

Saint James Catholic Community

The Most Holy Trinity
June 4, 2023

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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.

Missionary Appeal This Weekend Please welcome Fr. Luc Martels, A.A.



Fr. Luc Martels, a missionary of the Augustinians of the Assumption is with us this weekend at all Masses to share the Assumptionists' work in the mission field.

From the very beginning, the Assumptionists, founded in France in 1850 by the Venerable Emmanuel d'Alzon, have been engaged in a wide variety of apostolic works. Presently they number some 900 priests and brothers working in 30 countries.

Their Province of North America and the Philippines is specifically responsible for the missions in East Africa, Mexico and the Philippines. They provide personal and financial assistance that is indispensable in order to maintain their charitable works and formation programs for both laity and clergy in those countries.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations that will help support the needs of their brothers in Mexico, East Africa, and the Philippines.

Important Information About Weekday Masses On Monday - Thursday This Week

Both Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael will be out of town on Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 8.

Therefore, we will be having a Communion Service at 8:15am each of those days in lieu of Mass.

Fr. Mike will be back to celebrate Mass on Friday, June 9.



Love. Grow. Serve.

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

Recently a data-gathering company, Center for Applied Research (CARA) reported results of a survey showing that 73% of young adults (aged 18 to 35) "somewhat" or "strongly" agreed that they could be a good Catholic without going to Mass every Sunday. 39% agreed "somewhat" or "strongly" that they could never imagine themselves leaving the Catholic Church. I think that nearly all Catholic Church leaders, at least in our country, are alarmed about young Catholics falling away from their Catholic faith or at least not practicing their faith by regular attendance at Mass. It is our belief that the Eucharist is at the heart of our faith practice.

The May issue of American magazine published an article by Sherry Antonetti titled "Why I Take My Teens to Mass." She begins by saying, "I am an older mother with several children who struggle with the faith I hoped they would embrace on their own. Yet, one has hair over his eyes and ripped jeans and sits the whole time while another is wearing shorts and a hoodie. One took out her phone, but I made her put it back." She would love for them to be fully present, but rejoices that they come. She hopes that over time, by attending Mass, they will find something that speaks to them. "I just want them to know that God is a God who loves them and that God hears their hearts' cries. I want them to know they belong. Perhaps one day the deepening of their faith will come."

She then makes a statement that resonates with me. "If perfect faith were the admission price for Mass, none of us could enter." We are all grasping for a deeper faith. So, as Sherry says, "when you see a parent with older kids at Mass and something about how these teens are sitting or how they are dressed starts to draw your scorn, maybe instead of judging them, say a prayer to St. Monica for that family."

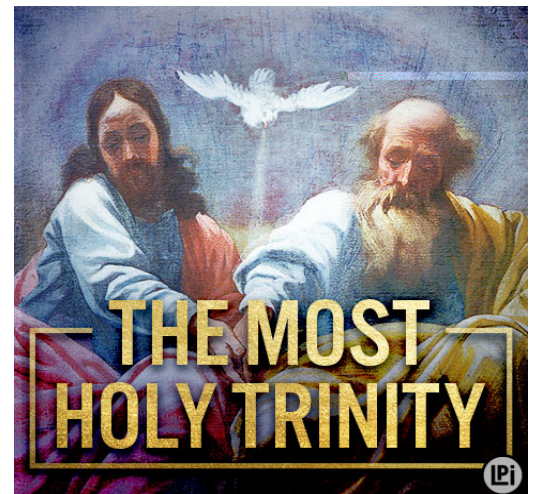
Yes, dear parents of teens, remember the world your children live in, all the stuff they encounter, all the social pressure they feel, the lifestyle of their friends. Be understanding like Sherry. Take your teens to Mass no matter what their attitudes or behavior. Miracles happen!

My prayers are with you each day. Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of June 5 - June 11

Monday 8:15am	†Robert Hlavacek Military Families
Tuesday 8:15am	†Don Erwin †Garrett of KH Friend
Wednesday 8:15am	Julie Miller
Thursday 8:15am	Parishioners of St. James
Friday 8:15am	†Debbie Bruening †Chris Rupp
Saturday 5:00pm	†Lavonne Lee †Jim Thornton
Sunday 8:00am	†Martin Greenwald †Patrick Lyons
10:30am	†Janice Lynn Panis †Garrett of KC Friend
5:00pm	†Cody Miller



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

“Meet Life” Campaign 2023



The “Meet Life” Baby Bottle Campaign



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.

Cash or checks may be put into the returned baby bottles. If by check, make payable to St. James Knights of Columbus, and write Baby Bottle Campaign in the memo area.

Please return your filled baby bottles by next Sunday, June 11.

Donations can also be made on the St. James website or by scanning the QR Code below.



Parish Office First Sunday Office Hours

During June, July, and August, the Parish Office will not be staffed after morning Masses on the first Sunday of the month.

Forms Available on Sundays

The reception area of the parish office is open on Sunday's from 8am-noon.

New parishioner registration, Mass intention requests and baptism certificate request forms, as well as QR codes for the same forms, are available in the parish office for your convenience.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Grappling with the concept of the Holy Trinity, three in one, can be unsatisfying.

Celebrating this idea, preaching and embracing this concept often leaves us puzzled and confused and definitely not excited or enthusiastic about proclaiming the trinity as a wonder-filled mystery at the center of our faith.

Two weeks ago on the Feast of the Ascension we read the final words in Matthew's gospel: "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. . ." (MT 28:19-20). The closing words of today's second letter to the Corinthians reads: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship [communion] of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Cor 13:13). This phrase is very familiar as it is proclaimed by the priest during every mass, and these scriptures clearly present three persons (which we believe as one God) with three simple words: Father, Son, and Spirit / three gifts love, grace, and fellowship. Perhaps it is simpler to think of the trinity focusing on the gifts: love, grace, and fellowship or communion which are synonymous with the Holy Trinity. God's first gift is creation, our humanity and all which exists, is a pure gift of God's unconditional love. The second gift God gave to reaffirm the first gift which concluded with the goodness of humanity proclaimed in the first chapter of Genesis. In spite of our failure to believe the goodness and love God proclaimed through creation, in spite of all human cruelty and sinfulness, God gave the second gift, the incarnation, a manifestation of God's-self in human form. Through Jesus we receive the mercy and grace of God's forgiveness. The third gift, promised by Jesus, is our communion with the Holy Spirit – God's eternal presence residing within our essence such that we are never alone or separated from God's love and grace. In John's gospel we read: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son. . ." (John 3:16). God's love is before all else and I believe is the essence of the Holy Trinity. Father, Son, and Spirit are one in love and we are joined to the Holy Trinity through love. Made in the image and likeness of God, graced through Jesus and in communion through the Holy Spirit, we exist in love.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

St. Mary's Food Kitchen Volunteers On-line Sign Up Available



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 below to go to the sign up page:



Or sign up at:

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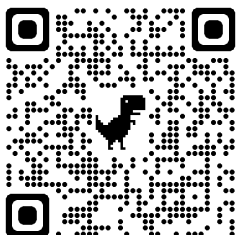
Support This Year's Relay For Life

Purchase a Luminaria.



Luminarias purchased will honor those lost to cancer, survivors, those currently fighting cancer, and their caregivers.

Luminarias can be purchased and donations can be made on-line on the St. James website or by scanning the QR Code below.



The deadline for purchasing luminarias is **Tuesday, June 6.**

We invite you to attend the Relay for Life event on Saturday, June 10, at KC Regional Police Academy Track & Field, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd. from 5:00 – 10:00pm.

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Eucharistic Adoration



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St. James Council 6780

In a Degree Ceremony on May 21, the Knights of Columbus added three new knights to their St. James Council. Duane Brucken from Good Shepherd in Smithville was also added to their council. New Knights and supporting degree ceremony Knight leaders are pictured below.

New Brothers

James Rooney Kevin Sellmeyer Neil Buckley



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Contact Kevin Casel at kcasel@msn.com
to step forward into Knighthood.

Let Us Pray For Peace



Trinity Sunday

This weekend, the Solemnity
of the Most Holy Trinity,
gives us a chance to reflect on ways
to LIVE OUT THE TRINITY.

Unity, Community, and Equality

Unity: They are three distinct persons yet they are one in essence. We are distinct individuals from various backgrounds, levels, ideas and dispositions. However we are united in one Christian community.

Our diversity should be at the service of a functional unity because as Paul would say in Christ our diversities give way to unity.

Community: There is no time the Father works without the Son and the Holy Spirit. That is why you will hear the Father saying twice "Let us". Our Lord Jesus would also attest that he does whatever he sees the Father doing.

We should learn to work together as members of the same community. No one is an Island. We need each other for growth and development.

Equality: In the Godhead there is absolute equality given the fact that they have one essence. Within our human experience we all share in one humanity but often we notice that we keep creating unjustifiable barriers of inequality between the "haves" and the "have nots".

Often some people see others as less human than they are. From the Trinity we learn to see ourselves as equals sharing the common gift of life given to us by God.

St. James Email Prayer Chain

To join the St. **James** Email Prayer Chain and receive prayer requests and/or to request prayers,
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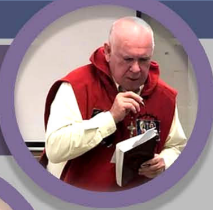
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If the happy couple is planning a honeymoon trip, they'll appreciate a gift card to help pay for some of their meals. Restaurant cards are available for many nationwide chains.

HOPE Gift Cards are sold after weekend Masses and in the Parish office on weekdays during regular office hours.

Remember, many HOPE gift cards come in \$25, \$50, and/or \$100 denominations, so you can get one for the amount you planned to spend for the gift and support St. James too. It's a win-win for all.

**Thank You For Supporting H.O.P.E.
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"Camino de Santiago" Post Confirmation Group

This group will meet several times this summer. Listed below are the dates:

- June 4th Camino 6pm-7:30pm
- June 8th Adoration 6:30-7:30pm
- July 16th 6-7:30pm Camino
- August 10th 6:3-7:30pm Adoration
- August 20th Camino social

BODY & SOUL
A Concert for Corpus Christi
Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m.
St. Peter's Catholic Church
701 E. Meyer Blvd., Kansas City MO

All are invited to St. Peter's Church on Sunday, June 11 at 2 pm for a concert celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi. St. Peter's choirs will perform master works which rejoice in the real presence of Jesus, body and soul, in the Eucharist.

5th Annual **In His Real Presence Eucharistic Congress**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday · Sept. 9, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- International Speaker & Author Fr. John Burns
- Relic Room
- Eucharistic Adoration w/ Bishop Johnston
- Youth Night w/ Eucharistic Adoration, Music, & More



*"By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."
- Blessed Carlo Acutis*



Our Lady of the Presentation Lee's Summit, Mo
Details & Registration: kcsjatholic.org/eucharistic-congress

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

Layla Adams	Louie Bringus	Peter Mallett
Christine Alvey	Ramon Curiel	Jill Maloney
Robert Bagby	Ryley Drennen	Curtis Mathews
Mary Boman	Sandra Eddy	Annamae
Michael DePalma	Eleanor Hess	McLaughlin
Kathleen Gaston	Brittany Jones	Patrick Phelan
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Stefanie Howerton	Bryce McCloskey	Clayton Rockers
Patrice Jones	Luca Armstrong	Connie Sharp
Grayson McDowell	Tristan Armstrong	Joseph Angles
Jean McKay	Amelia Aust	Ava Bailey
Jane Pettinger	Anna Beyer	Harper Bond
Theresa Pham	Timothy Billharz	Wyatt Dugan
Patricia Ricono	Alex Blevins	Connor Francis
Charles Russo	Matthew Coultis	Hailey Hedberg
Eugene Ruzicka	Harper Gant	Rachel Houck
Jack Arens	Julie Harned	Tami Mast
Katherine	Tyler Holyfield	Jeffery
Connely	Christian Koelliker	Richardson
Beckett Dold	Lauren McDonald	Ashleigh Robinson
Nicholas	Conner Myers	Connor Swope
Effenheim	Brenda Rizo	Glen Thilges
Darleen Filla	Rome Russell	Emmett Usher
Angie Fletchall	Antonina Clark	Arlene White
Madeline Hand	Rickey Clark	Susan Winingham
Hannah Huber	Scott Daldrup	Samuel Brabbin
Jacob Huber	Stephen Davidson	Jonathan Cerilo
Nancy Hummel	James Green	Nickalus Elmore
Anna Hurt	Jacob Jimenez	Joe Hussey
Lorilyn Mohr	Henry Koch	David McDonald
Raymond Probst	Olive Kortum	Grace Hong-An
Jordana-Iris	Evelyn Krause	Natividad
Samey	Angela Lombardo	Lauren Slocum
Patricia Vertovec	Christopher	Catherine Smith
Katie Barmann	Mallett	



**Garden Help Needed
at St. Mary's Home for Mothers**



Sister Doris at St. Mary's Home for Mothers needs help in their garden for one or two hours on the following days.

Fridays at 2pm and
Saturdays at 9am.

If you interested in helping please call or text Sharon Benson at 816-507-9811.

St. James School News



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



Did you know that there are many in our parish who are struggling with serious health issues? Some are on our prayer chain. And then, there are others we don't know about - they prefer to keep their health issues private.

We invite all to become "prayer warriors" and join us every Thursday at 6:30pm in the church as we pray the rosary for all those who are in need of healing prayer.

**The prayer offered in faith
will make the sick person well. James 5:15**

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

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.



MOTHERS & MUNCHKINS

**Every Friday
Mass:**

St. Therese @ 6:30am
St. Andrew The Apostle
@ 7:30am
(Livestream Available)
St. Gabriel @ 8:15am
St. James @ 8:15am

To find out more, scan the QR code to join our group. If you need to contact me, I can be reached at
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-Jennifer Bishop

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