

# Saint James Catholic Community

*Pentecost Sunday  
June 5, 2022*

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## **St. James Catholic Church**

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<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.



## St. James Knights Of Columbus Relay For Life 4th Annual Luminaria Fund Drive Begins This Weekend

Our St. James Knights of Columbus Relay for Life Team is "inspiring HOPE" and is asking for your support. This year's Relay for Life event will be held **Saturday, June 25** at KCPD Police Academy Track and Field, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., KCMO 64119 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm. Here is how you can help:

### Purchase a Luminaria bag . . .

"IN MEMORY OF" a loved one lost to cancer, or "IN HONOR OF" someone still fighting cancer or a survivor. Each luminaria bag costs \$10.

Last year, St. James members bought over \$3,054 in luminarias and we are hoping to raise \$3,500 this year. Hope shines brightest during the Luminaria Ceremony, held during the event on June 25.



### You may purchase luminarias after Masses this weekend.

### The Knights of Columbus in their bright red shirts will be assisting with these purchases.

If you prefer, it is easy to make a donation and/or buy a luminaria online.

Go to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/stjames> or our St. James website to make a donation or buy a luminaria.

The deadline for purchasing luminarias is **Monday, June 20.**

Please reach out to Alan Mazi, team captain, at 816-304-8521 if you need assistance online or have any questions about participating in this year's event.

*Songs from the  
Broadway Stage*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022 – 2:00 P.M.**

St. James Catholic Church, Liberty, Missouri

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

A reflection on the Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) helps us to see the meaning of the Christian Pentecost. Originally it was a harvest festival. On the feast the Israelites would bring an offering of first fruits (especially wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, dates) to a celebration at the Jerusalem Temple, recognizing by word and deed that these fruits were God's gift and that praise and thanksgiving be rightly offered.

After the Roman destruction of Jerusalem, the focus of the feast changed. It now became more a celebration of the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. The people recalled the story of the Exodus, read the 10 Commandments, and recommitted themselves to living in the spirit of the Law. "All that the Lord says we will do." But it was also a reminder that they should strive for spiritual growth all the year long.

It was at the time of the Jewish Pentecost, likely observed by the apostles, that something new happened, a new Pentecost. Instead of 50 days after Passover, it was 50 days after the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the new Passover. Just as the Jewish people were given a mission and renewed that mission on Pentecost, so now the Apostles and all disciples of Jesus were given a new mission, evangelization. It was not just the work of the apostles but for all disciples of Jesus: to go out and proclaim the good news so that all people could hear and be invited to become disciples.

The mission did not rely only on the talents, the voice, the work of the apostles and disciples of Jesus, but on a special gift which would be lavished on them: the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Christian Pentecost story uses images to illustrate that special gift. One was the flames of fire. It was not literally a fire, but a symbolic fire: the fire of wisdom, the fire of confidence, the fire of enlightenment, the fire of zeal. The other symbol was the powerful wind, not literally wind, but wind as a symbol of power, strength, courage, confidence, and zeal, qualities needed by all who proclaim and live the Good News. So that is our mission: sent to be Christ to others, leading them to discipleship. Empowered by the Spirit, we embrace that call today.

Know that my prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

## Mass Intentions

### Week of June 6 - June 12

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>
<b>8:15am</b>	†Don Erwin
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>8:15am</b>	†David Roach
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>8:15am</b>	Veterans Outreach Ministry
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St. Ephrem</i>
<b>8:15am</b>	†Chris Rupp Daryl Sweetland
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>8:15am</b>	Those on our St. James Prayer List
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>5:00pm</b>	†Frank Kromeich †Mike Westrem
<b>Sunday</b>	
<b>8:00am</b>	†John Garvey †Mike Westrem
<b>10:30am</b>	†Angel Cowdin †Paula Jean Haskett
<b>5:00pm</b>	Our Country

### PLEASE NOTE

#### CHANGES IN MASS SCHEDULES MONDAY-FRIDAY / JUNE 13 - 17

Because both Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael will be out of town from Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17, the following changes are being made to the Mass schedules.

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** - No Mass; Deacon Chuck will hold a Communion Service at the regular 8:15am Mass time.

**Tuesday** - Mass at 8:30am honoring a retiring diocesan staff member. Presider: Fr. Tom Hermes.

## 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:**

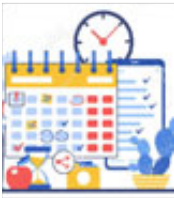
email [cecilia@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:cecilia@stjames-liberty.org)

or call the Parish Office, ext. 202.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday**

**12Noon to: [bulletin@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:bulletin@stjames-liberty.org)**

## New Parish Master Calendar Scheduling Procedures



Our new Parish Master Calendar procedures became effective on June 1.

Following the procedures below for adding an event, meeting and/or activity streamlines the scheduling process and helps to ensure that the parish office has all of the information needed to successfully schedule your event in accordance with your needs.

To add an event to our Parish Master calendar, contact Jeanne Greenwald in the Parish Office at 816-781-4343 ext 200, email: [Stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:Stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org) or fill out the form in the Parish Office.

Please provide the name of the contact person, their email address and phone number. We will also need to know the name of the event, desired dates and times, expected number of people and any audio/visual needs. Once we have checked availability, we will contact you about the next steps.

**Please Remember!**  
**Get It Put On The Parish Master Calendar**



Anything, including events, food drives, meetings, etc. held on our St. James Campus has to be on our Parish Master Calendar.

**Contact**  
**Jeanne Greenwald**  
781-4343 x200  
[Stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:Stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org)

**Or fill out the form in the Parish Office**

## Volunteers Needed To Water Flowers On Our Parish Campus



Our St. James Gardening Team is in need of volunteers to water the flower pots on the parish campus on Tuesday morning, Wednesday evening and Saturday morning.

Locations to water are in front of the church, in front of the Narthex, and in the prayer garden. Ideally, volunteers would be a team of 2 people, for example a husband and wife. We can also use Individual volunteers working alone, as well.

If you can help, please contact Gretchen Lathrop at 816-223-6636.

## Someone is Watching and Wondering

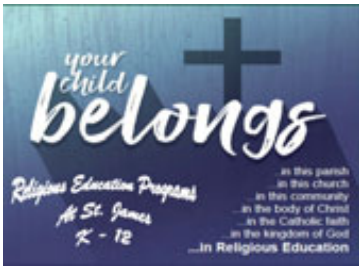


**Beginning June 8  
"Sharing His Love  
With One Another"  
Come/see!**

As written last week, a new opportunity to share our faith and love of Christ will begin this Wednesday (June 8th). You can choose to gather from noon-1:00pm or from 6:30-8:00pm. We will be in the front conference room of the office complex at the lower level of the church. I am excited to meet you, to share our faith, our understanding of God's infinite love and mercy, and how we are called to share charisms in our daily lives. Sharing with one another is vital for the lifelong process of mystogogy, i.e. life-long formation in the faith, which affects the entire "Body of Christ." As baptized Christians trusting in Christ's love, we are called to pass the faith and its traditions to one another. I have come to this understanding through journeying with catechumens and candidates and studying various documents of the church, such as the bishops' pastoral plan *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*. The bishops state that the two-fold purpose of this document is: (1) the formation of parishes that are "vitaly alive in faith" which provide an "array of activities and resources designed to help adults more fully understand and live their faith" and (2) the formation of adults who "actively cultivate a lively baptismal and eucharistic spirituality with a powerful sense of mission and apostolate." Continuing our faith journey is about continuous transformation through our experiences of Christ in creation, the liturgy, the sacraments, and fellow humans. Such experiences, in turn, calls us to the mission Jesus proclaimed: forgiveness, mercy, and loving service.

Last week I stated that "*Sharing His Love With One Another*" is not a scripture/bible study, per se, although the roots of sharing will be lectionary based. It is not be a historical presentation of our Judeo-Christian beliefs, although looking at first century understandings and traditions will provide a foundation to understanding our twenty-first century life as Catholics. This is not a presentation of the history of our church, although an understanding of church teachings is essential for bridging the gap between a holistic view of our world and culture through the eyes of faith, and the tensions we face in a divisive/derisive world. Remember Jesus' words: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. . . This I command you: love one another." (John 15:9-17) For me, surrendering to God's love, given freely through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, is the first step of faith. Once we embrace this gift and fall in love with Christ Jesus, we are called to trust in giving His love away. My hope for this ministry is to enrich our understanding of Jesus' words to love one another, through sharing our experiences, understandings, and relationship with Jesus as we walk together in faith.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, *Sandy Gagnon*



## Early Registration For All Religious Education Programs Begins On-Line This Weekend

Get a jump-start on registering your children for one or more of our Religious Education programs by taking advantage of our early registration that begins on-line this weekend.

Classes are available for the following programs.

Register on the St. James website or by using scanning the applicable QR code(s) below.

### Elementary RE Grades K - 5



### Sacramental Preparation Confirmation



### Middle School RE RE - Grades 6 - 8



### High School Post-Confirmation



### Sacramental Preparation First Reconciliation / First Communion



### Save The Date - September 10



4th Annual "In His Real Presence"  
Eucharistic Congress  
Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph  
Details on St. James Website



### A New Opportunity to Share Our Faith and Love of Christ



All are invited to attend this new faith sharing series, **"Sharing His Love With One Another"** led by Sandy Gagnon, designed specifically for those who wish to enrich their faith and understanding of God's infinite love and

mercy, and how we are each individually called to share God's gifts through our daily lives.

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

Time: Select either Noon-1:00pm or 6:30-8:00pm.

Where: Front conference room of the office complex at the lower level of the church.

Sandy says that this will be an on-going/year round ministry and some may wish to participate for a shorter time and that's okay. We will meet one another where we are as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

For more information about **"Sharing His Love With One Another"** see Sandy's column *Someone Is Watching and Wondering* on page 4 of this and last weekend's bulletin.



### Moms and Grandmoms - You Are Invited to Join "Mothers and Munchkins."

"Mothers and Munchkins" 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: City Park Playground and Splash Pad in Liberty for the month of June.

Time: Tuesdays: Mass at St. James at 8:15am, then City Park Playground from 9:30am - 11:30am.

Who: Mothers/Grandmothers with or without their kids

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

Activities: Mass, playing at the park, praying the rosary, splash pad, socialization and hopefully getting to know other women in the parish.

To join this group, use the QR Code below:



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

## VETERANS RETREAT

### JUNE 30 - JULY 3

## "Coming Home"

A retreat for U.S. Military Veterans featuring a series of talks focusing on issues pertaining to Veterans. Each talk will be followed by small group breakout sessions for attendees to share their own experiences related to the topics presented.

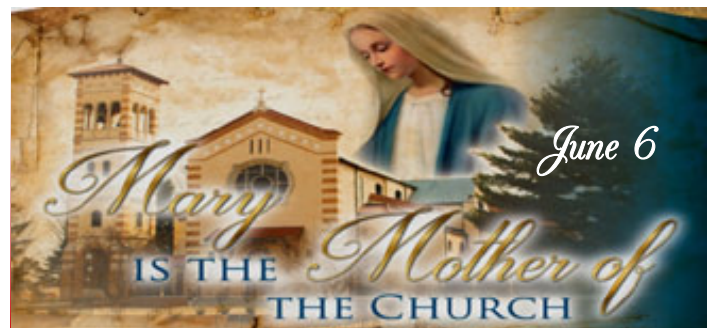
We will also have worship services and quiet time for personal prayer and reflection. Attendees will each receive private accommodations at White House and all meals are provided.

\$30 Per person due at registration. Call 314-416-6400.  
More info at [whitehouseretreat.org/veterans-retreat](http://whitehouseretreat.org/veterans-retreat)

**White House Veterans Retreat**

Jesuit Retreat House

7400 Christopher Dr. - St. Louis MO



Throughout the centuries, Christians have called upon and honored Mary as their mother. In 2018, Pope Francis decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church be inserted into the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost

In this way, the Church recalls Mary's reception of the Holy Spirit with the Apostles at Pentecost, as well as her desire to protect all who come to her Son in His Holy Church. As the Church was fully established in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, strengthening the Lord's followers to believe in and to proclaim the Gospel, the Blessed Mother was there as the foremost example of what it means to fully say yes to Jesus.

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

Jack Arens	Tyler Holyfield	Rachel Houck
Katherine Connely	Christian Koelliker	Tami Mast
Beckett Dold	Lauren McDonald	Jeffery Richardson
Nicholas Effenheim	Conner Myers	Ashleigh Robinson
Darleen Filla	Brenda Rizo	Connor Swope
Angie Fletcher	Rome Russell	Glen Thilges
Madeline Hand	Antonina Clark	Emmett Usher
Hannah Huber	Rickey Clark	Arlene White
Jacob Huber	Scott Daldrup	Susan Winingham
Nancy Hummel	Stephen Davidson	Samuel Brabbin
Anna Hurt	James Green	Jonathan Cerilo
Lorilyn Mohr	Jacob Jimenez	Joe Hussey
Raymond Probst	Henry Koch	David McDonald
Patricia Vertovec	Olive Kortum	Grace Hong-An
Katie Barmann	Evelyn Krause	Natividad
Louie Bringus	Angela Lombardo	Lauren Slocum
Ramon Curiel	Christopher Mallett	Catherine Smith
Ryley Drennen	Peter Mallett	Jan Agee
Sandra Eddy	Jill Maloney	Curtis Bundy
Eleanor Hess	Curtis Mathews	Christopher
Brittany Jones	Annamae	Fernandez
Libby Kopp	McLaughlin	Caitlyn Forgues
Bryce McCloskey	Patrick Phelan	Johnathan Kohrs
Luca Armstrong	Lucy Reliford	Merindah Ladenthin
Tristan Armstrong	Connie Sharp	Michael Mason
Amelia Aust	Joseph Angles	Pamella McDonald
Anna Beyer	Ava Bailey	Cheryl Nalley
Timothy Billharz	Harper Bond	Deborah Pickett
Alex Blevins	Gene Chartier	Jackson Tritz
Matthew Coultis	Wyatt Dugan	Edward
Harper Gant	Connor Francis	Weixeldorfer
Julie Harned	Hailey Hedberg	Miles Winders

**St. James School News**



**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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*Summer*

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

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**Eucharistic Adoration**



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 9:00am until 9:00pm in the Chapel. Come and spend some time with Jesus.

**Let Us Pray For the Suffering People Of Uvalde, TX**





## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Connie Austin Stephen Gary Bloomer Teal's Mom Wayne Curtis Lauren Lakebrink Krueger Ginny Miller Marion Starr Richard Cronkleton Joseph Gorman Cameron & Antony Anderson Charles Cunningham Ron May Carol Weir Geraldyn 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 Sutlief 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 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 Philippe Bob Pezلمان Patty Larson James Gubera Hazel Lewis Dan Tomc Laurie Beach Rachel Johnson Wanda Finnigan Ciara Davis Pat Neibergall-Timm Brian Akers 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 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 Pflannenstiel 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
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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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