## Saint James Catholic Community

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The Feast of the Holy Family is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, commemorating their life together in Nazareth and calling us to focus on Catholic family life.

## St. James Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00noon School (816) 781-4428
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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.

## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

 The Mother of God - January 1* This Is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation This Year
 The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, whom she had circumcised on the 8th day, according to the Levitical Law. In 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan?
In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God.
The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it.
For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith.
* When this feast day is on Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.


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## From the Pastor's Pen

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend, there are so many questions which might come to mind. Did Joseph have a carpenter shop? Did Jesus assist Joseph in his work? Did Jesus help Mary with the laundry and meal preparation? What was Jesus like as a teenager? When Jesus was in his 20s, did the villagers wonder why he was still living at home and why he wasn't courting a woman? Was Joseph still alive when Jesus began is public ministry? All that we know from the gospels is that Jesus was obedient to Mary and Joseph and that he accompanied them to Jerusalem to celebrate Jewish feasts like Passover. Yes, we have presumptions. We presume that a deep spirit of love and respect abounded in their home; that they were deeply in love with each other; that they strongly practiced their Jewish faith, that they were generous in helping others in need.
So what should be our thoughts and prayers on this Feast of the Holy Family? Let me suggest a few. (1) that in prayer we ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to intercede for us in the way that we live family life. (2) That we look to the Holy Family for the virtues what we want to have as a family: deep love, mutual respect, forgiveness, compassion, kindness, assistance in times of need, and all other virtues that enhance family life. (3) That we pray together and, like the Holy Family, cherish our faith and hold each other accountable. (4) that we forgive the weaknesses and failures of family members. (5) That we are there for each other in times of need.
We are all well aware of human weaknesses and failures. We won't be perfect. Sometimes there will be disagreements, lack of communication, hurt feelings and even a falling-out in relationships. Yet we always have to be ready to forgive, to allow healing, to reach out even when it is not our fault, not to hold grudges, to seek reconciliation. Yes, sometimes there is nothing we can say or do to restore a broken relationship, but we always must be open to healing words and actions. We turn to the Holy Family in times of our family needs and beg their intercession. Never underestimate the power of prayer.
May God bless you with a healthy, love, and faith-filled new year. Fr. Mike and I always include you in prayer and are available in your times of need.
My prayers are with you each day. Fr. Michael

## Mass Intentions

| Week of January 1 - January 7 |  |
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| $\begin{gathered} \text { Monday } \\ \text { 8:15am } \end{gathered}$ | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God † Amy Olberding |
| Tuesday 8:15am | Sts. Basil and Gregory tDan Habiger |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wednesday } \\ & \text { 8:15am } \end{aligned}$ | The Most Holy Name of Jesus <br> †Linda Ann Riedel <br> tKevin Barry |
| Thursday 8:15am | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Deployed Military Persons and Veterans |
| Friday 8:15am | St. John Neumann †Julie Klassen |
| Saturday 5:00pm | †Gary Brecht Nancy Rutliff |
| Sunday 8:00am | The Epiphany of the Lord tGuy Harkness |
| 10:30am | †Joanne McMahan |
| 5:00pm | Parishioners of St. James |



## Our prayer support is with ...

Amy Taylor, family members and friends on the death of her mother Barbara Zimmerman who passed away on December 11. Shirley Quint, family members and friends on the recent death of her husband Danny.
Robin \& Jim Sandt, their family and friends on the death of Robin's stepdad Mike Stefancik, Sr. who passed away on December 4. May the healing hand of our Lord Jesus be felt by all who are coping with grief and missing loved ones.

## 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

## PARISH SURVEY 2024

We are conducting a survey of everyone in our parish family. This short series of questions will help the Pastoral Council identify and prioritize the long range needs of our parish. All who attend Mass at St. James are asked to complete the survey. We are not asking young children to participate but we welcome input from anyone eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation and older to give us your opinions. We hope that each person will complete a survey, not just one for the entire family.
The best method to log your answers is to go online (see QR Code below). If you do not have internet access we will have a limited number of paper copies available in the gathering space. We estimate it will take 3-4 minutes to complete once you go online or sit down with a pen.

Survey begins January 6. The cutoff date for entries is Sunday January 28th.



Other places to find the link to the survey include Facebook, our website, posters in the gathering space and email from the parish and more. They all point to the same survey page.

The Pastoral Council is refocusing its role at the parish. We need YOUR input so that we can direct our energies where they are most needed. For more information about the change in direction of the Pastoral Council please see the parish website -StJames-Liberty.org.

## Thank you in advance.

## Someone is Watchins and Wonderins



Unity cofounder, Charles Fillmore, created the "Twelve Power" system more than a century ago. His ideas were based on the reality of God's presence in our lives, and felt Christians should be exemplars of these twelve capacities: wisdom, love, strength, faith, imagination, order, understanding, will, order, zeal, release and life itself. Susan Connors later wrote a book, Adventures in Resilience: Ignite the 12 Powers in You to Create a Radiant Life, which was based on Fillmore's system. In her book she describes faith as blessings that pave our way each day; strength as needed to accomplish tasks given to us; wisdom as that which guides our thoughts, words, and actions; love as the center of all being; power as the ability to create; imagination as the good unfolding in every part of our lives; understanding as truth that deepens the meaning of and directs our lives; will as the choices we make rooted in spiritual understanding; order as balance; zeal as enthusiasm to accept [grace and move forward toward the richness and fullness of humanity]; release as letting go; and life as [God's creation and first gift of undeserved grace].
In looking forward to the New Year 2024, I find these ideas and words very inspirational. Perhaps they may serve as a guide, providing a foundation for spiritual, physical, and mental growth and understanding in the coming year, eliminating my need for making a typical "New Year's Resolutions." I know I can benefit from embracing life, letting go of selfish wants and desires, and imagining new possibilities for sharing the light of Christ with others. I have a desire for truth and wisdom, rooted in the living word of God. When I feel discouraged I need to sense order and balance. I have a desire to embrace all life with enthusiasm and care. I need to recognize the creativity within myself and others which give rise to new understanding, a willingness to compromise and seek solutions for the common good of all God's creation. As I consider these twelve concepts of the powers within me, I realize this is where my "Advent Reflections" and journey have lead. Hope, peace, and joy are ultimately rooted in God's love. In order to receive the promise and grace of Advent, I must first recognize that all I am, all I have, and all I will become is pure gift from God. Recognition, however, is never enough. I must open my mind and heart to God, ever thankful for God's grace which leads to new life. My journey of faith is not solitary, I need you, all of you to remind me of God's eternal presence.

Wishing you a Blessed New Year
Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon

## 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 final session of this Novena will be held from 6:30-7:30pm on January 3. This session is scheduled to be held in the Chapel. However, the location of this final session may change. If you are planning to attend this session, please call R.C. Arciga at 816-898 -3614 to confirm the location


THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE GLORY BE TEA A SUCCESS THROUGH THEIR SUPPORT!!
We are so blessed to have the support of so many groups and individuals who are willing to give their time to help us put the Tea together each year.

Cookie Brigade Members
Melinda Dolphin
Judy Keisling Quinn Knabe Ernie Collins
Knights of Columbus
Bob Lathrop Tony Leonardo
Parish Staff
That Man Is You
Youth Group Volunteers
Cooking, decorating, and clean-up volunteers With Thanks,

## The Glory Be Tea Committee



## 1st Saturday Confessions

Confessions will be heard from 7:30-8:30am on Saturday, January 6 This time is in addition to the regular Saturday afternoon confession time.

## 2024 Pledge Cards Available

Tithing Pledge cards and NC Mortgage cards for 2024 are available in the book rack located in the hallway just off the Gathering Space.

Please return as soon as possible. You may drop them in the collection baskets or the Parish Office during regular business hours, or mail to St. James, 309 S. Stewart Rd., Liberty MO 64068.


## Fr. John Neumann Feast Day January 5

 John Neumann, was born in what is now the Czech Republic on March 28, 1811. After studying in Prague, at age 25 he immigrated to the New York in 1836 where he was ordained. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States.
In 1852, he became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia where he founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the U.S.
While doing errands on January 5, 1860, he collapsed and died. He was 48 years old.
Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized on June 19, 1977 by Pope Paul VI 1977, he is the only male US citizen to be named a saint.

## Learn About Trauma and

 How to Support Survivors9:30 am-12:30 pm
St. Therese Parkville Woolridge Center
Join us for a Trauma-Informed Response and Accompaniment Workshop on January 20. The workshop is presented by Journey to Bethany and co-sponsored by St. Therese (North) Mental Health Ministry committee. This workshop is for volunteers, teachers, dea-
 cons, family, and other caregivers.
We'll learn about the physical effects of trauma on the brain, the signs and symptoms of trauma, and how we can respond to and care for those who have experienced it from abuse, violence, poverty, and other circumstances. The workshop includes interactive practice in responding to people who trust you with their experiences.

Email Jennifer Prusa at jprusa@journeytobethany.org with questions



Thank you to all Liturgical Ministers who volunteered and helped make all of our Liturgies so welcoming and beautiful during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

A special thanks to all who came and decorated
the church for our Christmas Masses.

I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and Happy New Year.
~Danny Baker Director of Liturgy and Music

## The Chosen "Watch Party" Every Monday 9am-11am

HinswAll are invited and welcome to join the "Watch Party" on Mondays from 9am-11am in the AV Conference Room (lower level of the church) as we watch episodes of The Chosen, a series following Christ's public ministry.

Come join us. No registration needed, just come when you can.


## ST. JAMES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

Chairman Kevin Casel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following council members were present: Phil Baumert, Kevin Casel, Corrine Katzer, Betsy Lewey, Yvette Lopez, Joan Peluso, and Sherri Porterfield. Dan Bacon joined the meeting via phone. The opening prayer was given by Corrine Katzer.

## Old Business:

1. Parish Survey: Council members proofread the completed survey making sure that there were no mistakes, and all questions were stated as discussed. Some minor changes were made in the wording of some questions to clarify and simplify what was being asked. A discussion led by Chairman Casel was held to review how the survey will be introduced to the parish. Council members volunteered to speak to the congregation before each Mass the weekend of January 6th/7th. The congregation will be able to access and complete the survey beginning January 6th. The survey will be sent via email to the congregation. In addition, the survey may be accessed through a QR Code in the church bulletin, on the St. James website, or on the St. James Facebook page. A limited number of printed surveys will be available for those who do not have internet access. Each family member, Confirmation age and older, should complete a survey. It was agreed by the Council that information be given to St. James School parents via the weekly bulletin. All surveys must be completed by Sunday, January 28th.
2. Hillcrest Ministries: Yvette Lopez informed the Council she is waiting to hear about additional information concerning possible Christmas gifts for the tenant in the apartment sponsored by St. James. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of sponsoring a second apartment, but no decision was reached on this matter.

## New Business:

Kevin Casel suggested to the Council that we consider starting some new traditions for our parish. He told the Council about his experience at Mass in Costa Rica on the first weekend of Advent. Parish families brought their Advent wreath to Mass and placed them in front of the altar to be blessed by the priest during Mass. He suggested that we consider doing this next year on the first Sunday of Advent. Members also discussed the blessing of the Christ Child from the Nativities of parish families. This was done the Christmas before Covid and the Council is considering doing this again but in a similar way to what would be done for the blessing of the Advent Wreath.

Because these traditions could not be started until Advent 2024, Chairman Casel asked the Council members to be thinking of a tradition that might be started for Lent/Easter this spring. Further sharing of ideas will be discussed at the January meeting.

## Closing:

Kevin Casel closed the meeting with inspiring thoughts from Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The Council's next meeting is Monday, January 8th 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 Thursday, January 4th.
Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Porterfield,
Pastoral Council Secretary

> 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.

## Sister Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day January 4

 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church.
Born August 28, 1774, she grew up in the upper class of New York society. Despite this, her early life was quiet and often lonely. As she grow older the Bible became her support and comfort and she continued to love the Scriptures for the rest of her life.
Married in 1794, her husband died within a few years while they were in Italy. Thanks for her Italian friends, Elizabeth became interested in the Catholic Faith. She officially entered the Church in 1805. Along with two friends, she started the first free Catholic school in America. Along with her friends they began plans for a Sisterhood.
She pronounced her vows as a Sister in 1809. The Rule of the Sisterhood was ratified in 1812, upon the Rule St. Vincent de Paul had written for his Daughters of Charity in France. By 1818, she and the other sisters formed another school and two orphanages.
She died in 1821, at age 46 ,only 16 years after becoming a Catholic. She was beatified by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1963 and was canonized on September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI.

## Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past - have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.
Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.
Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing - don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution.
Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of laughter, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

## Parish Relisious Esucation

We Wish You A Safe and Happy New Year


PreK- 5
Our next class is Sunday, January 7, from 9:10-10:20am.
Middle School:
Our next class is Sunday, January 14 from 6-7:30pm.

## $1^{\text {st }}$ Sacraments:

Congratulations to our youth who recently received their first Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Confirmation

Next class is January 21
from 6:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall
"Camino de Santiago"
High School Youth Group
Next class is Sunday, January 7
from 6:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall

## St. James is going to Steubenville In July 2024!

The Steubenville Conference is open to all high school teens (including current 8th graders and current seniors who will graduate in May of 2024).
St. James will once again attend this conference in July of 2024! Teens will experience dynamic Catholic speakers, along with Mass, Adoration, and confession with 5,000 other Catholic teens from around the country! If you would like your teen to
 attend this conference with us and/or would like more information, scan the QR Code above.


A $\$ 75$ nonrefundable deposit is due by January 31 for those who will be attending. If you have any questions, please reach out to
Amanda Lewey at amandaclewey@gmail.com.

Birthoans this week: Today we celebrate all that you with Gos's help, have accomplisher.

A Big Thank You From the Knights of Columbus
Thanks to all who donated coats, warm winter clothing, and cash donations to the recent Coat Drive. Your generosity was overwhelming. Pictured below are just a few of the several hundred items donated.


## St. James School News



## warmth of love, comfort of

home, joy for your children, company and support of family and friends, and a light to guide your path. Happy New Year from the students and staff ofSt.James School School Mission Statement The St. James Catholic School Community, a ministry of the parish, empowers students to achieve their full academic and Christian potential, become prayerful, lifelong learners and good stewards of God's gifts.

## We Pray to our Lord lesus for healing

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

## Feast Of The Most Holy Name Of Jesus January 3

 We give honor to the Name of Jesus, not because we believe that there is any intrinsic power hidden in the letters composing it, but because the Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Honoring our Savior's name fulfills the word of St. Paul: "That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth." (Phil 2:10)
We receive every grace and blessing through the Holy Name of Jesus. Jesus said, "I give you my assurance, whatever you ask the Father, He will give you in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23-24). In summary, St. Paul said, "Whatever you do, in whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17).
There are many other ways we honor the Holy Name of Jesus. There is a Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, and many songs such as "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" or "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," in addition to several contemporary Christian songs.

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.

## Join Us In Prayer Rosary For Healing Tbursdays 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 $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ 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




[^0]:    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.
