

# Saint James Catholic Community

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 27, 2020*

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## **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.

## January 1st

### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass December 31  
 at 5pm

Holy Day Mass January 1  
 at 9am



The 9am Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

## Mass and Adoration Schedule Thursday - December 31

Regular Weekday Mass - 8:15am  
 Adoration - Following Mass Until 4:00pm  
 Vigil Mass - Blessed Virgin Mary - 5:00pm



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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



## From the Pastor's Pen

As I write this it's about a week before Christmas. We have been planning the Christmas Masses – not knowing exactly how many people would join us 'in person' to celebrate the feast of the Lord's Nativity.

With that 'behind us', we continue the Christmas season this week-end with the Feast of the Holy Family. This is a great opportunity for us to take a moment to be grateful for our own families. All our families are 'broken', 'wounded', in need of healing in lots of different ways. But what joins us together, as St. Paul reminds us this week-end in his beautiful reflection from Colossians' – LOVE!

Love is what God has given us, unconditional love and forgiveness and mercy. May we model in our own families that same Love and Forgiveness. We cannot be like God in 'unconditional' love, but we can be grateful, and each and every day try again to living out the message of Christmas – Hope, Peace and Love.

As 2020 comes to a close, we realize there is so much to reflect on, and we lift up all families who continue to struggle, who have experienced loss or suffering, and those going through difficult times.

Through it all, the grace of God has led us through it. May we hold onto the HOPE that only God can bring.

We pray in gratitude for the vaccine and pray that it might help remedy the spread of the virus, and bring the gift of health to so many.

We pray for our President- Elect Biden and his team as they prepare for the Inauguration on January 20th.

We realize this has election has divided us in so many ways and that is painful for our country. But we have to work together to continue to build and 're-build' the community, the ideals that were founded upon – Justice and Freedom for all.

We pray that we might be bearers of God's Love in helping to end racism and discrimination wherever we might find it – these are so contrary to the message of the Gospel.

We will gather on New Year's Eve at 5pm for Mass and at 9am on New Year's Day. I don't think we will have to worry about crowds, and of course New Year's Day Mass will be 'live-streamed'.

Once again, on behalf of Fr. Michael and our parish staff, a word of tremendous thanks for the faithfulness and generosity of so many who have guided our St. James community through a very tough year. May our generosity continue as we enter 2021 so that we can truly care for all who come our way. Blessings to you and your families in 2021!

Peace, Fr. Mike

## Mass Intentions

### Week of December 28 - January 3

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> †Elizabeth Schatzley
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am	†Pat and RoseMary Shanno
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am	†Becky Vaughn
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am 5:00pm	†Elizabeth Schatzley Altar Society Members
<b>Friday</b> 9:00am	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i> Our Parishioners
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<i>St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen</i> †Gary Brecht †Bea Stallbaumer
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 10:30am	†Dolores Kieffer †Fornardo Callorna †Kevin Berry



### *From Death to New Life*

*Our prayer support is with ...*

Clark Kelly and his family and friends on the recent death of his mother Eunice.

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

*Cast away your doubts and fears  
and let the New Year  
bring forth to you  
hope and courage.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@stjames-liberty.org)**

**WEEKEND SNOW REMOVER HELP NEEDED**



We are looking for a few volunteers to augment our Snow Removal Teams this coming winter. How does it work you ask?

- We have established four teams of 8-10 people. (We just need to add a few more to some teams.)
- Each team is responsible for a weekend. 1st through the 4th weekend.
- If it snows on your assigned weekend then you will be asked to come out and help clear the sidewalks (We have a commercial company do the parking lots)
- We have three snow blowers, 7 shovels and plenty of de-icer.

Please contact Dan Bacon 816-589-7958 or email [bacon.dan324@gmail.com](mailto:bacon.dan324@gmail.com)

**2021 Tithing Pledge Card Available Now**

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<small>*Bank Draw is made 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month (see reverse side)</small>		<small>(voided check needs to be attached)</small>	
Best way to reach you:			
Email _____	Phone: Primary _____	Secondary _____	

Filling out and returning the 2021 Tithing Pledge Card helps us plan our budget for 2021.

Cards are available in a plexiglass holder located in the hallway just off the Gathering Space.

The card can also be downloaded and printed from our St. James website.

To return your completed card: put it in the collection basket after Mass, return it to the parish office during regular business hours (8:30am - 11:00am) or mail it to the parish office.

**1st Saturday Confessions**



Confessions will be heard from 7:30 - 8:30am on Saturday, January 2. This time is in addition to the regular Saturday afternoon confession time.

**Someone is Watching and Wondering**



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and the scriptures provide insights into the sacredness of our families, held in the love of God. There have been many trials,

hardships, and heartbreak for our families this year, yet there were also many blessings. Several members of my family were stricken with COVID, but as of this writing, thankfully, all are on the road to recovery. Although my youngest son has permanent lung damage, he remains positive and upbeat. His mindset strengthens my hope and continued prayers for all who continue to suffer. As many of you know, I also lost my mom in October. She lived 101.5 years, survived personal tragedies and illness with dignity, and always tried to “carry-on” and care for family and friends. She left me with a sense of peace knowing God’s love. Being with family members this year, even as we navigated safety concerns, was a great joy. Watching my grandchildren begin new chapters in their lives, struggle with learning in strange environments, and strive to make the most out of difficult situations strengthened my belief in their generation.

Looking forward to 2021, I would like to share a prayer from Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, that appeared November 21, 2020:

*“Still my anxiety, my heartaches, my worries, and stop me from always being outside the present moment. Give me the grace to know that you have pronounced my name in love, that my name is written in heaven, that I am free to live without anxiety. Still my unrelenting need to be busy all the time, to occupy myself, to be always planning for tomorrow, to fill every minute with some activity, to seek distraction rather than quiet. Give me the grace to accept what circumstance and failure have dealt me. Still in me the fear I feel in the face of the powerful, dark forces that unconsciously threaten me. Give me the courage to face my darkness as well as my luminosity. Give me the grace to not be fearful before my own complexity. Still in me the congenital fear that I’m unloved, that I’m unlovable, that love has to be earned, that I need to be more worthy. Give me the grace to know that I’m a beloved child of a God whose love need not be earned. Still in me my false fear of you, my need to treat you like a distant and feared dignitary rather than as a warm friend. Give me the grace to relate to you in a robust way, as a trusted friend with whom I can jest, wrestle, and relate to in humor and I intimacy. Still in me my doubts, my anxieties about your existence, about your concern, and about your fidelity. Give me the grace to trust, even in darkness and doubt, that you will give me immortality. Still my heart so that I may know that you are God, that I may know that you create and sustain my every breath, that everyone, myself no less than everyone else, is your beloved. Nothing falls outside of your love and care, and that everything and everybody is safe in your gentle, caring hands, in this world and the next.”*

Open your hearts to His loving care,  
Your sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

**H.O.P.E./SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS**  
**2021 HOPE Gift Card Challenge**  
**"Ya Gotta Eat"**

Thanks to our many parishioners who participated, the 2020 "Ya Gotta Eat" campaign was so successful that we are continuing this campaign in 2021.

**Join your fellow parishioners and  
 Make a New Year's Resolution to accept  
 this year's HOPE Gift Card Challenge.**

**Here's how it works**

Use at least 25% of your weekly food budget to purchase HOPE Gift Cards for your groceries and away from home meals.

Since everyone has to eat, whether at home or away from home, accepting this challenge is easy at "no additional cost" to you..

**Just Say "Yes" To This Challenge**

By accepting this challenge, you will be helping to support the many ministries and education programs at St. James.



**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

**The Parish Office Will Be Open  
 During Regular Business Hours  
 On New Year's Eve**

**Visit Our Website  
 for current information about  
 what's going on  
 at St. James  
 www.stjames-liberty.org**

**Serra Club Vocation Support Raffle  
 February 1**

The Serra Club of Kansas City North is excited to announce their popular Vocation Support Raffle is returning on February 1, 2021!

You can win \$10,000 while also supporting seminarians and religious in our Diocese.  
 Stay tuned for more details.

In the meantime, will you consider adding a daily prayer to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Your prayers make a difference!

The Serra Club of KC North consists of members from 12 Northland parishes. We meet monthly with a mission to support existing priests and religious; promote new vocations; and grow in our own faith. For more information, contact Steve Van Keirsbilck / [stevevankeirsbilck@gmail.com](mailto:stevevankeirsbilck@gmail.com) / (816) 462-7918.

Serra clubs are known worldwide for their efforts to foster and affirm Catholic vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life.

Serrans value not only their work, but also the sense of community they receive from knowing that they are not alone in their dedication to the men and women who have dedicated their life in ministry and service to our Church.

**Mass Intentions**

The custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. When we celebrate the Eucharist, in addition to prayers for the deceased, a particular intention may be included.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for one of your loved ones or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 816-781-4343. A small donation may be offered.

**EARLY DEADLINE  
 JANUARY 3 BULLETIN**

Our bulletin printer has an early deadline for the January 3 Bulletin.

Articles and information for this bulletin must be submitted by end of day Monday, December 21.

**Thank You For Sending Your Info On Time**



## Parish Religious Education

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph provides us with a few more great examples of saying "yes" to God. Mary's "yes" was quick and sure as the Angel Gabriel shared with her God's plan for her and the child she would carry, despite worldly contempt and judgment against her. Joseph's original "no" was influenced by the angel, a messenger of God. His "no" changed to a "yes" and he became the guardian of Mary and Jesus, the husband of Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Mary and Joseph remained faithful to following God's will and answering "yes" when the angel prompted them to flee to Egypt for the safety of the child Jesus, and then to wait for another angelic message to return home.

The Holy Family is a great example for families to always be open to God's will and to always be listening for God to speak and to guide. Are you listening to God's will for your family? Are you answering with a "yes" and trusting God's will?

Through prayer, scripture and discernment, we can all do better in answering "yes" on behalf of our families.

Please pray for our families who have children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on January 5.

### A Big Thank You To The Parish Choir



We are excited to announce that the parish choir pitched in to help purchase this 3 Octave Marimba for the school! We will use it for band and occasionally for general music classes.

We thank Danny Baker and the choir for their support and generosity! Our three middle school percussionists Cooper, Sean and Noah are currently using the new marimba to prepare a Christmas Percussion trio.

### Novena To The Christ Child Cancelled This Year



We regret that we were unable to hold the Novena to the Christ Child that normally ends on December 31, due to Covid-19.

We look forward to its continuance next year.

*R.C. Arciga and Don Evans*

## St. James School News



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**Growing Together: Faith, Family and Friends**



*A special prayer is offered for you on New Year's Day.-*

*May God in His unceasing love send many gifts your way, and may He fill your heart with peace, and be forever near, blessing you and guiding you throughout the 2021 year.*

**2021**

*Happy New Year from the Teachers & Staff of St. James School*

## Information

**St. James School**

**Call: 816-781-4428**

**Webpage: [www.sjsliberty.com](http://www.sjsliberty.com)**

**Facebook: St. James Catholic School**

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

Angelo Anselmo	Tony Leonardo	Marcia Witherow
Therese Aue	Yvette Lopez	Thomas Yousof
Shaiyenna Burns	Charles Plummer	Tarsus Arciga
Michelle Findlay	Maxwell Scott	Daniel Blackmore
Megan Florez	Isaac Smith	Bertha Covarrubias
Brian Hudnall	Hailey Smyly	Gianna Mykel
Kimberly Kosorog	Derric Vincent	Damot
Peggy Marrs	Leanora Barreca	James Durso
Holly Meriwether	Mary Davis	Julie Harman
Jacob Schulte	Austyn Evans	Corrine Katzer
Bradley Thomas	Emma Fowler	Joan Kimmis
Makayla Carr	Clayton Harris	Brett McCubbin
Daniel Colgan	David Hummel	Addison Rottjakob
Forrest Doty	Em Le	Norma Armour
Brenda Garcia	Abigail Nyberg	Sarah Crossett
Aaron Goens	Kathryn Pickman	Hailey Cruz
Bao Nhu Le	Robert Smith	Daniel Duran
Claudia Mendoza	Eric Adams	John Eggers
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	Marcia Witherow	

## Feast of the Holy Innocents December 28



Also called Childermas, or Innocents' Day, this feast day commemorates the massacre of the children by King Herod in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus.

These innocent lives bear witness to Christ who was persecuted from the time of His birth by a world which would not receive Him.

These children were regarded by the early church as the first martyrs, but it is uncertain when the day was first kept as a saint's day.

Our Christmas joy is tempered today by a feeling of sadness. But the Church looks principally to the glory of the children, of these innocent victims, whom she shows us in heaven following the Lamb wherever He goes.

## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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

**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*



# 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



Dear Parishioners- Just a word of thanks from Fr. Mike, Fr. Michael and all the staff here at St. James for continuing to wear your face mask while in church, especially during Mass and including time spent in prayer in our chapel.

We also ask that you maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet to the family seated within the same pew as well as not sitting directly behind someone.

Also, during this pandemic, Bishop Johnston has encouraged all to receive the Body of Christ in the hand. Deacons and Lay ministers are not permitted to distribute on the tongue at this time.

We are all challenged to offer up the momentary discomfort as a small penance and a way to show God's love to all whom we encounter.

## Mastermind Training Postponed

The Mastermind Virtual Training on "21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" presented by John Maxwell scheduled to begin on January 9 has been postponed until the spring.



## CARES GRANT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

A few of months ago, in the Parish Connect sessions, pastors shared that housing was the #1 challenge facing parishioners. As a result of those discussions, Catholic Charities KCSJ began searching for the funds to address this need.

The Missouri Non-Profit Relief and Recovery Program became available at the perfect time. We received an award from the State of Missouri to provide housing and utility assistance to families in our diocese who are struggling to stay in their homes and keep their lights on. Our goal was to reach a wide geographic area throughout our 27 counties. To that end, many of our parishes were willing to host these distributions on very short notice. Thanks to your help we were able to distribute \$185K in direct assistance to community members and parishes.

It is our plan to continue identifying available funds for this continual need.

For information about our programs and services please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at 816-659-8266 or [nbutters@ccharities.com](mailto:nbutters@ccharities.com).

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