

Saint James Catholic Community

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2022*

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God • Church • Community
Together We Can Do Great Things



*All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.*

Psalm 98:3



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

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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.



Preparing For End of Life Issues This Sunday, October 9 ~ 2pm in the Church

Being prepared for end-of-life issues doesn't make death come any faster, but it does make it easier on your family and loved ones who will be tasked with carrying out your final wishes.

To help with this, St James is hosting a short seminar to give you the info you need as you plan for your final act. And before you tell yourself, "well, I'm young so I don't need to think about this for years yet"....this information applies to people of all ages. Maybe you do have plenty of time, but it is information that will come in handy whether it's your death or that of someone you love.

Join us in the church on Sunday, Oct. 9th at 2:00 pm. We'll talk about funeral planning, and we will have a representative from a local funeral home here to talk about final expenses and things your family will need to know. We'll also have a family practice attorney here to discuss what kinds of legal steps you may need to take. No purchase necessary, and we promise to make it as pain-free as possible!

Knights Annual Tootsie Roll Drive



After All Masses
 Next
 Weekend



Scan this QR Code to make a donation.



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 Monday we celebrate Columbus Day, originally a national holiday. In 1492, Christopher Columbus, a Spanish explorer, set out to find an alternative route to the Far East, only to land in the New World after three months on the ocean with three ships, the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. Observance of this voyage is celebrated in various ways. However, in recent times in some places in our country, Columbus Day has been replaced by Indigenous Peoples Day. Some groups, especially Native Americans, have opposed any celebration of Columbus because they view him as leading voyagers who have violated the heritage and rights of the native peoples of the land claimed by Spain.

Yes, there may have been some discriminatory practices of the Spanish crew, but we also must recognize that Columbus brought with him priests who sought to bring acts of faith and kindness to the native Americans. There may have been acts of greed by the Spanish crew members, but there were also genuine acts of mercy by those who defended and asserted the rights and heritage of the natives of the land.

We have in our Catholic Church an organization familiar to most people, the "Knights of Columbus." The name "Knights" imply the valor, courage, allegiance, and commitment to a king they pledged to serve, but in the case of the Knights of Columbus the King is our Lord Jesus Christ. The word "Columbus" in the title suggests one who journeys in search of new lands, in this case of the Knights of Columbus the land is the Kingdom of God and the Church. Founded in 1892 by Fr. Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, the intent was to form a group to support widows and orphans. The original goal has grown and matured over the years to include support of people whose lives are threatened, including the unborn, the elderly, the poor, the immigrant. By 2019, the Order had grown to over two million members and spread to several countries in the world.

Our local Council here at St. James is very familiar to the people of the parish. We have about 320 members who are very active in promoting programs of charity. So it is fitting that on Columbus day we salute the exemplary word of the Knights, especially in our parish.

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of October 10 - October 16

Monday 8:15am	†Maggie Schmidt
Tuesday 8:15am	†Jose Antonio Garcia †Michael Kurtz
Wednesday 8:15am	†Jack Venneman
Thursday 8:15am	†Ruth Ross
Friday 8:15am	†Fred Thomason.
Saturday 5:00pm	<i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i> †Frank Kromeich †Pat Clark
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am 5:00pm	†Lorraine Hilts †Pat McGrew All Those Affected by Hurricane Ian



OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers.

It is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God."

Pope Saint Pius X

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

Boy Scout Collection To Benefit the DAV Saturday, October 15 ~ 8am - 12 noon

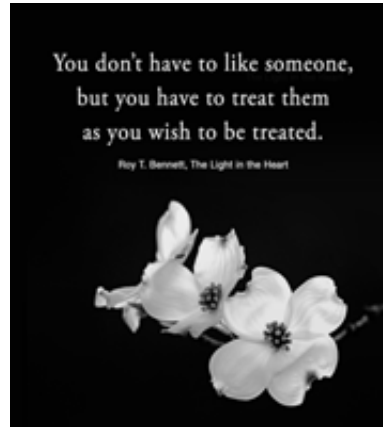


St. James Troop 214 has partnered with DAV (Disabled American Veterans) to collect donations of clothing, shoes, and small household items.

DAV will have a truck available in the St. James Catholic Church parking lot near the Narthex on Saturday October 15th, 2022 from 8am - 12 noon.

Scouts will load donations onto the truck as parishioners and community members drive up. Charitable donation receipts will be available.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



I was a very young child when I first heard the phrase, "Treat others how you want to be treated," and the words continue to be a guiding principle for me. Truthfully, however, I often fall short; my temper, passions, or need to be correct disrupts my best intentions. This is particularly true when I find myself in a defensive

mode. I also realize, however, that part of my human psychic is the need for social interaction, to be part of a community, to be accepted, and to feel that I belong. I also realize that I am not an island unto myself; I need others; I depend on others.

Last week I wrote on social justice and human solidarity which are rooted in the teachings of Jesus and which calls me to look outside my own selfish desires, sense of correctness, internalized self protection, and ego-centric existence. Solidarity requires that I acknowledge my inter-dependence and coexistence with others. Solidarity require open, honest conversation, in safe places, about difficult topics for which I now realize there are more than my preformed ideas or righteously believed solutions. My desire to be correct stands in opposition to human solidarity; closes the door to dialogue, and hinders seeking the common good. What I believe good for myself may not be a commonly held opinion. I need to meet other individuals where they are, not where I think they should be. I need to listen non judgmentally, with an open heart and mind. I think the best solutions come through dialogue that requires an openness to the other, a desire for understanding, and mutual growth in love.

As a scientist I was taught to base conclusions on measurable outcomes and evidence. Although every scientist has a preconceived idea (hypothesis) and bias, measurable outcomes and evidence is just as likely to refute as support a hypothesis. Yet outside the laboratory I was often so sure of my ideas, beliefs, and sense of right and wrong that I didn't listen to another person's ideas, beliefs, or concepts of living together in harmony and solidarity. What I am trying, rather poorly, to say is that it was easy to forget my earliest remembered teaching of Jesus: "Treat others how I want to be treated." Instead I used a different standard, treating others how I thought they deserved to be treated. My prejudices, preconceived ideas and misunderstandings, left me with a sense of self-righteousness and indignation when someone disagreed with me. Admittedly, I still struggle with this trait of my personality, however, with God's love and support I am learning to "treat others as I desire to be treated."

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, *Sandy Gagnon*



Our Lady of Fatima

Praying the Rosary for America...

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

The American TFP - America Needs Fatima - WWW.JFP.ORG



Please join the Public Square Rosary Crusade as we pray for our nation

When Saturday, October 15

Time: 12 Noon

Please arrive by 11:45am

Where: 2 locations

In English: In front of Longhorn Steak House on Hwy 152. Park in the Target parking lot.

In Spanish: Rogers Sporting Goods at 1760 N. Church Rd - grassy area east of the store.

The United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Public Prayer is Powerful!

As Saint Louis Marie de Montfort stated: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

Please bring your rosary and a chair and join in prayer for America.

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



An Opportunity to Share Our Faith and Love of Christ



All are invited to attend this 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

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 12

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.

St. Mary's Food Kitchen Sign Up

Please consider signing up to help serve at St. Mary's food kitchen on the fourth Sunday of each month. Your service and support would be much appreciated.

We are using Sign Up Genius to record the names of those wanting to help. .

Scan the QR Code to go to the sign up page:

Or sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/SMFoodKitchen>



Have You Heard?

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



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eucharisticrevival.org



As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. "America you are beautiful . . . and blessed . . . The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life." - Pope St. John Paul II. What can I do in my daily life to respect life?

- Read respect life books and literature. Give respect life books as gifts. A recommended read is *Radical Compassion: Finding Christ in the Heart of the Poor* by Jesuit priest, Father Gary Smith.
- Change your station, change your life. Catholic radio is a special means the Holy Spirit uses to respond to the call for evangelization and the sacredness of all life. Tune into Kansas City station 890 AM, 1090 AM or 1190 AM.
- Donate clothes and household items to Christian organizations in your area. Donate baby clothes, diapers, formula to local Pregnancy Centers.
- Pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel daily and especially after Mass. St. Michael the Archangel has a special heavenly role in doing battle against the devil, protecting the Church, protecting Christians against the assault from the devil.

Participate in the Spiritual Adoption Program Sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry

With assaults on human life increasing at an alarming rate, please pray about making a personal commitment to pray daily for one unborn child.

We, as individuals have the opportunity to participate in a wonderful program to "spiritually adopt" one unknown baby for the next nine months.

By participating, you can pray for your child that he or she will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life as God intended.

To participate, cut out the article in the dotted box at the bottom right of page 9. The pledge card is on the back side.

As an alternative, Spiritual Adoption Cards are available in the Parish Office.

Beginning in November, an article will be published monthly in the bulletin describing the progress of your child's journey to birth.



Our 20th Season!
Fall Concert

The Gift of Love

Sunday, October 16, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.
St. James Catholic Church, Liberty, MO



Bryan Taylor, *Director*
Nanette Kraus, *Accompanist*

libertycommunitychorus.org

The Liberty Community Chorus is celebrating our 20th Season and we begin with a Fall concert based on "The Gift of Love!"...love for all things in life – Family, Faith, Friends and Nature. Come and enjoy this wonderful chorus as they lift our spirits with great and inspiring choral music. Highlights include "Goodnight Moon" by Eric Whitacre, "Benedictus" by Karl Jenkins, "When We Love" by Elaine Hagenberg, and "Arirang" by South Korean composer Hyowon Woo.

We hope to see you there!



Last Saturday, we sent out nearly 100 confirmation teens, sponsors/parents, and catechists to several locations around Liberty for our service day!



We had the opportunity to serve Hillcrest and Manor Thrift stores, Liberty Parks and Rec, and Our Lady of Mercy Country Home.



We even had a group that spent some time cleaning up our church grounds! Groups then returned to St. James for lunch and a reflection on service and how we can continue to serve in our everyday lives.



Our Next session is October 16 in the lower level of the church. Saint reflection forms are due at this session!

Amanda Lewey, Confirmation Coordinator

Parish Religious Education

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Elementary K- 5

Oct. 16: Where: St. James School. Time: 9:10-10:20am. Enter / Exit through Narthex doors.

Middle School

Oct. 16: Regular Session, 6:00-7:30pm in Social Hall. Dismissal Narthex entrance.

Confirmation Preparation

Oct. 16: From 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Parish Hall (lower level of church building). Dismissal: top level of the church.

“Camino de Santiago” Post Confirmation Group

Oct. 16: Regular Session 6:00-7:30pm in the School Café. Enter / Exit only from the Café entrance (rear of school). Following dismissal, all high school students are invited to join in the Gym until 8:00pm for kickball, shooting hoops, and playing yard games. Enter and exit from the doors marked GYM.



Come and enjoy this **spooky event**, sponsored by our Religious Education Ministry and St. James Catholic School on Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 6:15 to 8:15pm.

It's fun for the whole family !

Please mark your calendar ~ watch the Bulletin for more information.

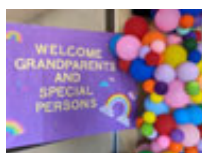
It will be Ghoulish and Boo-tacular.

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

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| Anna Lombardo | Alison Iske | Sophia Wolf |
| Mary Miller | David Klein | Brea Austin |
| Kal Palmer | Leann McDowell | Daniel Cline |
| Rachel Rawlins | Andrew Oyer | Kasey Clohessy |
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| Cory Hernandez | Justin Kelly | Catherine Schembri |
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| Kerry Kapetanovich | Alan McMahon | Pedruza |
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| Madeline DeWet | Rebecca Richardson | Wright |
| Christopher Garcia | | Natalie Tamburelli |
| Mary Gastner | | |

St. James School News

Celebrating Our Grandparents



Last Friday we celebrated Grandparents Day. We began the day by attending the 8:15am Mass and from there our grandparents had the opportunity to visit classrooms with their grandchildren.

Thank you to all of the amazing grandparents who helped make this day special for our students. It was a wonderful day and we are very grateful!



Spiritually Adopt An Unborn Child



Participate in the Spiritual Adoption Program Sponsored by the St. James Respect Life Ministry

Participants in this program pledge to pray for nine months for an unborn baby.

Simply cut out this article along the dotted lines. The prayer card is on the back side.

Enter your name, a name for your baby, and a birth date 9 months from when you spiritually adopt the child.

You will then say a very brief daily prayer for your unborn child and for all unborn children and at the end of the 9 months, thank God for His protection.

While this child remains unknown to us, God knows who the child is so we ask that you name your child in order to stay focused on the reality that your prayers are helping to keep an actual unborn child safe.



MOTHERS & MUNCHKINS
Every Tuesday
Daily Mass: St. Andrew The Apostle @ 7:30am
 St. James Catholic Church @ 8:15am
Park: 9am-10:30am (Calendar in app has location)
 All ages are welcome to join. I encourage you to bring your favorite snack and a rosary. To find out more, scan the QR code to join our group. If you need to contact me, I can be reached at
(816) 372-1187
-Jennifer Bishop

Please Pray For Our Country



We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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The recorded talks from the 2022 Eucharistic Congress are now available!! Go to:
<https://kcsj catholic.org/eucharistic-congress/videos/>

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.



Spiritual Adoption

"Jesus, I love you very much. I beg you to protect the preborn baby I have spiritually adopted."

I, _____
Your Name

promise to spiritually adopt and to pray daily for

Baby's Name

until _____
Birth Date (9 months from today)

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



As Much Food Pantry Sends a big THANK YOU To St. James Parishioners

Your donations to our Food Drive last month really helped to feed the hungry in the Liberty area !

In the last few months the In As Much Food Pantry has had a big increase in the number of families served, so they still are in need of donations.

Thanks also to the Knights who took the donations from the curb to the Narthex.

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