help guide our young people in their faith. Sacramental prep programs are also getting underway for the sacrament of First Reconciliation and Communion. Lori and her team are accommodating all families, with either 'virtual' or 'in-person' programs.

Please families, take advantage of these opportunities and come and join us! Lori and her dedicated folks are here to serve and guide our young people in the ways of their relationship with God!

Let us pray in gratitude for all involved in education – our teachers and staff of all our schools, as this is a 'most' challenging year! Special thanks for our St. James Parish and School staff who have made our school opening go as smoothly as possible. We are entering our fifth week of school and haven't had any issues (beyond the normal stresses of 'pandemic life').

So we thank God and pray that we might all continue to be safe and healthy in all that we do!

Know that Fr. Michael and I and all our staff are here to serve you in whatever way we can help.

Blessings to you and all your family. Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of September 21 - September 27

Monday St. Matthew

8:15am †Akexander Michalak

Tuesday

8:15am + Helen Ernest

Wednesday St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:15am +JimStreu

Thursday St. John Henry Newman

8:15am +Jennifer Durbin

Friday

8:15am Our Parishioners

Saturday

5:00pm †Patricia Blankenship

Mike Westrem

Sunday St. Vincent de Paul

St. James Annual Auction October 10 More Information on Page 5





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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

A 🎵 from the Liturgy/Music Office

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING RETURNS!



I am thrilled to announce that we can finally start singing again during Mass. Bishop Johnston has given permission to those parishes that wear masks the entire time to once again

sing together as one body in Christ. Now, because of the risk of contracting the virus on surfaces, we still have to keep our hymnals put away. But, there are 2 ways you can follow along and sing the music and see the readings. On our website each weekend the worship aid is uploaded for you to view and/or download. Your second option is the QR code in the gathering space. From any smart phone, you can download a free QR code reader from your app store. Many restaurants now have their menus on table tents with a QR code. This past weekend we only had 24 scans. But hopefully now with the return of congregational singing, more people will take advantage of the QR code.

Again we thank you for wearing your mask while in church. Because of your willingness to abide by county health guidelines, we are able to sing again!

God Bless.

Daniel A. Baker-Director of Liturgy and Music

Collecting Donations for Cornerstone of Care



On Monday, October 5, the Altar Society will once again be collecting donations for Cornerstones of Care. This gives you ample time to

go through your house and look for items that are on the list below that you no longer use.

On October 5 Bring Your Donations Between

9am - 10am and 5pm - 7pm

Items Needed

Donations of clothing (all sizes), Bath and body items Kitchen items. Any winter coats are especially needed.

Individuals will be available at the times listed above to unload your car. So, please stay in your car.

Donations will be picked up on Tuesday, October 6 at 9am.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



The first chapter of *Gaudium et Spes* (The Church in the Modern World) is titled "The Dignity of the Human Person" begins with defining humans. The bishops begin by referencing Genesis, restating that God created human beings in the divine likeness, as social

creatures needing companionship, and God blessed them. Soon after creation, humanity attempted to separate themselves from the Creator. We can see the results recorded throughout our history. If we examine our own hearts, we may indeed find an inclination toward disrupted relationships and our ongoing struggle between light and darkness. If, however, we believe that God sent Jesus to be light to the world, to strengthen us with grace, and free us from the darkness, then there is always hope. The bishops also state that humans have both a physical body and a divine soul, which are undivided and constitute the whole person. Understand this point, when we probe the depths of our human nature we discover God's presence, and begin to understand our sharing in the light of the divine mind. We find a wisdom that perfects intelligence, and leads us to desire goodness and truth. Furthermore, we are capable of experiencing divine love and become witnesses to that love when we share His love with others. Authentic freedom does not mean "doing whatever we please", rather it flows from attentive listening to our conscience, and following what it dictates. We are graced with the potential to choose good, accepting God as our strength and guide. Faith fills us with hope and God's promise of eternal life. Our hope in eternity, however, does not diminish human life but moves us to live with "great nobility" and nourish the love which God places in our hearts. "The mystery of the human person is centered in [the] divine core, revealed through Christ, and stirring us to full humanity."

In Chapter 2 - The Community of Humankind - the bishops state, "For God. . . desires that all people become one family with love for God and neighbor as the basis. . . whoever loves God must love neighbor or the love [of God] is false." We reach our true identity and human potential by pursing oneness with all other human beings. Clearly the advancement of our society towards the common good depends on Jesus' command to love and serve one another. The universal call to human dignity leads us to understand that everyone must have food, clothing, and shelter, the right to freely choose a state of life, to establish a family, to education, employment, to follow one's own conscience, protection, privacy, and to practice religion. Society must be rooted in truth, justice and love, "everyone must consider his or her neighbor, without exception, another self," leaving no room for bigotry, discrimination, or hatred.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon



Fr. John Riccardo and the team of the non-profit apostolate ACTS XXIX are calling for a National Day National Day Day of Prayer and Fasting on September 24, 2020.

"Looking at all that's happening in our country right now, it seems we're in need of a lot of things," says Fr. Riccardo, ACTS XXIX Executive Director. "Policy and law are crucial, to be sure. But as important as these are, they can't fix the root problem. The real problem of American culture today is that our hearts are messed up. Only God can fix the human heart, and He loves doing that."

"This is not about politics or any particular social movement or even the November election," Fr. Riccardo cautions. "This is about asking for God's mercy on our nation and for the healing of our hearts – all of our hearts, starting with mine."

His hope is that the entire country, Christians, Jews, Muslims, and all people of good will, would set September 24 aside as a true holy day, forego food until dinner, and pray for the conversion of hearts.

For more information about ACTS XXIX, their mission, and their call for September 24 as a National Day of Prayer and Fasting, visit *ActsXXIX.org*.



SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE



Calling all potential blood donors! We need your help!

St. James is hosting a Community Blood Center blood drive on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 to help with the emergency blood shortage in our area. Now is the time to reach out and lend a helping arm.

The drive will take place in the Social Hall on September 22 between 12:30-6:30pm.

Appointments are preferred and can be made online at www.savealifenow.org/group, using **Group Code: ES**, or by contacting Nikki at kpower@kc.rr.com or 816-407-1208.

Walk-ins are welcome if space permits.

Masks are required. If you are feeling ill, please wait until you are feeling better to donate. For medical eligibility questions, call 1-800-688-0900. Childcare will not be provided for this drive. All presenting donors will receive a free food certificate from Zaxby's as a thank you.

Thank you for saving lives with your donation and supporting the blood drives at St. James!

St. James School Auction Donations Needed



The St. James School Auction is scheduled for October 10.

Due to the ever changing dynamics of our world, this year's auction will be a virtual interactive auction.

The auction committee is seeking donations to add to the auction, and they have created an "Auction Wishlist" on Amazon to make donating to the auction easy.

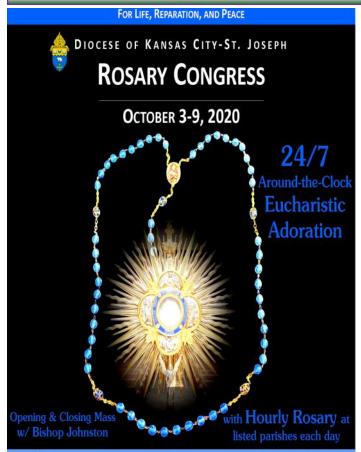
If you are interested in donating to the auction, type the link below in your browser to look at our wishlist and/or to order an item which will be directly shipped to the school.

https://www.amazon.com/wedding/registry/ Z04E6BMLG3RL?

Thank you, in advance, for considering donating to the St. James Auction. It is because of the generosity of all who donate that make this event so successful year after year.

Learn More About This Year's Auction and Buy Your Tickets at:

Stjamesschoolauction.org



October is the month of the Holy Rosary!

Join in praying the Rosary October 3-9, held every hour at a different parish each day (see list below) during this special Rosary Congress. Eucharistic Adoration will also be held around the clock. Daily Mass will be available, including special opening and closing Masses with Bishop Johnston presiding.

An additional Marian International Rosary and Procession will be held 10am - Noon October 10 at St. Patrick parish in North Kansas City.

Oct 3 - Opening Mass with Bishop Johnston
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 2:30pm
24 hour Adoration

Oct 4 - Coronation of Our Lady - Grandview MO 10:30am Mass - 24 hour Adoration

Oct 5 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - St. Joseph, MO 8:00am Mass - 24 hour Adoration

Oct 6 - Our Lady of Good Counsel - Kansas City, MO 12:00pm Mass - 24 hour Adoration

Oct 7 - St. Mary, Independence, MO 12:00pm Mass - 24 hour Adoration

Oct 8 - Holy Rosary, Clinton, MO 8:30am Mass – Adoration until 7pm

Oct 8 - Our Lady of Lourdes, Raytown, MO 6:00pm Mass - Adoration

Oct 9 - Closing Mass with Bishop Johnston Our Lady of Lourdes, Raytown, MO 7:00pm 24 hour Adoration prior to the closing Mass

Parish Religious Education

Religious Education and Faith Sharing Classes Beginning Now



Instead of classroom catechesis, join us for our Courageously Catholic Family Gatherings and Being Catholic Events!

Preschool through 9th Grades – with parents or grandparents.

We still have space at our Sunday 3:45pm session that begins September 20 in the Social Hall. You can register at the class.

Not ready to gather in person? We have an at-home option!

Get more information on our website, or contact Lori Tajchman with questions.

Courageously Catholic – Upcoming Events

9/20: First Sunday Session: Mass Edition (Mass Not Included) Classes at 9:45am and 3:45pm in the Social Hall.

9/29: Family Adoration Hour 9:30am to 10:30am

10/7: Drive-By Pet Blessing to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, 6:30pm - 7:30 pm

We are in need for a few items that will be used in this program. Please see our Wishlist on page 8.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent Meetings

Monday, Sept. 21 at 7pm in the Church Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7pm in the Church Register today online or at the meetings.



Attend one of the above mandatory Parent Meetings. Bring a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate.

Children in 2nd grade or older are eligible to receive these sacraments.

You will find more information on our website, or contact Lori Tajchman with questions.

Confirmation Prep Not Registered? Not Too Late



If you missed the first class on September 13, contact Lori Tajchman to register.

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

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FAMILY ADORATION September 29



As Jesus did, we are inviting families with young children to come be in the presence of Jesus.

Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the Church, to

spend time in Adoration with Jesus.

This will be a family-friendly morning event where your children can be introduced to and practice (in a child-friendly atmosphere) being in the presence of Jesus.

Thank You For Wearing Your Mask At All Times

Please Wear Your Mask At All Times In Our Building As A Sign Of Your Respect And Care For **Those Around You**



We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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Please notify us to remove your name from our prayer lists when it is time.

Denny Farrell

Nancy Carr

In respect of HIPAA we will add names to the prayer list only by request of the person or immediate family.



Helping Hands Ministry Available Only at 5:00pm Saturday Masses



Sometimes it can be a challenge for parishioners who are older and/or have mobility problems to attend weekend Mass easily. The walk from the car may be too long or the stairs difficult to navigate.

At our Saturday 5:00pm Masses volunteers from our HELPING HANDS MINISTRY will provide assistance to those needing some extra help reaching the sanctuary on the upper level of the building to attend Mass.

To use this service, please make a reservation. This ensures that we have enough volunteers available. Please follow the steps below.

- 1 A few days before you plan to attend the 5:00pm Saturday Mass, make a reservation by calling Daryl Sweetland in the parish office, 781-4343, extension 200, by 4:00pm on Friday. Leave a message on her voice mail if you are unable to talk with her personally.
- 2 When arriving at the church, park in one of the spaces on the south side of the church or behind the church as close to the south side as possible.
- 3 Enter the lower level of the church through the south door (near the dumpster). There will be a HELPING HANDS ENTRANCE sign near the door.
- 4 Please take a seat in one of the chairs near the door and a volunteer will be available shortly to assist you to your seat in the church; wheelchairs are available if needed.

After Mass, a volunteer will assist you in returning to the lower level.

This service is available only for the 5:00pm Saturday Mass. We hope to be able to extend this service to other weekend Masses in the future.

WISH LIST Courageously Catholic Religious Program!



Please support our Courageously Catholic Religious Program. We are in need of the following items.

These can be dropped off in the Church office. Other arrangements for drop-off can be made by contacting Lori Tajchman.

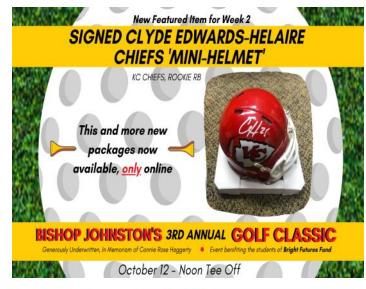
Glue Sticks: Hot Glue or Craft glue (for felt) Gallon sized zip-lock bags (we need a lot!) 2-pocket, 3 prong folders (again, we need a lot) White card stock paper

Pony Beads: black, red, white, blue green, yellow, clear White Yarn (heavy)

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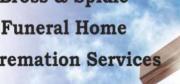
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