

# Saint James Catholic Community

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 13, 2024*

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## **St. James Catholic Church**

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<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/stjamesliberty/>

## **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 Next Weekend



Grocery sacks will be distributed after all Masses next 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....

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| Flour               | Canned Carrots   |
| Chicken Noodle Soup | Corn Muffin Mix  |
| Mandarin Oranges    | Tomato Paste     |
| Sugar               | Canned Chili     |
| Canned Peas         | Snack Crackers   |
| Canned Pork & Beans | Saltine Crackers |
| Hamburger Helper    | Brownie Mix      |
| Granola Bars        | Rice Sides       |

**THE PARISH OFFICE  
 WILL BE CLOSED ON  
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17  
 THE PARISH STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING  
 THE DIOCESAN STAFF RETREAT DAY**



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

## From the Pastor's Pen

As we journey through the month of October, we are grateful for the beautiful Fall weather and look forward to the changing colors of the season that are coming soon.

This month is Respect Life Month and also the Month of the Rosary and we support all of the opportunities provided by our Respect Life Ministry and Rosary Ministry. We have a very active Respect Life ministry that works to support all life from conception to natural death. And this past Monday a record number of folks attended the beautiful "Rosary Rally" during which parishioners gathered in the church forming a living rosary to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

We are also grateful for the Knights of Columbus and their efforts in their Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend that goes to benefit the special needs efforts of the Knights. Thanks in advance for your donation!

We will be starting a new beginning a new 'Grief Support Group' next month. All who have experienced loss are invited. If you know of anyone needing support, whether they belong to our parish or not, please invite them. We have so many individuals and families who have experienced loss over the past few years, and we want them to know they are not alone in their grief. Watch the bulletin for details.

This month, we begin the 'Annual Catholic Appeal' drive to support the work of the Diocese. This is an annual appeal to help support the work of Bishop Johnston and our Diocesan offices, that in turn support the work of our parishes. Soon you will receive a letter of invitation, as well as a pledge card from Bishop Johnston. We will also have some available in the Gathering Space. Donations may also be made on line on the Diocesan website.

Thanks in advance for your generous support of our parish community, and in turn, to the work of the 'larger' Church, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

Next weekend we will celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of the dedication of our church and will have some great news to share with you. Many will remember October 19, 2019 as approximately 1,400 people gathered, along with Bishop Johnston who blessed and consecrated our building to become our Worship space.

May God's Blessings be with you and your families.

Peace, Fr. Mike

## Mass Intentions

### Week of October 14 - October 20

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am	†Doug Schuster †Debbie Hughes
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am	†Gentry Thomason's Special Intentions
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am	†Erinn Gragg †Tom Pfeiffer
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am	†Ed Michaelis †Eddie Feinstein
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am	<i>St. Luke</i> †Rita Lowe †Jim Whisnant
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	†Patty Blankenship †Pat Clark
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	†Chris Maricle †Wayne Curtis
<b>10:30am</b>	†Pat McGreger All Veterans
<b>5:00pm</b>	†Nancy Rutliff †Victoria Lopez's Family



### *From Death to New Life*

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

Marge Whisnant, her family and friends on the death of her husband Jim who passed away on October 2.

***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:**

**stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org**

or call the Parish Office, ext. 202.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday**

**12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org**

## Knights Annual Tootsie Roll Drive



After All Masses  
This  
Weekend



LOOK FOR THE **Yellow Vests**

**OCTOBER 12 - 13**



KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS  
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

**Tootsie Roll**

Scan this QR Code  
to make a donation.

## Military Outreach Ministry Care Packages for the Deployed



The St. James Military Outreach Ministry is holding a Donation Drive to honor our currently deployed members of the military.



Donations received during this drive will be used to provide Care Packages for our active duty military.

Donations may be left in the St. Christopher in the Resource Center from Saturday, October 12, through Sunday, October 20.

Suggested items to donate include the following:

- \* Toiletries: Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, soap, deodorant, lip balm, baby wipes, and sunscreen (TRAVEL SIZE PLEASE)
- \* Snacks: Chips, salsa, nuts, cookies, beef jerky, trail mix, and non-melting candy
- \* Drinks: Drink mixes in single-serving packets
- \* Games: Playing cards, poker chips, crosswords, or puzzle books
- \* Stationery: Paper, envelopes, address labels, pens
- \* Fun items: Foam footballs, frisbees, or other games
- \* First aid kit: Neosporin and band-aid

St. James families who have a family member who is stationed anywhere in the world are welcome to email a name and mailing address to Ann Roberts at [annroberts977@gmail.com](mailto:annroberts977@gmail.com) and they will be included in the list of military members in the care package mailing list.

## Someone is Watching and Wondering



For anyone who has been in my office at St. James, perhaps you noticed this picture. It was given to me after my husband

Bob died 28 years ago and has brought me endless comfort since that time. In less than one month I have lost three special ladies of whom I was privileged to call friends. Two lost their battles with cancer and one her long suffering with Alzheimer's disease. They will be greatly missed by so many people yet I believe they are now with Christ Jesus.

My paternal grandmother lost her battle with cancer when I was five years old. She died in her own bed in our home and I vividly remember her telling each of us goodbye. The last person she spoke to was my dad, her only surviving child. Although she had been ill for many months, her death was peaceful. I had never attended a funeral or seen my dad cry, but at five I witnessed both of these events. My dad was holding my hand as he stood before my grandmother's casket and when he starting squeezing my hand very tightly I look up into his face only to see tears running down his cheeks. I couldn't say anything even though my hand was hurting. I sensed, at that moment, how painful grief can be. Since then I have lost a great grandparent, four grandparents, my parents, uncles, aunts, cousins, two husbands, and so many dear friends. Grief, it seems, never gets easier.

At this stage in my life I find myself considering my own death. Although no one knows when, where, or how we will die, at my age death seems closer and inevitable. I have prepared through making funeral and burial arrangements, naming beneficiaries, securing a medical power of attorney, and planning the distribution of my worldly possessions. These legal matters were relatively easy, but preparing my mind and soul are a bit more difficult. My desire to move spiritually to a deeper, freeing, relationship with God seems to become bogged down by my ego and self-centeredness, as well as that all to familiar human instinct for survival. Letting go and opening to God's will presents unique challenges, yet as so often happens when I feel challenged, I found the written word. Steven Charleston, in his book *Meditations from and Indigenous Elder* wrote: "My words will not last, no matter how wise they seem – for time will dust them away, in its endless task of cleaning. Words will one day pass, but the love we release into creation will never be lost. For through it we are drawn to its source, a place more wondrous than any word will ever convey." These beautiful words give me hope to believe all things are possible when I look to God for meaning and guidance.

Prayer's and blessings,

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*



# **MIX TAPE:**

## **Songs from the 60s, 70s, and 80s**



**SUNDAY, OCT 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 - 2:00PM**  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
**309 S Stewart Rd. Liberty, MO**



**Tickets available via our  
QR code or at the door**

**Directed by Bryan Taylor**  
**Conducting Intern Michelle Johnston**  
**Learn more at [libertycommunitychorus.org](http://libertycommunitychorus.org)**

### St. Luke Feast Day October 18



Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician". We know few other facts about Luke's life from Scripture and from early Church historians.

Luke's inspiration and information for his Gospel and Acts came from his close association with Paul and his companions. His unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy.

Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who wanted the door to God's kingdom opened to all, who respected women, and who saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.

The reports of Luke's life after Paul's death are conflicting. Some early writers claim he was martyred, others say he lived a long life. Some say that he preached in Greece, others in Gaul. The earliest tradition we have says that he died at 84 Boeotia after settling in Greece to write his Gospel.

*Grief Support Group*

**A New Grief Support Group Beginning Soon For Anyone Who Is Facing Loss and Grief**

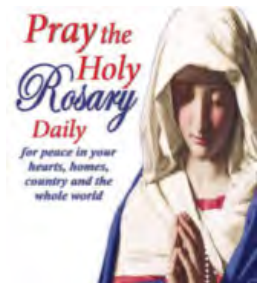
Call the parish office, 816-781-4343, ext. 200 or Juanita Thornton @ 816-883-8282 for details.

Or, join us on Mondays beginning November 11 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

*October*  
**The Month of the Rosary**

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, primarily because the Feast of the Holy Rosary is celebrated on October 7.

According to an account by a 15th-century Dominican, the first rosary was given to St. Dominic in 1206 by Mary when she appeared to him after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.



John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart

Let us all consider praying this beautiful prayer of the Rosary more often (many pray the Rosary daily) - not just during October but throughout the year.

Praying the Rosary allows us to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. Praying the Rosary also helps to fight daily temptation, to slow down and find calm, to live a life connected to Jesus Christ, to remain connected to the loving care of Our Mother Mary and to pray for others in a strong, dedicated way.



**Our Lady of Mercy  
Country Home  
Craft Fair**

**Saturday October 19th  
9 AM- 3 PM**

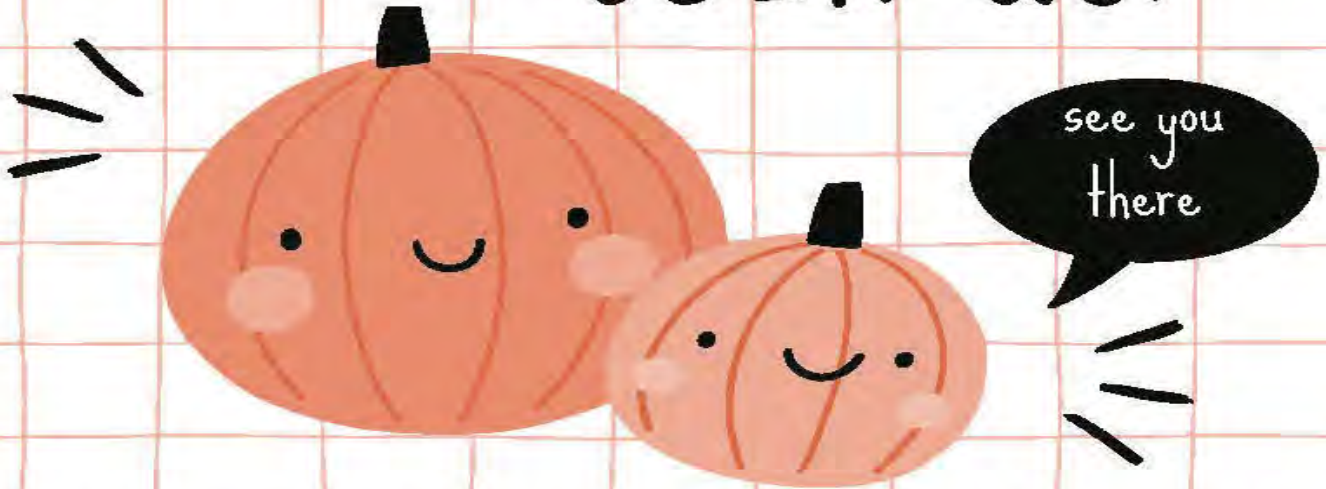
**\$5.00 Lunches**

**Made WITH LOVE**

**\$50.00 a table**

Contact Sharon Benson for an application for a table or for any questions you may have at 816-507-9811 or momaaaaaa@aol.com

# JOIN US!



# TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Join PTO and RE for another trunk or treat!  
 Oct. 26th 6:30pm

Scan code to sign up your trunk or click [HERE](#)



**Prizes awarded  
 for top trunks!**

### Spaghetti Dinner - October 26



#### Spaghetti Dinner

Also on October 26, in conjunction with Trunk-or-Treat, a spaghetti dinner is being held to raise money to help cover expenses for our youth to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference next summer.

The spaghetti dinner will be in the Social Hall from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Dine in and take out will be available. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids (cash or check only).

Meal includes: Spaghetti (both meat and no meat options), bread, salad, dessert, water/lemonade/tea.

**We're going back to Steubenville in 2025 !**



Once again, we will be attending the Steubenville Youth Conference in July! All current 8th – 12th graders are invited to

attend. The weekend is full of amazing speakers, Mass, adoration, confession, and fun!

**If you are interested in learning more about this conference for your teen there will be a parent informational meeting on Sunday, Oct, 13 at 7:00pm.**

To receive more information and updates, scan the QR code and complete the interest form (completing this form is NOT a commitment).



If you have questions about the Steubenville Conference, reach out to Amanda Lewey at [amandaclewey@gmail.com](mailto:amandaclewey@gmail.com)

**Our RE PreK-5 Grade Class Activities Last Weekend**



Kindergarten - Teamwork

2nd Grade Reconciliation

5th Grade Rosary

Pre-K - Circle of Grade

**Parish Religious Education**

**PreK-5th Grade**

Wow this past week was a bit busy, but full of learning nonetheless! We had children learning about being unique and sharing what their favorite unique quality is. We had 2nd grade bowling and starting to learn more about the Act of Contrition. We had kids learning about Moses and the commandments. And our 5th graders had a special visit from Fr. Michael, who shared the history of the rosary and each in attendance received a rosary that was then blessed by Father.

Did you know? October is the month of the Holy Rosary. As we pray the rosary, we meditate on the



events of Jesus' life and Passion, called the Mysteries. When we pray the rosary, we pray the following prayers: The Sign of the Cross, the Apostles Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and the Fatima Prayer. We have a beautiful



space in our prayer garden that anyone is invited to visit. I encourage you to take a visit, take your rosary with you, and pray the rosary.

**Middle School**

Middle school will meet this Sunday, October 13th. We will be meeting in the Parish Hall, which is in the basement of the church. Please drop off and pick up your child from the back parking lot, following the previously provided map. Prayer for focus this week: The Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

**Camino de Santiago**

Camino will meet this Sunday, October 13th. They will continue to meet in the school cafeteria. Please park or drop off / pick up behind the school. The focus for this class will be on the Beatitude "Blessed are those who mourn". All teens are invited to join us.

**First Sacraments**

First Reconciliation sign-ups went out this past week. If you have not received the Renewed book, online link, or link for First Reconciliation, please let me know.

**Next Classes**

- 10/13 – PreK-5: 9:10-10:20am (St. James School)
- 10/13 – Middle School: 6-7:15pm (Parish Hall)
- 10/13 – Camino: 6-7:30pm (School Cafeteria)
- 10/20 – Confirmation: 6-7:30pm (Parish Hall) Please note, this is a Teen and Sponsor class.

Questions? Contact

Stephanie Ladenthin [dre@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:dre@stjames-liberty.org)





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

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| Penelope Dahlberg  | Augustus Lanio     | Julie Davis       |
| Anita Daniels      | Robert Schanuel    | Philip DiGiovanni |
| Sean Fairchild     | Harmony Silva-     | Cari East         |
| Jennifer Fernandez | Wright             | Audra Feldhaus    |
| Melvin Lawson      | Natalie Tamburelli | Robert Hammond    |
| Eric Lewczyk       | Laine Arens        | Mary Hansen       |
| Madeline Platt     | Rose Castelluccio  | George Hughey     |
| Emily Richardson   | Lucy Chiarelli     | Ava Passantino    |
| Eric Smith         | Cora Danner        | Joseph            |
| Sophia Wolf        | Ryan Doherty       | Passantino        |
| Brea Austin        | Kelly Francis      | Amanda Rhodes     |
| Daniel Cline       | Mark Grothaus      | Eva Sahlfeld      |
| Kasey Clohessy     | Milania Guastello  | Edward Szczuka    |
| Camden Findlay     | Finnegan Haas      | Wendy Szczuka     |
| Jeri Flowers       | Aidan Jacobs       | Lori Tajchman     |
| Connor Jones       | Nicholas McLain    | Lucy Witte        |
| Barbara Mautino    | Mackenzie Messina  | Anna Alessi       |
| Judith McKloskey   | Jackie Ortega      | Marie Bamburg     |
| Elias Relford      | Brian Peck         | Reese Bruening    |
| Hunter Roberts     | Noah Rader         | Cecilia Curtis    |
| Genesis Alvanez    | Brody Allen        | Kenneth Eichler   |
| Pedruza            | Luc-Onel Apollon   | Gary Ervie        |
| Greta Baker        | Bridget Avey       | Cameron Grogan    |
| Michelle Book      | Skyler Davis       | Casie Harris      |
| Franklin Callaway  | Cynthia Duker      | James Heller      |
| Kimberly Camara    | Dina Hill          | Matthew Janning   |
| Christine Clark    | Gabrielle Lair     | Judith Kirwan     |
| Andrew Clifton     | Connie McKay       | John Riedel       |
| Miguel Conchola    | Joshua Meacham     | Angela Shank      |
| Erzsebet Cooney    | Hugh Moberly       | Charles Sprung    |
| Robert Cronkleton  | Chuck Palmentere   | Mark Stang        |
| Frank Disciacca    | Terry Patterson    | John              |
| Leanne Hart        | Kaitlyn Presko     | Steffensmeier     |
| Ryan Howerton      | Kathryn Steinbauer | Mary Thilges      |
| Nolan Kinne        | Brittany Bischoff  | Christian Vedder  |

**St. James School News**

**2024 ANNUAL ST. JAMES AUCTION**



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[www.StJamesSchoolAuction.org](http://www.StJamesSchoolAuction.org)

**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.

**PICKLEBALL PARISHIONERS**

**Every Monday**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

JOIN US FOR A SOCIAL EVENING OF PICKLEBALL.  
NO EQUIPMENT OR EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED.  
ALL LEVELS OF PLAYERS ARE WELCOME

More Information:  
SCOTT ALESSI 914-715-3460

ST. JAMES  
309 S. STEWART RD  
PARKING LOT BEHIND THE CHURCH

## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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