

# Saint James Catholic Community

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 10, 2021*

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Together We Can Do Great Things



*Come Follow Me*

## **St. James Catholic Church**

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School (816) 781-4428

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On the web @ [www.stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org)

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

## **Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday, 8:15am

**Saturday,** 5:00pm

**Sunday,** 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

## Our Pastoral Team

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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.

### Collecting Donations for Cornerstone of Care



On Monday, October 11, the Altar Society will be collecting donations for Cornerstones of Care.

**Bring Your Donations To The Narthex  
 of the Former Church On  
 Monday, October 11 from 8:00am - 7:00pm**

Please drop off your donated items inside the Narthex near the "Donations Here" sign

#### Items Needed

Any men's, women's, and children's clothing.  
 Any household items: linens, kitchen items, etc.

Please do not donate large items  
 such as furniture.

Please put Clothing in smaller white bags as it helps those who are lifting them.

Items donated will be picked up on Tuesday, Oct. 12.



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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



## From the Pastor's Pen

When I was in Berlin for my brother-in-law's funeral Mass, I stayed in an apartment across from the sister's place. I enjoyed walking for blocks in different directions in the neighborhood. It was a great opportunity to observe the lifestyle of the people there. Even though the people live in a cultural lifestyle similar to ours, still there are differences. And, of course, there are differences in the lifestyles of people within our Western culture.

In the area where I was staying, all the dwelling places were six-story apartment buildings with shops on the street level. It appeared that anything a person needed could be found in the neighborhood. There were lots of people on bicycles and scooters. It appeared that the people were upper middle class. The restaurants seemed to be full in the evenings. There was an atmosphere of prosperity. There was a Catholic Church, St. Ludwig's, just a couple of blocks from where I was staying. At the Sunday 12:00 Mass which I attended, most of the folks were older. No children were there. It felt like a very secular atmosphere. There certainly didn't seem to be a religious spirit pervading among the people. The majority of Christians in the north of Germany are Protestant, with Catholics being more in the majority in the South.

But my experience there made me wonder: what is the future for religion, at least in the areas that I saw. What is the future for the Catholic Church? Is the faith being passed on? I did observe that there was a Catholic school associated with St. Ludwig's and perhaps neighboring parishes. But will these young people have a spirit of faith and devotion when they grow up and have their own families? Will the faith survive? Perhaps this is being negative, but some of these questions could be posed about our Catholic future in our own country.

The challenge is there. People are very much influenced by secular ways and values. Though these are not all bad, still our faith assumes values and lifestyles that are different from and can oppose totally secular ways. That's the challenge for all of us: to live in this culture with these ways of thinking and acting, but still to be strong in living the values of the gospel. May we never abandon and may we pass on the rich traditions and teachings of our faith

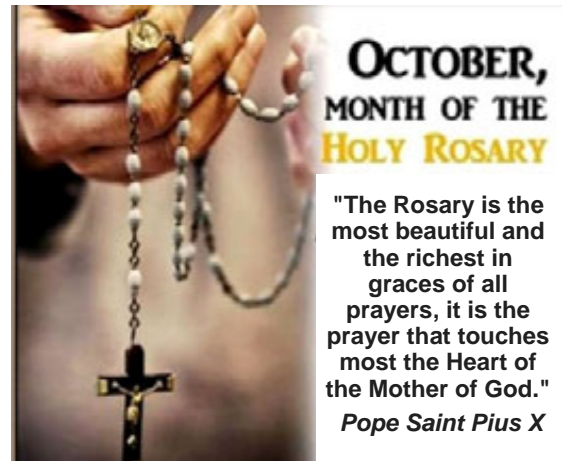
My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

## Mass Intentions

### Week of October 11 - October 17

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am	†††Brad, Gary, and Todd Wuebker
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am	Military Families Rachel Johnson
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am	†Michael Spallucci Mary George
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am	Special Intention
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am	<i>St. Teresa</i> †John and Jennifer Garvey
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	†George Dixon †Pat Clark
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	††Pat Shannon and Rose Mary †Candy Clark †Pat McGreer
<b>10:30am</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Jenny Donohue and Family



## 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)**



Our Lady of Fatima

**Praying the Rosary  
for America...**  
As human efforts fail to solve America's  
key problems, we turn to God, through  
His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.



The American TFP - America Needs Fatima - [WWW.TFP.ORG](http://WWW.TFP.ORG)

### Please join the Public Square Rosary Crusade as we pray for our nation

When: Saturday, October 16

Time: 12 Noon  
Please arrive by 11:45am

Where: 2 locations

*In English:* In front of Longhorn Steak House  
on Hwy 152. Park in the Target parking lot.

*In Spanish:* Rogers Sporting Goods at 1760 N.  
Church Rd - grassy area east of the store.

The United States is in great need of public prayer,  
repentance and conversion. We must ask God to  
save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy  
Mother.

#### Public Prayer is Powerful!

As Saint Louis Marie de Montfort stated: "Public  
prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to  
appease the anger of God and call down His mercy,  
and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit,  
has always advocated public prayer in times of pub-  
lic tragedy and suffering."

### Please bring your rosary and a chair and join in prayer for America.

## SAVE THE DATE ~ OCTOBER 30



[www.squeezeboxband.com](http://www.squeezeboxband.com)

**SQUEEZEBOX** Featuring  
**Ted Lange & Mollie B**  
**Saturday, October 30**  
**7:00 - 11:00pm**  
**St. James Gym**

**Tickets On Sale Now**  
**\$20.00 in Advance ~ \$25.00 at the Door**

**Dancing ● Food ● Fun**

To Order Tickets or Ticket Information Contact

Kathy Mendyk

816-721-7252

email: [mendyk2017@gmail.com](mailto:mendyk2017@gmail.com)

There are a limited number of tickets available.

## Someone is Watching and Wondering

I may seem presumptuous in asking the following ques-  
tion: "When have you lost faith?" Perhaps this question  
makes you uncomfortable because you feel strongly rooted  
in your faith and believe practicing the faith has always  
been enough and central in your life. If this is the case then  
perhaps you are more comfortable with this question: "When  
has your faith been challenged?" At least for me, I can hon-  
estly state: "Although I have never surrendered my belief in  
the existence of God, there have been more times than I  
wish to admit when I felt God was on sabbatical leave, dis-  
tant from my life; I felt lost, confused, and alone. At such  
times I struggled to find meaning in my life and with my faith.  
Conversely at the same time I felt a strong desire for God's  
presence and love. Subsequently I believe these feelings of  
doubt and fear, longings, and searching, have strengthened  
my faith and increased by ability to trust in God's love and  
mercy. This strength helps me move out of the quagmire I  
created within my life.

Strangely, I find images of myself and my doubts in scrip-  
ture. A profound example is Matthew 14:22-33 and illus-  
trated so beautifully in this picture. The story begins with the  
disciples, alone in a boat, when they are caught in a great  
storm on the Sea of Galilee. Watching in fear, the disciples  
see a figure walking across the  
sea towards their boat. Peter's  
response is also a test: "Lord, **if it  
is you**, command me to come to  
you on the water." Jesus' simple  
reply is "Come." Initially Peter be-  
gins the journey walking in faith,  
with his eyes on Jesus. However,  
as we know all too well, Peter's fear gets the best of him;  
looking away toward the wind and turbulence of the water,  
Peter's faith falters and he begins to sink. Unabashed,  
Jesus, once again reaches for Peter but also rebukes Peter  
saying: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"



As I reread this story in Matthew I am forced to confront my  
own fears and reflect on Jesus' words: "why do you (Sandy  
G.) doubt." Honestly, I wish I possessed a simple answer but  
I do not. What I know to be truth, however, is that when I  
face fear, self doubt, confusion, and feelings of uncertainty  
best expressed by "What can I do?", it is those times I des-  
perately need Jesus. It is those times when my faith falters  
that I need to refocus and allow Jesus to be my guide and  
my strength. It is those times when I realize how weak I am,  
unable to confront, let alone deal with and solve my fears  
and problems that I need his hand. Only with Jesus in the  
lead, do I find hope, peace, and joy within myself. Only with  
Jesus do I move from sadness and sorrow into the light.  
Only with Jesus are the clouds lifted and the storm within me  
calmed. Only with Jesus do I return to the refreshing waters  
of renewal. Only with Jesus is my faith strengthened. I sim-  
ply cannot move from fear to hope, doubt to focus and di-  
rection, weakness to strength, or from feelings of being lost  
and alone to recognizing great love and mercy without him.  
Jesus continues to reach out, no matter how much I resist,  
he never abandons me, He simply says: "Come, follow  
me!" Jesus is always within reach; take his hand.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

## *Glory Be Tea is Back*

*Save the date ~ Sunday December 12th*



Tickets go on sale the weekend of November 6 and 7 before and after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

We are implementing health safety precautions for the Tea including wait staff wearing masks.

We are always in need of individuals to help work the Tea and also join our Cookie Brigade. If you would like to volunteer or have other questions regarding the Tea, please call or text Sandy Turner at 816-510-9264

## **Parish Religious Education**

### **“Feed Them and They Will Come!”**

This has been our motto this year for our Religious Education programs – and it appears to be working. Families of our Middle and High School RE program and Confirmation have signed up to keep these students in snacks as they fill our campus on Sunday evenings and move forward in their faith development!

Thanks to all the families who have contributed to snack donations. A special shout-out as well to the Altar Society, the Over 50's Ministry, and Don Ollier for their assistance in providing desserts for our Elementary RE program in recent weeks.

Our Elementary RE program is reaching out now for some extra love. At our monthly gatherings, we feed over 300 people a full meal! As you can imagine, there is a significant cost to the supplies and ingredients. If you would like to help us prepare for future meals, below is our wish list. Donations can be directed to the attention of Lori Tajchman. The parish's support of our Religious Education programs is very much appreciated!

#### **Elementary RE Wish List**

- 10 inch Paper Plates
- Sandwich-sized zip-seal baggies
- HyVee or Price Chopper Gift Cards, or cash/check donations

Lori Tajchman, Director of Religious Education  
(816) 781-4343, ext. 208



As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. “America you are beautiful . . . and blessed . . . . The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life.” - Pope St. John Paul II. What can I do in my daily life to respect life?

- Read respect life books and literature. Give respect life books as gifts. A recommended read is *Radical Compassion: Finding Christ in the Heart of the Poor* by Jesuit priest, Father Gary Smith.
- Change your station, change your life. Catholic radio is a special means the Holy Spirit uses to respond to the call for evangelization and the sacredness of all life. Tune into Kansas City station 890 AM, 1090 AM or 1190 AM.
- Donate clothes and household items to Christian organizations in your area. Donate baby clothes, diapers, formula to local Pregnancy Centers.
- Pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel daily and especially after Mass. St. Michael the Archangel has a special heavenly role in doing battle against the devil, protecting the Church, protecting Christians against the assault from the devil.

### **ROSARY TAILGATE AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Sunday, October 17, 2021 / 5:00pm - 8:00pm**

Fiorella's Event Center  
9000 West 137th Street, Overland Park, KS

The Movement of the Holy Family in collaboration with the Youth Ministries of the Archdiocese of KCK!

We can't wait to share friendship, prayer, adoration, and praise and worship with the adults AND the youth of the Archdiocese.

This is an opportunity for the youth and adults of our Archdiocese to strengthen, support and witness to each other!

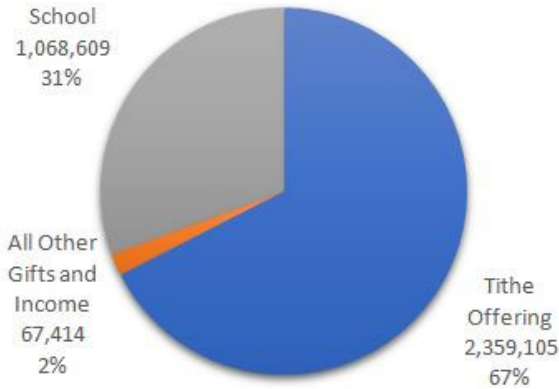
5:00pm Tailgate: Music, friendship and good conversation

6:30 -7:30pm: Rosary meditation and Eucharistic Adoration under the stars

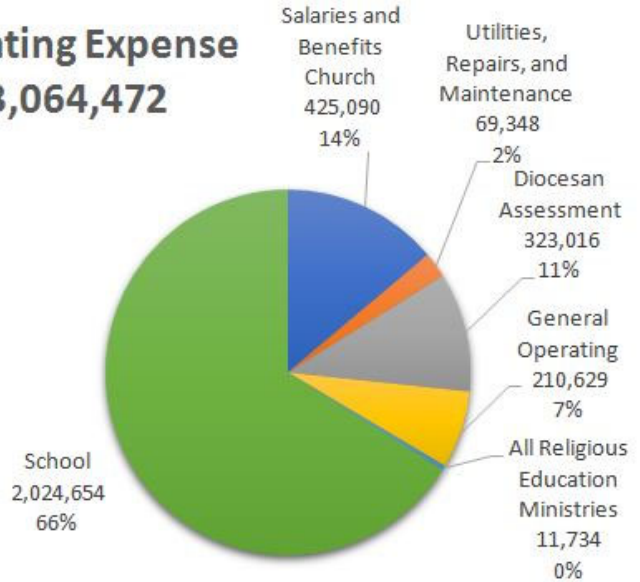


## St. James - Liberty Operating Income and Expense For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

### Operating Income \$3,495,128

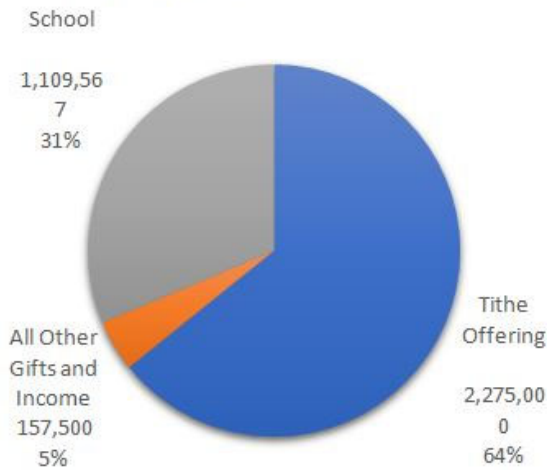


### Operating Expense \$3,064,472

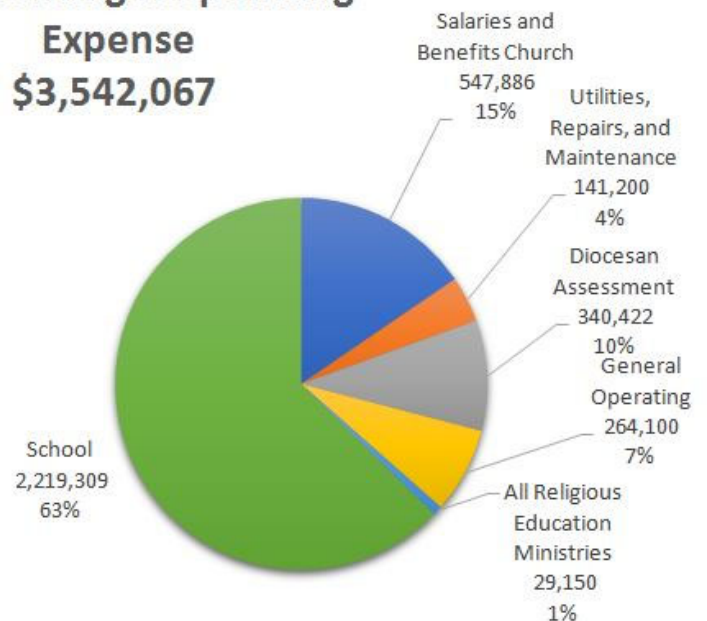


## 2021-22 Budget Operating Income and Expense For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

### 2021-22 Budget Operating Income \$3,542,067



### 2021-22 Budget Operating Expense \$3,542,067



The Parish Finance Council functions as an advisor to our pastor, Father Mike. On behalf of Fr. Mike, the staff and the Finance Council we would like to say Thank You for your faithfulness to our parish family. Despite the very challenging year we have had, you continued to support our parish and our efforts to put action to the Corporal Works of Mercy. It was a wonderful year despite the obstacles we have dealt with and that continue to challenge us. We are very proud of the fiscal responsibility we have established as a parish, and we thank you for your commitment to keeping us on this path.

The new church mortgage is not included in the above operating results, because those funds are treated as capital funds and held in reserve accounts that are segregated from the operating accounts. Nonetheless, the capital funds and related mortgage for the new church represent significant elements of our overall financial operation. Key elements of the new church capital accounts are summarized below:

Loan balance on July 1, 2020	\$4,207,642.05
Loan Principal paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021	\$1,451,491.01
Loan balance as of June 30, 2021	\$2,756,151.04

Please contact Katie in the parish office for further details on the numbers, questions, or concerns.

Walt Holt

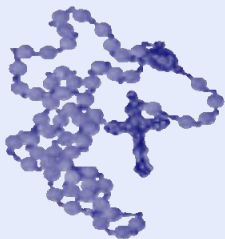
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Brady Kelley

Chuck Koesterer

*We Will Celebrate the  
Feast of the Most Holy Rosary  
On Thursday, October 21*



**The Feast of the Most Holy Rosary was on October 7. As we were unable to celebrate this Feast Day on that date, we will celebrate it on Thursday, October 21.**

**This Feast Day rosary will be held in conjunction with the regular Rosary for Healing held on Thursdays.**

**Please Join With Your Fellow Parishioners as we pray the Rosary to celebrate this Feast Day on Thursday, October 21 at 6:30pm in the Church.**

**= INVITACION =**

**Catequesis en español.**

Únase a nosotros los jueves de 7:00 - 8:00 pm, en la oficina parroquial.

Informacion: 913-549-7886 con Ricardo Torres.

## The Advent Giving Tree is coming!!!



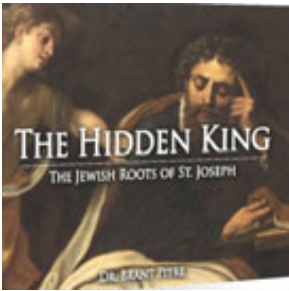
We are happy to announce we will be kicking off the Advent Giving Tree, a well-loved St. James Parish ministry, the last weekend in October.

Through this ministry, our parish has provided incredible support over the years to various charitable organizations, including our own parish, to help families and individuals in need. Those needs are never more evident than during the holiday season.

Last year, due to the pandemic, you enthusiastically embraced a new approach to donating to the Advent Giving Tree. Through your generosity, we were able to provide much needed help to at least 69 families and more than 400 individuals, including children, expectant mothers, nursing home residents, and others. This year we will take the same approach – using your cash donations to purchase Hope program gift cards, which will then be donated to nine charitable organizations within the metro area.

Keep watching the bulletin for more information, including details on how to donate, and highlights on each of the nine organizations we support. We are blessed with a very caring and generous parish, and with your support, we will continue to provide tremendous help - and hope - to those in need.

### Saturday Morning Faith Formation New Session Begins October 16



"The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph" presented by Dr. Brant Pitre is the next topic of the Saturday Morning Faith Sharing classes led by Deacon Chuck.

In this Bible Study, Dr. Brant Pitre takes the popular figure of Saint Joseph and open up the mysteries of his hidden identity, his relationship with Mary, and his role as the earthly foster-father of Jesus.

The class meets in person at 10:00am in the Conference Room (lower level of the church).

All Are Welcome and Invited To Attend

**SOROPTIMIST**  
Investing in Dreams

**CHIEFS RAFFLE**

**PRIZE:**  
4 Tickets to the Chiefs Monday Night, November 1 Game against the New York Giants \*  
1 Parking Pass  
\*Section 117  
Row 14  
Seats 23-26  
45 yardline behind the Chiefs

Raffle Tickets available  
online at [SILiberty.org](http://SILiberty.org).

**\$25**  
Per ticket

All Proceeds to Help Support local women and girls by providing access to education through our *Live Your Dream and Dream It, Be It* programs.

Facebook LIVE drawing  
Friday, Oct 15 at: 6PM

For More Information: [LibertySoroptimist@gmail.com](mailto:LibertySoroptimist@gmail.com)  
[facebook.com/SILiberty](https://www.facebook.com/SILiberty)

Special Thanks to Linda Williams



### St. James Council 6780

At recent degree ceremonies, our St. James Knights of Columbus welcomed 12 men who recently joined our council.

### Milestones Achieved By Our Knights Since August 2021

#### New Brothers

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|----------------|----------------|
| Mark Asbury    | Kyle Palmer    |
| Trevor Bray    | Cutter Sanders |
| Drew Lollar    | Wayne Speiler  |
| Mark Mitchell  | Matthew Sprung |
| Kevin Nordhues | Mario Usera    |

**YOU ARE BORN  
A MAN.  
YOU BECOME  
A KNIGHT.**

**FREE MEMBERSHIP**

Join the Knights of Columbus  
between now and December 31  
and your first year of membership  
will be FREE!!

Use code **MCGIVNEY2020**

[KofC.org/Join](http://KofC.org/Join)

This is a great time to join this award-winning council.

**WHY HAVEN'T YOU JOINED?**

*Some Of Our  
Newest Council Members  
Are Pictured At The Left*





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

Edward Boswell	Andrew Reardon	Chloe Grither
Vivian Bunch	Mary Worth	Judith McKloskey
Will Francis	Megan Bray	Hunter Roberts
Cheryl Hedrick	Edward Busch	Catherine Schembri
Cory Hernandez	Richard Gisi	Genesis Alvarez
Hayden Hlavacek	Justin Kelly	Pedruza
Kerry Kapetanovich	Zachary Mattingly	Greta Baker
Steve Nelson	Alan McMahan	Michelle Book
Jennifer Novitski	Sarah Rader	Franklin Callaway
Alyce Presko	Mary Schuster	Christine Clark
Aliesha Rosales	Michael Tamburelli	Daniel Clifton
Diane Smith	Lolita Watkins	Erzsebet Cooney
Chambre Spencer	Penelope Dahlberg	Robert Cronkleton
Yvonne Spurlock	Anita Daniels	Frank Disciacca
Sophia Ugbaja	Sean Fairchild	Ryan Howerton
Paul Vitale	Jennifer Fernandez	Harmony Silva-Wright
Emma Barry	Sarah Gardner	Natalie Tamburelli
Danielle Bergeron	Melvin Lawson	Laine Arens
Phillip Carson	Eric Lewczyk	Rose Castelluccio
Wilberto Castillo	Madeline Platt	Ryan Doherty
Madeline DeWet	Emily Richardson	Kelly Francis
Christopher Garcia	Rebecca Richardson	Mark Grothaus
Mary Gastner	Eric Smith	Finnegan Haas
Graham Henderson	Sophia Wolf	Nicholas McLain
Alison Iske	Brea Austin	Jackie Ortega
David Klein	Daniel Cline	Brian Peck
Leann McDowell	Kasey Clohessy	Noah Rader
Andrew Oyer	Camden Findlay	
	Jeri Flowers	

**St. James School News**



**SAINT JAMES SPIRIT WEEK!  
CELEBRATING OUR ANNUAL CHANGE  
DRIVE FOR OUR AUCTION!**



Has someone you love passed away and are you dealing with the grief and sorrow?

Have you experienced another loss in your life that causes you pain, like the loss of a job?

Would you like to join with others who are experiencing the same issues for support and companionship in the journey?

Studies have shown that being a part of a support group helps ease the pain and facilitates healing.

We are starting another Grief Support group here at St James for anyone who is facing loss and grief.

Call the parish office, 816-781-4343, ext. 200 or Juanita Thornton at 816-883-8282 for details,

or join us on the following Mondays:

October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, and 29 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

As always, we will honor all Covid restrictions.

## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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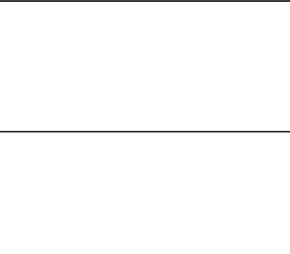
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