

Saint James Catholic Community

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2022

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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 everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.



Love INC is helping to assist families and children in need with basic hygiene items for back to school with their annual Kits for Kids drive.

These kits are distributed in cooperation with area schools and given out in early August.

Each kit will contain one of the following items and be packaged together in a gallon zip lock bag.

- Full-size shampoo
- Full-size conditioner
- Bar of soap
- Full-size deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Travel packs of tissue

Your donation of one or more of the above items will go a long way in filling the kits.

Please bring your donations to the Narthex during the following times.

Saturday, July 16 from 6 - 7pm

Sunday, July 17 from 9am - 12noon

Thanks in Advance For Your Donations



The Parish Office Will Be Closed

Monday, July 4

In Observance of Independence Day

HOPE Cards Will Not Be Sold This Weekend

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

I recently read a book called "1776" by the Pulitzer Prize winning author David McCullough. It helped me to remember some of the history of the Revolutionary War, the death and destruction that occurred, and the valor of the Colonists. Yes, sometimes freedom comes at a great price. We only need to recall the war in Ukraine, the bloodshed, the destruction, the violence, the atrocities against the citizens.

So as we celebrate Independence Day we remember not only the freedom won by the Revolutionary War, but also the freedom preserved by all the wars that have followed. We honor all the heroes who have given their lives to preserve and protect our nation's freedom, but also the freedom of every peaceful people.

In a sense, "independence" is not always a Christian virtue. Sometimes people want independence from laws, independence from responsibility, independence from stewardship of our earth, and even independence from God. As Christians, we believe that we depend on God for our life and all the things we need to sustain life. We are not meant to be "lone wolves," distancing ourselves from other people, wanting an independent lifestyle. No, we are dependent on each other, we need each other, we find fulfillment in our relationships with one another. As you celebrate Independence Day, give thanks to God that we live in a country where we enjoy freedom, but also remember that God gives us the task of caring for one another.

I would also like to look back to a celebration on July 1, the feast of the Most Precious Blood. Devotion to the Blood of Christ has always been a reminder of the life-giving sacrifice of Jesus. We who are members of the Society of the Precious Blood give special honor and recognition to this price of our salvation. I encourage you to let that devotion be a part of your prayer life. Pray also for all the members of our religious order and our ministries.

Know that my prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

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!

Contact Info

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

Mass Intentions

Week of July 4 - July 10

Monday	8:15am	Veterans Outreach Ministry
Tuesday	8:15am	Pam Clark
Wednesday	8:15am	†Mike Kelly
Thursday	8:15am	Ron Kimmel
Friday	8:15am	Pam DeMasi
Saturday	5:00pm	†Frank Kromeich †Kermit Davis
Sunday	8:00am	†Clementine Crainer
	10:30am	††Harry Woltkamp and Alex Bruening
	5:00pm	Gary Bloomer



*From Death
to New Life*

Our prayer support is with ...

Mariann Nauer, her family and friends
on the death of her husband John who
passed away on June 23.

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



Religious Education Invitation For Catechists and Volunteers



Formation for Religious Education for our parish children and youth will begin in-person instruction in September of 2022.

Here is your invitation to actively get involved in sharing and teaching our Catholic faith.

There is a place for you.

If you are a returning volunteer or first time volunteer, you are welcome - for all levels.

Elementary, Middle School, Reconciliation and 1st Communion, Confirmation and High School Post-Confirmation.

Please contact: Ernie Collins
Director of Religious Education K-12
ernie.collins@stjames-liberty.org

Military Outreach Ministry



Members of the Military Outreach Ministry will be holding a Blue Star Recognition Ceremony on August 7 in the Social Hall.

This ceremony honors individuals who are presently serving in the military.

Ann Roberts Puck, chair of this ministry is seeking names and contact information of current military members.

If you have a family member in the military, please contact Ann at 816-469-0271 or annroberts977@gmail.com



Veterans are a huge part of our mission here at CCKCSJ. #ToServeAndToLift. Whether it is through Housing case management, Employment Services, our Healthcare Navigator, one-on-one counseling, or emergency assistance, we strive to see our Veteran communities' lives restored to the "dignity of self-reliance" once again.

Learn more about how you can be a part of that mission here:

<https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/veteran-services/>

Someone is Watching and Wondering



I sincerely hope I do not offend anyone this weekend as I digress from my usual writings relating to our faith and focus on what we celebrate, as a nation, this weekend. Let me begin by stating that I was born and raised in the United States and except for a four year sojourn in Germany have lived in the state of Missouri my entire life. As such I was not required to apply for citizenship, discriminated against due to country of origin, race, or religion of my ancestors. I am ordinary in many ways but have shared many extraordinary experiences. I also believe in the stated principles of our countries origins although I am often frustrated how these principles seem to be selectively applied.

The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776) reads: "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.*" Lofty ideals to be sure, yet even the word "Men" says something of the times and subsequent struggle for women, enslaved people, and immigrants coming to this country. After more than 200 years of history there are so many living in our country, who must fight for these unalienable rights.

The following words, written in 1787 and ratified in 1788 also reflect our ideals as a nation: "*We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*"

The preamble to the U.S. Constitution is very clear regarding the role of government and unity (establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide common defense, promote general welfare, secure liberty). As I look at where we are today I wonder what has happened to these ideals of governing and living in a country secure for the present and future. The unity of our nation, which Abraham Lincoln believed in and stood for seems in the past. Dialogue and debate without division seems lost. I think as Christians we are called to rethink the role of Christ's teachings, to love and serve one another, in relationship to the ideals which were the roots of the founding of our nation – one nation, one people with liberty and justice for all.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, *Sandy Gagnon*

Presented by James Farquhar and Danny Baker

Midsummer Reflections

Community Concert at St. James

Featuring works by Florence Price, Schubert, Bach, and Saint-Saëns, amongst others



Sunday, July 10th | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
St. James Catholic Church
309 South Stewart Road, Liberty, MO

Free and Open to the Public

St. Thomas, Apostle, Feast Day - July 3



St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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



Participating provides the opportunity to make new friends, socialize, 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 and July.

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

Who: Mothers/Grandmothers with/without their kids

Kids: no age limit.

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 this QR Code.



For more information, contact

Jennifer Bishop
at 816-372-1187

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.

Join Our Prayer Shawl Ministry



Meetings are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the *Room of Our Lady* (Father Mike's old office) in the Resource Center.

Members of this ministry knit baptismal shawls that are presented to parents when their child is being baptized and sympathy shawls that are presented at funerals to the family members of the decedent.

Donations to purchase yarn for these shawls are always appreciated.

We welcome new members to join this group.

For more information
contact Jan Mabry
at nanajanmk@gmail.com
or 816-536-1008.

Religious Education K-12

your child belongs

Register Early
For All RE Programs
On-Line on the
St. James Website

...in this parish
...in this church
...in this community
...in the body of Christ
...in the Catholic faith
...in the kingdom of God
...in Religious Education

**SELLING HOPE GIFT CARDS
AFTER 5PM SATURDAY MASS**



We've had requests to sell HOPE cards after the 5pm Saturday Mass. We would like to, but to do so would require volunteers to sell them.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you can volunteer or want more information, contact Ernie Collins (x208) or Jeanne Greenwald (x200) in the parish office.

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

Luis Amador	Elliott Lister	James
Sandra Brabbin	Emmalyn Lister	Biesemeyer
David Holm	Madelyn Mallett	Adam Bolling
Charlene Padden	Amy Pilsl	Paulette Durso
Julie Pate	Jeffrey Ridder	Joan Fuentes
Charlotte Rogers	Deborah Willis	Olivia Hernandez
Matthew Saragusa	Adelfino Andrade	Eric Holm
Stacy Sarver	Laura Denton	Jackson Lobb
Emmy Seiler	Alexander Donnici	Elizabeth Lucero
Jordan Sellmeyer	Matthew Earl	Michael Murmylo
Leticia Sigler	Deborah Owen	Sam Schembri
Victoria Alessi	Aleen Power	Emily Szczuka
Kenneth Boc	Henry Schmidt	Maggie Witherow
Antonia Hess	Carrie Whiston	Lydia Wright
Ethan Jones	Catherine Wilkes	Richard Alexander
Amber Kollasch	Michael Witherow	Luz Arias
Marina Mancuso	Delia Bouhan	Colin Bayless
William Roach	Devyn Herrick	Jonathan Darrah
Liam Stamper	Amy Jorgensen	Anthony Fuentes
Landon Swope	Urszula	Janet Green
Leo Burns	Kolodziejski	Chelsea Grizzle
Aida Cerilo	Thomas Liberto	Gracie Herrick
Giuliana DeLeo	Lori Mann	Tyler Landuyt
Sydney DeMayo	Anna Mullin	Katherine McDonald
Michelle Easterday	Isabella Orcutt	Keegan McKay
Marla Edwards	Daniel Pittman	Dexter Seiter
Lena Hogan	Klayton Tungol	Harrison Trinidad
Ryan Ildza	Amanda Werth	
Keith Langley	Michael Wooten	

St. James School News



**Happy 4th of July
from the students
and staff
of St. James School**

Save The Date - September 10



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

**School Office Closed
In July**

**Reopens Starting August 1
8:00am - 3:00pm**

School Mission Statement

The St. James Catholic School Community, a ministry of the parish, empowers students to achieve their full academic and Christian potential, become prayerful, lifelong learners and good stewards of God's gifts.



We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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



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

Please notify us to remove your name from our prayer lists when it is time. 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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