

Saint James Catholic Community

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 2022*

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Together We Can Do Great Things



*Lent
Begins
March 2*

St. James Catholic Church

309 S Stewart Road, Liberty MO 64068

Office (816) 781-4343

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00noon

School (816) 781-4428

On the web @ 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

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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.



40 DAYS

40 letters of hope

"... 'Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me,' "

Matthew 25:40

St. James Lenten Prayer Warriors | Join today: ashliehand622@gmail.com


You are invited to join us for a special Lenten experience now in its fourth year at St. James Parish. Over that time, St. James' Prayer Warriors have delivered 3,000 notes of hope, encouragement and support to individuals who have asked for our prayers.

Each Prayer Warrior is asked to write one note to a new person each day during Lent. A list of Prayer Recipients will be provided and assigned each day via email. Prayer Warriors provide their own stationary and postage.

You may also sign up and send questions by email to Ashlie Hand: ashliehand622@gmail.com. We are also accepting Prayer Recipients; please email the recipient's name, mailing address and prayer request to Ashlie Hand: ashliehand622@gmail.com.

You do not have to be a Prayer Warrior to submit a prayer request or Prayer Recipient. Sign ups and prayer requests are due no later than March 1.

Ash Wednesday - March 2



Mass Times

6:30am

8:15am
(School Mass)

7:00pm

**Prayer Services
With Ashes**

12:15pm

5:30pm

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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

This week we observe the long-standing tradition of the Church with the celebration of Ash Wednesday and the 40 days of Lent. Technically, including the Sundays of Lent, this is a 46-day time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter. Lent is preceded by "Mardi Gras," sometimes called "Fat Tuesday" because of the tradition of feasting with bountiful food and drink, sometimes with parades (as in New Orleans) and wild celebrations before the somber time of fasting begins. The day before Ash Wednesday is known in some places as "Shrove Tuesday," from the word "shrive," confessing of sins as a preparation for Lent.

All of us are familiar with the intent and meaning of Lent. It is a time of more intense and frequent prayer, both personal prayer and liturgical prayer. We strive to pray with greater thoughtfulness and devotion. The traditional prayer of the "Stations of the Cross" is especially recommended. We want to be attentive to the daily practice of morning and evening prayer. A second practice of Lent would be some form of self-discipline. The Church recommends fasting, which means we cut back on the amount of food that we eat. We sometimes experience hunger, reminding us of our hunger for life in the Lord. We also accept the discipline of abstinence. Though only those from 18 to 59 are obliged by church law to abstain, still all of us can deprive ourselves of what we enjoy as a discipline. Of course there are many other ways of self-discipline we can use. A third way of observing Lent is striving to deepen our spirit of generosity. We give to the point of self-sacrifice so as to share what we have received.

We begin our Lenten journey with the liturgy of Ash Wednesday. The ashes are a powerful symbol of death. In our country the custom has been to impose ashes on the forehead in the sign of the cross. With the emergence of covid, many parishes are adopting the European custom of sprinkling ashes on the head. The ashes remind us that we are mortal, that we all must die and all must give an accounting for our lives on earth. We make it our intent to die to whatever habits we may have which keep us from living gospel values. The ashes also remind us of the death of our Lord Jesus and his suffering on the cross for all of us. We make the cross our special emblem for our Lenten journey. Let's strive to make this our very best Lent.

Know that my prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of February 28 - March 6

Monday 8:15am	††John & Marie Geymont
Tuesday 8:15am	†Toni Fera †Louis Caithamer
Wednesday 6:30am 8:15am	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Joann Michaelis Intentions St. James School Students
7:00pm	†John & Dolores Weisbecker
Thursday 8:15am	Lorraine Hilts
Friday 8:15am	††Bill & Kirsti Koontz
Saturday 5:00pm	†Gary Brecht †Anthony Cappel
Sunday 8:00am	†John Garvey James & Elva Mahony
10:30am	†Charles Buset
5:00pm	†Donald W. Anderson

1st Saturday Confessions



Confessions will be heard from 7:30am - 8:30am on Saturday, March 5.

This time is in addition to the regular Saturday afternoon confession time.

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 cecilia@stjames-liberty.org

or call the Parish Office, ext. 203.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday

12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org



Grief Support Group Begins February 28

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?

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: February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 7 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.



Nominations For The Parish Pastoral Council Being Accepted Now

The Pastoral Council of St. James will be adding two members in the next few months.

If you know of someone you would like to recommend please fill out the forms that are available in the Narthex or speak to one of our current council members. The contact information for the Pastoral Council members is on page 2 of the bulletin.

If you feel a calling to serve on the council, you can add your name also.

NEW
CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS



The Parish Office is open from
9:00am - 12 noon
Monday - Friday.

When the office is closed, you may still call and leave a message at 816-781-4343 or email a staff member. Staff phone extensions and email addresses are listed on page 2 of this bulletin. We will happily contact you as soon as we are able to do so!

Someone is Watching and Wondering



I think most people would agree that life is filled with challenges, trials, and tests which can lead to bitterness, fears, questions, doubts, and an attitude of fighting back. Mohammad Ali is quoted as saying "All

through my life, I have been tested. My will has been tested, my courage has been tested, my strength has been tested. Now my patience and endurance are being tested." Looking at my own life I must say his words seem all too familiar yet I am also forced to ask "How have I responded to being challenged. I have also heard people say that God tests people to make them stronger. To this statement, however, I do not agree.

I found inspiration in the Letter of James: "consider it a great joy when trials of many kinds come. . .for you well know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. . .Blessed is anyone who perseveres when trials come. . .never when you are being put to the test, say 'God is tempting me'; God cannot be tempted by evil, and [God] does not put anybody to the test. Everyone is put to the test by being attracted and seduced by that person's own wrong desire. Then the desire conceives and gives birth to sin, and when sin reaches full growth, it gives birth to death. . .all that is good, all that is perfect is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light" (James 1:2-16). I also found inspiration in attaching positive words to each letter of the word tests: T-transformation, E-evolution, S-self awareness, T-truth, and S-self reflection. Daily challenges, trials and tests can become pathways for seeking the Holy Spirit, opening my heart and mind to God's love, and finding the strength to honestly examine my thoughts, words, and deeds. Through examination of my conscience, I can find evidence of the need for change, of the need to persevere, and trust in God. With patience and truth as my guide, I can make decisions which are Christ-like and grounded in respect and service to others. Recognizing God's embrace I find strength to face criticism and any new challenge for what lies ahead. My life continues to evolve in the belief and faith that goodness overcomes hate; peace prevails in chaos, hope is found in recognizing our inner-relatedness, and joy is found accepting grace.

I do not know what prompted Mohammad Ali to express the many challenges of his life. I believe there were times he felt burdened by hate expressed towards his race and religion. Perhaps his last years, when his body was being destroyed by disease, he felt a greater need for patience and endurance. His life stands as a testament to me that all things are possible, I can overcome pain and discouragement. I can stand tall against hate and prejudice. I can accept new challenges and pathways that are not always my first choice. I believe that with God in my life all things are possible. Tests really aren't so bad.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, *Sandy Gagnon*

**HOPE GIFT CARDS
CHANGE TO SUNDAY MORNING MASS
SALE SCHEDULE**



AFTER 8:00AM MASS

Sold EVERY Sunday in the Parish Hall

AFTER 10:30 MASS

**Sold on the 1st & 2nd Sunday of the Month
in the Parish Hall**

We regret that we are limiting HOPE Gift Card sales after the 10:30am Sunday Mass to the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month only. We would like make the cards for sale after the 10:30 Mass every Sunday, but we can only do so if additional people volunteer after that Mass.

CAN YOU HELP?

Selling the cards takes only a little extra time after the Mass you attend and the schedules are flexible. If you can volunteer or want more information, contact Ernie Collins (x208) or Jeanne Greenwald (x200) in the parish office.

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

Abstinence From Meat: Every person 14 years or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Exceptions: Those who are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.



**Leaders Needed
For Stations of the Cross**

**Stations
of the Cross**



Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season will begin on Friday, March 11. An English version will be at 5:30pm, followed by a Spanish version. Dates are:

March 11 - *Respect Life Ministry*
March 18
March 25
April 1
April 8

If you or your group would like to proclaim the stations on one of these days, please contact

Deacon Chuck Koesterer
chuck@stjames-liberty.org



Hard to believe, but the season of Lent begins this coming Wednesday with Ash Wednesday. This day is so important to the start of Lent and our preparation for the coming Passion of Holy Week and Resurrection of Christ.

The ceremony of Ash Wednesday dates back to at least the 8th century. The ashes that are used each year are made by burning the palms used on Palm Sunday of the previous year and are sprinkled with holy water and fumigated with incense.

In the Old Testament times, ashes were used to express sorrow for sin. This visible sign represented an interior conversion.

Lent is a special time when we are to realize that life is passing quickly and we need to focus on turning away from sin and towards God. The ashes remind us that we are mortal beings and it is to dirt that our bodies will return. The ashes not only signify death but victory over death as the ashes that our bodies will become after we die will be re-formed into a resurrected body when Christ comes again in glory.

Receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday is a beautiful symbol that when we participate in the glorious resurrection of Christ.

Parish Religious Education

Upcoming Dates

Religious Education Sessions

Wednesday, March 9 - This Lenten Season
6:00 - 7:30pm

Sunday, March 13 - This Lenten Season
11:45am - 1:15pm

Wednesday, April 6 - The Lord's Supper
6:00 - 7:30pm

Sunday, April 10 - The Lord's Supper
11:45am - 1:15pm

Wednesday, May 4 - May Crowning and Mass,
followed by a picnic (outdoors) 6:00pm

First Eucharist Celebrations

Please sign up for one, not both

Saturday, April 23rd - 1:00pm Mass
Rehearsal for that liturgy - Monday, April 18,
7:00 - 8:00pm

Saturday, May 1 - 1:00pm Mass
Rehearsal for that liturgy - Monday, April 25,
7:00 - 8:00pm

Please sign up by emailing

Ernie.collins@stjames-liberty.org

Altar Society Trek To Centerville IA To Visit Fr. Timothy and His Parish April 30 - Reserve Your Spot By March 1

Ladies of the Parish, you are invited to join members of the Altar Society's Trek to visit Fr. Timothy at St. Mary's parish on April 30.



The chartered bus will leave St. James at 7:30am and will return by approximately 10:00pm.

During this trek we will have the opportunity to tour St. Mary's, meet some of their parishioners, and attend their 5:00pm Mass. In addition, Fr. Timothy will take us on a tour of St. Patrick's parish in Melrose, IA, a "satellite" church for which he also serves as pastor.

Cost of the trip is \$37, which includes lunch provided by the St. Mary's Altar Society.

To reserve your spot, a \$20.00 deposit is required no later than March 1.

Sorry no refunds.

Bring your check, made payable to St. James Altar Society, to the Parish office during regular business hours. Put the check and your contact information (name, phone number, and email address) in an envelope marked "For Altar Society Trek".

\$25 St. Pius X High School
Annual Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH 11AM - 5PM

Curbside Pick-Up only

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at

<https://spxkc.org/spaghetti2022>

Curbside Pick-Up Only

Advance ticket purchase required

Deadline to Order Tickets:

March 1, 2022

Annual Contribution Statements Available Now in the Parish Office



Year end tax statements are available in the Parish Office during regular business hours: 9:00am - 12noon.

If you prefer to have the statement emailed to you, please send Katie Klassen an email at:

katie@stjames-liberty.org

2022 GIRL SCOUT
Cookies

Girl Scouts Will Be Selling Cookies

Friday, March 11 and Friday March 25
From 5:00pm - 7:00pm
at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

March 11, March 25, April 8

5:00pm - 7:30pm

Two Ways To Enjoy Your Dinner

Dine In - St. James Gymnasium

Curb Side Pick Up - St. James Rear Parking Lot



Dine-In Menu

1. Fried Fish Dinner
2. Baked Tilapia Dinner
3. Hot Spiced Boiled Shrimp Dinner
4. Combo Dinner: Fried Fish, Baked Tilapia, Hot Spiced Boiled Shrimp (any 2)

All above Dinners are \$13.00

Above Dinners Include:

Baked Potato • Coleslaw • Applesauce • Dinner Roll • Dessert • Condiments
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, or Water

5. Cheese Pizza Dinner: **\$7.00**
6. Bow Tie Pasta Dinner with choice of Marinara or Alfredo Sauce: **\$10.00**

Bow Tie Pasta Dinner Includes :

Breadstick • Coleslaw • Applesauce • Dessert • Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, or Water

**** For Those 21 and Older ****

Beer and Wine Will Be Available
Cash, Checks, or credit/debit cards accepted

Curb Side Pick Up Menu

1. Fried Fish Dinner - \$13.00
2. Hot Boiled Shrimp Dinner - \$13.00

Dinners include: Baked Potato • Coleslaw • Applesauce • Dinner Roll • Cookie • Condiments

DRIVE THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS

No need to call in your order. Just enter the parking lot at the South entrance.
You will be directed to the rear parking lot behind St. James School
Stay in your car, order and pay for your meal. Your food will be brought to you.



ARISE ~ CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 5

Women ages 20-40 are invited to participate in the Arise Catholic Young Adult Women's Conference to grow in holiness and be inspired to ARISE into their feminine gifts!

Join us Saturday, March 5, 2022
from 8:30am - 4:30pm at the Faustina Building
500 West 40th Street, Kansas City, MO.

Scan the QR Code below to register.



Questions?

Email: sisterhood@kansascityonahill.org

In response to the 24 Hours For the Lord initiative, the Office of Divine Worship is co-sponsoring 24 hours of adoration and confessions with the Cathedral of St. Joseph in St. Joseph, Mo. and Holy Cross Parish in Kansas City, Mo.

10:00am March 25 - 10:00am March 26

at Holy Cross Parish in Kansas City, Mo.
(5106 St John Ave, Kansas City, Mo 64123).
Call 816-231-4845

9:00am March 25 - 9:00am March 26

at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in St. Joseph, Mo.
(519 N 10th St. St. Joseph, Mo 64501)
Call 816-232-7763

All are encouraged to contact the parishes to sign up for a holy hour, or drop in and adore our Lord, in His True Presence.

2022 Tithing Pledge Card Available

St. James Parishioner		2022 Tithing Pledge	
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Best way to reach you:			
Email _____	Phone: Primary _____	Secondary _____	

Filling out and returning the 2022 Tithing Pledge Card helps us plan our budget for 2022. Cards are available on the information shelf in the restroom hallway in a plexiglass holder located in the hallway just off the Gathering Space.

You may return them many ways: drop in the collection plate; drop by the Parish Office; mail them to the church; or scan and email to Katie@Stjames-Liberty.org.

Save The Date ~ March 19



On Saturday March 19th, the Women's Choir of St. Catherine University from St. Paul, Minnesota, will be joining us at the 5:00pm Mass to help lead the music. Then at 7:30pm they will give a concert in the church.

This choir, recognized as one of Minnesota's the top women's choirs has performed on tours within the U.S. and abroad.

Employment Opportunity

Paid position available
Night Time Caregiver at
Our Lady of Mercy Country Home Convent
Hours: (10:30pm – 6:30 am).
For details please contact
Sister Ancherin Koto at
(816) 551-9745.

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

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| Ryan Alford | Natalie Murphy | Marcy Amberg |
| Quinn Babbitt | Willow O'Donnell | James Anderson |
| Anders Brown | Aidan Roark | Charles Ballard |
| Ashley Brown | Heather | Marshall Bauer |
| Caden Craig | Timmerberg | Mary Colgan |
| Marsha Friederich | Alec Caine | Juan Covarrubias |
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| Arturo Munoz | Ava Henry | Jeremy Finn |
| Sami Nguyen | Jackie Johnson | Zachary Ford |
| Jack Phillips | Chase Jones | Gregory Foreman |
| Nicolette Schergen | Donald MacNeil | Makenzie Hill |
| Sophia | Joseph Marchino | Maverick Jones |
| Stipanovich | Callie Montgomery | Clarissa Lenger |
| Andrew Weiler | Elise Pasieniuk | Kennedy Naseem |
| Michael Torno | Daniel Ramirez | Caitlyn Pearson |
| Lucy Acock | Robert Rolling | Kandy Powers |
| Kylie Chester | Rachael Sanchez | Danny Quint |
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| Collins Haas | Riley Steinbauer | Annie Wilson |
| Christopher Hand | Shem Yap | Kevin Boehm |
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| Kaleigh Klosak | Valerie Bennett | Morgan Garvey |
| Lucas Shatto | Bryce Clifton | Brent Gerke |
| John Siedlik | Fiona Ford | William Gordon |
| Scott Thornton | Shannon | Cole Havelka |
| Elizabeth Walsh | Hesemyer | Jessica Olson |
| Donna Yarbrough | Anna Jackson | Aurelia Ortiz |
| Arsenio Arciga | Christian Jacobs | Mendoza |
| Mimi Evans | Michelle Usher | Katherine Talbott |

St. James School News

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St. James Catholic School



Weekly Enrichment Classes:
Spanish, PE, Music, Technology, Library



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Full Time & Part Time Availability

Call About Enrolling

Call: 816-781-4428

Email: info@stjames-school.org

www.sjsliberty.com



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME HOME TO COMMUNION

Communion is coming together in "community" with our parish and all who come to gather in the Eucharistic liturgy.

All are welcome to be fully present in the Catholic Mass

If you have family members, friends, or neighbors who have not returned to Mass,

PLEASE INVITE THEM TO COME HOME TO COMMUNION THIS LENTEN SEASON

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