

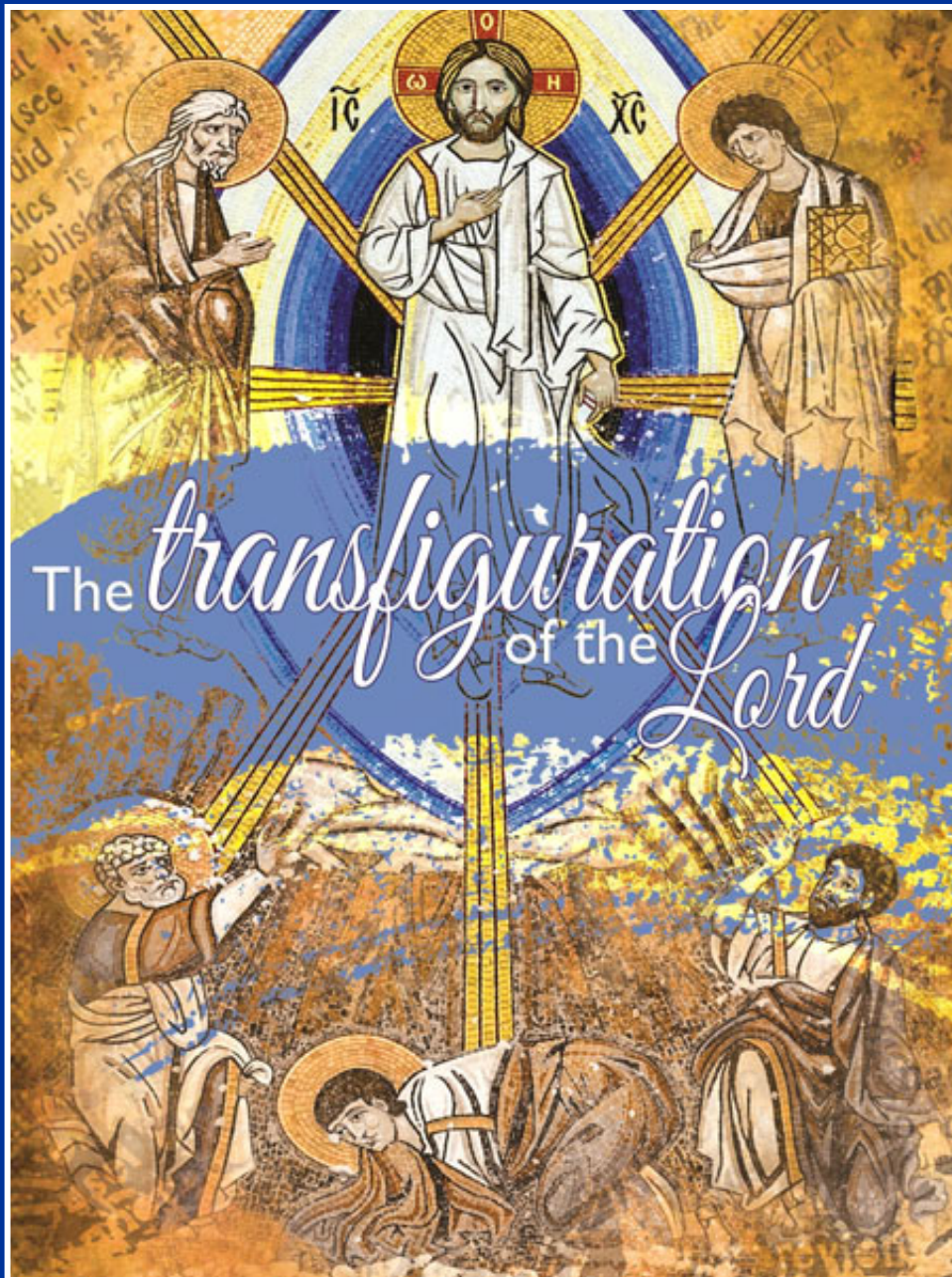
# Saint James Catholic Community

*Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

*August 6, 2023*

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Together We Can Do Great Things



## **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](http://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

## 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.

## Come Celebrate Fr. Mike's 70th Birthday After All Masses This Weekend In the Parish Hall



We are celebrating Fr. Mike's 70th birthday this weekend with a BIG Cookie Celebration in the Parish Hall after all Masses.

Come and celebrate with your fellow parishioners. Let's let Fr. Mike know how much we appreciate him - his kindness, caring, compassion, dedication for our parish and all parishioners, and his spiritual care and support.



### Classroom volunteers

make a difference by . . . .

- Sharing their faith
- Guiding students in applying their faith
- Guiding students in living their faith

Volunteers are needed for all of our programs, in particular, K-8.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Parish Office or email ***DRE@stjames-liberty.org***

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

No 8:15am Mass on Friday, August 11.

The annual diocese Convocation Mass for diocesan teachers will be held here at 9am.

All are welcome to attend this Mass.

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

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. August 6 is the Feast day and it seldom falls on Sunday. With the presence of our mural, I think it's a wonderful time to reflect on the message of the Transfiguration: 'This is My Beloved Son, listen to Him'.

It just so happens that August 6, is also my birthday, so this Feast has a very special place in my heart. Thanks to all who are helping to celebrate my "milestone" birthday. I'm very blessed to be here at St. James and deeply grateful to my family and this community for your lasting support.

This coming week, our faculty returns to St. James to begin planning for the upcoming school year. The summer has flown by and we are certainly excited about the coming school year. We have a marvelous principal and staff who give of their time, talent and treasure to the children and families and St. James. We are deeply grateful to the parish for continuing to support our St. James School. We have openings in our school, and we invite parents to consider St. James as an option for your children's education. It's a great Catholic school opportunity.

This coming Friday, August 11, Bishop Johnston will be here for the Diocesan Convocation Mass for all the diocesan teachers in the Catholic schools of the Diocese. He will celebrate Mass at 9am, and all are welcome to join us. Because of that, there will be no 8:15am Mass on Friday, August 11.

As we heard last weekend, our RE program is underway with registration. We have an exciting Religious Ed program, and encourage parents to enroll their children. It's been a while since we've seen some families return to RE, but this year is going to a great year, with wonderful programs. We are always in need of catechists and volunteers. So, please pray about this. We want to help form our children in the ways God's Goodness and Love.

Happy August and Blessings to you and all your family.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

## Mass Intentions

### Week of August 7 - August 13

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>8:15am</b>	Our Senior Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>8:15am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>8:15am</b>	Juanita Thornton
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>8:15am</b>	†Fr. Joe Miller, C.P.P.S.
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>8:15am</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	†Dorothy Gardner †Betty Buchman
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>5:00pm</b>	†Wayne Curtis
<b>Sunday</b>	
<b>8:00am</b>	Dotti Brown †Joan Runde
<b>10:30am</b>	†Harry Woltkamp †Alex Bruening
<b>5:00pm</b>	†Paul Anctil Family †Richard Razniak

## Save The Dates

### Holy Smoke BBQ Contest

September 15 - 16

**New This Year: Do Dad's Car Show  
on Sept. 16**

### Memorial Mass/Presentation

**Fr. Vincent Capodanno**

**Servant of God**

**September 16**

**Mass 10:00am / Presentation 11:00am**

**Details of these events coming soon!**

## 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)**

**Feast of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday, August 15**



The most important of all Marian feasts, the *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven.

**Mass Times**

**6:30am**

**8:15am**

**7:00pm**

**This is a Holy Day of Obligation**

**Someone is Watching and Wondering**



Reading and listening to “the News” I am struck by a disconnect between not only groups of people but also between what I profess as a Catholic Christian and how I live my daily, private and public life. Do I focus on myself, my wants and desires or the common good for others?

The common good is an ancient idea which resonates across many traditions. This

idea refers to a shared life within society, where everyone can flourish, acting together in diverse ways, yet all contributing toward the goal of respectively providing for every individual and acknowledging their dignity.

Through strengthening the bonds of trust, care, and love, we build true communities, which transcend political, economic, and religious boundaries. This understanding is rooted in our Judeo-Christian traditions which is reflected throughout sacred scripture: “Promote the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you; pray for it to the Lord, for upon its welfare depends on your own” (Jeremiah 29:7).

There are many times when I ask myself if I truly believe, live, and work towards the common good. I try to be kind, to listen to others, to support charitable causes, to minister where I can, and to live a simpler life; there is very little I want or need. My greatest joy is found in family, friends, and in my work, but primarily when I remain focused on centering my life around Christ Jesus. Having made this statement, I feel a sense of falling short of seeking the common good. I am impatient. I can be judgmental. I do not understand how others fail to live the obvious message of God that is found in scripture. God is love! God created humankind as sacred, in the very image and likeness of God. God endowed humankind as sentient beings with the ability to think, to reason in making choices and decisions; to live thoughtfully with one another; to care for all of creation. God is merciful and forgiving. Why then do I continue to make choices contrary to God’s word? How do I share grace? Why do I think of “others” as out of touch, hypocritical, living in their egotistical mindset, rather than as brothers and sisters in Christ? When I name these faults, am I not naming my own? One could say I am unfinished or work in progress. I pray, therefore, for God’s guidance and help so that I may truly work for the common good of all.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

\*Together for the Common Good (T4CG) is a Registered Charity, No.1172113

Parishioners and Parents, please join us

**Back to School  
Kickoff Party**

12 August 2023 | 6:00 PM  
St. James School Parking Lot  
ADULTS ONLY- BYOB

FOOD TRUCKS  
MUSIC  
RAFFLES AND PRIZES

**An Invitation to Join the St. James Altar Society  
Find Out More Next Weekend**



Members of our St. James Altar Society will be at all Masses next weekend to share information about the Altar Society - who we are and what we do.

Our members will be in the Gathering Space after each Mass with brochures about our society and to answer any questions you may have.

They will also be taking pre-orders for their annual Chrysanthemum sale (see page 8 for sale details).

## ST. JAMES PASTORAL COUNCIL

This past spring, the St. James Parish Pastoral Council changed its name to St. James Pastoral Council to better reflect this ministry's important purpose. In rewriting our bylaws, the Council now strives to further the mission of our parish and unite its people in a community of prayer, service, and faithfulness. As a representative group of the congregation, the Pastoral Council assists the Pastor in the responsibility of carrying out the mission of the Church and supporting the faith growth of the community. By responding to the needs of the parishioners, the Council encourages the congregation to open their hearts and minds to the possibilities of living this mission and integrating their faith into all aspects of their lives.

New members of the Pastoral Council are selected by a discernment process each spring and serve St. James for a four-year term. A listing of the members along with their contact information appears on the front inside page of the weekly bulletin. We encourage you to contact any of the members if you see a need or have any ideas to help us all grow in our faith and love of God. You are also welcome at any of our meetings which occur on the 2nd Monday evening of the month at 7:00pm with our 1st meeting of the year scheduled for Monday, August 14th. If you would like to attend or address the Council, please notify Kevin Casel, our Chairperson. You will also see in the bulletin a monthly reminder for upcoming meetings, as well as, the minutes of each meeting. To learn more about the Pastoral Council, you may access our bylaws on the parish website under the Leadership tab.

Recently elected Pastoral Council members are Corrine Katzer and Joan Peluso. Included below are pictures of each along with "thumbnail" sketches about them. They begin their term as council members this month.

### Corrine Katzer



Corrine has been a part of St. James since she was born in 2001. Over the years she has enjoyed seeing St. James grow and move into a beautiful new church. Corrine attended Liberty Public Schools and graduated in 2019. While at Liberty High, she was active in tennis and orchestra. After high school, she at-

tended Quincy University in Quincy, IL, graduating in 2022 with a degree in Human Services. At QU Corrine was an active member of the AOII sorority and was the chapter president during her senior year. Corrine is currently working on her Master's degree in Social Work at Park University and will graduate in the spring of 2024. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with family, watching movies and playing with our family pets.

### Joan Peluso



Joan was born and raised in the Philadelphia, PA area. She married her husband, Michael, in 1976 and together they have three amazing sons. In 2000, her husband and youngest son moved to the Liberty area and joined St. James Church. Their two oldest sons and their families live in Michigan.

Joan has 5 beautiful grandchildren and enjoys spending time with each of them. In 2017 Joan retired from teaching elementary school after 42 years. She volunteers at Louis and Clark Elementary School and our St James Catholic School. She is a member of the St. James Bell Choir and the Altar Society. Her favorite pastimes include gardening, sewing, making cards, reading, traveling, and tutoring elementary students. She says it's a great honor to be part of the Pastoral Council.

### 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.

### Join Us In Prayer

*Rosary For Healing  
Thursdays at 6:30pm*



There are many in our parish who are struggling with serious health issues.

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.

**3RD ANNUAL**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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SEPT 9

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\$100/PERSON \$400 TEAMS OF 4  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS AUGUST 15

Registration Also Available on the St. James Website

# CALLING ALL DADS!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**THE ST. JAMES DO-DADS ARE  
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!**

The Do-Dads are Fathers, Family and Friends coming together to help serve the needs of the parish and school. The Do-Dads are men who offer their Time, Talent, and Treasure to raise funds and perform various improvement projects for the St. James community. We work alongside the school and church to achieve common goals in a variety of ways – by sponsoring and volunteering at events throughout the school year – and by providing “sweat equity” to work on all St. James projects.

Contact Drew Lollar or Troy Sheeley if you would like to be added to our email distribution that contains meeting times and locations.

[lollar\\_drew@yahoo.com](mailto:lollar_drew@yahoo.com)

[troy.sheeley@gmail.com](mailto:troy.sheeley@gmail.com)



## Invitation To Blue Star Recognition Ceremony Sunday, August 20



St. James Parish Military Veteran, and Family Outreach Ministry, in conjunction with Fr. Vincent Capodanno, MM CWV Memorial Post 1974, cordially invites military families and others to our “Blue Star Recognition Ceremony” on Sunday, August 20 at 3:00pm in the Social Hall.

Active duty military families will receive a Blue Star Service Banner. This banner lets others know that someone in the home is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The ceremony will also include outreach persons and resources for veterans, service members, and their families, AND light refreshments for all.



For more information contact Ann Puck, at 816-469-0271 or email [annroberts977@gmail.com](mailto:annroberts977@gmail.com)

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## 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: <http://bit.ly/3VcJoG6>

## Altar Society Chrysanthemum Sale



Just in time for fall planting, the St. James Altar Society is taking orders for everyone's favorite fall flower – the Chrysanthemum.

These Missouri grown plants from Barnes Greenhouse in Trenton MO, come in 12-inch pots and are available in the following colors:

Orange • White • Yellow • Red • Purple

The price is \$18.00 each

To order one or more of these hardy plants, contact Janice Brimer

[janicebrimer@yahoo.com](mailto:janicebrimer@yahoo.com) / 816-719-9558

Deadline for ordering is Saturday, August 26

Please pre-pay for your order by September 5.

To pay, put the following items an envelope marked "Altar Society".

Your name, phone number, number and color(s) ordered, and your payment (*make checks payable to the St. James Altar Society*).

You may leave the envelope in the Parish Office during regular business hours or drop it in the weekend collection basket.

Orders will be available for pick up on Wednesday, September 27.

## Parish Religious Education



### "Camino de Santiago" Post Confirmation Group

This group meets this month as follows.

#### Thursday, August 10th

Join other teens for Adoration  
6:30-7:30pm in the Chapel

#### Sunday, August 20th

Movie night!-"The Shack"  
6-8pm - downstairs in the AV conference room.

\*Meet in the parish hall

Bring a snack to share.

All HS students are welcome!

## St. James School Auction

#AROARINGOODTIME

SAVE THE DATE  
OCTOBER 14

- Purchase tickets
- Purchase t-shirts
- View Amazon Wishlist



[www.StJamesSchoolAuction.org](http://www.StJamesSchoolAuction.org)



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

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| John Bailey           | Grady Smith            | Dee Rosekrans          |
| Sebastian Duran-Arias | Juanita Thornton       | Knox Trautman          |
| Yonda Grant           | Coltor Zamora          | Nathaniel Weick        |
| Joseph Hobbs          | Robert Banes           | Thomas Wilson          |
| Bennett Jones         | Bennett Barmann        | Will Bolling           |
| Virginia Kerns        | Isabel Carrero Berrios | Wyatt Bolling          |
| John Liberto          | Jared Cline            | Pamela Carr            |
| Tyler Lind            | Tanya Fortman          | Timothy Devine         |
| Devlin McCarthy       | Michelle Grisham       | Marie Disciacca        |
| Kaleigh McCarthy      | Emily Guenther         | Betty Dixon            |
| Will McKay            | Kayla Guest            | Christy Eichler        |
| Anthony Meyers        | Chloe Hough            | Katherine Klassen      |
| Davis Rockers         | Brett Lind             | Kora Meiners           |
| Frank Vertovec        | Sue MacPherson         | Scarlett Murphy        |
| Kate Vulje            | Justin Madden          | Ryan Nystrom           |
| Paige Westfall        | Thomas Saitta          | Audrey Probst          |
| Laura Bigler          | Anna Slocum            | Randall Rogers         |
| Xavier Campos         | Marie Sprofera         | Jacob Steffensmeier    |
| Pamela Finn           | Lawrence Stanley       | Beverly Sullenger-Dunn |
| Richard Henderson     | Timothy Sutlief        | Brian Young            |
| Morgan Heutinck       | Sylvia Wani            | Danna Burgeson         |
| Jessica Jimenez       | Mary Biesemeyer        | Kieffer DeMayo         |
| Lucinda Ramsey        | Machelle Elmore        | Lucy Donnici           |
| Julie Sharkey         | Jamie Fleck            | Johannah Harman        |
| Benjamin Steinbauer   | Adaline Galligher      | David Johnson          |
| Marcy Streich         | Timothy Hannah         | Michael Klosterman     |
| Donald Taylor         | Amanda Lienhop         | Valentina Lloyd        |
| Ashton Wiederholt     | Eric Luchtefeld        | Bailee Millhouse       |
| Brenna Behrens        | Sloane Meriwether      | Nicole Najar           |
| Jared Buckman         | Janet Middleton        | Hannah Ruf             |
| Stanley Grosdidier    | Donald Ollier          | Stephen Slocum         |
| JoAnn Higgins         | Charles Pecora         | Jude Sprung            |
| Drue Kliewer          | Jacob Rash             | Kaia Stang             |
| Mackey Kliewer        | Carmen Rhodelander     | Marilyn Thomann        |
| Thomas O'Brien        | Cecilia Richardson     |                        |

**St. James School News**



**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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*Summer*  
**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

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**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 8:00AM - 3:00PM**

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## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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