

Saint James Catholic Community

*Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022*

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**Return To Me With Your Whole Heart
For I Am Gracious and Merciful**

St. James Catholic Church

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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 everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

Stations of the Cross
Next Friday
5:30pm in the Church
Led by Religious Education Students

Estaciones de la Cruz Hispans comienzan a las 6:30pm



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

The Last Fish Fry is
Friday 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

See Full Menu on Page 7

Palm Sunday - April 10
10:30am Mass - Procession

There will be a procession of palms at this Mass beginning outside the church. Please gather outside the church on the sidewalk below the steps before Mass.

All other Masses - No Procession
 Please seat yourselves as usual.

Special Collection For Ukraine

This Weekend - April 2/3

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 is the 5th Sunday of Lent, and we have the last of our 'scrutinies' where we pray with those preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and pray that they might 'scrutinize' their lives as they prepare for New Life at Easter.

Each of us are called this Lenten season to look within, to see where we can grow and experience the 'newness' of Easter.

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. You are invited to join us during Holy Week: on Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Good Friday, when we celebrate the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross and on Holy Saturday evening, as we celebrate the New Life of Easter and welcome our catechumens and candidates into our community.

Each evening, the celebration will begin at 7:00pm. On Easter Sunday our Mass times will be different than the normal Sunday times. We will celebrate Mass on Easter morning at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am. There will be NO 5pm Mass Easter Sunday evening.

If it's been a while since you've been to Mass, Easter is a great time to come back and join us.

Our Knights of Columbus last Fish Fry for the Lenten season, will be next Friday evening, April 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious fish meal, with all the sides and gather with folks from our own parish community as well as the larger community around us. Thanks to the Knights for offering this great opportunity.

Lastly, this Sunday, our Knights of Columbus will be in the Gathering Space to receive the donations that we are collecting to support the people and families of Ukraine, especially those whose lives have been so shattered, and that nation that has been so devastated by war and violence. Your generosity goes to help these folks who are in such desperate need.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Blessings to you and your family as we begin this month of April, and the New Life of Spring among us.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of April 4 - April 10

Monday 8:15am	†John Garvey
Tuesday 8:15am	†Julianna Blanck
Wednesday 8:15am	†Chris Rupp
Thursday 8:15am	†Martin Greenwald †Steven Weiner
Friday 8:15am	††William and Karen Hapwood
Saturday 5:00pm	†Maggie Doetman
Sunday 8:00am	†Margaret Symmonds †Terisa Tabor
10:30am 5:00pm	†Bruce Lackey Our St. James Parish

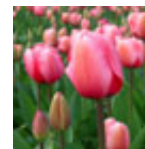


From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with ...

Loretta and Larry Venneman and family and friends on the death of Larry's father John "Jack" Venneman who passed away on March 21.

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



Special Envelope in Your Packet Easter Flower Offering

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. 204 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. 202.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday

12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org

Hope Gift Cards Available For Sale After 8:00am Sunday Mass Need Volunteers for 10:30am Mass



We regret that currently we are limiting HOPE Gift Card sales to after the 8:00am Sunday Mass only. We would like to 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 (x202) in the parish office.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 24



Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday following Easter. Our Lord asked Saint Faustina to pray and work towards establishing a Feast of Divine Mercy on that day.

When Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina (making her Saint Faustina), he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the entire Church.

He set aside this day as a day of forgiveness of sin and punishment due to sin (with sacramental confession 20 days before or after and receiving Holy Communion).

He even prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the prayer that Jesus gave her at her tomb. Given all these connections between St. Faustina and Divine Mercy, is it any wonder that Pope John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday (the evening before the feast day), which fell that year on April 3, 2005 and was canonized St. John Paul II on the Feast of Divine Mercy, 2014.

Our Divine Mercy celebration at St. James will be April 24 from 1:30 - 3:00pm in the church.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



During this Lenten season I have focused on *Discernment*, the need to look inward, recognizing and confessing our sins, seeking forgiveness, forgiving our brothers and sisters, and turning to God.

One question which is often asked, however, is "When will the memory of past hurts, losses, angry words, pain, suffering, and my own sins go away?" My answer: "Maybe never, but as we learn to let go, to give our pain to God, sadness and pain will be replaced with inner peace and hope." Perhaps I am naïve, but not only do these words express my belief but they reflect my experience.

This September will be 26 years since I lost my husband Robert to cancer after five long years of chemotherapy, radiation treatments, a stem-cell transplant, and many prayers. At times the pain of that loss is still very real, but there are more happy, joy-filled memories which continue to reduce the intensity of that loss. I never thought I would experience love and the desire to marry again. However, thirteen years ago I married a very special person, Gene. Sadly, we shared only four years together. His battle with cancer was shorter, but non-the-less painful. Once again, the intensity of my pain and grief has been overshadowed by love and the knowledge that God did not abandon me. Over time I continue to learn that giving my pain, guilt, and sorrow to God is the only way to find inner peace, understand the blessedness of each day as gift, and behold the sacredness of all life. Letting go is hard, but it never means erasing memories. Letting go is simply letting God take our pain and leading us to a all encompassing desire to love and be in God's presence.

When I guide individuals on the path of discernment, that leads to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I always tell them not to confess anything unless they are truly willing to let go and give themselves to God for healing and direction. Confession of sin must first begin in the heart, not the mind. I must have the desire and trust in God to confess, humbly seek forgiveness, then give my guilt to God. I cannot heal without letting go. I cannot be whole if I withhold from God, harboring pain, anger, suffering and guilt. My life cannot be filled with hope and joy if I hold on. I believe that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of love. I give myself, my darkest moments and sinfulness to God because I believe that God's love and grace is greater than anything I have done, failed to do, or been done too. Seeing myself as God's beloved daughter is the only way I can understand God's love and mercy. God never forces, God simply asks me to love and trust; to place my life in God's mercy, and to share this infinite, perfect love with my fellow brothers and sisters.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, *Sandy Gagnon*

The Devotion of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Recitation of the Seven Sorrows Rosary

Friday, April 8

4:00pm in the Church



Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) that devotion

to the Blessed Virgin Mary's Seven Sorrows would bring great signal graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. The prophecy of Simeon
2. The flight into Egypt
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple
4. Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary
5. Mary stands at the foot of the cross
6. Mary receives the dead body of Jesus
7. Jesus is placed in the tomb

Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of his passion as only a mother can. Our Lady's Sorrows are commemorated on the liturgical calendar twice a year - the Friday before Palm Sunday and September 15.

All are invited to participate on Friday, April 8.

Honor Your Loved Ones With Flowers



The sanctuary will be decorated at Easter with flowers in honor or memory of our families and friends.

To add your loved ones, drop the Easter Flower Offering envelope with your name, the names of the people to remember or honor and your donation in the collection basket or bring your envelope to the parish office between 9am - noon.



Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm



Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm

Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm



Easter Vigil

7:00 pm



Mass Times

7:30am

9:30am

11:30am

Note: There is no 5:00 pm Mass Easter Sunday

Parish Religious Education Upcoming Dates

Religious Education Sessions

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 - this ends the year with May Crowning-Living Rosary and Mass outside in the Prayer garden. A picnic with activities for children. Families should prepare their own food for the picnic. Please bring lawn chairs.

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

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

Please sign up by emailing

Ernie.collins@stjames-liberty.org



*We are All Called to Protect
God's Children and Youth*

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

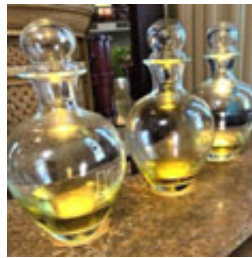
As we celebrate Easter and the beginning of Spring, it's a good time to re-energize our efforts against child sexual abuse and recommit ourselves to strengthening the safety net of protection for children.

Please join the efforts of the Diocese's Office of Child and Youth Protection by increasing awareness about child sexual abuse and by offering care for those who suffer." Both employees and volunteers in our parish have received training designed to make them aware of the presence of sexual abuse, challenges in identifying, reporting and helping victims, and ways to protect our children and youth from ever experiencing such trauma.

Early Bulletin Deadline For Easter Sunday

Articles and information for April 17 (Easter Sunday) must be submitted no later than end of day Tuesday, April 5.

Chrism Mass Did You Know????



Every year there is a Chrism Mass at which the Bishop blesses the three oils that will be used in the parishes for the next year. The oils from the previous Chrism Mass are used in the Easter Fire at the Easter Vigil.

The three oils are the Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick and the Sacred Chrism.

- **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint those preparing for the Rite of Baptism. Children are anointed on the breast bone.

- **Oil of the Sick** is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, to anoint anyone that needs to be strengthened for an upcoming surgery, beginning of an illness or becoming more frail due to age.

- **Sacred Chrism** the only one that has an aroma, is used in Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders as an anointing with the Holy Spirit. At the Chrism Mass the Bishop breathes the Holy Spirit into the oil.

This year's the Chrism Mass is at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception on April 7th at 7:00pm.

All are welcome! Parking attendants will be directing guest to FREE parking close to the cathedral when the parking lot there is full.



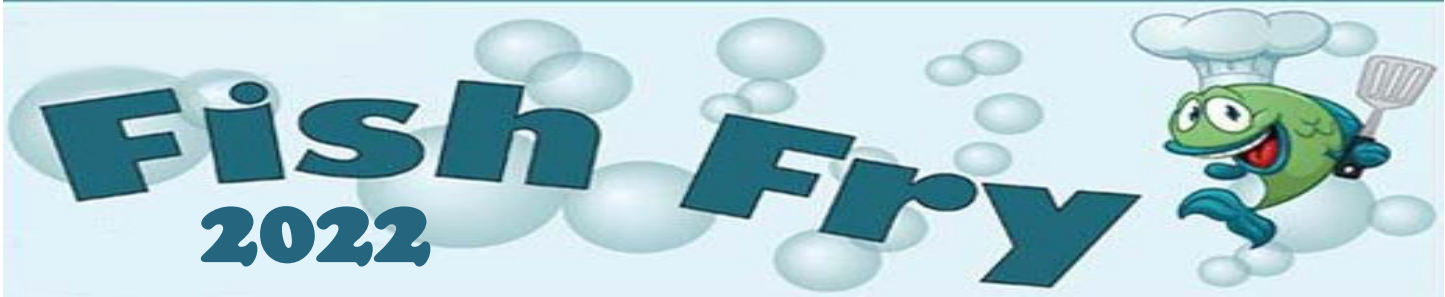
Celebration of Hope Gala – April 9

We are pleased to offer both in-person and virtual attendance this year.

There's something for everyone! However you choose to participate, know that you making hope come alive for families throughout our service area.

For more information or to register go to:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/>



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

THIS FRIDAY - 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Palm Sunday



Next weekend, churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, we use palm branches to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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Community Conversations –
Healing for All Harmed
by Clergy Sexual Abuse



JOURNEY TO BETHANY

What if there are other people that feel the same way? Maybe others who have experienced abuse. Others who are angry with the injustice. What if there are people who care? People who want to help. What if you could learn about options and resources to help ease the burden?

At Journey to Bethany's Community Conversations people are finding just this. Community Conversations strive to create a safe, welcoming space to gather, share and process whatever you may be feeling.

We know there is a lot of healing that is needed. Healing for all from clergy sexual abuse.

Survivors, those who support survivors, and anyone in search of healing are invited to join us on Zoom every first Monday from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Next Session - Monday, April 4

Learn more and get the link at:

www.journeytobethany.org/conversations



Scan the code to purchase tickets for the
annual Jazz and Java event at Liberty
North on April 10th!

\$5 at the door or purchase online

Sponsored by local businesses, come listen
to the jazz bands of Liberty North, Heritage
Middle, and South Valley while we auction
off prizes.



	MEETS EVERY MONDAY 4:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL
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Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.

Kathleen Boswell	Renee Diaz	Boston Cochran
Douglas Chambers	Jackson Doty	Daniel Crossett
Morley Christie	Colleen Langhorst	Ronald Gibbs
James Crocker	Jason Lanter	Dakota Grizzle
Lauren Crossett	Megan Manda	Carly Junod
Elisa Diaz	Shannon McMahon	William Korte
Scott Geisinger	Billy Montgomery	Sage Murdock
Adam Latham	Brooklyn Myers	Shelby O'Brien
Paul Mallett	Giavincia Reyes	Michael Ruiz
Colton Murmylo	Stephanie Ridens	Andrea Rusch
Cindy O'Brien	Colton Robinette	Thomas Saffell
Walter O'Brien	Abby Schoenrock	Bernard Versue
Susan Schwarz	Kimberly Schott	Lucia Christello
Myron Sharp	John Witherow	Laura Mahan
Clayton Theleman	Kimberly Bartlett	Kevin Nordhues
Jonathan Vernickas	Sean Daldrup	James Norton
Elizabeth Waltemath	David Dugan	Andrew Richards
Angela Ashlock	Joann Dunn	Timothy Smith
Kaeleigh Cooper	Megan Gentrup	William Stipanovich
Jamie Cunningham	Macie Lanter	Cory Busch
Mary Heller	Emilia Lauck	Kevin Casel
Reagan Herrig	Matthew Mularoni	Frank Fuentes
Finley Hessemyer	Kevin Onka	Zachary Fuller
Roger Holyfield	Anna Thornton	Andrea Gomez
Madeline Koch	Jeanne Whitaker	John Guiriba
Angela Lyon	Isaac Amador	Lawrence Herschbach
Tammy Seggerman	Sophia Armilio	Connor Koelling
Hayden Armour	Brady Austin	Marita List
Nathan Bigler	Kenneth Barry	Jason Reichert
		Averie Selchert
		Catherine Sprung
		Tyler Vivanco

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

**Please notify us to remove your name
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In respect of HIPAA we will add names
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