

Saint James Catholic Community

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22, 2020*

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*We've Almost
Reached
Our Goal!*

ADVENT
GIVING TREE

This is the last week to donate.

*We're confident that your generosity
and support will help us reach our goal.
We thank all who have already donated.*

See Page 6 for information about how to donate.

St. James Catholic Church

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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.

Advent Begins Thanksgiving Weekend Pick Up Your Advent Gift This Weekend



Advent is a time when we can step back from the hectic routine, slow down and contemplate the Mystery of the Incarnation. As with all new beginnings, this season is intended to renew our joy, hope, faith and love.

We have prepared an gift for you to help guide you through the Advent season.

Two ways to pick up your gift.

After Mass

Advent Gift Bags will be available on tables in the Gathering Space this weekend. Please pick up one for your family after Mass.

At the 'Drive-Thru' Event

If you are not able to attend Mass this weekend, we are holding a 'drive through' pick-up event this Sunday from 1:30pm until 2:30pm where Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael will be distributing the bags.



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

In times past, kings and queens who ruled the lands had a great deal of power and wealth. They had their knights and vassals to serve and protect them. Gradually, however, as dictators and democracies emerged, the status and power of royalty diminished. Today we are familiar with a few exceptions, such as the royal house in England. Yet their duties are mostly symbolic. For some reason, the people of the Commonwealth continue to support their rather lavish lifestyle.

Our spiritual ancestors, the Israelites, were ruled by kings for many centuries. When the Chosen People first settled in the land of Canaan, the religious leaders resisted the establishment of a Kingdom. After all, God was their Sovereign King; humans should not assume that title. Yet after some generations, kingship came to Israel. Around the year 1000 BC, King David ruled the land, defeated enemies, and brought peace and respect to Israel as a nation. After the time of David, things went downhill. The country was divided, Israel in the north, Judah in the south. Many bad kings became the rulers. So during these very difficult times, the Israelites kept a vision of a new King David, an anointed one who would rule the land, bringing peace and prosperity.

From His humble beginning, Jesus certainly didn't fit the image of the expected one, an ideal King who would bring prosperity and peace. Yes, his focus was on a new Israel, but His was a spiritual Kingdom, a people living the ways of the covenant. He was not given the title "King" during his public ministry. It was only at his passion and on the cross that he was mockingly call "King."

Yet today we honor Jesus with the title "King," but not in a worldly sense. His reign is the Kingdom of God, a spiritual kingdom. He leads his disciples to that Kingdom not by force but by an unceasing and uncompromising love. It is a Kingdom of joy and peace. As we have heard recently in the gospel parable, Jesus uses the image of a banquet table of choicest food and drink, images of complete joy and peace.

On this final weekend of the church year, we once again pledge our fidelity to Jesus Christ, our King, asking Him to be our Sovereign Lord and Master.

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of November 23 - November 29

Monday 8:15am	†Barbara Lehr
Tuesday 8:15am	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions</i> †Donald Crainer
Wednesday 8:15am	†Rosalie Timm
Thursday 8:15am	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> †Joanna Mooney
Friday 8:15am	†Kevin Barry
Saturday 5:00pm	†Patricia Blankenship †Joanna Mooney
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	†Dolores Kieffer †Ben Kennedy †Jim Faqyal



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



**CHIEF'S
BLOOD DRIVE
At St. James
November 24**



The Community Blood Center needs our help. Mobile blood drives, such as ours, account for 70% of the region's blood supply. During these challenging times, many mobile drives have been cancelled, leaving the CBC struggling to keep up with patient needs in our area.

If you are healthy, at least 17 years of age (16 with parent's signed consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and have 30-60 minutes to spare to help someone in need, we would love to see you on Tuesday, November 24. The last blood drive of 2020 will be held in the social hall from 12:30 - 6:30PM. All presenting donors will receive a free limited edition Chiefs t-shirt.

Appointments are preferred and highly encouraged.

Schedule a convenient time to donate by calling Nikki at 816-407-1208 or emailing her at kpower@kc.rr.com.

You can also schedule an appointment online at www.savealifenow.org/group using group code: ES. Walk-ins will be welcome if capacity permits. For medical eligibility questions, please call 1-800-688-0900.

Facial masks are required and temperature checks will take place.

For more information regarding Covid-19 protocol, visit www.savealifenow.org/coronavirus.

Donating blood is safe and we certainly could use your help to save lives.

Thank you for your support!

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 Live-stream Our Sunday 8:00am Mass
on Facebook Live**

Video available later on our website
and YouTube Channel.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Today is the last Sunday of the Liturgical year, which the Church universally celebrates as the feast of "Christ the King." This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to combat the growing secularism and atheism of his time. Christ the King is one of the "idea feasts," not actually celebrating an event in the life of Jesus but rather an aspect of his identity; today we

recognize and honor Christ as ruler over all and our shepherd. The Church prays, "As king [Christ] claims dominion over all creation, that he may present to you, his heavenly Father, and eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

We believe that Jesus' incarnation ushered in the "Kingdom of God" yet I have difficulty relating to Jesus as a king. In my mind a king is distant, privileged, and removed from ordinary people. The picture above more accurately depicts Jesus of my life, Jesus who relates to me as loving and caring for my every need. A shepherd who protects his people, who embraces our pain and sorrow, who always holds us close to His heart, yet today's gospel speaks of "the son of man. . . seated on his glorious throne" passing judgment. The message seems clear. We will be judged not by how we bow and serve any king, ruler, sovereign, or government but rather how we treat those in need of our love and care: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, those without clothing, one who is suffering illness, or in prison. None-the-less I am forced to ask: "Today, who and where are those in need of love and care?" This may seem like a strange answer but for me those named in Matthew's gospel include every human being. Each of us finds ourselves in need of love and care at some time. I am not minimizing those, unlike myself, who go hungry or live in fear for their life. I am not forgetting people who are shut away in prisons and other institutions, nor am I forgetting anyone battling illness. What I am suggesting is that we depend on one another to know and experience the embrace and loving care of Jesus. We need human reassurance in times of pain and sorrow; we need to share our pain. We need to lift up anyone who feels hopeless or lost. We must be present to our brothers and sisters who feel abandoned and alone. We must serve as Christ's body, striving to lift others out of darkness and journey with them into His light.

Sometimes I wonder how I can become Christ-like. The answer I keep hearing simply tells me to meet others where they're at, leave judgment to God, and share His love unselfishly. He is my shepherd, my Lord, ruler of all. May I love and serve Him.

Your sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*



Help CLOTHE THOSE IN NEED
 by sharing
NEW AND GENTLY USED
WINTER COATS
 and
OTHER WARM CLOTHES
For Adults and Children
 Donations Go To St. James Midtown and Veterans

With sub-zero temperatures forecast for this winter,
 many coats are needed.
 In addition to coats, also needed are
 socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothing.

Bring your donations to the Narthex of the former church building
Now Through December
Drop them off by the signs for either adult or children

The Pastoral Council is sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive again this year. With sub-zero temperatures forecast for this winter, many coats are needed. In addition to coats, also needed are socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothing.

If you are unable to bring your donations to St. James, contact one of our Pastoral Council members to arrange for a pick up. Pastoral Council members and their contact information are listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

Thank You in advance for your donations.
They are a blessing to the less fortunate



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Thanks to everyone who came to wish Jim Newell well on his retirement at the open house on Friday, November 13. Thanks also to the Pastoral Council, Knights of Columbus, TMIY, Altar Society, and Don Ollier for organizing the event and/or provided, cooked and/or served food. Jim, thank you for your service to St. James - you will be missed!

Collecting Donations Now For Our St. James Advent Giving Tree



*Please
Donate
Now*

**Your Donations Will Help To Make
Someone's Christmas Happy**

We are collecting donations through Thanksgiving weekend.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

- Put in the Advent Giving Tree collection basket in the Gathering Space after Mass.
- By Mail - send to St. James Catholic Church, c/o Advent Giving Tree, 309 S. Stewart Rd., Liberty 64068
- Drop it off in the Parish Office. Office hours are M-F 8:30-11am, but you can leave it in the basket upstairs in the Gathering Space if you need to come later. (We will check the basket frequently.)

The Advent Giving Tree (AGT) is a well-loved ministry at St. James, and we are thankful to be able to continue with it this year. Given COVID-19 restrictions, we have made big changes to reduce the need for volunteers and hands-on processes.

Instead of gift tags on trees, individual shopping efforts, wrapping, and gift sorting, we will heavily rely on our Hope gift card program for our giving efforts.

What does that mean? Well, we just made your Advent Giving Tree gifting easier. No need to debate what tags to take from the tree, and no need to shop or wrap gifts!

Simply make a donation – payable to St. James Church (with “AGT” on the notation line) and you’re done! The Advent Giving Tree Committee will do the rest – using your donations to purchase Hope gift

cards, which will then be donated to the various charitable agencies in need of our help.

This year we are supporting the following agencies.

- Bishop Sullivan Center
- St. James Liberty
- Hillcrest Hope
- Liberty Women's Clinic
- Love INC
- Ashton Court
- Cedars of Liberty
- Journey to New Life
- Kansas City Indian Center

Thank you so much for helping our Advent Giving Tree continue to be a bright spot for those in need!!

The Advent Giving Tree Committee

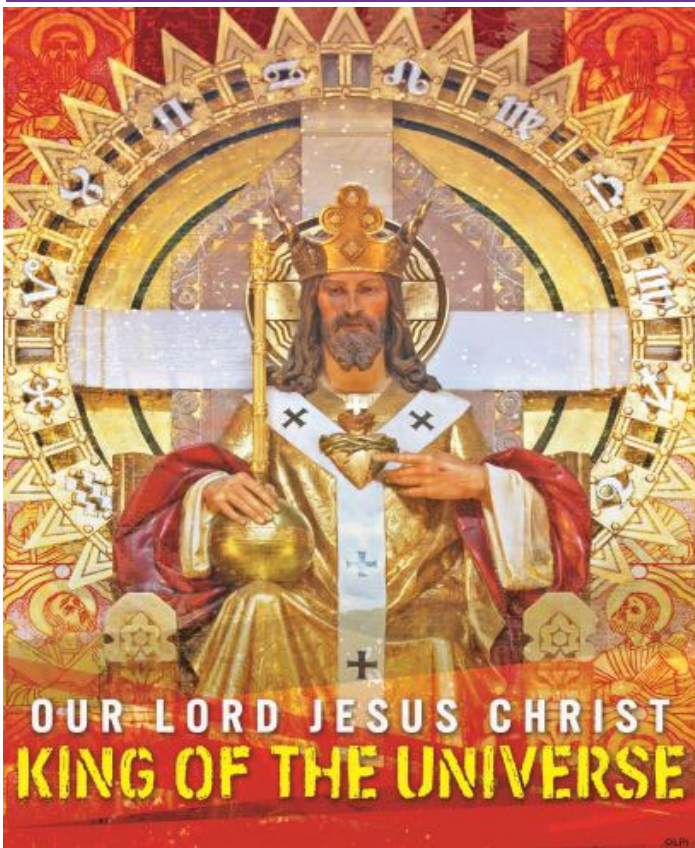


On Wednesday, November 11, Gary and Ann Roberts Puck helped distribute hygiene items, clothing and other items to homeless veterans at the NEW Intake area -“Hope Faith” Veteran Center, at 705 Virginia Avenue in Kansas City MO.

Ann, a member Father Vincent Capodanno, MM Catholic War Veterans, USA Memorial Post 1974, is an accredited Veteran Service Officer and heads the Military Outreach Ministry here at St. James. She and her husband Gary (a member of DAV Chapter10) are active in veterans affairs activities in the Kansas City area.

If you have questions or need information about any of the VA benefits and/or services, contact Ann at annroberts977@gmail.com





This Sunday, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity, also sometimes referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Though it was originally celebrated in October, this feast was moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year in 1969.

It is more than a coincidence that we close out the year with this particular feast. On this day especially, we celebrate the supreme kingship of Jesus over the entire universe. His is a kingship not like the secular monarchies of the past and present, but one that is pastoral, absolute, and desirous of bring us to himself.

Jesus is not just a King of Hearts. He is more than a Universal Coach, Teacher, or Consoler of mankind. By "King of the Universe" the Church is communicating Jesus' metaphysical scale, that God encompasses all of reality, not just man's reality. We say in the Nicene Creed that God created all things visible and invisible. So Jesus is King over all the planets, stars, black holes, quasars, and exploding suns in the blackest corners of remote space. He is King over the earth and all its waterfalls, rainforests, mountain peaks, desert plains, and dark sea floors.

We await the coming of Christ in his eternal Kingdom, but we recognize that he is already King.

St James Altar Society Poinsettia Sale



Just in time for Christmas, the Altar Society is taking orders for everyone's favorite Christmas flower - the Poinsettia.

The poinsettias are available in red, white, and pink.

Set in 6 1/2 inch pots, these vigorous growing healthy plants are grown locally in the Kansas City area.

Cost \$18 each

Order right away to reserve yours

Pick up at St. James on Saturday, December 5

To order call or email Janice Brimer at

816-719-9558 janicebrimer@yahoo.com

Proceeds from this sale will go to help fund the service projects benefiting several non-profit organizations in the greater Kansas City community. Funds are also used, when requested, to provide support for the parish or our Liturgist.

LOVE INC

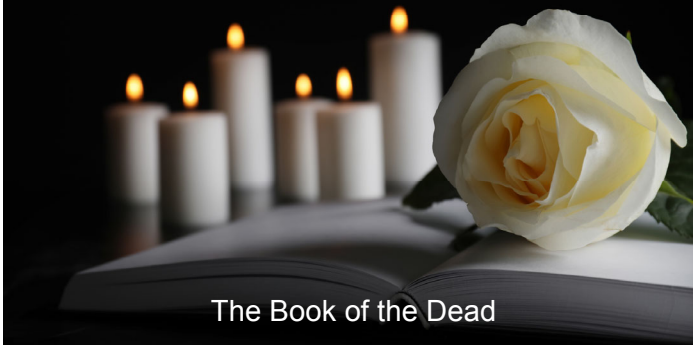
Thank You

Last month a 25-year-old single mom came to Love INC for help with her electric bill. She had lost her job due to Covid and fell quickly behind. Fortunately, she found a new job, but it was not in time to prevent her from receiving a disconnect notice and having her services shut off. Love INC was able to assist so that her electricity could be turned back on. She and her very young child were also enrolled in a six-month care plan to receive needed hygiene and household products as she continues with her new job and gets back on her feet.

Because of our faithful donors we were able to help 134 families with life changing help in last month. Three of those families were facing the loss of their home and five the shut-off of their utilities. But gifts like yours kept them safe and in their own homes. In addition, families in need received \$5,288 of in-kind assistance to include personal hygiene and household cleaning items, and baby diapers and supplies. We are also grateful for our wonderful volunteers who donated 143 hours of service, and our faithful prayer team that lifts up our clients, volunteers, and staff to the Lord.

David Rathbun,
Executive Director

*Remembering Those Who Have
Gone Before Us*



The Book of the Dead

In past years during November (the month of All Souls, we have displayed our Book of the Dead - the names of parishioners and/or their family members who died during the prior year.

Due to the pandemic, this year our Book of the Dead is virtual on our website. Listed there are parishioners and/or their family members who have died since last October.

If you have someone who has gone before us and would like that person remembered in Masses this month, you are welcome throughout this month to add their names to our Book of the Dead.

To add a name, go to our website. On the left side under "Latest Parish Postings," click on the *Book of the Dead* post. Click on the Submit Button and enter the information.

Parish Religious Education

Hopefully all RE families have picked up their Advent packets. There is still time, so contact Lori Tajchman.

Take the challenge to spend time this Advent season using the symbolism of the *12 Days of Christmas* to be fully prepared for the coming of Jesus. This is a great way to connect your family to Jesus and to some of basic components of the Catholic faith!

Is your Nativity set displayed for all to see? Involve your children in setting up the display and remember to withhold the baby Jesus until Christmas day. Consider putting the Magi away from the stable and let the children move them closer to the manger each day!

St. James School News



Growing Together: Faith, Family and Friends

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love
endures forever.*

-Pslam 107:1

**Happy
Thanksgiving**

*From the Students & Staff at
St. James Catholic School*



St. James School

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One Church, One School, One Family

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

Ambrose Alexander	Chad Roberts	Katherine Caballero
Tse Awasom	Anthony Sola	Gentry Clark
Grace Cotton	Steven Steinkamp	Weston Clark
Ernest Craig	Jose Torres-Gomez	Carson Dearing
Nash David	Aaron Windsor	Audrie Estrada
Gabriel Dugan	Mark Wolf	Jennifer Gaddis
Wesley Dugan	John Bertoncin	Sandra Gagnon
Carolyn Forgues	Gerald Kimmis	Brett Johnson
Judy Hixon	Kauffman Palmer	Troy Jones
Victoria McCabe	Simon Pedroza	Alexandar Lackey
Dakota McIntire	Callie Streich	Jonathan Lozano
Simon McNeal	Kayleigh Bednar	Mary Madison
Rachel Tischinski	Cooper Dymond	Sharron Mansfield
Anthony Harrelson	Ethan Essig	Donald Martin
Jacqueline Jimenez	Deanna Fitzgibbons	Raymond Probst
Jason Kern	Gregrey	Michael Richards
Jory Laurel	Geoghegan	Amelia Smith
Melinda O'Brien	Leah Halter	Karen Swingler
Michelle	Denise Heinzler	Christine Wooten
Passantino	Beth Hopkins	Thomas Greufe
Gary Tatum	Ryan Kelly	Adriana Herrera
Noverson Vitug	Kirra Ladenthin	Larry Hixson
Martha Banales	Edward Lemon	Paige Kelly
Sandra Cox	Helen Lynn	Lisa Link
Kailey Cunningham	Maxwell Saragusa	Mariella Lopez
Meredith Klamm	Gracie Smith	Averyana Paredes
Diana Marchisio	Kimberly Steiger	Randal Pearson
Carol Parker Martin	Robert Wehmuller	

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Paul Preston	Kai Bennett	The Hollomon Family
Deacon Doug Hemke	Nick Peters	Trivino Family
Dorothy Ann George	Dwain Jones	Jacke & Enike Hayes
John Murphy	Desmond Arciga-Quenga	Catherine Finley
Derek and Katie	Kathleen Amos	Loren Wolken
Nancy West	Frances Parker	Carla George
Tim Farmer	Michelle Bacus	Sue McKnight
Tracy Helin	Brian Glaser	Kyle Sellmeyer
John Fessler	Anna Kain	Margarita Mendoza Family
Jessica & Brad	Mark Schweitzer	Bob Hedrick
Ricky & DeeDee	Jennifer Goens	Marie Brancato
Sue & Shannen	Lucy Arthur	Rich Curasi
Christi Dudley	Bill Kirwan	Tricia Kauffman
Gene Stephani	Jamie Martin	Bob Roach
John Davis	Deacon Bud	John Brocato
Leonard Studer	Jackson Erwin	Barbara (Roach) Still
Arsenio "R.C." Arciga	Pat Carey & Family	Debbie Pickett
Janet Walker	Gavin McKenna	Kathleen Haines
Rory Elliott	John Phannenstiel	Mike Sheeley
Casel Family	Helen Szczech	Rick George
Fr. Joe Miller	Angie Parnacott	Saree Morely
John Murphy	Eddie Campbell	Christy Mock
Todd Higgins	Adam McCray	John Findlay
Larry & Bea Farnan	Melissa Andrasik	Duane Sander
Walter Swanson	Randi Arness	Mattie Mae Weaver
Ron Shinkle	Tom Biggs	Troy Cronkite
Michael Ruiz	Diana Marchisio	June Bender
Jolynn Distasio	Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.	Matt Biskup Family
Kathy Peters	Sandra Hensley	Kim Lackey
Pete Gardner	Rachelle Pomfrey	Pam Fink
Dan Habiger	Ron & Peggy Pettz	John Nausea
George Katzer	Paul Gossett	Bill Roach, Jr.
Mauricia O'Brien	Julie Rush	Jacob & Dana Lansford
Carol O'Brien	John & Susan Kelly Corsione	Roberta McCallum
Janet Ward & Jeff	Tony & Jo's Family	Keith Newman
Julie Miller	Colleen Kearney	Gary Andrew Reese
James Filippe	Lynn & Monica Nelson	Emma Shay
Alicia Paredes	Michael Amos	Joseph Greenwald
Mike Mall	Alice Hosticka	Sam Porter
Bob Peziman	Hannah Taylor	Mary Alice Worth
Jack & Sue Schwarz	Hannah Taylor	Amy Villarreal
George Polsdofer	Carol Rakoczy	Lori & Sam Dale
Patty Larson	Ellen Wentz	Mary Kaye Masnado
David Roach	Rodriguez Family	Carolee Bussjaeger
James Gubera	Jan Peters	John Amaro
Tina Helm	Scott Neibergall	Randy Baumert
Hazel Lewis	Margo Eastland	Jackie Plack Pelling
Dan Tomc	Adalina Simmons	Kennedy Noel Holcumbink
Laurie Beach	Margie Myers	Rita Lowe / Megan
Rachel Johnson	Jean and Richard Jackson	Tony V. Sr.
Wanda Finnigan	Steve Decker	Deric DeMasi
Geralyn Hosticka	Linda Smith	Sarah Rupp
Beth Atwater	Pamela & James Anderson	Chris Alvey
David Butel & Family	Travis Shay	Patrick O'Neill
Eric Cummings	Barbara Meigs	John McMahon
Ciara Davis	Tony and Tet So	Eddie Ansalmo
Pat Neibergall-Timm	Travis & Sarah Shay	Maria Giannelli
Brian Akers	The Curiel Family	Kenadee Gallagher
Audria Martin	Reba & Debra Sutlief	Shawn Adkins
Jose Torres	Alice Rusch	Jason Robinson
Erma Brecht	Monica Barrington	Leah Biskup Coady
Dan & Bibi Chadwick	Kari & Jesse Rainey	Olivia Hernandez
Pat Aten	Louise Andrasik	Darleen Farnan Kenny
John Vrocato	Barbara Fortier	Laura Ann DiGiovanna
John Barrington	Barb Schwery	Robert Doleshal
Donnie Smith	Nichole Stewart	Jersey & James Hicks
Philip Pernice	Doug Schuster	
Don Taylor	Kelly Genstrup	
Leo Oberfoel	Denny Farrell	
	Nancy Carr	

Hillcrest Hope



St. James sponsors an apartment at Hillcrest Hope which provides temporary housing and supports for people who are homeless or nearly homeless. The program provides guidance and supports that teach residents how to budget and

save for a successful new chapter while living in a needs-only environment.

The current residents of our apartment (husband, wife and teenage son) have been with us since August, have been very successful in the program and are staying in the apartment through the end of the year. We want our current family to have a wonderful and stress-free Christmas dinner and are collecting donations to purchase a prepared meal from one of our local grocers. Donations and gift cards to HyVee, Price Chopper and Walmart are appreciated to help make this meal possible. Donations collected in excess of the meal will be used for restocking the apartment for our next residents.

Questions and donations should be directed to Lori Tajchman. Your support of such a great community effort is much appreciated

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.

please pray for the sick

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 Take a seat in a chair 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 available only for the 5pm Saturday Mass



St. Pius X - Enrolling Now for the 2021-2022 School Year

St. Pius X has established a proud tradition of over 60 years of academic and athletic excellence. Our students stand out as high achievers and well-rounded individuals who succeed in high school, college and beyond. We are now preparing for the Class of 2025!

8th Grade Parents - Join us to learn more about St. Pius X High School

- In person tours of the school (Register for a personal tour)
- Preparing for High School Zoom Info Session - December 3rd, 8:00 am
- Placement Test - December 12th

Visit spxkc.org/freshmanenrollment to reserve your spot for any of the events listed above or call Shelby Hennen at 816-453-3450 x117.

Pew Cleaners Still Needed

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be part of our weekend Pew Wiping Team. We still need more volunteers to help after all of the weekend Masses.

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