

Saint James Catholic Community

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022*

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St. James Catholic Church

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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.

“Meet Life” Campaign 2022



The “Meet Life” Baby Bottle Campaign Begins This Weekend



After all Masses this weekend, members of the Knights of Columbus, assisted by members of the Respect Life Ministry, will be passing out baby



bottles to collect funds to support the Liberty Women's Clinic and the Knight's national ultrasound project.

The Baby Bottle Campaign will run through June 19, Father's Day.

Your filled baby bottles can be dropped off in the designated place in the Gathering Space before or after every weekend Mass or dropped off in the Parish Office.

Donations to this campaign can also be made on-line using the QR Code below or on the St. James website.



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

The gospels speak of the twelve apostles. Why these men? What qualified them? We might also ask: Why not women apostles? Of course there were women disciples, for example Mary of Magdala. It seems that Jesus made a choice, looked into the hearts of the apostles and called them. We will never know why these particular men were chosen. It really does no good to speculate about this issue. What matters is that there was a call and response.

This Sunday has been declared as a "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The word "vocations" has a wide meaning because all disciples of Jesus have a vocation: to be witnesses to the presence of Christ among us. But the intent of this day of prayer is to pray specifically for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is apparent that the number of priests and religious has been shrinking, especially in the northern hemisphere. In our own diocese, only one man will be ordained to the priesthood for the next two years. There are a few dioceses doing better, but in general the number of ordinations and professions has plummeted. Does this mean that God is no longer calling? Or does it mean that far fewer are answering the call to serve the Church as ordained or professed?

Some believe that Church law regarding vocations needs to change. Celibacy is, after all, an ecclesiastical law, not a doctrinal law. Some theologians suggest that maybe God is calling the Church to a change in the law: that priests be allowed to marry and that women be candidates for the priesthood. Pope John Paul II declared that celibacy is a closed issue, but some theologians think otherwise. There are already married priests in the Roman Rite by way of exception, such as pastors of other denominations converting to the Catholic faith, being ordained, and though they are married still serving as priests. Eastern Rite Catholic clergy have always been allowed to marry.

I don't think that the issue will be resolved any time soon, but the directive remains clear and important: that we pray earnestly for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and that we continue to promote lay people to works of ministry

God bless you and know that my prayers are with you.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of May 9 - May 15

Monday 8:15am	††Bill & Kristi Koontz
Tuesday 8:15am	<i>St. Damien</i> †Marianne Minton
Wednesday 8:15am	††William & Mary Miller
Thursday 8:15am	†Edith Gormley
Friday 8:15am	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> †Jameson Sweeny
Saturday 5:00pm	†Frank Kromeich †Pat Clark
Sunday 8:00am	†John Garvey
10:30am	†Thomas R. Balk
5:00pm	†Maggie Doedtman



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

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

BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON MAY 17



Did you know that in the Liberty/ Greater Kansas City area, 1 in 3 people will need blood at some point in their life, and 1 in 7 hospital admissions requires a blood transfusion?

This means almost 600 donations are needed daily to keep up with hospital demand.

Did you know blood has a shelf life? Red blood cells have to be used within 42 days, and platelets within 5 days.

Donations have declined in recent years leaving many patients vulnerable to blood supply issues. With a congregation as big as we are blessed with at St. James, we have the resources to help with those shortages and make a huge impact in the lives of those in need.

**Please take an hour and join us for the next
Community Blood Center Blood Drive:
Tuesday, May 17
from 12:30-6:30pm
in the Social Hall**

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins will be welcome if capacity allows.

Sign up at www.savealifenow.org/group and use Group Code: ES or contact Nikki at 816-407-1208 or kpower@kc.rr.com.

If you have questions about medical eligibility, call 800-688-0900. Please note this blood drive is a little earlier in the month than usual so schedule your appointment soon so you don't miss out.

**Hope Gift Cards Sold
After All Sunday Morning Masses
Hope Cards are sold in the Parish Hall**



After the 8:00am and 10:30 Masses.

We still need additional people to serve as volunteers to sell the cards. If you can volunteer or want more information, contact Ernie (x208) or Jeanne (x202) in the parish office.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Last Sunday I attended my youngest granddaughter's confirmation, and although it was not in the Catholic Church it was very moving. Before their confirmation each of the young people were asked to write an essay on their faith formation and what confirmation meant to them. They were also asked to select a passage from scripture which held special meaning to them. I was unusually surprised to read Elizabeth's scripture selection: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). I was certainly confused regarding her choice until I read her personal, thought provoking essay.

Elizabeth began her essay by explaining how it was difficult for her, a teen age girl of fourteen, living in Parkville, MO, to find commonality with Jesus: the son of God, who lived 2 thousand years ago, was raised a devote Jew, "was perfect", i.e. never sinned, and whom she never met as one meets a new friend, teacher, or coach. She then thanked the many people who had been involved in her faith formation, each providing love, acceptance, and guidance, and how important they remain in her life. I was still waiting for why she chose that particular scripture.

We all know the context of this passage; Jesus standing at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. As Elizabeth wrote, when she read this story she realized the there were times in Jesus' life when the expression of his emotions were similar to her own emotions: sadness, sorrow, anger, happiness, and even confusion. Yes, Jesus, the son of God felt pain and suffering, in moments of sadness and anguish he expressed his feelings, "Jesus wept."

Elizabeth is a very beautiful young woman, generally happy, active, and hard working. Only on rare occasions have I witnessed her weeping. Reading her essay, I also realized that my relationship with Jesus has grown as a result of understanding how closely linked his emotions are to my own. How many times have I wept at the loss of a close friend, or family member? How many times have I felt lost and alone with my feelings? How many times have I felt discouraged or misunderstood? How many times have I felt angry or frustrated when others react unkindly to my beliefs, my faith, and my efforts to reach out? Yet as I read scripture and immerse myself in the life of Christ Jesus, I discover how Jesus' humanity was so like my own, in all things but sin. Jesus trusted God, his father, and freely gave himself to the Father's will. Broken and frightened, pleading with God to "let this cup pass," Jesus gave himself fully to the father. Elizabeth's essay helped me to realize that Jesus' humanness only draws me closer to him. We do have much in common, yet I still must learn to trust and surrender, more completely to God' love.

Happy 4th Sunday of Easter,

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, *Sandy Gagnon*



The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life.

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "ad gentes".

2022 is the 56th Anniversary
of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Moms and Grandmoms - You invited to join a new group "Mothers and Munchkins." Participating in this group provides the opportunity to make new friends, socialize and pray the rosary with other moms and

grandmoms and experience the support, encouragement, joy and inspiration of this fun network of Catholic Moms and Grandmoms.

Where: Stocksdale Park in Liberty for the month of May.

Time: Tuesdays 10am - 11:30am

Who: Mothers & Grandmothers with or without their kids

Kids: no age limit, we are choosing a park to get them outdoors

Activities: playing at the park, praying the rosary or listening to it and just outdoor socialization and hopefully getting to know other women in the parish.

To sign up to join this group, go to:

<https://community.schooloffaith.com/share/DFDxIzIz6HNuOdWL>

For more information, contact Jennifer Bishop
at 816-372-1187

Food Drive For In As Much Food Pantry Pick Up A Grocery Sack After All Masses Next Weekend



Grocery sacks will be distributed after all Masses next weekend for your donations to the In As Much Food Pantry.

The Pantry is running low on the items on their Wish List below and is in urgent need of these items.

WISH LIST

All non-perishable, non-expired food items will be accepted, but they are in urgent need of these items....

Baked Beans	Carrots
Sweet Potatoes (canned)	Beets
White Potatoes (canned)	Chicken Broth
Sloppy Joe	Chilli
Pineapple	Mandarin Oranges
Snack Crackers	Toilet Paper



Seminarian education is among the largest expenses of our diocese, but also one of the greatest investments we can

make for our future. With tuition, room, board and other expenses, the cost of educating a single seminarian is about \$45,000 per year.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph ask you to prayerfully consider donating to the Tomorrow's Priest Collection held the weekend of May 14-15 — this collection offsets expenses for our men in formation for the priesthood.

A mailer with donation envelope will be sent to all registered parishioners in the diocese, but you can also contribute via the 2nd collection at Mass the weekend of May 14-15 (an envelope is in your packet) or donate at kcpriest.org/tomorrows-priest-collection.

In addition to financial support, please pray that Our Lord will continue to increase the number of men from our Diocese being called to the priesthood.



we joyfully welcome
to the lord's table
the following children
who received their
first holy communion
this easter season.

*Amelia Aust
Laney Bailey
Hudson Baker
Ella Basgall
Leah Bell
Francesca Bergin
Stella Bray
Josie Bringus
Henry Brost
Dorothy Brown
Taylor Brown
Zoe Buckmiller
Genarose Chorbak
Bryanna Covarrubias
Andrew Crossett
Andres De Haro
Mitchell Dias
Grayson Dorssom
Charlie Durham
Brock Fallon
Brian Francis
Ethan Francois
Cristian Garza
Sebastian Garza
Gregrey Geoghegan
Laura Gibson
Jaxon Haynes*

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Layken Jones
William Jorgensen
Goldie Kazanowski
Lyla Kirkbride
Madelyn Klinginsmith
Madeline Koch
Connor Koelling
Micheal Konrat
Lincoln Krause
Kirra Ladenthin
Augustus Lanio
Ella Lollar
Devlin McCarthy
Leah McCarthy
Layla McCoy
Gia McNeal
Britton Meck-Gilbert
Francesca Milano
Alexandria Miller
Callie Montgomery
Kathleen Mordy
Anna Mullin
Valerie Muñoz
Karis Orozco*

*Ellee Padilla
Olyvia Padilla
Elise Pasienuk
Sloane Phillips
Harper Pope
Melissa Refalopei
Myson Refalopei
Dominic Reliford
Liam Rodriguez
Charles Russo
Katherine Schroeder
Mario Serrone
Katherine Stamper
William Stipanovich
Eli Timmerberg
Maxwell Vanderheul
Caroline Vaughn
Jade Vaughn
Casey Vedder
Hailey Weick
Kaden Westoff
Knox Westoff
Roman Wilson
Franklin Winter
Lucy Witte
Leila Yap
Macy Zeier*

First Communion ~ April 23



First Communion ~ May 1



Volunteer Opportunity Hillcrest Hope



Hillcrest Hope will be receiving a large donation of items from a food drive that the US Postal service does each May. Hillcrest Hope will need 10-15 volunteers to help sort the donations on Monday, May 16 from 10am – 2pm.

If available to help out that day, please contact me via email or at the number listed below.

Thank you! Julie Dorset

Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator
Monday – Thursday ~ 9am – 4pm @816-873-1365

Email: jdorset@hillcresthope.org

St. Damien of Molokai Feast Day May 10



St. Damien of Molokai, also called Father Damien, was a Belgian priest who devoted his life to missionary work among the Hawaiian lepers.

Born in Belgium in 1840, he joined the Society of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in 1858 and went as a missionary to the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands in 1863. He reached Honolulu in 1864 and was ordained a priest the same year.

Moved by the miserable condition of the lepers whom the Hawaiian government had deported to Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai, he volunteered to take charge of the settlement. He served as both pastor and physician to the colony and undertook many projects to better the conditions there. He improved water and food supplies and housing and founded two orphanages, receiving help from other priests for only 6 of his 16 years on Molokai.

In 1884 he contracted leprosy, refused to leave for treatment and died in 1889. He was beautified by Pope John Paul II in 1995 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009.



Tomorrow's Priest Collection Next Weekend May 14 / 15

Envelope Is In Your Packet

Funds collected support men in our diocese preparing for the priesthood.



Our Lady of Fatima May 13

105th Anniversary of Blessed Mother's 1st Apparition at Fatima

We can manifest our love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her month of May by saying the Rosary daily.

On May 13, 1917 in the small village of Fatima in Portugal, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children – Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. She appeared six times between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917. In each and every apparition Our Lady insisted upon the praying of the most Holy Rosary.

On July 13, she said “Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world . . . for she alone can save it.”

By virtue of its meditative character, with the tranquil succession of Hail Marys, the Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it. The Rosary is also a prayer for peace because of the fruits of charity which it produces. When prayed well in a truly meditative way, the Rosary leads to an encounter with Christ in his mysteries and so cannot fail to draw attention to the face of Christ in others, especially in the most afflicted

In a word, by focusing our eyes on Christ, the Rosary also makes us peacemakers in the world. By its nature as an insistent choral petition in harmony with Christ's invitation to “pray ceaselessly” (Lk 18:1), the Rosary allows us to hope that, even today, the difficult “battle” for peace can be won. Far from offering an escape from the problems of the world, the Rosary obliges us to see them with responsible and generous eyes, and obtains for us the strength to face them with the certainty of God's help and the firm intention of bearing witness in every situation to “love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Col 3:14).

During her apparition on June 13, 1917, she said, “When you pray the Rosary, say this prayer after each mystery. We refer to this as the Fatima Prayer.

**O Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to Heaven,
especially those
who have most need of your mercy.**

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

St. James School News

Lisa Atkins	Alice Heflin	Ramon Torres-Gomez
Olivia Book	Stephanie Jones	Matthew Bishop
Nathaniel Boos	Patrick Testrake	Adelyn Davis
Karen Kline	Victor Toler	Kimberly Eichler
John Ridder	Mario Usera	Mathew George
David Rumsey	Sean Combs	Hudson Goodwin
George Schergen	Trisha DeWet	Malia Grelinger
Anthony Schulte	Oscar Elizalde	Aaron Hill
Marissa Vitug	Jennifer Janning	David Krause
Adalee Whited	Robert Lade	Emily Mattingly
Katherine Downey	Jared Mathes	John Mohr
Samantha Eichler	Ali McCarthy	Emerson Ragland
Rachel Homoly	LeRoy Parrish	Elizabeth Reichert
Frank Janacaro	Cooper Richardson	Kimberly Schneider
Alexis Marshall	David Slater	Kiley Timmerberg
Maggie Marshall	Jessica Westfall	Wesley Wooten
Francesco Milano	Carlin Yonke	Joseph Amaro
Sandra Morton	Gail Brame	Jaclyn Cerini
Autumn Murphy	Emma Chartier	Mark Grogan
Christopher Roark	Addison Cotton	Dolly Hullinger
Juan Rodriguez	Andrea Elliott	Narsok Juma
Thomas Saffell	Kasen Kollasch	Josephine Lux
Tyler Selock	Chloe Kuchta	Dylan McCloskey
William Sperry	Lori Madson	Taylor McCloskey
Brian Streich	Amanda McConnell	Katelynn Nogueira
Richard Beyer	Michelle McCubbin	Zachary Rogers
Brianna Boehm	Mandy Mears	Jacob Selock
Edgar Cabrales	Matthew Nelson	Alexander Trinidad
Aaliyah Cerilo	Ava Spencer	
Theodore Dahlberg		
Mitchell Dias		



Mass Intentions

The custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. When we celebrate the Eucharist, in addition to prayers for the deceased, a particular intention may be included.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for one of your loved ones or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 816-781-4343. A small donation may be offered.



We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Lauren Lakebrink Krueger Ginny Miller Marion Starr Richard Cronkleton Joseph Gorman Cameron & Antony Anderson Charles Cunningham Ron May Carol Weir Geralyn Hosticka Libbey Rall Guadalupe Iorenia torres Valenzuela Jim Tucker Cathy Chris Anthony Manny & Brenda Garcia Julie Rush Teresa, Terry & Dori B. Pete & Connie Hollomon Dan Kandlbinder Shelby Herfel Debbie Hughes Jordan Taylor Pearl Watson Jason Moore & Family Will, Theresa & Aspen Eskrine Roger Joe Hartmann Terry Zrust Teri Diane	Heather Peggy Luchtefeld Dorothy & William Bradford Alexis Doug & Susan Blair Jackie Rapp Jeff Lea Bradley Jones Mark Daldrup Thomas & Alexander Minniece Jason Harris Delight Thomason Family Wyatt Morris Brandon Hutson Norma Molina Ramon Mendoza, Sr. Ramon Mendoza, Jr. Jim & Julie Miller Margaret Ellen, Herb and Mark Thompson Oliver Schmidt Cathy Lakebrink Dorothy Bradford Mike Carr Pete Burmeister Kate Nowatzke Dan Van Leeuwen Kathleen Amos Susan Federoff Kathy Nowatzke Reba & Debra Suttief Fran Norton's Family Phil Willoughby Wendy Barton Silhavy	Mike Rodriguez Fred Massman Mary & Gabriel Wier Karen Ann Stevens Arlene Dietrich Jake Harman Bob Orschein Charles Mann Douglas Shreffler Jeff Ridder Kenny Walker Sabrina Hinkle Susan Koeppen John Mreen John Williams Deacon Doug Hemke John Murphy Derek and Katie John Fessler Jessica & Brad Ricky & DeeDee Arsenio "R.C." Arciga Gene Stephani John Davis Janet Walker Rory Elliott Casel Family Todd Higgins Larry Farnan Walter Swanson Ron Shinkle Michael Ruiz Kathy Peters Mauricia O'Brien	Janet Ward & Jeff James Filippe Alicia Paredes Bob Pezلمان Patty Larson James Gubera Dan Tomc Laurie Beach Rachel Johnson Wanda Finnigan Ciara Davis Pat Neibergall-Timm Brian Akers Audria Martin Jose Torres Dan & Bibi Chadwick John Barrington Philip Pernice Don Taylor Nick Peters Dwain Jones Desmond Arciga-Quenga Michelle Bacus Mark Schweitzer Bill Kirwan Deacon Bud Jackson Erwin Pat Carey & Family Gavin McKenna Helen Szczech Eddie Campbell Melissa Andrasik Diana Marchisio Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.	Rachelle Pomfrey Ron & Peggy Pettz John & Susan-Kelly Corsione Lynn & Monica Nelson Hannah Taylor Rodriguez Family Scott Neibergall Margie Myers & Mattea Jean and Richard Jackson Pamela & James Anderson Barbara Meigs Tony and Tet So Travis & Sarah Shay The Curiel Family Barbara Fortier Barb Schwery Nichole Stewart Doug Schuster Kelly Gentrup The Hollomon Family Jacke & Enike Hayes Carla George Kyle Sellmeyer Margarita Mendoza Family Marie Brancato Rich Curasi Bob Roach John Brocato Barbara (Roach) Still Kathleen Haines John Pfannenstiel Mike Sheeley Saree Morely John Findlay	Duane Sander Troy Cronkite Matt Biskup Family Kim Lackey Pam Fink John Nauser Bill Roach, Jr. Jacob & Dana Lansford Gary Andrew Reese Sam Porter Mary Alice Worth Amy Villarreal Mary Kaye Masnado John Amaro Randy Baumert Jackie Plack Pelling Kennedy Noel Holcumbrink Rita Lowe / Megan Tony V. Sr. Deric DeMasi Chris Alvey Patrick O'Neill John McMahon Eddie Ansalmo Maria Giannelli Kenadee Gallagher Shawn Adkins Jason Robinson Leah Biskup Coady Olivia Hernandez Laura Ann DiGiovanna Robert Doleshal Jersey & James Hicks
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Rosary For Healing
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