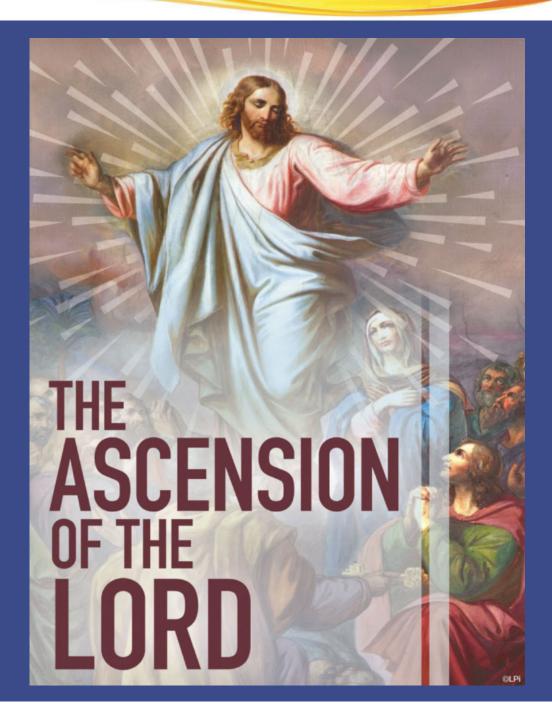
Saint James Catholic Community

The Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024





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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.

Food Drive For In As Much Food Pantry Pick Up A Grocery Sack

After All Masses This Weekend



Grocery sacks will be distributed after all Masses this weekend for your donations to the In As Much Food Pantry.

The Pantry is running low on the items on their Wish List below and is in urgent need of these items.

WISH LIST

All non-perishable, non-expired food items will be accepted, but they are in urgent need of these items....

Baked Beans Carrots

Chicken Noodle Soup Tomato Soup

Black Beans Spinach Sugar Chili

Brown Sugar Cooking Oil

Pancake Mix Hamburger Helper

Canned Chicken Salsa
Canned Tuna Fruit Juice

Please return the filled bags to the Narthex at one of the following times.

Saturday, May 18 / 4:00pm - 6:30pm Sunday, May 19 / 9:00am - 6:30pm Thank You For Your Generosity

Early Bulletin Deadline For June 2nd Bulletin

In order to meet our Bulletin printer's early deadlines for the June 2nd bulletin, articles and information must be submitted no later than end of day Wednesday, May 22

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.

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From the Pastor's Pen

As we journey through the month, we congratulate our graduates - from grade school, high school and college, and all our young people making transitions at this time of year.

We are so very proud of you and ask God's Blessings upon you. Know that your parish community of St. James is always here, praying for you and supportive in any way we can be.

As we celebrate Mother's Day weekend, we wish all our mothers/ grandmothers a very blessed weekend, and we remember those women, mothers, grandmothers, others who have gone before us. As the beautiful roses in our sanctuary remind us, they are with God in heaven, and we pray to them and for them, for intercession.

Next weekend, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. This is a celebration of PEACE, and so we lift up our nation and our world for the gift of God's Peace among us.

Next weekend is also "Tomorrow's Priests' Collection.' This is a collection taken up every year, to help support the education / formation of young men preparing for the priesthood.

It's a long journey through the seminary, and extremely costly, as is all education, so this collection helps benefit our Diocese in supporting these men on their journey to serve in our parishes.

We will be having a seminarian, Sam Ousley, at all our Masses next weekend. Sam is in the formation process now and will be speaking briefly at all the Masses. So, we welcome Sam to our community next weekend.

We are grateful to our Knights of Columbus who support our seminarians throughout the year.

As we reflect on Jesus' taken into heaven on this feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, let us call upon the power of God's Spirit upon our families and our community.

Again, Happy Mother's Day to all!

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of May 13 - May 19

Monday

++William & Mary Miller 8:15am

Brian Gildart

Tuesday

8:15am **†**Dee Ward

† Carol Walters

Wednesday

8:15am **†**Bill McDonald

Thursday

8:15am +Fr. Emil Kapun

Betty Craig

Friday

8:15am **†** Rob Lee

†Doug Schuster

Saturday

5:00pm **†**Fred Thomason

†JoAnn Ollier

Sunday

8:00am **†**Dan Habiger

+Kermit Davis

10:30am †Thomas Balk

†Richard Razinak

5:00pm ++Earl & David Berg

+JoAnn Ollier



Our prayer support is with ...

Michelle, Brian, Amy, and Timothy, their families and friends on the death of their father Charles Plummer who passed away on April 24.

Judy Simmermon, her family and friends on the death of her husband James who passed away on April 30.

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



Seminarian education is among the largest expenses of our diocese, but also one of the greatest investments we can make

for our future. With tuition, room, board and other expenses, the cost of educating a single seminarian is about \$50,000 per year.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph asks you to prayerfully consider donating to the Tomorrow's Priest Collection held the weekend of May 18-19. This collection offsets expenses for our men in formation for the priesthood.

A donation envelope is in your Church Offerings Envelopes packet. You can also donate by scanning the QR Code below.



In addition to financial support, please pray that Our Lord will continue to increase the number of men from our Diocese being called to the priesthood.

Next weekend we welcome seminarian Sam Ousley who is studying for the priesthood at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Steward, NE. Sam, whose home parish is St. Andrews, will be with us at every Mass to share a few thoughts with us.



Someone is Watching and Wondering



I often find myself asking others, "Where and how do you feel God's presence." As you might imagine the answers are diverse and sometimes surprising. Some answer: "While in prayer or reading scrip-

ture". A common response is "At Mass or when I receive the sacraments." Another common thread involves nature: "Walking along a path in a park or in the woods; while fishing, while working in my garden, or when experiencing the changing seasons." A few will respond that they feel God's presence in helping others, or in seeing/receiving acts of kindness. Almost no one, however, expresses experiencing the presence of God in work or ordinary daily tasks. Yet in reading of our ancestors in the faith I am struck with how many felt God's presence in everyday, ordinary events. One such individual was Br. Lawrence of the Resurrection (c. 1614 - 1691).

Brother Lawrence was born Nicholas Herman to a peasant family in the region of Lorraine in eastern France. With little formal education, and living in poverty, he joined the military to have a place to sleep and food to eat. At age 16 he had a profound experience which changed the course of his life. He saw a leafless tree in the middle of a battlefield, which he realized would bloom, leaf, and bear fruit in the coming months. For young Nicholas, the tree became a symbol of God's abundant love which could transform even a barren human heart. Following his conversion experience. Nicholas entered the Carmelite order, taking the name Br. Lawrence of the Resurrection, and served at a monastery in Paris for the remainder of his life, working in the kitchen and later repairing sandals. This simple man is known to us through conversations and letters, compiled after his death into the book The Practice of the Presence of God. Br. Lawrence believed that it is necessary to always be aware of God's presence by talking with God throughout each day. "To think that you must abandon conversation with [God] in order to deal with the world is erroneous. Instead, as we nourish our souls by seeing God [at all times, in all ways] we will derive great joy at [belonging to God]." He was content to lose himself in God's presence and love, no matter the time, place, or happenings, and Br. Lawrence knew he would always find himself with God's presence. He believed that without surrendering to God's love no amount of good works could erase a single one of his sins.

Brother Lawrence's way, seems so simple and straight forward, yet for me, I am too often so caught up in the business of my life, perceived slights and hurts, or injustices I observed, that I forget to live in God's presence throughout my daily, ordinary life. I forget to be in conversation with God and to listen to God's words. I need to practice more, experiencing the presence of God. I know it is only there that I will experience true peace and joy.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon

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Congratulations To Our St. James Catholic School Class of 2024 Who Graduated on May 7

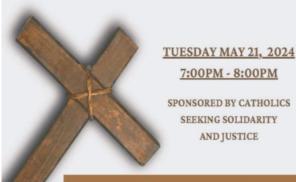






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Learn CPR Classes Now Forming



Dr. Carl Inzerillo will be holding CPR Classes at James next month. The class will teach how to use CPR not only for adults, but also for children and infants. Classes are limited to 6 people.

Classes will be held from 5:45 - 8:30pm in the Social Hall on the following dates.

May 14 May 16 May 21 May 23

Please call or email Dr. Inzerillo for pricing using the contact information below.

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Dr. Inzerillo, a long time parishioner, is donating a portion of the cost to St. James.

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

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May 13 is the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917.

Perhaps the most well known utterance of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima was her confident declaration that "My Immaculate Heart will triumph". Prior to his becoming Pope Benedict XVI, the then Cardinal Ratzinger interpreted this utterance as follows: "The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind.

The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Saviour into the world – because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God.

But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: "In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world" (*Jn 16:33*).

The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins.
Save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to heaven
especially those
in most need of thy mercy.

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How Mother's Day Became A National Holiday

Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia.

Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

In 1908, Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day".

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Happy Mother's Day!

Snack Pack Ministry Thank You



We have finished up packing our 29 weekly snack packs for Liberty Middle School for the school year.

A big thank you to all who donated and who helped pack the food.

We will start up again in August and will be needing donations at that time.

Eucharistic Adoration



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday & Thursday

9:00am until 9:00pm in the Chapel.

Come and spend some time with Jesus.

H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS May Is Graduation Month

Are you looking for that perfect graduation gift or having a graduation celebration?

If you're not sure what the graduate wants, likes, or needs, give him

or her a HOPE gift card – we have a wide variety of gift cards available on the HOPE gift card order form.

Wondering what cards your graduate might like? Here's some ideas - iTunes cards are always a big hit; after all what teenager doesn't like music? Then there's Best Buy cards for those who like "techie toys". Boys who are into sports would appreciate a card from Roger's Sporting Goods, Academy Sports or Dicks. For girls, consider a Serenity on the Square or Kohl's card. If your graduate is headed to college in the fall, a card for where they can get new duds —Penny's, Kohl's, Macy's or Target might be just the thing.

If you're hosting a graduation party, be sure to pick up one or more gift cards from Walmart, Hy-Vee, Price Chopper, Sprouts or Target for all of your party supplies – food, table decorations, graduation cards – these stores have it all and more.

HOPE Gift Cards are sold in the Parish and School offices during regular business hours.

Buy HOPE Cards for All Your Graduation Needs

St. James Prayer Chain

The St James Prayer Chain is an email alert that lets you know when we have parishioners or others who are in need of our prayers. If you aren't able to do something in per-



son, prayers are always a great way to lend a hand, even if you are far away. We also send notices of funerals happening in our parish through the Prayer Chain list.

If you would like to be added to that email list – or if you would like to have a prayer alert sent out for someone you know – just send a quick email to Cecilia in the parish office at

prayerchain@stjames-liberty.org

Point of Contact Ministry



St. James is taking steps to ensure the safety of all who attend our weekend Masses. Last year the Pastoral Council created the Emergency Assist Ministry to provide first aid for anyone in need. We are now implementing another

ministry for the safety of our parishioners.

We are pleased to announce that we are now training POINT OF CONTACT (POC) Ministers.

The POC Ministry will provide one person at each weekend Mass who will function as the person to contact whenever emergency situations arise such as Fire Alarms or Tornado Sirens. This person will direct volunteers to strategic points to assist in evacuations of the sanctuary if the situation warrants it along with other tasks.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Some people have been asked to be POC ministers and they have agreed. We need more. In order to get this ministry operating we need quite a few more volunteers. If you can keep calm in most situations and can effectively lead others during what could be chaotic times then we want to hear from you. We will not schedule a POC minister more often than once per month. Therefore we feel we need about twenty-five trained ministers.

Please call or email Dan Bacon at 816-589-7958 or bacon.dan324@gmail.com for more information.





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

Gail Brame Addison Cotton Andrea Elliott Kelsey Harned Kasen Kollasch Chloe Kuchta Lori Madson Amanda McConnell Dylan McCloskey Michelle McCubbin Mandy Mears Primitivo Mendoza Matthew Nelson Ava Spencer Ramon Torres-Gomez Adelyn Davis Kimberly Eichler Hudson Goodwin Malia Grelinger Aaron Hill David Krause Michelle Martin **Emily Mattingly** John Mohr Emerson Ragland Elizabeth Reichert Jacqueline Filardo Bert Powers Kimberly Schneider Madison Smith

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New life is popping up all over! If you would like help in bringing new life into your daily routine or into your relationships, consider counseling.

Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Professional Marriage and Family Therapist, providing marriage, individual, and family counseling, as well as Spiritual Direction.

He has offices in Liberty and in midtown Kansas City, and accepts donations in lieu of set fees.

> For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Fr. Garry at 816-415-2998 (no text) or garrycpps@gmail.com



We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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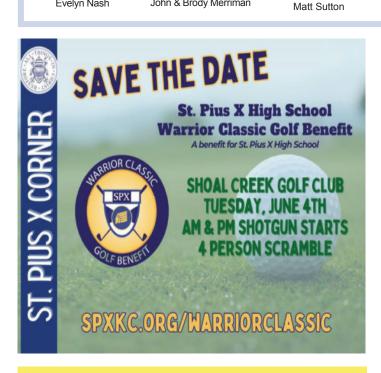
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Please notify us to remove your name from our prayer lists when it is time. In respect of HIPAA we will add names to the prayer list only by request of the person or immediate family.



Join Us In Prayer Rosary For Healing 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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