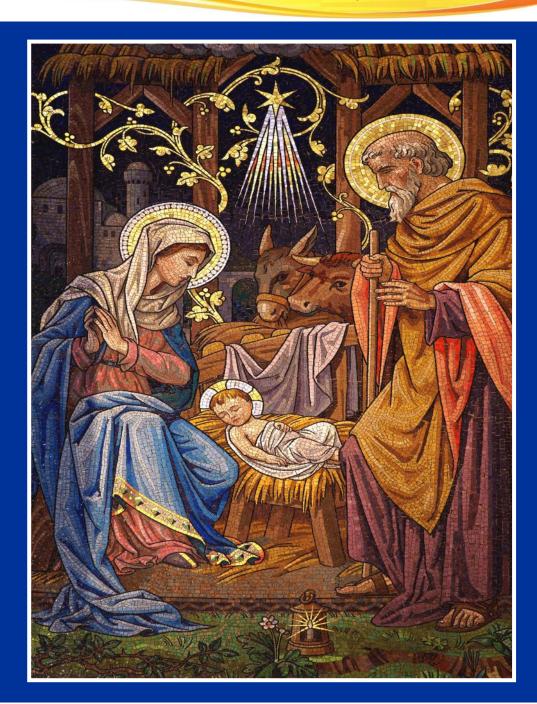
Saint James Catholic Community

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 26, 2021







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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

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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
There is no regular 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, January 1





The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or *crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org*, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or *true.francis@diocesekcsj.org* for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

This weekend, as we celebrate Christmas Day (on Saturday), and the Feast of the Holy Family, we are reminded that the season of Christmas, often referred to as Christmastime) is celebrated all the way to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, (Sunday, January 9th). We hold onto the Christmas season so we may reflect on what it means that God sent His only Son among us, to guide us to a deeper trust and hope in God's presence among us.

Our hope and wish is that you and your family continue the message of the Christmas season, throughout these days.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we take a moment to thank God for the gift of our own families and pray for those families who are struggling, who have experienced loss and are in need of God's comfort and healing.

The Church uses the model of the Holy Family, not to call us to 'perfection', but holiness. Joseph and Mary cared for Jesus and raised him in some very difficult circumstances. This gives our own families hope and assurance that God is always with us. That's the message of Christmas – that the child Jesus came among us, and as the angels proclaimed to the shepherds, 'Do not be afraid'. The Scriptures tell us that Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. May each of our own families know God's Goodness and Love.

A very Happy & Blessed New Year of 2022, and on behalf of Fr. Michael and all our parish staff, may we all deepen our commitment to follow Christ and continue to be good and faithful stewards as we minister to all God's people here at St. James.

May you know the Peace and Hope of the newly born Savior among us.

Peace.

Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of December 27 - January 2

Monday

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8:15am ++Lee and Angie Viorel

+++Lee, John and Tony

Viorel

Tuesday

8:15am †Elizabeth Schatzel

Wednesday

8:15am Karen Schamel

†Christina Timm-Eberts

Thursday

8:15am †Mike Westrem

Friday New Year's Eve 8:15am †Paul Anctil

Leslie Brown
5:00pm Ann Roberts-Puck

Saturday Soleminity of Mary,

Mother of God 9:00am +Gary Brecht

Sunday

8:00am + Charles and Katheryn

Mahoney

10:30am ++Paul and Pat Preston

†Vanessa Charteen

5:00pm †Daryl's Intentions



Our prayer support is with ...

Debbie Sutlief, her family and friends on the recent death of her mother.

Rita Lawson, her family and friends on the recent death of her sister Robin.

Nicole Marshall, her family and friends on the resent death of her mother.

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

Latest Issue of Catholic Key Magazine Has Been Mailed To All Parishioners And Is Also Online



- Don't miss the cover story of hopeful expectation as our diocese awaits the opening of St. Mary's Home for Mothers - the area's first maternity home for pregnant, unwed and homeless mothers.
- In this first issue of the second volume, we are bringing you 100% locally generated content - all of our writers live, worship and work right here in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.
- Looking for more? Read special extended content exclusively on CatholicKey.org
- Prayerfully consider contributing to our first annual Reader Appeal and keep Catholic Key magazine free for all diocesan parishioners and Catholic school families.

Editor's Note: You may recall that in August we had representatives of the diocese speak at all Masses about Project Gabriel, a new home for women that was being constructed here in the northland. The facility has now been named St. Mary's Home For Mothers - read about it in this issue of the Catholic Key - catholickey.org

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

Someone is Watching and Wondering



As always we continue the Christmas Season celebrating the feast of the Holy Family. Recently, at a gathering of candidates and catechumens one participant commented, "I don't think Joseph gets enough credit." I agree whole-heartedly. When I think of Joseph I think of my dad and my hus-

band Bob. They were both men who believed that the welfare of the family was their responsibility. They worked hard to provide for us insuring a safe living environment, food for the table, education, and medical care. My dad and Bob also believed that every experience should be a learning experience, even those that entailed working on a family vehicle or repairing a house. They were avid readers and encouraged their children to read, anything from a comic book, to an instruction manual (yes they read those before beginning a project), to historical documents, and works of fiction. They were generous with their time, talent, and treasure but in a very quiet way. They never sought praise or even thinks for their acts of kindness. Don't get me wrong they also had their faults: stubbornness, outbursts of temper, and at times even intolerance. They both suffered health problems which most people who knew them were unaware of. They were strong men, who were gentle and kind and always put family first.

There isn't much we know, from the Bible, about Joseph. I think he probably had some of the same traits as my dad and my husband Bob. He never sought the limelight, he reacted to Mary's pregnancy with love, compassion, and eventually understanding. He stood aside while the shepherds and magi bowed before his adopted son, Jesus. He protected Jesus and Mary, even taking them to Egypt, probably joining other Jewish families in diaspora. He practiced his trade to provide for the family's needs and he taught Jesus to be a skilled carpenter. There are no recorded words for Joseph when he took Mary and Jesus to the temple or when, 12 years later he found Jesus in the temple with the learned men. I think Joseph was a man who, no matter the situation, did what he needed to do. I feel my dad and husband Bob were like Joseph in so many ways. Rarely outspoken, but when they spoke they expected you to listen. Kind, gentle, loving; they were like Joseph, strong men, good providers, and caring husbands and fathers.

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family may we not forget Joseph. He like Mary said yes to the will of God. He embraced, raised, and loved Jesus as his own son. Joseph provides the example for all men, especially fathers and father figures. May we always look to the Holy Family as models of love.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon



Calling all!

We need these Memory Book "sheets" to be turned into us by January 16th. We want everyone to be included, so please don't wait until the last moment to share with Daryl your fond moments spent with her.

The memory sheet can be found on the tables near the drop baskets or online on our website. You can also just use any sheet of paper if you like and drop it in the baskets, send via email to *Cecilia.Richardson@stjames-liberty.org*, or mailed to the parish office, 309 S Stewart Rd. Liberty MO 64068.

Share this with others that have moved from our area that you know would love to send Daryl off with a warm heart!

Thank you for helping us surround Daryl with the warm loving arms she has provided so many of us over the past 30 plus years.

Blessings, Katie Klassen

EARLY DEADLINE JANUARY 2 BULLETIN

Our bulletin printer has an early deadline for the January 2 Bulletin.

Articles and information for this bulletin must be submitted by end of day Monday, December 20.

Thank You For Sending Your Info On Time

Our Sunday 8:00am Mass is live-streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube

Video available later on our website



Thank you to all Liturgical Ministers who volunteered and helped make all of our Liturgies so welcoming and beautiful during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

A special thanks to all who came and decorated the church for our Christmas Masses.

I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and Happy New Year.

~Danny Baker Director of Liturgy and Music

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.

Why We Celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family



The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to pre-

sent the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes.

The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do?

Finally, we all can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

Advent Giving Tree Ministry Shares A Note of Thanks

As reported in last week's bulletin, we reached our goal and your donations to the Advent Giving Tree Ministry exceeded our expectations.

We recently received the following note of thanks from one of the agencies that we support.

Dear Fr. Mike, Sue, Karen, and all at St. James,

Thank You - You are awesome!

We appreciate your generous donation of 40 Walmart gift cards.

They make a huge difference to the men and women returning from prison.

God bless you and your loved ones.

Rita Flynn and all at Journey to New Life.

Glory Be Tea

A Heartfelt Thank You From the Glory Be Tea Committee to all the groups and individuals who were instrumental in helping us put together the Tea this year, we couldn't do it without your support!

It takes so many hands to assure its success from the Cookie Brigade Ladies for over 1,600 cookies, That Man is You and Knights for setup, the Knights and school youth for the challenging task of serving at this year's Tea as well as those who helped up cleanup after, Judy Keisling for announcements of all kinds, Parish staff overall support, Tony Leonardo for sound and leadership of serving staff and Bob Lathrop for printed materials and our husbands for pitching in on the many tasks they were called on for.

Each group was awesome in their efforts and we are blessed as a parish to have such great cooperation!

THANK YOU!

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God - January 1



The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, whom she had circumcised on the 8th day, according to the Levitical Law. Centuries ago, in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic

Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan?

In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God.

The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it.

For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith.

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Blanket Drive

The Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a blanket drive for Uplift beginning the weekend of January 8/9. Donations of new and/or gently used blankets and/or quilts will be appreciated. Details on where to leave your donations will be in next weekend's bulletin.

Uplift is a non-profit organization providing assistance and services to those in need.

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal
parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole
batch at one time (so many persons spoil the
entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a
time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing - don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution.

Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of laughter, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Thank You

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Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve the St James community for so many years.

Your prayers are appreciated as I take time to answer God's call to attend to my physical and mental well-being.

Lori Tajchman

Devotion To The Christ Child Novena The Quiet Joy of the Nativity Thursday, December 30 at 7:00pm in the Narthex



This Novena is being held one evening a week for nine weeks as we prepare for the Quiet Joy of the Nativity, the birth of the Christ Child.

The beautiful reflections and prayers of this Novena focus on the birth of Jesus and His early years.

Our devotion on December 30, the ninth and last day of the Novena, focuses on the obedience of Jesus to God and his parents in all things.

Attending this Novena is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts the coming of the Christ Child.

Please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Narthex

This follows the Rosary for Healing in the church.

Enter the "Quiet Joy of the Nativity" Contest

All parishioners are invited to enter this contest by sharing a picture of how you display the *Quiet Joy of the Nativity* in your home.

Sharing a picture of your Nativity display gives you the opportunity to win one of the following prizes.

First Place: \$100 of your choice of Gift Cards

PLUS \$100 to your choice of a ministry supported by St. James, such as In As Much Food Pantry, Religious Education, Respect Life Ministry, etc.

Second Place: \$50 of your choice of Gift Cards

Two runners-up will receive their choice of a \$25 Gift Card

To Enter The Contest

Between November 28 (first Sunday of Advent) and Monday, December 27, send an email containing your name, phone number and a color photo (jpg) of your Nativity display that you want to enter to:

Mylibertyspark@yahoo.com

All St. James parishioners and/or members of their family are eligible to enter

A panel of judges will evaluate all photos submitted and notify the winners within a few days of the contest end. Winning photos will be published in the January 9, 2022 bulletin.

> Questions about this contest? Email bulletin@stjames-liberty.org

What Does a "Quiet Joy" Mean To You?

Reviewing 2021 - Despite the Pandemic, We Adapted and Kept On Going Here Is Just A Sampling Of the Many Activities At St. James This Year



Confirmation



SJ School Graduation



Advent Giving Tree



Fish Fry - First of Many Pick-Up and Go Meals



Evangelizing
Coast to Coast Rosary



Knights of Columbus Celebrate 45 Years at St. James



One of Several Clothing Drives



Helping the Needy



One of Many RE Activities







Parish Fun Day and BBQ Contest



RCIA - Easter Vigil



Girl Scout Cookie Sale



Relay For Life



Military Outreach Ministry Veteran's Day Celebration

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

Marta Allen Frank Begulia Robert Florez Natalie Hammonds Sarah Hedrick Chip Johnson Robert Kernell Alexandra Klein Rhonda Kraft Margaret Lux Andrew Madison James Mancuso Alexander Pasieniuk Eric Peters Jude Pope Jean Reichert Tom Rickman Christopher Rodriguez Annie Sandt Rick Strawn Marilyn Werth Angelo Anselmo Therese Aue Luca Bond Shaiyenna Burns Stephanie Clifton Michelle Findlay Megan Florez Brian Hudnall Frank Janacaro Kimberly Kosorog Susan Lloyd Peggy Marrs Holly Meriwether

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Brett McCubbin

Addison Rottjakob

St. James School News





May the new year bring warmth of love, comfort of home, joy for your children, company and support of family and friends, and a light to guide your path.

Happy New Year from the students

and staff of St. James School

Military Outreach Ministry



The Military Outreach meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 28 has been cancelled. Ann Marie Puck, an Accredited Veteran Service Officer, will be back at St. James on Tuesday, January 25, from 4:00 to 5:30pm in

the conference room behind the receptionist desk.

If you have questions or need assistance with any VA benefits and/or services before January 25, contact Ann at *annroberts977@gmail.com* or 816-469-0271.

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

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Lorraine Hilts Diane Heather Peggy Luchtefeld Dorothy & William Bradford Alexis Doug & Susan Blair Jackie Rapp Jeff Lea **Bradley Jones** Mark Daldrup Tracey Thomas & Alexander Minniece Jason Harris Delight Thomason Family Harley Jake Melissa Zach Wyatt Morris Brandon Hutson Norma Molina Amy Abbiatti Ramon Mendoza, Sr. Ramon Mendoza, Jr. Margaret Ellen, Herb and Mark Thompson Baby Edan Michael Monley Oliver Schmidt Cathy Lakebrink Dorothy Bradford Mike Carr

Pete Burmeister Kate Nowatzke Carolyn Kay Dan Van Leeuwen Kathleen Amos Susan Federoff Kathy Nowatzke Reba & Debra Sutlief Fran Norton's Family Knovel and Lee Phil Willoughby Jim & Julie Miller Wendy Barton Silhavy Mike Rodriguez Fred Massman Chris Vitt **Brian Amos** Julie Beamer Josh Beisly Mary & Gabriel Wier Karen Ann Stevens Amanda Arlene Dietrich Hailey Johnson Jake Harman **Bob Orschein** Charles Mann Douglas Shreffler Jeff Ridder Kenny Walker Sabrina Hinkle Susan Koeppen John Mreen John Williams

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Harrison

Join Us In Prayer Rosary For Healing Thursdays at 6:30pm

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



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