

Saint James Catholic Community

First Sunday of Advent

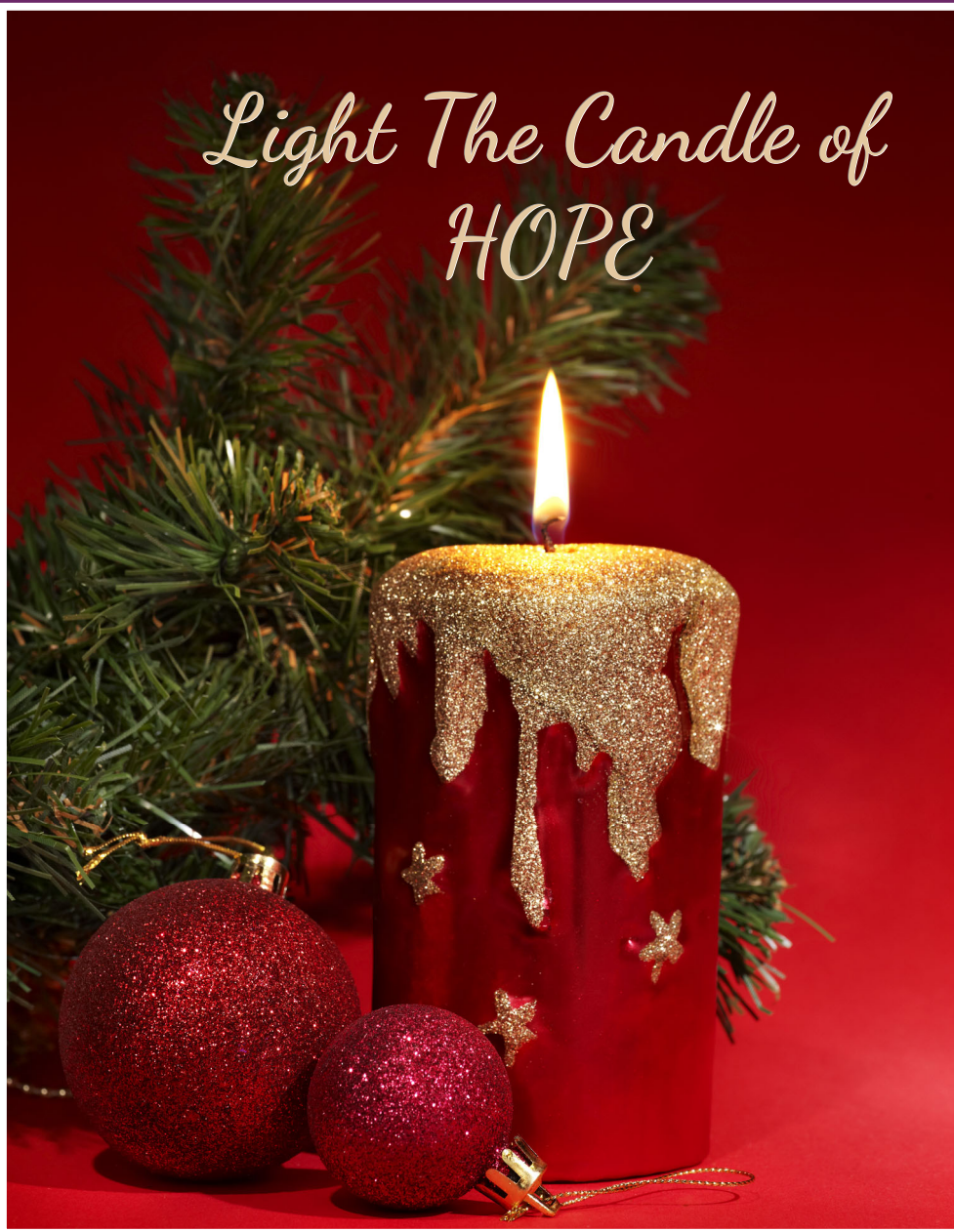
December 3, 2023

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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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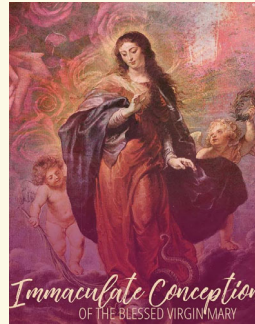
Mission Statement

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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Friday, December 8



Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times

6:30am

8:15am

7:00pm*

* The 7:00pm Mass will be live-streamed

Join Our Glory Be Tea Cookie Brigade



Help us stock up the cookie tables with four dozen of your favorite homemade cookies for the December 10th tea.

Cookies should be on the smaller side - 2" or less in diameter. Cookie bars cut in small squares are also welcome.

Please bring your cookies to the Social Hall during one of the following times.

Friday, December 8 - from 9am - 2pm

Saturday, December 9 - from 9am - 5pm

To let us know that we can count on you to provide cookies, or for more information, contact Jeanne Verssue at 816-294-0236 or email her at bverssue@gmail.com or call or text Sharon Benson at 816-507-9811.



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

"Maranatha" has its roots in the Aramaic language, spoken in Israel at the time of Jesus. Basically it means "Come, Lord Jesus," a word is found in 1 Cor 16:22 as well as in Rev 22:20. The intent of the word is to express the longing, the anticipation, the expectation of the second coming of Christ in the early days of the Church. During those days of persecution it was the belief and hope that the Risen Lord would come soon to set things right and to bring relief and comfort to Christians living in the midst of trials and tribulations. In fact, the Risen Lord did not come again, at least in the way He was expected, so "Come, Lord Jesus" was prayed in the hope that He would be with people in their times of need.

So do we, the People of God 2000 years later, continue to call out "Maranatha." Our needs, trials, fears are no less than for the people of the early Church. We, too, live in a world filled with tensions, violence, wars, antagonisms, fears, and dangers. As people of faith, we cry out to the Lord, "Maranatha, come Lord Jesus." Will the second coming of the Risen Lord suddenly come upon us? Probably not. Why cry out? Why hope? Because the Risen Lord does come, but He comes in and through good people of faith among us today. Each of us reflect the second coming when we live in a spirit of faith, hope, and charity. We are all Advent people when we don't despair, don't give up, don't grow cynical, don't doubt the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

This year the Advent season is as short as it can be: only three full weeks. The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. Yes, we are caught up on the pre-Christmas commercial frenzy. It is so very difficult to make the Advent season spiritually relevant, but we try. How? Maybe five minutes a day in quiet with the words "Come, Lord Jesus" on your lips. Maybe five minutes in front of a lit candle, seeing the flame as a sign of the presence of the Lord. Maybe five minutes a day praying for someone in special need. Maybe five minutes a day reading a reflection from a spiritual book. Yes, you can find a way to make Advent a special time of welcome with the words "Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus."

My Advent prayers are with all of you.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of December 4 - December 10

Monday	
8:15am	†Joanne McMahan †Wally McCubbin
Tuesday	
8:15am	†Fr. Vincent Capodanno †Fr. Emil Kapun
Wednesday	<i>St. Nicholas</i>
8:15am	†Robert Huff Pat and Elva Mahony
Thursday	<i>St. Ambrose</i>
8:15am	Benjamin Garvey Joe and Eileen Barry
Friday	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary</i>
6:30am	†Kermit Davis †Chris Rupp
8:15am	†Abby Olberding
7:00pm	†Jacob Glasford
Saturday	<i>St. Juan Diago</i>
5:00pm	†Jim Thornton †Joan Runde
Sunday	
8:00am	†Joanne McMahan †Guy Harkness
10:30am	†John Mancuso †Jacob Glasford
5:00pm	Ann Puck's Children and Grandchildren



From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with ...

Debra Ahern and Steve Wolcott, their family and friends on the death of Debra's mother Glennis Ahern who passed away on November 11.

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

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



**Tuesday
December 11
7:00pm**

An important way to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, is to attend an Advent Penance Service as we gather together to celebrate the communal form of the Sacrament of God's mercy and focus on the spiritual meaning of Advent.

The service includes prayer, scripture readings, a homily and an examination of conscience, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions.

Novena to the Christ Child and The Holy Family



The beautiful reflections and prayers of this Novena focus on the birth of Jesus and His family in the early years of His life.

The Novena will be held in the Chapel from 6:30 - 7:30pm on the following dates.

Wednesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 20

Wednesday, December 27

Wednesday, January 3

**Everyone is Invited and Welcome
to Participate in This Novena**

**Attending this Novena is a wonderful way
to prepare our hearts
for the coming of the Christ Child.**



**H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT
CARD NEWS**

**Avoid The Shopping
Crunch**

'Tis 3 weeks before Christmas, and all through the stores, there's people galore shopping for gifts that all will adore!

Started shopping yet? Time is running short and everything in the stores will soon be picked over.

HOPE/Scrip gift cards can help solve many of your shopping problems. Buy them to do your own shopping or give as gifts so that those special people on your shopping list can buy what they really want.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Advent is a time of watching and waiting. What are we watching and what are we waiting for?

When I think about these questions I realize that I am watching the changing seasons, fall into winter, and

waiting for the first noticeable snowfall. I know I may be in the minority but I like snow. Snow transforms the landscape from the dullness left after the brilliant fall colors have faded, into glistening pure white. Everything seems cleansed and robed in glory. Truly I see God every time I look at the natural world, take time to watch the never ending change, and set aside time to simply be with God and the beautiful life I have been given.

Such beauty leads me to think of our catechumens who are journeying toward fulfillment of their desire to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They will enter the waters clothed in dark colors, emerge cleansed of sin, and clothed in a white garment. When they reenter the church, to be welcomed by the faithful, they will carry light of Christ, their baptismal candle. For now, they watch and wait to share banquet of celebration and praise at the Lord's table. A feast to share and be of sharing and transformation.

For the second question: "What are we waiting for?" The answer to this question is as diverse as people I encounter each day. There are people waiting for their wedding day, or the birth of a child, others waiting for work or a safe place to live. There are some waiting for a diagnosis or cure for a disease or prolonged illness. I think we are all waiting for the end to wars and a kinder, understanding, society where people seek justice for all. Youth are waiting for adulthood, adults are waiting for retirement, and retirees are waiting for security. "Of course," you might say, "these are all good and honorable, but really Advent is about waiting for Jesus." My answer to this: "Why are you waiting for Jesus now, during Advent? Why not embrace Jesus every day, he is present among us, touching, embracing, guiding, offering grace, forgiveness, and love. Why wait?" Jesus offers **HOPE** to all.

Do I embrace that **HOPE**? Do I open myself completely to him? Do I truly love Jesus with my whole being, heart, mind and soul or do I simply express platitudes of love? Do I accept my sacredness?

I believe Jesus is the one waiting; waiting for me. Waiting for me to give him my heart, to share his love, to embrace his call. Jesus is waiting for my yes. Lord I love you with all my being and I desire to serve you offering others the brightness and purity of the love I found in you. Why only watch and wait and wonder?

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

**HELP CLOTHE THOSE IN NEED BY SHARING
NEW AND GENTLY USED
WINTER COATS and WARM CLOTHES
FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**



Thanks to all who have donated coats and warm winter clothing to this Coat Drive during the past few weeks.

Beginning Saturday, December 2 through Sunday, December 17, the space is not available at St. James

to collect items of clothing.

Instead, we are requesting monetary donations to supplement what has already been collected.

Please scan the QR Code to make your donation.

Donations may also be made on the St. James website.



Your monetary donation will be sent to St. James Midtown to purchase coats and warm clothing for those in need.

Thanks For All Donations

Honor Your Loved Ones With Flowers



The sanctuary will be decorated this Christmas Season with flowers in honor or memory of our families and friends.

To add your loved ones, drop the Christmas Flower Offering envelope with your name, the names of the people to remember or honor, and your donation in the collection or bring your envelope to the parish office during normal business hours.

**Early Bulletin Deadlines
For December 24 and 31**

In order to meet our Bulletin printer's early deadlines for the above dated bulletins:

Articles & Info For: **Must Be Submitted by**
End of Day:

December 24 Bulletin **Tues., December 12**

December 31 Bulletin **Tues, December 19**

Thank You

**Special Collection
Next Weekend**

**Retirement Fund
for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



retiredreligious.org

This coming weekend Dec 9th and 10th we will have a very important special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

This is a wonderful way for us to help financially support those who spent their life spiritually supporting us. So many of the current senior religious provided for us with little pay, as teachers, parish staff, pastors and more. Now we can assist them.

You may use the envelope in your giving set, or just drop your assistance in the special collection basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Your gift helps support more than 30 ministries along with administrative support for both parishes and the Diocese.

To donate on-line, scan this QR Code.



ST. JAMES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Chairman Kevin Casel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Fr. Mike Roach, Deacon Chuck Koesterer, Dan Bacon, Eddie Baker, Kevin Casel, Yvette Lopez, Joan Peluso, and Sherri Porterfield. Patrick Schaub joined the meeting via phone. The opening prayer was given by Eddie Baker.

Old Business:

1. Point of Contact Ministry: Dan Bacon told the Council members that the first training meeting was held with six of those who had signed up for this ministry in attendance. Those attending gave good feedback and were impressed with the evacuation plans, i.e., tornado, fire, etc., that have been developed. Dan did say that he would like to have leaders for each section of the church to help parishioners in evacuations if needed. Ideally, Point of Contact and Emergency Assistance volunteers will work together in coordinated efforts if/when a disaster were to occur. The next training is being planned and will probably be one hour in length via Zoom.
2. Emergency Assistance Ministry: Kevin Casel reported that Betsy Lewey had told him that there are currently 38 members signed up for this ministry. Members will sign in when they come to Mass to let the ushers know that they are there to help if needed. He said that there was an incident on the weekend before this meeting where a parishioner had fainted. The usher found the EAM volunteer who then assisted in helping the parishioner. The parishioner was able to return to Mass after getting help.
3. Parish Survey: The survey to be given to parishioners in January from the questions agreed upon by the Council in previous meetings was shown to the members, The Council reviewed the survey and made any changes needed to place it in its final form. The Council discussed ways for this survey to reach as many parishioners as possible. Besides the survey being sent via email, it was suggested that the survey be accessed through a QR code placed in the bulletin, on the parish website and on large posters in the Gathering Space. For those who are not comfortable using a computer, hard copies of the survey will be printed and given to those parishioners. It was also decided that on the weekend that the survey becomes available, an announcement will be made before Mass asking all parishioners to participate. It is planned for the survey to be presented to the congregation on the weekend of January 6/7, 2024 with a deadline for return to be the weekend of January 20/21. The Council agreed that all who attend St. James and are Confirmation age or older and are registered or unregistered congregants should participate in this survey. Survey results will be released to the parish and published on April 1, 2024.

At this point, a side discussion was held on the importance of paying particular attention to the age group of confirmed high school students. Yvette Lopez said she would talk with Confirmation/High School leaders to explain this to these young people and let them know that we very much want their voice to be heard.

Patrick Schaub commented that he felt we were off to a good start with this survey in getting an overall picture of the congregation's thoughts. Once surveys are completed, we can analyze the data and use this to develop a more detailed survey to be given to the parish at a later date. This survey will deal with any concerns voiced in the initial survey. This later survey will provide knowledge to the Council on how to address those concerns voiced. The Council agreed with Patrick.

Chairman Casel and the Council thanked Dan Bacon for organizing the survey.

New Business:

1. Hillcrest Ministries: Yvette Lopez informed the Council that the man occupying the apartment sponsored by St. James is going to be graduating from the program in December. Discussed was the possibility of doing something to celebrate this graduation. Also discussed was opening this ministry to parishioners assisting in various ways. Yvette said she is waiting on answers for questions she has communicated to Hillcrest before we can move forward with this possibility.
2. Report from Fr. Mike: Fr. Mike gave the Council an update on the former church building. The roof has been a huge problem and has been replaced. This is true for the school as well with a new roof being addressed. One need is to have brighter lighting in the area and Katie is currently working on this problem. As things start to progress, professionals will be brought in for consultation. Also, the parish will be informed as to what needs to be done and a Capital Campaign will be developed.

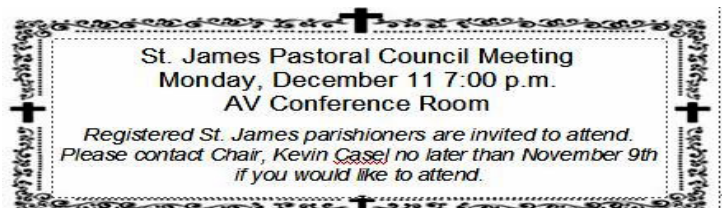
A question was asked concerning the usage of the new church for concerts in the sanctuary. Fr. Mike informed everyone that groups, such as the Liberty Community Chorus, are charged a fee to use the church with the money going to the Music Ministries Department. He let the Council know that he very much supports outside groups using our church for events and that in January the Liberty MLK Celebration will be held at St. James as well as the St. Pius graduation and Liberty North High School Baccalaureate will be held in the Spring.

Closing:

Fr. Mike closed the meeting with a prayer and led the Council in praying the "Our Father" together. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

The Council's next meeting is Monday, Dec. 11th at 7:00pm in the AV Conference Room. If you have any ideas or concerns for the Council, please contact Fr. Mike or Chairman Kevin Casel. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Kevin Casel no later than Sat. Dec. 9th.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Porterfield, Pastoral Council Secretary



CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12

Rosary at 5:30pm, followed by Celebration and Mass at 6:00pm

Come enjoy Faith, Fellowship, and Food

This Beautiful celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the American starts with the holy Rosary at 5:30pm, followed by the traditional singing of "Las Mañanitas" while some people offer flowers to our Lady, the dance of "The Matachines". The Holy Mass, the reenactment of the apparitions of our Lady to St. Juan Diego, the procession from Church to the Parish Hall with Our Lady of Guadalupe image where the celebration ends, and with a free reception with Mexican food, and more.



The whole event invites us to meditate on the great love of God who gave us our loving Mother who always guides and intercedes for us.

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends.



CELEBRACION DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Esta hermosa celebración será el martes 12 de diciembre . Comenzamos con el Rosario a las 5:30pm. seguido de las mañanitas mientras se hace la ofrenda de flores a la Virgen, la Danza de los Matachines, la Santa Misa, la representación de las apariciones de la Virgen, y finalizaremos con una recepción en el Salón Parroquial. Esperamos verte, no faltes.

Video - The Amazing and Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe



If you have a QR scanning app on your smart phone, scan the code below to watch the YouTube Video "The Amazing and Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe".

You can also watch the video by copying the following URL into your computer browser.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds7nD_QNeKA

The video is also available on the Our Lady of Guadalupe page on the St. James website.

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

EL GRUPO GUADALUPANO

Te invita a la celebración en honor a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe.

“ NO ESTOY AQUÍ QUE SOY TU MADRE ”

Comenzaremos con el ROSARIO, la SERENATA, la danza de los MATACHINES, LA SANTA MISA, LA OBRA DE SU APARICIONES Y al final con LA RECEPCION en el salón de la Iglesia donde habrá cantantes, comida auténtica mexicana sin costo y el altar de la Virgen.

HORA: 5:30 -9:00.	LUGAR: St. James 309 S Stewart Rd. Liberty, MO. 64068	FECHA: 12 de Diciembre 2023.
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También tenemos la Novena comenzando:

- Domingo 3 de Diciembre 11:45 después de la misa de 10:30am en la capilla.
- Lunes 4 de Diciembre 6:30 pm en la capilla.
- Martes 5 de Diciembre 6:30 pm en el Santuario.
- Miércoles 6 de Diciembre 6:30 pm en la capilla.
- Jueves 7 de Diciembre 6:30 pm en el Santuario.
- Viernes 8 de Diciembre 8:00 pm después de la misa de precepto en el santuario.
- Sábado 9 de Diciembre 6:00 pm después de la misa de 5 pm en el Santuario.
- Domingo 10 de Diciembre 11:45 pm después de la misa de 10:30 en la capilla.
- Lunes 11 de Diciembre 6:30 pm en el Santuario.

VEN CON TODA TU FAMILIA.



A Reflection

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation and remembrance and with this we begin the new liturgical year. The word "Advent" stems from the Latin word *adventus*, which literally means "coming" or "arrival." In context, this commonly refers to the coming of Jesus on Christmas day.

Advent is a time of joyful waiting. We wait hoping and expecting that He will come into our hearts and homes on Christmas day with all the peace and joy that only a loving God and Savior could bring. It is a time when we remember that Jesus came to earth over 2000 years ago to begin the Christian era with the divine gift of salvation which He holds out to all who are willing to commit themselves to His way of living.

Advent is a time of new beginnings. We have an opportunity to grow, or develop, a spirituality of waiting – a time of hope – as we pray constantly for ourselves, our world and our Church in the ancient prayer of Advent – "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus, Come!"

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>

Parish Religious Education

Feeding • Building • Living



PreK- 5

November we collected non-perishable food for the In As Much ministry. The number of families they are serving has increased significantly, so let's push to fill their shelves one more weekend. Please bring in donations on Sunday, December 3. Our next class is Sunday, 12/3 from 9:10-10:20am.

Middle School:

Our next class is Sunday, 12/3 from 6-7:30pm. We will also be collecting for In As Much Ministry.

1st Sacraments:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: December 4.

Confirmation

Next class is December 17
from 6:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall

"Camino de Santiago"

High School Youth Group

Next class is Sunday, December 10
from 6:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall,
followed by Open Gym.

Children's Choir At St. James



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.)

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



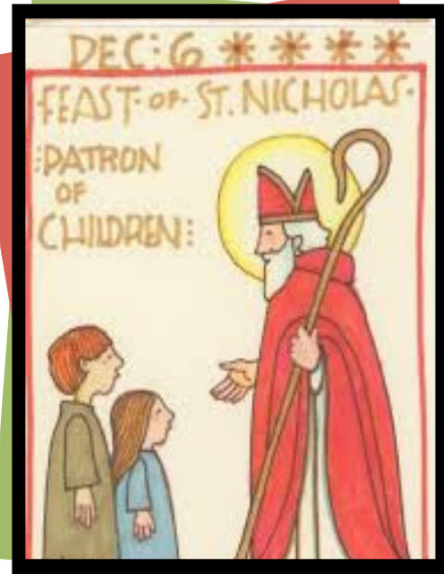
Yours in Christ, Ernie Collins

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

Keith Ballard	Grayson Carullo	Margaret Reyes
Randolph Curnow	Mary Hayward	Joanna
Lucas Lozano	Annabelle Heinse	Venneman
Ryan McLean	Michael Jensen	Payton Whiston
Jolene Mears	Carol Noble	Todd Brown
Robert Schreiber	Chad Phillips	Lillian Carullo
Stephen Stark	Grant Schuster	James Ehlers
David Wallisch	Terrance Shannon	Maribelle Jones
Leila Yap	Patrick Steinkamp	Kimberlie Lackey
Sarah Catignani	Sarah Weiler	Elizabeth Lewey
Michael DePalma	Jill Bolling	Stephanie Medley
Julie DiGiovanni	Bailey Eddy	Shane Busch
Layla Florido	Glynn Gallagher	Michael Damot
Jeanne Jackson	Brian Haynes	Anna Filardo
Ainsley Lanter	Katie Kohrs	Cade Gardner
Adam Pittman	Angela Reed	Wayne Halter
Kristen Redford	Christina Spencer	Henry Jekel
Carolyn Roach	Sharon Willis	Melissa Panis
Benjamin Saverino	Connor Cooney	Kathy Pittala
James Schmidt	David Curasi	Sarah Simon
Kevin Schneider	Mark Hill	Noah Theleman
Emily Seiter	Angela Holtkamp	Marissa Vernickas
Samuel Shumate	Amber Johnson	Michael Volkmer
Laney	Robert Kosorog	Andrew Brown
Timmerberg	Douglas Lewey	
Luca Venditti	Thomas Lindley	

St. James School News

Help Us Pray for ALL the Children of St. James Parish



Prayer in honor of Saint Nicholas:

We thank you for good Saint Nicholas who was known for his love and care for children. Through his intercession we ask you to help us always to take care of children, to protect and guide them, and to keep them safe. Help us to be open to all that children can teach us about pure joy and unconditional love. May we in turn help our children to grow into the beautiful persons that you created them to be. Keep us mindful of the needs of others and to reach out with love and generosity as Saint Nicholas did. We rejoice in your servant Nicholas and pray that we too may follow you with singleness of heart and mind.

Amen.

The Advent Wreath



We all decorate our homes in preparation for Christmas, but do you include in those decorations an Advent Wreath? What a wonderful tradition to start with your family!

There is such rich meaning and symbolism in the Advent

Wreath. The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes God's complete and unending love for each of us and eternal life which is ours through our faith in Jesus.

The four candles, which the wreath traditionally holds, serve a purpose to dispel the darkness of the sins of the world and to help us to contemplate the birth of Jesus, who comes to redeem mankind and make all things new (Revelation 21:5).

The candles also remind us that we are meant to shine the light of Christ throughout the world (see Matthew 5:14-16).

Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday and Thursday



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am until 9:00pm in the Chapel.

Come and spend some time with Jesus.

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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*Please
pray for
the sick*

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

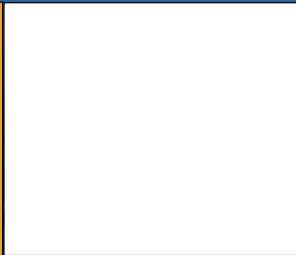
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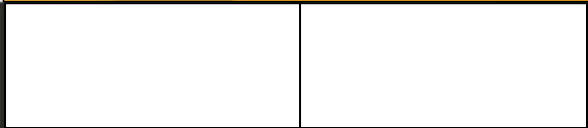


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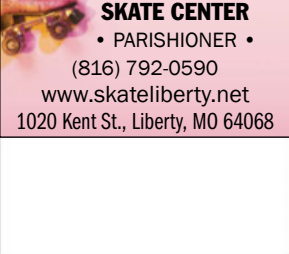
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