

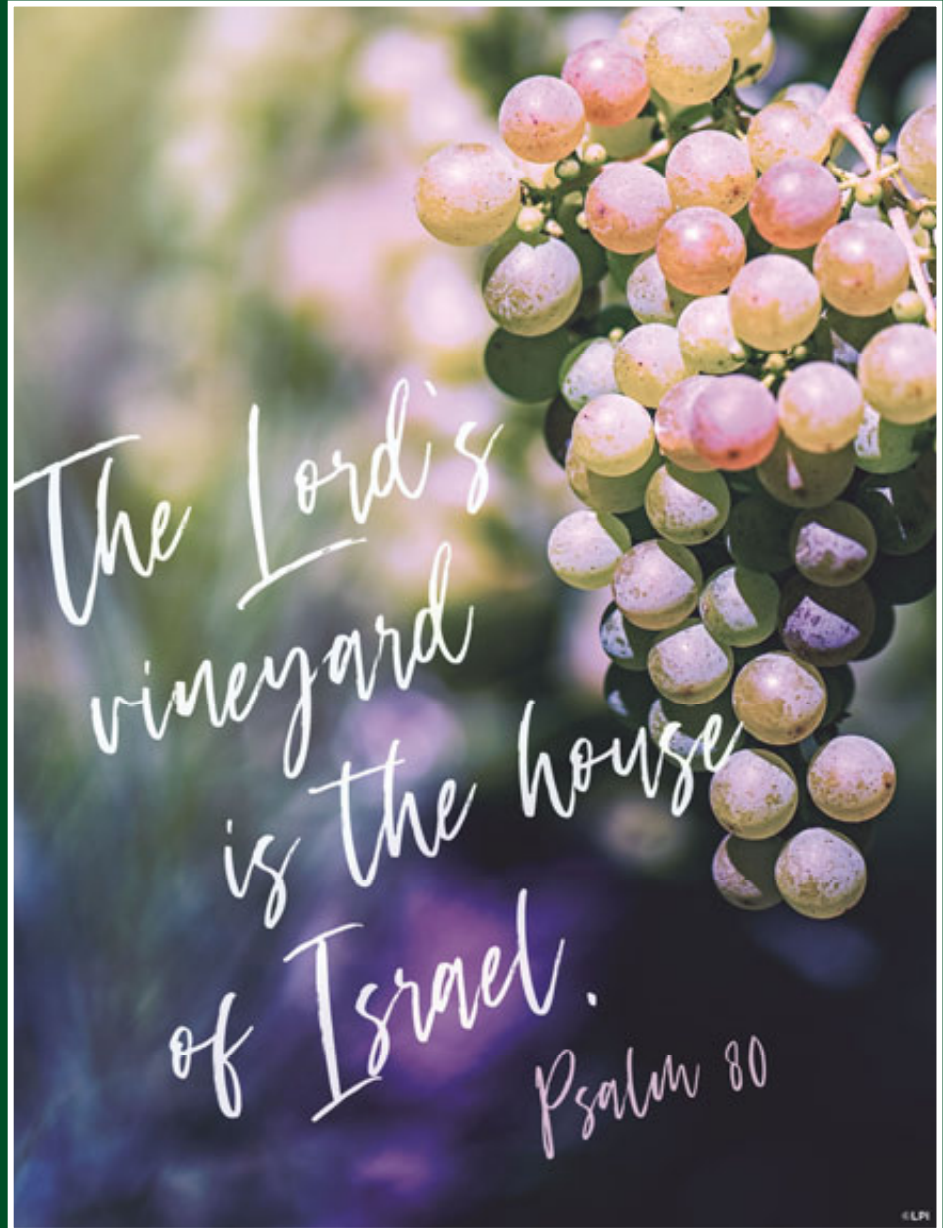
Saint James Catholic Community

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 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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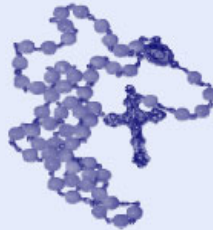
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Mission Statement

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.

Feast of the Most Holy Rosary *Tuesday, October 10*

**The Celebration of the
Feast of the Most Holy Rosary
Will Be Held On Tuesday, October 10
at 6:30 pm in the Church**



This celebration invites all to meditate upon the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was so singularly associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

**Please Join With Your Fellow Parishioners
As We Pray the Rosary**



Grief Support Group Begins October 16

Has someone you love passed away and are you dealing with the grief and sorrow?

Have you experienced another loss in your life that causes you pain, like the loss of a job? Would you like to join with others who are experiencing the same issues for support and companionship in the journey?

We are starting another Grief Support group here at St James for anyone who is facing loss and grief.

Call the parish office, 816-781-4343, ext. 200
or Juanita Thornton at 816-883-8282 for details,
or join us on the following Mondays:
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20
from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

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

On July 6, Pope Francis spoke these beautiful words: "There is a great need to listen to and to hear one another. It is the most precious and life-giving gift we can offer each other. Listening without prejudice, attentively and openly give rise to speaking according to God's style, nurtured by closeness, compassion, and tenderness. We have a pressing need for communication that kindles hearts, that is balm on wounds and that shines light on the journey of our brothers and sisters."

In a very busy society with very busy lives, conversations among people can be hurried and lacking in depth. Look at young people. They can spend hours a day on the Internet or cell phone, chattering about people and events. But do they take the time to sit down face to face and share in depth their thoughts, concerns, true feelings? Do they have the example of parents and other adults, seeing them share in serious conversations?

Pope Francis reminds us that listening is critical in conversations. Genuine listening involves full attention, eye contact, encouragement, empathy and understanding. Of course the content of conversations can be very different. Sometimes they can be just light-hearted chatter. In this case, listening doesn't require such deep attention. On the other hand, conversations can be about serious issues. A person may need advice, encouragement, help, or direction. Maybe the person just needs to talk about something or get something "off his or her chest." Perhaps talking it out may lead to a solution or at least greater peace of mind. In such cases it is all the more important to listen with great care, with attention, with compassion.

For those who believe in the words of Christ and want to live the great law of love, listening with love is one of the best ways to heed the commandment. Perhaps in your morning prayer you might say: "Lord, help me to listen with love to all the people I encounter today. Help me to see in them the person of Christ."

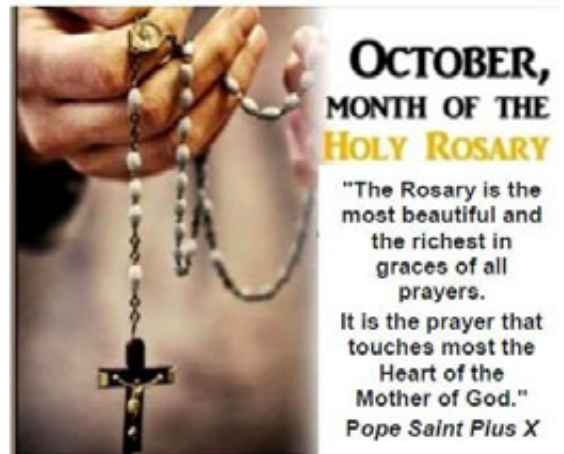
My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of October 9 - October 15

Monday 8:15am	†Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno All Priests and Seminarians
Tuesday 8:15am	†Marybeth Leverich
Wednesday 8:15am	†Charles & Dorothy Gardner †Jerry Buschman
Thursday 8:15am	†Janice Evans †Kristen Carr
Friday 8:15am	Wedding Guests of Michael Joseph and Katelyn Gorman
Saturday 5:00pm	†Pat Clark †Julie Miller
Sunday 8:00am	†John and Jenn Garvey †Robert Hufft
10:30am	†Pat McGreer †Jack Senechal
5:00pm	†Joanne McMahon †Richard Razniak



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

Knights Annual Tootsie Roll Drive



After All Masses
Next
Weekend



Scan this QR
Code to make a

Every year you see the Knights of Columbus in front of church and possibly in front of stores in their yellow vests. Have you ever wondered where the money that you contributed goes?

Every Tootsie Roll you buy helps support agencies and programs for those with developmental disabilities

After all Masses next weekend, October 14 and 15, the Knights will be standing out front of church, please consider helping to support those with developmental disabilities.

Thank you and enjoy your tootsie rolls.

St James Annual School Auction



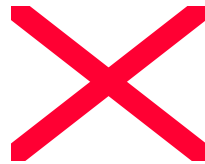
The St. James' annual auction began in 1990. Over the years it has helped to create the best possible educational environment for our children.

We are excited for the upcoming "Roaring Good Time" at Harrah's Kansas City on October 14 and can't wait to see you all there!

Scan the QR Code to
purchase tickets.



Someone is Watching and Wondering



Have you ever felt deep loneliness? I know I have. I don't mean time spent alone, I mean that deep sense of being without a friend or loved one. A person with whom you can be totally yourself, speak what is in your heart, admit fears, share discouragements and hurts, express anger and

frustration, failures, regrets, even dreams, or who will simply be present, sharing your safe place. A person who will listen without over-speaking, criticizing, or injecting unsolicited answers and solutions to fix everything. Someone who listens without being defensive. This longing for another is how I felt after the death of my husband Gene, nearly ten years ago. We were close friends before our marriage, who enjoyed simply being together. Marriage brought us even closer. Suddenly all that we shared was gone.

Since that time, however, I have discovered some significant things about myself. Those of you who know me may be surprised that I am an introvert. I like to passively watch and listen to people. Casual conversation and taking off a specific mask that I wear is difficult. For me it is easier to remain somewhat unknown. I now realize that my reluctance to allow myself to be known is based in fear: fear of taking risks, trusting others, being vulnerable, opening personal space, and showing my playful side. For so long I believed that if I revealed my true self to others, I would also open myself to ridicule, teasing, bullying, and rejection. I experienced these reactions as a child and teen and clung to the idea that hiding my true self was a way of self protection. Too often it was easier to smile and agree, to play a game, to simply get along without forming honest, open relationships. My husband Gene helped me discover a different way of being. He taught me that openness and trust also open a person to risks and vulnerability. He helped me understand how to grow into closer relationships through sharing suffering, pain, joy, hope, and love. He showed me how everything begins through my relationship with Christ Jesus. Patience, trust, and being whole are all rooted in His love, mercy, and grace. There is nothing I can do to earn what God offers, I can only be open to and embrace His gifts. Once I began to realize the truth of Gene's words and actions, I also realized that I am never completely alone. I am part of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I am embraced and love by the trinity. At times, I still feel great loneliness. I find in those times, however, I also feel deep peace in the presence of the three in one, with whom I can share everything. God's loving presence is pure and real; sacred space to simply be.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*



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.tfp.org

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

When Saturday, October 14

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.

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

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.

A Second Eucharistic Adoration Day is Being Planned For Tuesdays Sign Up Now

In addition to our current Eucharistic Adoration day on Thursdays, we are currently planning to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am - 9pm on Tuesdays.

There is a sign-up sheet for the Tuesday times (one hour or half hour segments) in the Chapel.

As soon as the 12 hours are covered, the start-ing date for Tuesday adoration will be an-nounced.

Questions?
Call Christi Eichler at 816-809-0821.

Children's Choir At St. James



We are excited our new children's choir will be singing at one Mass each month. Their first performance will be at the 8am Mass on Sunday, October 22.

It's not too late to enroll your child(ren) in the choir. Students in both our parish school and the school of religion in grades 2 through 5 are eligible to join.

Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 11:45am - 12:30pm, on the dates listed below, in the Parish Choir Room on the lower level of the Parish Hall across from the elevator (2nd door on your right as you descend the stairs.)

October 8 and 15; November 5 and 12; December 3 and 10, 2023.

January 7 and 21; February 4 and 11; February 4 and 11; March 3 and 10; April 7 and 14, May 5, 2024.

Scan the QR code to enroll your child(ren).

Send your response to my email address:

ernie.collins@stjames-liberty.org



Yours in Christ, Ernie Collins

St. James Pickleball Social

Monday, October 9
6:00 pm-7:45 pm

Join us for a social evening of Pickleball. No equipment or experience is needed. All levels of players are invited.

[MORE INFO](#)

St. James
309 S. Stewart Rd
Liberty, MO 64068

Parking lot behind the church
Contact Scott Alessi
914-715-3460

Holy Smoke BBQ - September 15



More Pictures To Come





LET MUSIC REIGN!

The Glory of British Choral Music

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.

St. James Catholic Church • 309 S. Stewart Road • Liberty, MO

Bryan Taylor, Director Nanette Kraus, Accompanist

libertycommunitychorus.org

An Opportunity to Share Our Faith and Love of Christ



Recently I had the opportunity to meet and work with a group of individuals from our diocese who gathered to understand what is meant by "Trauma Informed Care."

One volunteer shared her story with her of trauma resulting from the unexpected, violent death of her adult son. She concluded that healing has come through sharing her love of Jesus with others. I thought, that is what we do as a group, Sharing our Love of Jesus. We share scripture, our faith, and look for understanding, guidance, and healing in our own lives.

Please join me and fellow parishioners, the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, at noon in the conference room just inside the church office complex, if you love Jesus and are looking for understanding, guidance, or healing.

**Our next meeting is
this Wednesday, October 11.**

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
to sign up:
or sign up at:**

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



Military Outreach Ministry Honoring the Deployed



Next weekend, the St. James Military Outreach Ministry will be distributing flyers highlighting a Donation Drive to honor our currently deployed members of the military.

The flyer will request donations of items such as beef jerky, Slim Jims, water flavor packets and more that will be sent to the deployed.

Bring your donations to the St. Christopher Room in the Resource Center from Oct. 16 - 24

Parish Religious Education

Feeding • Building • Living



Grades PreK- 5

Our next class will be Sunday, October 8th from 9:10-10:20. We could still use more youth helpers and adult classroom helpers. If this is something you have considered, please reach out to Stephanie as we would love to have you!

Middle School

Our next class will be Sunday, October 8th from 6-7:30pm in the middle school. All middle school participants are invited to stay for open gym beginning at 7:30 through 8:00pm. We look forward to seeing you!

First Sacraments:

If you have already registered and were not able to attend the parent meeting, books and a calendar will be available after RE classes on Sunday. Families of St. James School will have the books sent home with their children.

If you have not registered for RE or First Sacraments and are interested, please do so on the parish website. If you have not paid the fees, these may be dropped by the Parish office or into the Mass collection baskets. We are so excited for another fantastic year! Please reach out with any questions.

Confirmation

October 15 from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

"Camino de Santiago" High School Youth Group

October 8 from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Parish Hall followed by open gym from 7:30 - 8:30pm

Questions about our Religious Education programs?

Contact:

Stephanie Ladenthin
Director of Religious Education K-12

DRE@stjames-liberty.org

816.781.4343, ext. 208

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

Charles Donnici	Steve Nelson	Alan McMahon
Joseph Herman	Jennifer Novitski	Sarah Rader
Cassandra Kosorog	Bryce Presko	Anthony Santo
Austin Mann	Aliesha Rosales	Mary Schuster
John Martino	Diane Smith	Michael Tamburelli
Spencer Ramirez	Chambre Spencer	Lolita Watkins
Shania Schoenrock	Yvonne Spurlock	Penelope Dahlberg
Lily Scholes	Sophia Ugbaja	Anita Daniels
Emily Weiler	Emma Barry	Sean Fairchild
Jamie Wooten	Danielle Bergeron	Jennifer Fernandez
Erika Carey	Phillip Carson	Melvin Lawson
Oswaldo Graciano	Wilberto Castillo	Eric Lewczyk
Claire Heiman	Madeline DeWet	Madeline Platt
Anna Lombardo	Christopher Garcia	Emily Richardson
Mary Miller	Mary Gastner	Rebecca Richardson
Kal Palmer	Graham Henderson	Eric Smith
Rachel Rawlins	Alison Iske	Sophia Wolf
John Reyes	David Klein	Brea Austin
Trena Vivanco	Leann McDowell	Daniel Cline
Edward Boswell	Andrew Oyer	Kasey Clohessy
Vivian Bunch	Andrew Reardon	Camden Findlay
Will Francis	Lawrence Venneman	Jeri Flowers
Cheryl Hedrick	Mary Worth	Judy Hughes
Cory Hernandez	Megan Bray	Connor Jones
Hayden Hlavacek	Edward Busch	Judith McKloskey
Kerry Kapetanovich	Richard Gisi	Elias Relford
	Justin Kelly	Hunter Roberts
	Zachary Mattingly	

ST. JAMES TRUNK OR TREAT!

Sign up to decorate your trunk and hand out candy!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4AACAD2CA6F85-44386622-23trunk#/>

Saturday, October 28-6:30PM

Music • Candy • Prizes-for best decorated vehicle

Spaghetti fundraiser in social hall

Scan the QR Code to Sign Up



As Catholic Christians, respect for ALL LIFE is a great part of our faith. Each October, Catholics nationwide celebrate Respect Life Month.

Respect for life is all encompassing. One of the misconceptions people have about respecting life is that it only applies to the unborn. Certainly, much of the work of Respect Life groups is devoted to protecting the most innocent lives from abortion, but respect for life doesn't stop with them.

As Pope Francis reminds us, "the innocent victim of abortion, children who die of hunger or from bombings, immigrants who drown in the search for a better tomorrow, the elderly or the sick who are considered a burden, the victims of terrorism, wars, violence and drug trafficking, the environment devastated by man's predatory relationship with nature are all issues. At stake in all of this is the gift of God, of which we are noble stewards but not masters."

The Respect Life Ministry shares this conviction voiced by Saint John Paul II, "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world" and knows that leading and promoting prayer for life is our most important task. An anti-life culture can only be defeated by the God of Life.

What can we do in our daily life to respect life?

- Become informed about the issues and share your knowledge with relatives, friends, classmates, teammates and neighbors. Visit www.usccb.org/ or www.humanlifeaction.org for federal and state voting records of your elected representatives.
- Fast one day a month in reparation for sins against human life.
- Commit to one hour a week in prayer for the sanctity of human life at Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Chapel every Thursday from 9:00am – 9:00pm.
- Join the St. James Respect Life Ministry that meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall (lower level of the church).

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Darin Van Tassel	Marilee Lacy	Dick & Matthew Sutton	Norma Molina	James Gubera	The Hollomon Family
Stephanie Stephens	Javier and Tatiana	Beth Cook	Ramon Mendoza, Sr.	Hazel Lewis	Jacke & Enike Hayes
Christopher Peters	Bruce McCloskey	Nathan & Anthony	Ramon Mendoza, Jr.	Dan Tomc	Carla George
Margaret Carver	Finley Family	Lisa & LeChelle	Jim Miller	Rachel Johnson	Kyle Sellmeyer
Aaron Anderson	Phyllis Perez	Tom Pfeiffer	Oliver Schmidt	Brian Akers	Margarita Mendoza Family
Monica Myers	Teresa Marie Collins	Matt Sutton	Dorothy Bradford	Jose Torres	Marie Brancato
Michael	Charlene Scott	David Berg	Mike Carr	Dan & Bibi Chadwick	Rich Curasi
Jim Mooney	Jessica Lewey Dahlberg	Lori Schock	Pete Burmeister	John Barrington	John Brocato
Jean Weir	Ron Willis	Mary & Doug Schuster	Kate Nowatzke	Philip Pernice	Barbara (Roach) Still
JoAnn	Caden Stirtz	Ella Witworth	Fran Norton's Family	Don Taylor	Kathleen Haines
Judy Williford	Connie & Terry Rigg	Debra Sutlief	Phil Willoughby	Nick Peters	John Pfannenstiel
Mary Cottingham	Michelle & Isaac	Connie Austin	Mike Rodriguez	Desmond Arciga-Quenga	Mike Sheeley
Peggy Luchtefeld	Sharee Grindel	Lauren Lakebrink Krueger	Fred Massman	Michelle Bacus	Troy Cronkite
Carol	Joni	Richard Cronkleton	Mary & Gabriel Wier	Mark Schweitzer	Matt Biskup Family
Sam & Catherine	Barb Schmitt	Joseph Gorman	Jake Harman	Bill Kirwan	Pam Fink
Ann	Kurt Hosticka	Cameron & Antony	Charles Mann	Deacon Bud	Sam Porter
Beasley	Lee Noel	Anderson	Douglas Shreffler	Jackson Erwin	Mary Alice Worth
Jim Whisnant	Billy Joe Ball III	Charles Cunningham	Jeff Ridder	Pat Carey & Family	Amy Villarreal
Judy Smith	Stephen Davidson	Ron May	Kenny Walker	Melissa Andrasik	Mary Kaye Masnado
Barb May	James Greufe	Carol Weir	Sabrina Hinkle	Diana Marchisio	Randy Baumert
Bill May	Chad Watson	Libbey Rall	Susan Koeppen	Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.	Jackie Plack Pelling
Ron Hill	Michael Damot	Brenda Garcia	John Mreen	John & Susan-Kelly Corsione	Kennedy Noel Holcumbink
Carol Winston	Rod Lumley	Julie Rush	Deacon Doug Hemke	Hannah Taylor	Rita Lowe / Megan
Mary Schamel Rossfeld	Wyatt Morris	Pete & Connie Hollomon	John Fessler	Rodriguez Family	Tony V. Sr.
Dan Ollier	Mary Krause	Dan Kandlbinder	John Murphy	Scott Neibergall	Chris Alvey
Bob Greufe	Jim Tucker	Jordan Taylor	Ricky & DeeDee	Margie Myers & Mattea	Patrick O'Neill
Debbie Pickett	Pat Aten	Will, Theresa & Aspen	Arsenio "R.C" Arciga	Jean and Richard Jackson	John McMahon
Joseph Weir	Catherine Ketter	Joe Hartmann	Rory Elliott	Pamela & James Anderson	Eddie Ansalmo
John & Brody Merriman	Ben Stein	Dorothy & William Bradford	Casel Family	Tony and Tet So	Maria Giannelli
Ryan	Bill Edwards	Doug & Susan Blair	Todd Higgins	Travis & Sarah Shay	Kenadee Gallagher
Mary D. George	Edward Adams	Jackie Rapp	Ron Shinkle	The Curiel Family	Leah Biskup Coady
Lori & Buster Gage	Carol McVay	Jeff Lea	Michael Ruiz	Barbara Fortier	Olivia Hernandez
Peggy Mosbacher	Larry Wink	Bradley Jones	Kathy Peters	Barb Schwery	Laura Ann DiGiovanna
Glen & Mary Thilges	Rick Manson	Thomas & Alexander Minniece	Mauricia O'Brien	Nichole Stewart	Robert Doleshal
Amy Cunningham	Dee & Dan Van Leeuwen	Brandon Hutson	Janet Ward & Jeff	Kelly Gentrup	Jersey & James Hicks

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

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.

Please pray for the sick

Come and enjoy an evening of music and dancing with **Mollie B & Squeezebox**

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Mollie B

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Starring Clint Eastwood

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ADVANCE TICKETS: \$25/ADULT \$15/KIDS 10-16 FREE/UNDER 10

\$30/ADULT DAY OF SHOW

For tickets and more information call: 816-721-7252
email mendyk2023@gmail.com or visit MollieB.com

Food, beverages & Mollie B merchandise will be available for purchase.
NO CARRY IN FOOD OR DRINK. Tickets are general admission and are non-refundable.

"I love you, Lord, my strength."

~Psalm 18:1



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