

Saint James Catholic Community

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2024*

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St. James Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.



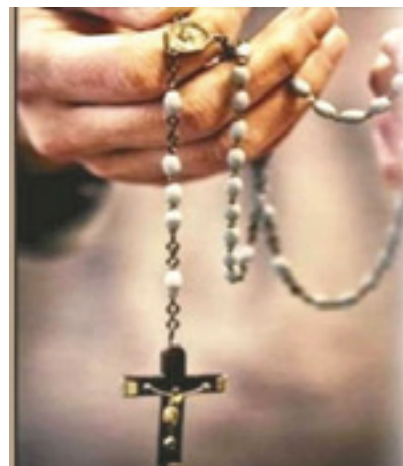
The 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal kicks off this weekend. Letters have been mailed to all parishioners explaining how to make your donation.

Our diocese has a page on their website where you can view and listen to a message from Bishop Johnston about how your donation can make a difference.

Scan the QR Code below to visit the website.



Donations can also be made on line from this website. Your gift helps support the many ministries, programs, and services of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.



**OCTOBER,
 MONTH OF THE
 HOLY ROSARY**

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers, it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God."

Pope Saint Pius X

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

From the Pastor's Pen

There are many orders of consecrated religious in the Church, men and women. Some orders are well known, such as the Jesuits, Benedictines, and Franciscans and women's communities such as the Ursulines, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Sisters of Charity. Some are religious orders in the strict sense of the word because they take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Others are known as Societies of Apostolic Life. These orders do not take the vows, but live in the spirit of community life as specified by their rule. The Society of the Precious Blood is a Society of Apostolic Life.

I'd like to focus on the Missionaries of the Precious Blood as an example of a Society of Apostolic Life, since the feast day of our founder, St. Gaspar del Bufalo, is this Monday, October 21. He was born in Rome in 1786, named after the traditional names given to the Magi who came to bring gifts to the newborn Christ child: Gaspar, Melchior, Balthasar. He was a pious youth and already at the age of 12 he was a seminarian, studying for the Diocese of Rome. He was ordained at the age of 22. It was the time of the French Revolution. Napoleon invaded the Papal States and Rome, forcing priests to take a vow pledging allegiance to the French regime. Gaspar refused to take the vow, so he was arrested and sent into exile. There he met another priest who had a fervent devotion to the Most Precious Blood. Gaspar embraced this devotion and joined a Confraternity in honor of the Blood of Christ. On August 15, 1815, he founded the Society of the Precious Blood, which had as its main ministry retreats in parishes. He died on December 28, 1837, leaving a legacy of a community dedicated to spreading devotion to the Blood of Christ. In the 1840s, Precious Blood priests came to our country to begin ministries among German-speaking Catholics.



This Monday I invite you to join members of the Society of the Precious Blood in celebrating the feast of our Founder. May his prayers be with our parish family of Saint James.

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of October 21 - October 27

Monday 8:15am	†Dee Ward †Jim Whisnant
Tuesday 8:15am	†Rose Starr †Richard Razniak & John Paul II, & Family
Wednesday 8:15am	Stuart Tolle
Thursday 8:15am	†Fr. Emil Kapun †Terry Mauer
Friday 8:15am	Janet Sealock
Saturday 5:00pm	†Gavin McKenna
Sunday 8:00am	†Wayne Curtis †Frankie Maddox
10:30am	†Harry Woltkamp †Janie Woltkamp Thacker †Alex Bruening
5:00pm	†Nancy Rutliff Catholic Chaplains



*From Death
to New Life*

Our prayer support is with ...

The friends and family of Terry Mauer who passed away on October 6.

Paige Zicarelli and Nick Messina, their friends and family on the death of their father Nick Messina who passed away on September 29.

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

**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.

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 |

Please return your filled bags the weekend of October 26/27. Drop them off at the In As Much Truck that will be parked by the Resource Center during one of the following times.

Saturday, October 26 from 4:30 - 6:30pm

Sunday, October 27 from 7:30am - 6:30pm

Thanks in Advance For Your Generosity

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1



Mass Times

6:30am

8:15am

7:00 pm

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Someone is Watching and Wondering



If you are like me, at some point in your life you have looked at a family photo-album or collection of family pictures stored in a box on a closet shelf. Looking at the photos, perhaps you tried to decide which one of your ancestors you resemble. I know I have, and if you have a magnifying glass perhaps you will decide that there is a strong family resemblance

between my mother and I, however, my personality is more like my father (my parents are the couple pictured at the top center of this collage.) From a very early age I knew I was unique, some might say "quite different or odd," and through my actions I generally emphasized my uniqueness. I often heard the refrain, "Why can't you be like the other kids." For many years I wore my differences as a sort of badge of honor. After all, I followed my own path.

More recently, however, I think about the idea that I am made in the image and likeness of God. This phrase gives me pause to reconsider my place with others. If all humankind is made in the image and likeness of God, than do I have more in common than I previously wanted to admit or even consider. Of course comparing myself to my relatives I am referring to physical characteristics, yet I know God transcends physical characteristics. I think when I state that my personality is more like my dad than anyone else, what I mean is we share similar qualities. My dad was a giving person, kind, yet stern, and slow to show any emotion but anger. If I share similar qualities with my dad, do I also possess qualities that are God-like. Am I loving, and forgiving? Do I reach out to others who are alone, forgotten, or disenfranchised? Do I offer help to the helpless, food to the hungry or shelter to the homeless? Do I work for social justice and stand up for the rights and human dignity of all? Do I offer understanding to those with different ideas or opinions? Do I value others, recognize our common humanity and that all we are all God's beloved children? Does my prayer life reflect a desire for God's will and not my own selfish wants and beliefs that I can "fix" things. Do I cherish God's community, all creation, what is and what is yet to be? Do I strive to reflect the image of God? I believe working to say yes to all these questions is the only path that will lead me into a fuller relationship with God. I believe I know God, but do I allow myself to be in relationship with God. After all isn't every human being made in God's image? Are we related?

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*





Grief Support Group Begins November 11

Has someone you love passed away and are you dealing with the grief and sorrow?

Have you experienced another loss in your life that causes you pain, like the loss of a job? Would you like to join with others who are experiencing the same issues for support and companionship in the journey?

We are starting another Grief Support group here at St James for anyone who is facing loss and grief.

Call the parish office, 816-781-4343, ext. 200 or Juanita Thornton at 816-883-8282 for details, or join us on the following Mondays:
November 11, 18, 25 and December 2 and 9 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Spaghetti Dinner - October 26



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.

**Please come and join us
and help support our youth.**

Military Outreach Ministry



Ann Marie Puck, an Accredited Veteran Service Officer, will be at St. James on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 4:00 to 5:30pm in the conference room behind the receptionist desk.

She'll be glad to answer your questions and/or can provide information about any of the VA benefits and/or services and also to help individuals in areas such as applying for federal and state benefits.



If you have recently moved to the parish or into town, maybe to be closer to grandkids or for a job, and would like the opportunity to get acquainted with other couples in the parish, we have the group for you - Dinners for Eight.

This group pairs 4 couples for 4 dinners / lunch / brunch or breakfast, whatever each group decides to do, over an 8 month period beginning late this fall. This is a minimal commitment of time, but a maximum opportunity to create new friendships in a small group.

We have diverse members, travelers, sports fans, readers, runners, music lovers, golfers and gardeners just to name a few interests and they are also connected with a number of other parish ministries. All are friendly and enjoy welcoming and getting to know new parish members. Each couple hosts one "dinner" preparing the main course, other couples bring appetizers, salad and dessert. It doesn't have to be fancy and you don't have to break out the



Enjoying the evening at one of the past "kick-off" dinners.

good china unless you want to.

For the first time around we try to match you up with members with some common interests if possible. If you continue with the group, the next year you will be paired with three new couples (couples could be 2 individuals) so your circle of acquaintances continues to grow. Yes, it is sometimes hard to take that first step and some husbands may be resistant, but they usually come around, we actually have husbands who enjoy having someone new to talk with about their favorite topics.

There will be a "kick-off" dinner on Saturday, October 12 in the Social Hall. We'd love to have you join us.

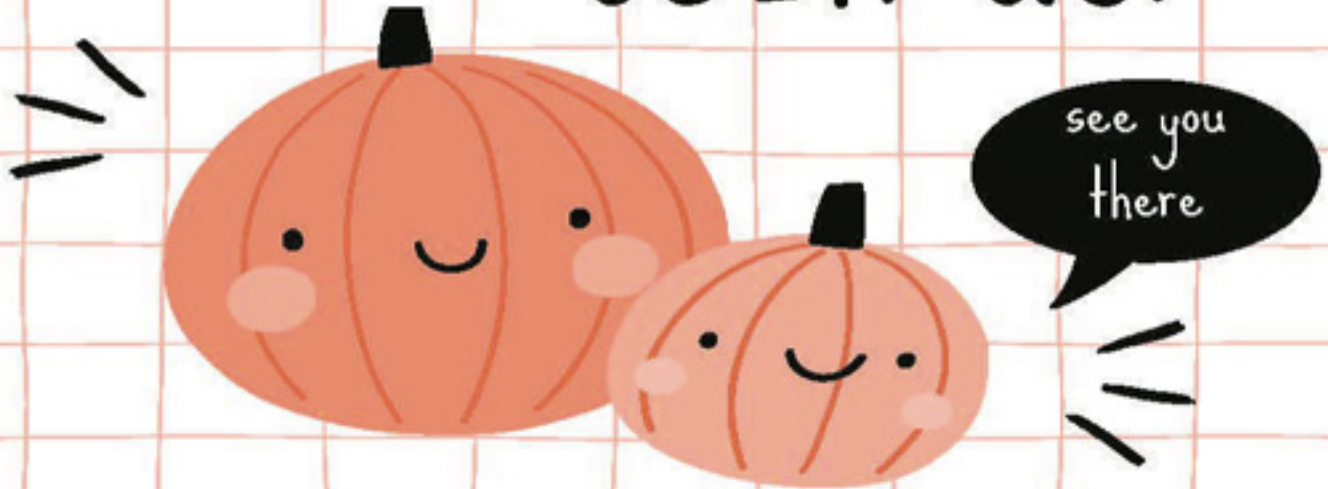
If you'd like more information or to sign up, please call Sandy Turner at 816-510-9264. Also, if you'd like to chat with one of our couples about their experiences with the group Sandy can arrange that. Just let her know.



**Holy
Smoke
BBQ
Contest
2024**



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!**



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!

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

Our RE Class Activities Last Weekend



Parish Religious Education

PreK-5th Grade

Our classrooms continue to be filled with laughter and learning, which is always a great sound to hear. We are even enjoying making new friends and learning together when we have a need to combine classes. A big thank you to all our catechists and children for being so flexible when we have this need. Since the gospel for last week was from Mark 10:17-30, many of our classes focused on the Ten Commandments and learning more about them in age-appropriate ways since this was the Gospel for last week. Our 1st and 2nd graders selected one of three saints to learn about and complete a coloring sheet: Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, and Saint Luke the Evangelist – all of whom had feast days this week.

Did you know? When we pray the rosary there are 4 mysteries: the Joyful Mystery which focus on the incarnation of Jesus are prayed on Monday and Saturday, the Sorrowful Mystery which focus on the Passion and Death of Jesus, prayed on Tuesday and Friday, the Glorious Mystery which focus on the Resurrection, prayed on Wednesday and Sunday, and the Luminous Mystery which focus on the ministry of Jesus, prayed on Thursday.

Middle School

Middle school met this past weekend learning about the relationship of our family, our friends, and school and the similarities and differences between those. We also learned about the Day of the Dead, or Dia de los Muertos. This is a celebration of loved ones gone before us which spans 3 days, from October 31st through November 2nd. The students worked on making marigolds and banners for an ofrenda we will display at the Trunk-or-Treat.

Camino de Santiago

Camino met and had a great time researching and learning more about a saint of their choice. They created a tombstone for their saint, which will be displayed at our parish wide Trunk-or-Treat as part of the St. James Saint Cemetery.

First Sacraments

Please continue to work through your Renewed book and sign up for First Reconciliation if you have not yet done so. Please reach out with any questions.

Next Classes

- 10/20 – PreK-5: 9:10-10:20am (St. James School)
- 10/27 – Middle School: 6-7:15pm (Parish Hall)
- 11/10 – Camino: 6-7:30pm (School Cafeteria)
- 10/20 – Confirmation: 6-7:30pm (Parish Hall) Please note, this is a Teen and Sponsor class.

Questions? Stephanie at dre@stjames-liberty.org



Kindle the love of Jesus in the hearts of our children
St. John the Baptist de La Salle

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

Pamela Anderson	Lincoln Adams	Pauline Scola
Kenneth Boc	Michael Arnone	Matt Smith
Neil Bouhan	Carol Bloomer	Mary Weixeldorfer
Savannah Brabbin	Esther Green	Christopher Wilson
Christopher Finn	Andrea Jones	Blake Craig
John Fleck	Donovan O'Keeffe	Rosanne Goertz
Troy Grizzle	-Guthrie	Giavanna
Paul Hentschke	Christopher	Guastello
Riley Kelley	Oldenburg	Ian Hanover
Jeffrey Lair	Ima Rahter	Lucy Mace
Jay Meacham	Terry Rigg	Christopher Mendez
Libby Noeller	Phill Sharples	Frank Nguyen
Chad Pasieniuk	Erica Shine	Theresa
Christine Phillips	Joyce Weese	Prendergast
Gene Russell	Roselynn Zicarelli	Connor Rizek
Adeline Teegarden	William Dunn III	Nancy West
Amelia Teegarden	Anne Durham	Daniel Alvey
Katie Chester	Jason Eichler	Donna Buckley
Ava Clutter	Thomas Finn	Abigail Gentrup
Connor Finn	Emersyn Lanter	Thomas Grelinger
Brian Francis	William McCarthy	Molly Heinzler
Marie Gant	Hannah Power	Lydia Kazmaier
Luke Hedrick	Kaytlynn Williams	Itzel Mendoza-
Sophia Hess	Joseph Witherow	Hernandez
Joan Hussey	Evan Young	Parker Murphy
Hollie Kosorog	Kaytlyn Bailey	Yailyn Palos
Scarlet Langhorst	Jaxon Barbosa	Aubree Spangler
Marshall Mason	Jacob Bell	Olivia Teegarden
Patrick McMahan	Cody Bischoff	Larry Trombino
Marie Messina	Gavin Martin	James Walton
Oscar Torres	Mary Mathes	Christopher Wolf
Amy Williams	Jerald Mutchler	

St. James School News

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IMPORTANT SAFETY VIDEO TO BE SHOWN Before/After All Masses Next Weekend

We are once again showing the Parishioner Safety Video in the Parish Hall next weekend before and after all Masses.



This video covers our emergency response plans for Fire, Tornado and Medical events including an evacuation of the sanctuary.

Your safety is important to us. If you missed the

first showing this is your chance to catch up. The video will be shown in a continuous loop thirty minutes before and after each weekend Mass on October 26-27. Please allow 12 minutes to view this important video.

PICKLEBALL

PARISHIONERS

Last Pickleball of the season Monday, Oct. 28

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

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More information:
SCOTT ALESSI 914-715-3460

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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| Michelle
Dixie Coleman
Bridget Hanger
Joseph Mahoney
Pat Aten
Jim Randolph
Mary and Carl Inzerillo
Ed
Jodi & Peter Gusman
Barbara McClellan
Charlie Reeam
Daniel Hernandez
Tyler and Sam
Hazel Davidson
Theresa McClellan
Darlene Sammarco
Bob Parquette
Jenn Brunk
Janet Sealock
Lynn Driggers
Kathy Peters
David McDonald
Nick
Zach
Pierre
Jeff
Kim Vaca
Patrick
Vickie Badac
Maria Tavares
Dee Fitzgibbons
Mike Ratkiewicz
Jay W
Pat
Maggie | Mike and Chuckie
Dan
Jay & Tracie Murphy Family
Mary Margaret Parrish
Patrick McDaniel
Brian
Christopher
Bob and Mike
Tracy Helin
Bob
Mike
John
Terry
Wyatt Morris
Oliver Schmidt
Pierre
Christello Family
Joe Gonino
Troy
Annabelle
Bill Merrigan
Pam & Paul Palmer
Angie & Family
Hannah, Caleb, BabyGunner
Jim & Barb Schmitt
Stacci
Rob Campbell
Susan Tallant
Jane Hake
Patrick Perry
Joe Greenwald
Evelyn Nash
Blaize Adonis
Gene Ruzicka
David Bloomer
Patrick Perry | Bill Fessler
Dustin
Jason
Jerry Kimmis
Weston Peters
Josette Berg
Jamie Krisman
Darin Van Tassel
Stephanie Stephens
Margaret Carver
Aaron Anderson
Monica Myers
Jim Mooney
Jean Weir
Judy Williford
Judy Smith
Barb May
Bill May
Mary Schamel Rossfeld
Debbie Pickett
Joseph Weir
John & Brody Merriman
Mary D. George
Lori & Buster Gage
Peggy Mosbacher
Glen & Mary Thilges
Amy Cunningham
Marilee Lacy
Javier and Tatiana
Bruce McCloskey
Finley Family
Jessica Lewey Dahlberg
Ron Willis
Connie & Terry Rigg
Sherree Grindel | Joni
Lee Noel
Billy Joe Ball III
Chad Watson
Michael Damot
Mary Krause
Jim Tucker
Bill Edwards
Edward Adams
Dee & Dan Van Leeuwen
Beth Cook
Matt Sutton
Mary Schuster
Debra Suttief
Joseph Gorman
Cameron & Antony
Ron May
Carol Weir
Libbey Rall
Julie Rush
Pete & Connie Hollomon
Dan Kandlbinder
Jordan Taylor
Doug & Susan Blair
Jackie Rapp
Jeff Lea
Bradley Jones
Brandon Hutson
Norma Molina
Ramon Mendoza, Jr. & Sr.
Jim Miller
Dorothy Bradford
Mike Carr
Kate Nowatzke
Fran Norton's Family | Phil Willoughby
Mike Rodriguez
Fred Massman
Mary & Gabriel Wier
Jake Harman
Charles Mann
Douglas Shreffler
Sabrina Hinkle
John Mreen
Deacon Doug Hemke
John Fessler
Ricky & DeeDee
Rory Elliott
Michael Ruiz
Mauricia O'Brien
Janet Ward & Jeff
James Gubera
Hazel Lewis
Dan Tomc
Rachel Johnson
Jose Torres
Dan & Bibi Chadwick
Philip Pernice
Don Taylor
Nick Peters
Desmond Arciga-Quenga
Michelle Bacus
Mark Schweitzer
Bill Kirwan
Deacon Bud
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Diana Marchisio
John & Susan-Kelly Corsione
Rodriguez Family
Scott Neibergall | Margie Myers & Mattea
Pamela & James Anderson
The Curiel Family
Barbara Fortier
Barb Schwery
Nichole Stewart
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The Hollomon Family
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Kyle Sellmeyer
Margarita Mendoza Family
Marie Brancato
Rich Curasi
John Brocato
Barbara (Roach) Still
John Pfannenstiel
Mike Sheeley
Troy Cronkite
Matt Biskup Family
Sam Porter
Amy Villarreal
Mary Kaye Masnado
Randy Baumert
Jackie Plack Pelling
Kennedy Noel Holcumbink
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Chris Alvey
Patrick O'Neill
John McMahon
Eddie Ansalmo
Kenadee Gallagher
Leah Biskup Coady
Olivia Hernandez
Laura Ann DiGiovanna |
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You Are Invited To Eucharistic Adoration



Jesus invites you to meet with Him in the Chapel every Tuesday and/or Thursday from 9am- 9pm.

Please come for a few moments or for an hour or anytime that works best for you.

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.

Please pray for the sick

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



Did you know that there are many in our parish who are struggling with serious health issues? Some are on our prayer chain. And then, there are others we don't know about - they prefer to keep their health issues private.

We invite all to become "prayer warriors" and join us every Thursday at 6:30pm in the church as we pray the rosary for all those who are in need of healing prayer.

The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well. James 5:15

NO to Amendment 3

- NO to abortion all 9 months
- NO to ending parental rights
- NO to lower healthcare standards
- NO to miscarriage care myths

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