

Saint James Catholic Community

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021*

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Behold the Lamb of God

John 1:36



St. James Catholic Church

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<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/stjamesliberty/>

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 every-one, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.



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 COUNCIL 6780

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 ROSES FOR LIFE
 FOLLOWING ALL MASSES
 JANUARY 23 AND 24

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
 TO HELP SUPPORT
 THE RIGHT FOR LIFE
 PROGRAM FOR OUR PARISH

MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS
 WILL BE AT ALL MASSES
 TO ACCEPT YOUR DONATIONS



**Knights of Columbus
 Curbside Breakfast Burrito Meal
 January 31**



See Page 5 For More Information

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

I would like to share with you some words about three special events happening this week. The first event is the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Church has been hurt by divisions down through ages. The first big rupture happened in 1050 when the Eastern branch of the Church, centered in Constantinople, split from the Western branch of the Church, centered in Rome. This gave rise to the Orthodox Church. Then in the early 1500s a big rupture came to the Church of the West with the Reformation. Often these separations caused bitterness and strife. Yet all sides recognized the call of Christ to unity. A movement toward that goal here in our country is attributed to an Episcopalian priest by the name of Fr. Paul Wattson. He recognized the need to work for Christian unity and dedicated his life to his goal. Eventually his work saw fruit with the establishment of a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated by Catholics, Orthodox, and most mainline Protestant denominations. The annual week was set as January 18-25. We gladly join in that call.

The second significant event happening this week is the celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are all familiar with his heroic dedication to civil rights, recognizing the dignity of all of God's People. He worked tirelessly for racial justice, always in the manner of peaceful protest of wrongs. In this time of "Black Lives Matter" it is fitting that we look to Dr. King as a model in seeking equality for all races. We make sure what we ourselves are not guilty of racism.

Finally, on January 22 we remember the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision allowing abortion on demand in our country. As Catholics, we join many others of good will in recognizing the dignity and right to life for every person from conception to natural death. Those who support abortion use the guise of "women's health issues" as a way of seeking approval and sympathy. Of course they do not think about the right to life of the unborn child. So we who are pro-life strive to keep the issue before the people of our country and never give up on our support of the unborn.

We also continue to pray for all those affected with COVID with the great hope that the vaccine will bring an end to this pandemic. We always pray for one another, remembering the hurts of mind, body and spirit that people may be suffering.

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of January 18 - January 24

Monday 8:15am	†Bill Cooley
Tuesday 8:15am	†Don Whitaker
Wednesday 8:15am	Slocum and Verssue Families Marge Sanders
Thursday 8:15am	<i>St. Agnes</i> †Joanne "Pearl" Martin
Friday 8:15am	†Dolores Kieffer †George Tulipana
Saturday 5:00pm	†Rita Andriano
Sunday 8:00am	††Dolores and Alvin Kieffer
10:30am	†Dominguez Family †Janette Olson



From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with ...

The family and friends of Wilma Jean
Filbert who passed away
on January 2.

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

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**

Thank You For Your Donations To St. Mary's Food Kitchen

Your donations last month to help our volunteers provide a very special Christmas dinner at St. Mary's Food Kitchen on December 27 were overwhelming. The dinner was enjoyed by 440 people including adults and children.

Parishioner Don Ollier has led the St. Mary's Food Kitchen ministry since 1989. For the past 31 years, on the 4th Sunday of every month, he and his volunteers have arrived early at the food kitchen to prepare the meal. Last year, they served 4,499 adults and children.



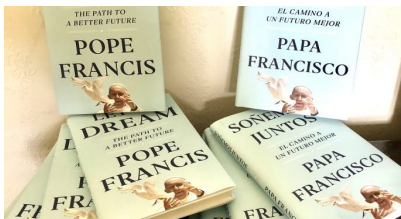
St Mary's Food Kitchen has served over 4.5 million meals since its inception in 1982. It started in the basement of St Mary's Catholic Church at 5th and Ann in Kansas City, KS. In 1997 it moved 6 blocks to the Willamina Gill Multi-Service Center at 645 Nebraska, to better serve its clients after St Mary's Church was closed.

It is one of several food kitchens in the metropolitan area and is also one of the largest, serving lunch to approximately 350 people every day of the year. Approximately 10% of the guests are children, 15% are homeless and most of the remaining guests are unemployed or underemployed. For some, it is the only hot meal of the day and for others it may be the only meal of the day.

St James is one of 51 churches and 1 synagogue that have volunteered to serve the hungry at St. Mary's Food Kitchen.

For information about how you can serve at St. Mary's Food Kitchen, contact Don Ollier at 816-792-4710 or email j.ollier@att.net.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



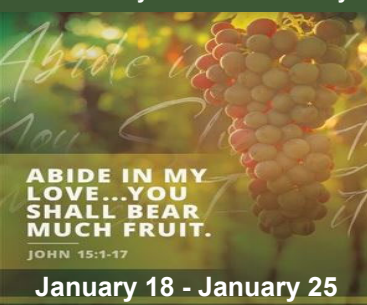
I am sure it is no surprise to those of you who know me that I seek books for enjoyment and solace. Over the past few weeks I searched Midcontinent

library and yes, Amazon.com for new adventure. I made trips to the library drive through and anxiously awaited my Amazon purchase. Once I received my purchase my first choice to explore was Pope Francis' new book, *Let us Dream*. I encourage you to read this book, which is both challenging and thought provoking. As I read I felt the Pope was speaking directly to me and evoking my life. I also thought about my perception of self and my place in society, especially as a retired woman in her seventies.

There is an exercise I frequently use with our adults seeking initiation and full communion in the Catholic church (RCIA). I ask each individual to list words which describe themselves. I would like to share my list with you: I am part of creation, a human made in the image and likeness of God, one of God's beloved children, a follower of Christ, a pilgrim, a child of my parents, a mother and grandmother, a widow, a friend, a citizen of the United States, a teacher, and a questioner. This list may seem strange to you and perhaps in the wrong order or with strange priorities, however looking at this list I realize, the importance and order of relationships. Without a relationship to God, creation, and other humans my life would be empty and without meaning. I treasure my citizenship and the meaning behind this gift, however, it has little value unless I first embrace the entirety of God's creation, His grace and forgiveness, and His command to love my fellow humans. If I truly love God, accept His love, and desire to follow Him, any idea of "us vs them" becomes invalid. If I fully embrace my humanity, as revealed through the Incarnation, than I must not attempt to dehumanize others. I must not thank God for my blessings and forgot those struggling for justice, necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, clean water, sanitary living conditions, and medical care. I must not minimize my own self-centeredness and desire for a "good life," my own safety and advantage, yet deny opportunity for the poor or those seeking sanctuary. Instead I must develop an holistic understanding of the dignity and respect which flows from God's grace. I cannot dream of a better world, a world of peace that does not include all God's children, and a planet that is safe for future generations. In the beginning of *Let Us Dream*, Pope Francis asks each of us "to go to the margins in a concrete way. . . to touch the suffering and wants of people. . .to support and encourage the potential alliances that are forming," which we have witnessed during time of crisis, the COVID pandemic and political unrest of our time. Please pray with me, serve one another, and share God's love.

Your sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian Unity.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

ST. JAMES BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON

January is National Blood Donor month.

Please join us on Tuesday, January 26th for our first blood drive of 2021. It will be held in the Social Hall from 12:30-6:30pm.

Appointments are highly recommended and can be made online at savealifenow.org/group using group code: ES, or by contacting Nikki at kpowers@kc.rr.com or 816-407-1208. Walk-ins will be welcome if capacity permits. For medical eligibility questions, call 1-800-688-0900. Facial masks are required and temperature checks will take place. If you do not feel well, please postpone your donation.

In a time when things are going on around us that make us feel helpless, why not use this opportunity to become a donor and help your neighbor, your co-worker, or a stranger.

In less than an hour, you can donate blood and make a difference in the lives of up to three patients. You can give them hope for a better tomorrow. In turn, it gives their loved ones hope. It also makes you feel a little bit better about the impact you're making in the world. Encourage someone to come with you to donate and double that impact. One act of kindness is all it takes to start a ripple in the waters of hope.

SOS



**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS
VIRTUAL BENEFIT**
Friday, January 29, 2021
6:00pm

Your help is needed to make this year's Support Our Seminarians (SOS) event the best yet. This will be our final SOS event, and sadly due to the pandemic, we won't be able to gather in person; we will be gathering virtually. We need your help to make this final SOS event our most successful ever! You can

support our seminarians and the future of the Church by making a donation, purchasing raffle tickets, praying for vocations, and joining us online at 6:00pm on Friday, January 29, 2021, for the final SOS event.

To donate or purchase raffle tickets, visit www.supportourseminarians.com or contact Martha Hodes at (913) 207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com.

We hope you will join us in supporting our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.

Curbside Breakfast Burrito Meal January 31 from 7:30am - 12noon Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



January 31 is a 5th Sunday and the Knights are back with their famous 5th Sunday breakfast.

Unlike the sit-down breakfast they've offered in the past, this is a pick up and go drive-thru event.

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

Please donate with cash (exact amount only), check, or credit card.

Just come to St. James on Sunday, January 31 between 7:30am and 12noon (or until sold out) and pick up your Sausage Breakfast Burritos.

DRIVE THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS

No need to call in your order.

Just come to the entrance of the former church.

You will be directed where to pull-up.

Stay in your car, order and make your donation.

Your food will be brought to you.

**We're looking forward to seeing you there ..
Gracias!!**



Want to be part of a team that feels like family? Want to feel like you have made a difference? Need a flexible schedule? Be a Part-time CAREGiver!

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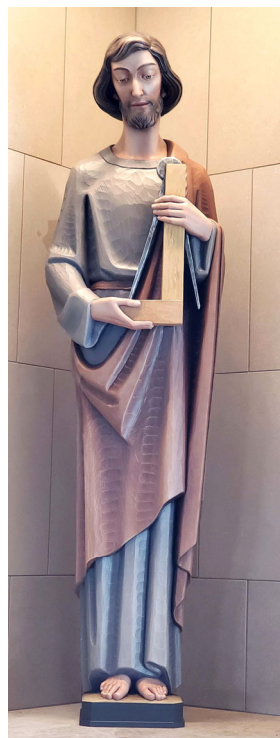
Learn more about us and apply by visiting our website at www.homeinstead.com/579

Please feel free to contact us at 816-792-8077 with any questions.

Stewardship of Treasure

The Year of St. Joseph December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

THANK YOU, ST. JAMES - You are amazing! Below is a snapshot of our finances for the first six months of our physical year. But this is only a recap of our estimated operating income/expenses. You have done so much more. You have provided for the Advent Giving Tree, which supports families during the holidays; you have provided for the “needy” during this time of uncertainty; you supported the Religious Retirement Fund; you gave to Peter’s Pence and the World Missions. You stood in the cold to make a safe environment for all to attend Mass. You have volunteered your time and talent to save on expenses and provide for your parish family. Well done Good and Faithful Servant!



Pope Francis has declared a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint’s proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1870. The Year began December 8, 2020 and will conclude December 8, 2021.

Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

“Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet

and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” the pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph’s role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, “Our world today needs fathers.”

The Apostolic Penitentiary (a tribunal of mercy, responsible for issues relating to the forgiveness of sins in the Catholic Church) also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus.”

During this period, the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves “with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today.”

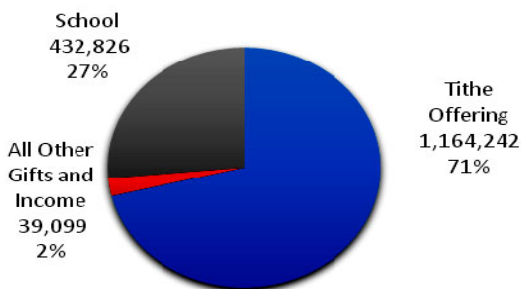
During the coming weeks, the indulgences, excerpts from St. Francis’ Apostolic Letter “Patris Corde” (With A Father’s Heart), prayers and devotions to St. Joseph will be published in this bulletin.

The St. Joseph image above is a picture of our St. Joseph statue in the right front corner of the Sanctuary.

July 1 - December 31, 2020

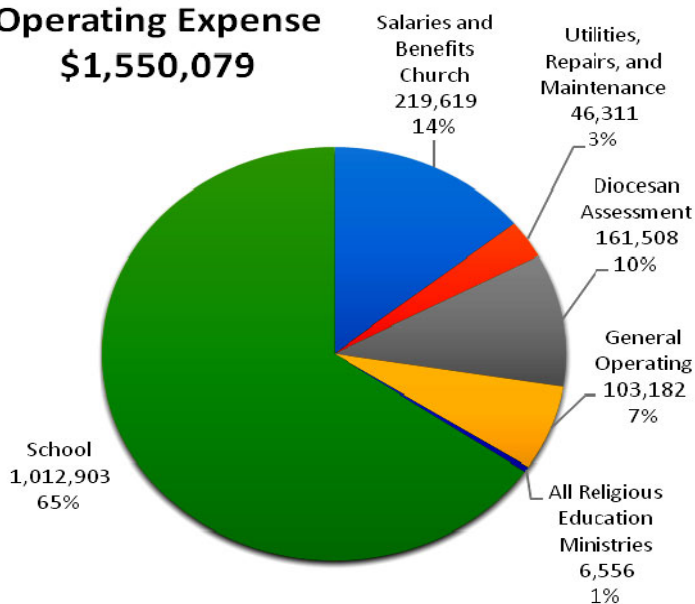
Operating Income

\$1,636,167



Operating Expense

\$1,550,079



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

Blessings, Katie Klassen

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

Lisa Behrens	Allison Donnici	Henry Bertocin
Julie Houghton	Anya Dunn	Barbra Campbell
Edward Lowinger	Margaret Dunn	Samuel Conway
Sabrina Madison	Heather Wilson	Brandon Duffy
Olivia O'Dell	Christiane Adrineda	Jane Lohman
Molly Sheeley	Meghan Blackmore	Julie Medley
Ethan Smith	Kyle Coday	Christina Selchert
Maya Tebbenkamp	Jason Green	Ted Amberg
Owen Tomlinson	Merle Houck	Joyce Chiarelli
Thayart Coday	Julie Ingham	Theodore
Martha Duffin	Maddox Lollar	Effenheim
Emily East	Peggy Luchtefeld	Victoria Elizalde
Kim Flanagan	Ana McCroskie	James Thornton
Morgan Jorgensen	Mary Margaret	Geoffrey Wiese
Bruce Lackey	Parrish	Teresa Winders
Lindsey McKiddy	Katherine Peters	Magalie Apollon
Evelyn Mitchell	Karen Prichard	Judy Bielby
Amanda Sprung	Mia Spurlock	Michael
Brian Tebbenkamp	Melina Thomas	Castelluccio
Theresa Allen	Brittany Trautman	James Simon
Shawna Burson	Darin Trautman	

**Serra Club Vocation Support Raffle
Win \$10,000 and Support Local Vocations!**

On February 1, Serra Club of Kansas City MO-North will begin its biennial Vocation Support Raffle.

1st prize is \$10,000; 2nd prize \$1,000; Third \$500.

Only 300 tickets will be sold across all Northland parishes! Tickets cost \$100 each.

Raffle proceeds will support seminarians, priests and consecrated religious in the Kansas City - St. Joseph Diocese and Northland parish activities.

Drawing will be held April 20th, and you need not be present to win. For information on purchasing a ticket or any questions, please contact Steve Hilliard at misc.srh@gmail.com or Steve VanKeirsbilck at stevevankeirsbilck@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of vocations!

Parish Religious Education

There are still four opportunities this week to attend a First Communion parent meeting. Be sure to sign up if you have not already done so.

Confirmation

The January 24 Confirmation gathering has been cancelled. Instead, students with their sponsors or parents will watch the Dynamic Catholic Chapter 10 videos at home. Confirmation students, remember to submit your faith-based questions via the QR code sent in the most recent email.

St. James School News

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We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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 Jim Tucker
 Kenny Walker
 Sabrina Hinkle
 Susan Koeppen
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 John Williams
 Paul Preston
 Deacon Doug Hemke
 John Murphy
 Derek and Katie
 Nancy West
 John Fessler
 Jessica & Brad
 Ricky & DeeDee
 Sue & Shannen
 Christi Dudrey
 Gene Stephani
 John Davis
 Leonard Studer
 Arsenio "R.C." Arciga
 Janet Walker
 Rory Elliott
 Casel Family
 Fr. Joe Miller
 John Murphy
 Todd Higgins

Larry & Bea Farnan
 Walter Swanson
 Ron Shinkle
 Michael Ruiz
 Jolynn Distasio
 Kathy Peters
 Pete Gardner
 Dan Habiger
 George Katzer
 Mauricia O'Brien
 Carol O'Brien
 Janet Ward & Jeff
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 James Filippe
 Alicia Paredes
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 Laurie Beach
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 John Barrington
 Donnie Smith
 Philip Pernice
 Don Taylor
 Leo Oberfoel
 Kai Bennett
 Nick Peters
 Dwain Jones
 Desmond Arciga-Quenga
 Kathleen Amos
 Frances Parker
 Michelle Bacus
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 Anna Kain
 Mark Schweitzer
 Lucy Arthur
 Bill Kirwan
 Jamie Martin
 Deacon Bud
 Jackson Erwin
 Pat Carey & Family
 Gavin McKenna
 James Fulton
 Helen Szczech
 Angie Parnacott
 Eddie Campbell
 Adam McCray

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 Diana Marchisio
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 Patrick O'Neill
 John McMahon
 Eddie Ansalmo
 Maria Giannelli
 Kenadee Gallagher
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 Jason Robinson
 Leah Biskup Coady

We are on Instagram now!
 Find us at: *stjameslibertymo*



Instagram

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

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