

# Saint James Catholic Community

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2024*

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Together We Can Do Great Things



*Jesus said,*

“LET US GO ON  
TO THE NEARBY  
VILLAGES THAT I MAY  
PREACH THERE ALSO.  
FOR THIS PURPOSE  
HAVE I COME.”

Mark 1:38



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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.

## St James SURVEY 2024

The Pastoral Council wishes to thank everyone who participated in SURVEY 2024. The survey is no longer open for responses. Our plan is to tabulate the results and publish them no later than April 1st.

We appreciate the comments that we received both inside the survey and personally related to the various council members.

## Lent Begins Next Week

### Ash Wednesday February 14



#### Mass Times

6:30am  
8:15am  
7:00pm

#### Prayer Services With Ashes

12:15pm  
5:30pm

## SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 11



**Kansas City Chiefs vs.  
San Francisco 49ers**

**There will be no  
5:00 pm Mass on  
Super Bowl Sunday**

**This is a  
one-time change.  
There are 3 other  
opportunities  
to attend Mass  
that weekend.**

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

As we move into the month of February, we pray that the cold January we have had will not be repeated in February.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th, so we are preparing for the Lenten season.

We are grateful that Ashlie Hand is once again offering the '40 Days of Lent Ministry' – reaching out to folks in need and letting them know they are being prayed for throughout the Lenten season.

And don't forget about the big 'Fat Tuesday' celebration, on February 13th. This is being coordinated by our RE families, as well as our school families. The proceeds of this big event go to benefit our teens, who are preparing for the Steubenville retreat in the summer. We have a good number of young people signed up for the retreat and this event will help defray the costs of the travel and retreat expense. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Next weekend, February 10 and 11, Catholic Charities will be here to share with us their tremendous work throughout the Diocese and to thank us in advance for our generosity to help the work of Catholic Charities meet the needs of the poor and those in need throughout our Diocese. Again, thanks for your support.

As I write this article on Monday, January 29th, the sun is shining brightly, and we are celebrating the Chiefs great win over Baltimore to win the AFC Championship — on to the Super Bowl !!

WOW! God really heard our prayers. So, we continue to pray that the Chiefs can continue with one more win, the Super Bowl.

Because of the excitement of the Super Bowl, we will not be having the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, February 11th so that all can enjoy the Super Bowl game.

The Chiefs win brings such excitement and energy to our community and for that we are grateful. Go Chiefs!!

May you and your families know God's continued Blessings in this month of February.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

## Mass Intentions

### Week of February 5 - February 11

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b><br>8:15am    | <i>St. Agatha</i><br>Military Saints<br>Military Families   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:15am   | <i>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i><br>Everson Eslick<br>Matt Ruschman<br>Rowan Stichnot-Suttle |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:15am | †† Charles & Katheryn Mahony<br>Fr. Mike Goode  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8:15am  | †† Ralph & Marie Rabourn<br>† Paul Casel  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>8:15am    | †† Bud & Reba Sutlief   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00pm  | † Dan Habiger<br>† Patty Blankenship<br>† William "Butch" Arts                                    |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00am    | Daryl Eslick<br>Hermann Schmidt   |
| <b>10:30am</b>             | † Wilber McGreer<br>† Paul Casel<br>Veteran Patients  |
| <b>5:00pm</b>              | No Mass - SuperBowl Sunday  |



### *From Death to New Life*

#### **Our prayer support is with ...**

Kevin Casel, his mother Jeanette Casel, family members and friends on the death Kevin's father and Jeannette's husband Paul who passed away on January 20.

Susie and Jim Olson, family members and friends on the recent death of Susie's brother Michael Roddy.

***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](mailto: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)**



40 DAYS

*40 letters of hope*

St. James Lenten Prayer Warriors | join today:  
[ashliehand622@gmail.com](mailto:ashliehand622@gmail.com)

### St. James' Prayer Warriors are back for Lent 2024!

Now is the time to sign up to be a Prayer Warrior and submit Prayer Recipients.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, Prayer Warriors will receive an email each day during Lent with a new Prayer Recipient assignment. Prayer Warriors are asked to mail a note of prayer, support and hope to each Prayer Recipient assigned to them. The goal is for each Recipient to receive 40 notes during Lent.

Prayer Warrior sign ups will be available in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, or you may sign up and submit Prayer Recipients by email at [ashliehand622@gmail.com](mailto:ashliehand622@gmail.com).

Sign ups and prayer requests are due no later than February 13.

### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Sunday, February 4



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The competition will be held Sunday, February 4th at 1:00pm in the gym.

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers and they will have an opportunity to advance onto the regional and state competitions.

For additional information, contact Derek Weiner at [kstate5@yahoo.com](mailto:kstate5@yahoo.com) or 816-977-9108.

### FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you parishioners for a great food drive last month. You exceeded our expectations. Also a big thank you to the Knights who passed out bags and helped carry in donations on Saturday and Sunday.

In As Much really appreciates these donations.

They helped to replenish the pantry shelves!

### Someone is Watching and Wondering



Pope Francis has written that to be a disciple of Jesus one must first seek, stay, and proclaim. I find these words both

challenging and comforting, as I strive to be His disciple

I do not remember when I first thought of seeking Jesus in my life, rather Jesus has always been a part of who I am. I was part of a faith community, attending Sunday school, Vacation Bible school, and worship services with my extended family. I was part of the children's choir, youth choir, and Chi Rho fellowship. I was married in my home church, and taught Sunday school to children in our military faith family. My oldest children were baptized before age 3, and my youngest son dedicated to Christ as an infant. Until later in life, however, I never thought or considered the need to seek Jesus. Yet in 1994 I was drawn out of my self serving ego and go-it-alone-path to truly seek Jesus. I was definitely at a low point in my life, yet surrounded by a group of coworkers and close friends of strong faith. These companions became my support during the new beginnings of my faith journey. I was on a new, somewhat frightening, and different path of discovery. I came to realize that my understanding of being a disciple of Jesus needed to be refreshed and renewed. Jesus was so much more than stories read as a child, singing in a choir, teaching classes, or feeling obligated to attending biweekly worship services. Jesus was real and I needed him to not only be part of my existence, I needed Jesus to be part of me. I needed to embrace His presence every day in all aspects of my life (both professionally, communally, and familiarly). I was empty and needed to be filled with His mercy and love and I needed to recognize His forgiveness. I needed to share Jesus with others, not through the channels I had previously known, but rather in my words, actions, feelings, understandings, and relationships with others. I needed to meet other people where they were, not where I wanted them to be. I needed to step away from my tendencies of polarization and into a role of unity, bringing people together, to a safe place, where they could be heard and respected. I needed to listen with a heart of empathy and compassion, rather than a judgmental mind. I needed to let go of prejudice and selfish ideals yet still remain faithful to myself and the path Jesus was laying out for me. I have discovered that seeking Jesus is filled with paradox: letting go while holding on; receiving while questioning; listening while speaking. Seeking Jesus is a wonderful, life long adventure; a journey of awaking to life; realization of peace and joy. Join me as a disciple seeking Jesus, and discovering the wonder and goodness of our shared humanity

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

**Visit The Lourdes Experience In The Narthex  
February 3 - 10**



**Our Lady of Lourdes Feast day is February 11.**

The Lourdes Grotto Display is returning to St. James after a 2 year absence. It will be on display in the Narthex for 8 days starting February 3rd through February 10th.

Beginning Saturday, February 3, in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, all parishioners are invited to the Narthex to visit the large reproduction of Our Lady of Lourdes within the rock cave at Massabielle and enjoy the "The Lourdes Experience".

A great and convenient time to come and see this display, sponsored by the TMIY Ministry, might be following one of the Masses this weekend.



Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season will begin on Friday, February 16. An English version will be at 5:30pm, followed by a Spanish version. Dates are:

February 16  
February 23  
March 1  
March 8  
March 15  
March 22

***If you or your group would like to proclaim the stations on one of these days, please contact***

Deacon Chuck Koesterer

[chuck@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:chuck@stjames-liberty.org)

## Stewardship of Treasure

We just finished our 2nd quarter of our fiscal year. Here are the financials numbers of our first six month (July 1- December 31):

### July 1 - December 31

Operating Income (actual): \$ 1,833,134  
Operating expenses (actual): (\$ 1,706,488)

### New Church Mortgage

Loan Balance \$ 495,949

Thank You for your commitment to this parish! The Time, Talent and Treasure poured out by this community is a wonderful thing. Job well done good and faithful servants.

If you have any questions and/or concerns about any financial numbers, please feel free to contact me, Katie in the parish office.

**A huge THANK YOU for your continued support of our parish and its works.**

Information and Reminders:

- Contribution Statements are ready. They may be picked up in the Parish Office during regular business hours. If you would like yours emailed, please send an email request to the desired return email to the parish office. [Katie@Stjames-Liberty.org](mailto:Katie@Stjames-Liberty.org)
- A Reminder: If you donated via stock, IRA or some other source please make sure you use the appropriate paperwork from them for tax purposes. Our entry is purely a visual – not official in those cases.
- 2024 Tithing Pledge cards are available in the Gathering Space. You will find them on the information shelf in the restroom hallway, directly off the Gathering Space.
- The tithing pledge is your regular Sunday giving used for everyday business expenses in our parish. You may return them many ways: drop in the collection plate; drop by the Parish Office; mail them to the church; or scan and email to [Katie@Stjames-Liberty.org](mailto:Katie@Stjames-Liberty.org)
- The New Church Mortgage pledge cards are also on this shelving unit.
- Those of you who receive envelopes: Please be aware of the "special" envelopes in the giving sets. If you use the wrong envelope the money will be sent to the cause on the envelope, not kept in the parish. We do support all these causes; however, we do need our regular tithe to pay our bills. Your attentiveness to the envelope is greatly appreciated.

Blessings, Katie

**Celebrate Mardi Gras**  
**Celebrate National Pancake Day**  
**Attend The Pancake Supper**  
**February 13 From 5:30 - 7:30pm**  
**St. James Social Hall**



It's the day before Ash Wednesday and our RE Ministry and the School PTO is sponsoring this great parish-wide event to celebrate before Lent begins.

The famous Chris Cakes folks will be flipping the pancakes and our "new" Mardi Gras Jazz Band will be providing some fun entertainment as well.



Tickets for this event are \$8.00 and will be sold after Masses this weekend and next.

**Steubenville Fundraiser**

Proceeds from this event will go towards helping our teens attend this year's Steubenville Conference in Springfield this July where they will experience dynamic Catholic speakers, along with Mass, Adoration, and confession with 5,000 other Catholic teens from around the country.

By the way, a bit of "trivia". The term Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

**Get Your Tickets Soon and Celebrate With Us!**

**Volunteers Needed For Meals On Wheels Ministry**

**Become a Meals on Wheels Volunteer!**

The St. James Meals on Wheels Ministry is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals to Liberty residents with reduced mobility.

Meals are provided by the Liberty Hospital through the Liberty Meals on Wheels

program. St. James provides drivers for one route on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Volunteers not only deliver these nutritious lunches, they also provide the recipients with a friendly face to connect with and someone to check on them throughout the week.



The current need for volunteers would be for Wednesdays and Fridays from 11am-noon.

You would get to pick which day and how often you would like to help.

It could be once a month or a set number of days.

If you would like to learn more about this worthwhile and rewarding opportunity to help others and become a volunteer, please contact Nikki Power at [kpowers@kc.rr.com](mailto:kpowers@kc.rr.com) or 816-407-1208.

*"The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action"*  
 Mother Teresa



**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**READY TO SERVE ST. JAMES?**

**Nominations For The Parish Pastoral Council Being Accepted Now**

The St. James Pastoral Council is looking for two new members. Next weekend, February 10th and 11th there will be an announcement at all masses.

The following weekend, February 17 and 18, there will be an informational session after the Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 8:00pm and 10:30am masses in the AV Conference Room near the Parish Hall. Please also feel free to reach out to any current Council Member with any questions. Their contact information is located on page 2 of our bulletin.

The ongoing mission of the Pastoral Council is to enhance the Community and Spiritual relations of all participants in our liturgies and events. Utilizing guidance from the Holy Spirit, church teachings, and our clergy, we strive to assist out parish family in improving everyone's faith journey.

By gathering the needs of our faith community and working to find spirit driven solutions, our goal is to grow St. James as a sacred and welcoming place for all.



**Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**  
**February 16 • March 8 • March 22**



## ST. JAMES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 22, 2024

Chairman Kevin Casel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following council members were present: Deacon Chuck Koesterer, Dan Bacon, Eddie Baker, Phil Baumert, Kevin Casel, Corrine Katzer, Betsy Lewey, Yvette Lopez, Sherri Porterfield, and Patrick Schaub. The opening prayer was given by Yvette Lopez.

**Guest Report:** Jay Meacham, Pastoral Council Director of Discernment for New Members, commended the Council for working to change our Council into a true Pastoral Council. The Synod on Synodality in Rome with Pope Francis has discussed that every parish will have a Pastoral Council. We are on the “cutting edge” of making this happen at St. James. The discernment process is important in the process of making this happen.

He addressed the Council the upcoming discernment for new members which will begin in February. Two new members will be needed to replace Dan Bacon and Patrick Schaub for a term of four years beginning in August of 2024. The Council discussed the importance of explaining to the parish the mission and change of direction the Council is undertaking in comparison to past years. It was decided that info about this along with a call for parishioners to consider participation on the Council will be in the bulletin the weekend of February 3rd and 4th. In addition, an announcement will be made by a Council member before all Masses on Feb. 10th and 11th. The following members volunteered to make an announcement: Eddie Baker – 5pm Saturday, Phil Baumert – 8am Sunday, Yvette Lopez, at 10:30 am and Kevin Casel – Sunday at 5pm. Phil Baumert volunteered to write the announcement to be given to the parish.

Jay suggested an informal question and answer get-together for parishioners interested in being on the Council after each Mass. The Council agreed with Jay’s suggestion, and this will occur on Feb. 17th and 18th in the AV Conference Room after each Mass. Jay did ask that if members would like to recommend someone, to be sure that that person is truly interested in going through the discernment and to get their contact info. Yvette Lopez volunteered to create a form to use with the Pastoral Council mission and to obtain contact information for interested individuals.

The weekend of February 24th /25th will be the deadline to give contact information of interested individuals to Jay. He will then contact those interested about starting discernment. Discernment must be completed by the end of May.

### **Old Business:**

Parish Survey: Council members were excited to learn that the survey was creating much interest and talk among parishioners. Dan Bacon stated that there were currently approximately 400 responses to the survey with the hope that there will be more by the time the survey

ends at midnight on January 28th. Graphs will be provided to the parish concerning the results of answers to the questions. The Council discussed the importance of looking at the comments made on the survey. These will be important in determining the concerns and needs of the parish. Sherri Porterfield with assistance from Betsy Lewey volunteered to disseminate this data according to the various age groups. Eddie Baker commented that in breaking down the data it will be easy to find a common thread throughout the comments. Information regarding the comments will be made available to Council no later than the March meeting.

### **New Business:**

Parish Lenten Traditions: Chairman Kevin Casel suggested that the Council consider a Lenten tradition to give to the parish. Catholics most of the time consider what to give up for Lent but more importantly, we should consider what and how we need to change to be more Christ-like in our daily lives by giving of ourselves. This involves doing a variety of activities. It was discussed that each week, the Council provide the parish with 3 possible activities to do. These would appear in the bulletin, on the website and possibly in the before Mass announcements.

Deacon Chuck informed the Council that the Soup Suppers will return this year. These will be held on the Friday evenings when there is not a Fish Fry following the Lenten Rosary. These would include a speaker and is a great way to create community in our parish. He suggested that when we attend parish events like this that members be sure to wear their Council name tags.

Formed: St. James has a subscription to the Catholic streaming service “Formed” that contains many different excellent resources including videos, podcasts, movies and more for all age levels. Access to this service is free to St. James parishioners. Ways to make parishioners aware of this wonderful service for our spiritual growth were discussed. It was suggested that we have some of our youth help others, particularly older adults, with how to access Formed and to highlight something important that the parish can access each week to read or watch.

### **Closing:**

Kevin Casel closed the meeting with an inspirational reading. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The Council’s next meeting is Monday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. 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, February 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Porterfield, Pastoral Council Secretary



**Tables For Two  
An Evening of Marriage Enrichment**

**February 17 | 6 - 9pm**

Falling in love is easy. Growing in love together is a lot harder. That is the reality of married life. Real married life is hard, messy and beautiful all at the same time.

The love you had when you first met — romantic feelings, the mutual attraction, the joy of being together — it was real, and God used those feelings to draw you together. But God doesn't want you to stay there. You can't stay there. It's not enough. God wants to take you deeper. He wants to build a deeper love, a stronger bond.

Tables for Two aims at helping you explore growing deeper together.

This evening takes place in a subdued setting with one couple per table. After a short presentation by a married couple, we'll serve you a five-course meal with wine. Each course includes a series of discussion questions for you and your spouse to pursue, just the two of you. .

**Cost \$60 per couple**

**Register by February 12**

For more information and/or to REGISTER

- Online: [www.pbrenewalcenter.org](http://www.pbrenewalcenter.org)
- By email: [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org)
- By phone: 816-415-3745

Precious Blood Renewal Center  
2120 St. Gasper Way - Liberty MO

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



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.

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to take Communion to the homebound and residents of care centers in the Liberty area. Training will be provided.

If interested, contact Jeanne Verssue at 816-294-0236 or email [bverssue@gmail.com](mailto:bverssue@gmail.com).

**Parish Religious Education**

**Feeding • Building • Living**



**PreK- 5**

We look forward to seeing everyone back in class this Sunday, February 4th from 9:10-10:20.

**Middle School:**

We had a great evening back this past weekend. Reminder - we have RE this weekend, February 4th from 6-7:30. We will not have class on Feb. 11th since that is Super Bowl Sunday. Go Chiefs!

**1st Sacraments:**

Please continue to work through your Blessed First Communion books. Sign-ups have gone out for the retreats and all masses for First Communion. Please contact me if you have any questions or did not receive the sign-ups.

**Confirmation**

Next class is February 18  
6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

**"Camino de Santiago"  
High School Youth Group**

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 13  
Helping at the Pancake Supper Fundraiser

**St. James Saints Basketball Schedule**

| Date     | Time    | Home                    | Away                   | Location        | Team             |
|----------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Sat 2/10 | 2:00pm  | BAC St. Charles-PH      | STJL St. James-BN      | Oakhill Gym     | 5th Grade Boys   |
| Sat 2/10 | 10:15am | STJL St. James-MR       | STP St. Peter-BF       | St. James GYM   | 5th Grade Boys   |
| Sat 2/10 | 9:00am  | STJL St. James-SA       | STM St. Thomas More-BT | St. James GYM   | 5th Grade Girls  |
| Sat 2/10 | 11:30am | PRES Presentation-SC    | STJL St. James-JP      | St. Andrew Gym  | 6th Grade Boys   |
| Sat 2/10 | 12:45pm | STJL St. James-TS       | STH St. Therese-LL     | St. James GYM   | 7th Grade Boys A |
| Sat 2/10 | 4:30pm  | STJL St. James-MR       | STP St. Peter-JW       | St. James GYM   | 8th Grade Boys A |
| Sat 2/10 | 5:45pm  | STM St. Thomas More-TW  | STJL St. James-MR      | St. James GYM   | 8th Grade Boys A |
| Sat 2/10 | 7:00pm  | STM St. Thomas More-CM1 | STJL St. James-RT      | STM Gym         | 8th Grade Boys B |
| Sat 2/17 | 10:15am | STH St. Therese-DP      | STJL St. James-BN      | St. Peter Gym   | 5th Grade Boys   |
| Sat 2/17 | 10:15am | STJL St. James-MR       | STE St. Elizabeth-TD   | St. James GYM   | 5th Grade Boys   |
| Sat 2/17 | 9:00am  | STA St. Andrew-AS       | STJL St. James-SA      | St. James GYM   | 5th Grade Girls  |
| Sat 2/17 | 11:30am | STE St. Elizabeth-BS    | STJL St. James-TS      | St. James GYM   | 7th Grade Boys A |
| Sat 2/17 | 11:30am | HC Holy Cross-FM        | STJL St. James-RT      | St. Charles Gym | 8th Grade Boys B |
| Sat 2/24 | 3:15pm  | BAC St. Charles-CW      | STJL St. James-RT      | Visitation Gym  | 8th Grade Boys B |

**St. James Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
**AV Conference Room**

*Registered St. James parishioners are invited to attend.  
 Please contact Chair, Kevin Case, no later than February 8th  
 if you would like to attend.*



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

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| Casey Hogan        | Brian Akers          | Julie Damian            |
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| Figuroa            | Jaren Jones          | Huong Nguyen            |
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| Leslie Brown       | David Nelson         | Harper Streich          |
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| Robert Jones       | Dennis Carr          | Mackenzie Herrman       |
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| Lydia Agee         | Rita Lawson          | Carla Rooney            |
| Ricardo Anterola   | Patricia Madson      | Eric Weir               |
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| Dorothy Haynes     | Jonathan Schmidt     |                         |
| Jill Herschbach    | James Schmitt        |                         |
| Lillian Klein      | Fred Steinbauer      |                         |
| Gabriella Mancuso  | Jose Torres          |                         |
| Matilda Rogers     |                      |                         |

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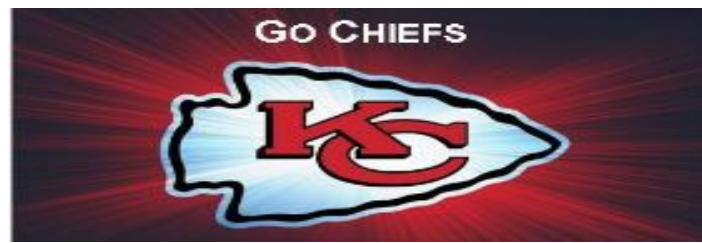


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