

Saint James Catholic Community

*First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025*

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29th Annual **Fish Fry** 2025

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

March 14, March 28, April 11

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Two Ways To Enjoy Your Dinner

Dine In - St. James Gymnasium

Curb Side Pick Up - St. James Rear Parking Lot



Dine-In Menu

1. Fried Fish Dinner
2. Baked Tilapia Dinner
3. Hot Spiced Boiled Shrimp Dinner
4. Combo Dinner: Fried Fish, Baked Tilapia, Hot Spiced Boiled Shrimp (any 2)

All above Dinners are \$15.00

Above Dinners Include:

Baked Potato • Coleslaw • Applesauce • Dinner Roll • Dessert (Eileen's Colossal Cookie)
Condiments, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, or Water

5. Cheese Pizza Dinner (J&S Pizza): \$7.00

6. Kid's Meal (age 12 or under): \$7.00

Choice of: Fried Fish Dinner or Hot Boiled Shrimp Dinner

Cheese Pizza Dinners and Kid's Meals include:

Chips • Coleslaw • Applesauce • Dessert (Eileen's Colossal Cookie) • Coffee, Tea, Lemonade or Water

7. Pasta Dinner (Scrumptious Catering) : \$10.00

Choice of: Baked Penne Marinara or Bow Tie Shrimp Alfredo

Pasta Dinners Include:

Breadstick • Coleslaw • Applesauce • Dessert (Eileen's Colossal Cookie) • Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, or Water

***** For Those 21 and Older *****

Beer and Wine Will be Available

Cash, Checks, or credit/debit cards accepted

Curb Side Pick Up Menu

1. Fried Fish Dinner - \$15.00
2. Hot Boiled Shrimp Dinner - \$15.00

Dinners include: Baked Potato • Coleslaw • Applesauce • Dinner Roll • Cookies • Condiments

DRIVE THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS

No need to call in your order. Just enter the parking lot at the South entrance.

You will be directed to the rear parking lot behind St. James School

Stay in your car, order and pay for your meal. Your food will be brought to you.

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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.

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Collection This Weekend



WE ARE THERE
 for the poor, the hungry, and the vulnerable.

WE ARE THERE
 to serve and to lift families in need.

WE ARE THERE
 to help people move to a better life through hope-filled care, services, and advocacy.

WILL YOU BE THERE WITH US?



Kindly consider donating to the Catholic Charities' 2ND COLLECTION, scan the QR code, or visit us online at <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/secondcollection/>

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES' 2ND COLLECTION WEEKEND - MARCH 8th & 9th
An Envelope is in Your Contributions Packet

Musical Veteran's Appreciation Hour



Commemorative Celebration of our Vietnam Veterans,
 All Other Veterans and their Families

Sunday, March 16

After the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall

Join us for an hour of enjoyable Patriotic Music and Song

Refreshments Provided

Donations accepted for the work
 of our St. James Military Ministry



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. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

There is probably little to be said about Lent that has not already been said or preached many times. We know that it is a penitential season, focusing on making atonement for sin, preparing for death, reflecting on the suffering of Christ, and looking forward to the celebration of the Resurrection. In the early days of the Church, those who were guilty of serious sin (apostasy, murder, adultery) had to endure a public penance all of Lent, wearing sackcloth and ashes. Less serious sins were forgiven through acts of penitence, prayer, fasting, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Holy Thursday was that special day for public sinners to be shrived and to return to full practice of the faith. Easter was, of course, the great day of rejoicing, the celebration of new life.

Today, not much is required of Catholics in the season of Lent. Fasting (eating less, not eating between meals, one major meal a day) is required only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those between the ages of 18 and 59, though most Catholics take seriously the spirit of the Fast. Abstinence (no meat) obliges only on the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday, age 14 and older. More important than observing the Law of Fast and Abstinence is the desire for spiritual growth. There are many practices which help us in this growth: more time for personal prayer; reading and meditating on passages from the Bible; works of charity; celebrating Reconciliation. Most Catholics like to begin Lent by celebrating Mass and receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, giving public witness of the intention of entering into the spirit of the Lenten season.

Another main focus of Lent is the final days of preparation for Catechumens. There are two categories for those involved: first, those who were never baptized and are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation, the "Elect." Then there are those who are already baptized in some other Christian denomination and preparing for entrance into the Catholic Church family through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Our job as parishioners is to support them with our prayers and a welcoming spirit.

Good People of God, may this season of Lent be of great benefit to you as you grow in the depths of faith and commitment.

My prayers are with you daily.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of March 10 - March 16

Monday 8:15am	Sandy Duncan Vietnam Veterans & Families
Tuesday 8:15am	Gentry Thomason Special Intentions Medal of Honor Recipients
Wednesday 8:15am	Derek Weiner †Glenn & Rita Gettert
Thursday 8:15am	†Andrew Inzerillo Vietnam Veterans
Friday 8:15am	Jack Stasi Judy Kirwan
Saturday 5:00pm	†JoAnn Ollier
Sunday 8:00am	†JoAnn Ollier
10:30am	St. James Parishioners
5:00pm	†Patrick Perry Paul Ancil Family



From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with ...

Sue and Kevin Nordhues, their family and friends on the death of Sue's mother Connie McIlrath who passed away on February 18.

Richard Grindel, his family and friends on the death of his wife Sheree who passed away on February 22.

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:

Saturday 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**

Stations of the Cross This Friday at 5:30pm

Stations Led by St. James Altar Society
Followed by Stations in Spanish



Join The St. James Lawn Mowing Team

Spring will be coming real soon and our lawn mowing teams need some fresh talent. Starting no later than mid-April, we will want to have our lawn mowing teams up and running.

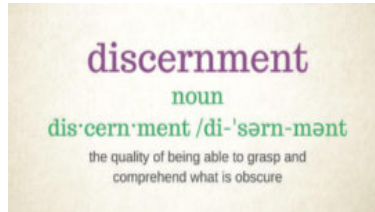


We have quite a few guys returning from last year but we need at least ten or more people to step up and help. Just like last season, we plan on having three teams (Red, White and Blue). Each team will be placed on a 3 week rotation.

There is no need for anyone to bring up mowers or other equipment. We just need them to volunteer approximately 3 hours every 3 weeks. If they can run a push mower or a riding mower then we can use their help. The schedule is dependent upon the weather but usually mowing is done from Thursday through Saturday.

Contact Dan Bacon at
bacon.dan324@gmail.com

Someone is Watching and Wondering



During the past several weeks I have written about prayer, which I intended as a prelude to the Lenten season. As you know the three pillars of Lent are Prayer,


Fasting, and Almsgiving. For me prayer is central to my spiritual journey and provides direction for the two other facets of my Lenten journey. Prayer is foremost a conversation with God with an emphasis on listening to God's voice. There are, however, many voices competing for my attention; pushing me this way and that. Discernment is essential, helping me to seek God's guidance in my day to day struggles.

Discernment is a process of intentionally becoming aware how God is present, active, and calling me both as an individual and within community. Discernment involves shifting through the choices and voices in my life. Discernment involves honesty, self-criticism, questions, and a level of discomfort. Discernment requires trusting in the Holy Spirit and accepting that the actions I am being called to may involve trepidation, being out of my comfort zone, and perhaps risking rejection or loss. Yet, before embracing fasting and alms giving I believe I must enter into the discernment process. I must ask these hard questions: "What things/actions/thoughts/attitudes/behaviors are blocking my faithful relationship to God? How/when do I fail to follow Jesus' commands of self-giving love, forgiveness, and service to others? In what ways do I treat other people in ways I **do not** wish to be treated?" Asking these questions I feel forced to not only look at personal sins I have knowingly committed, but also my complicity in communal sin where I have failed to act according to my beliefs as a Catholic Christian. At least for me, admitting, naming, and seeking forgiveness for my personal sins is so much easier than admitting and naming my role in communal sinfulness that is so apparent in our communities, nation, and throughout the world. It is painful to discern my reluctance to actively support immigrants and refugees, the poor and homeless, people living outside the dominant culture fighting for acceptance, understanding, and dignity, and those convicted of violent crimes.

Although I believe every human is created in the image and likeness of God and is a beloved child of God, I know that I fall short of living this belief through my actions. I am guilty of being a willing participant in communal sin whenever I fail to speak the truth of the Gospels and follow my speaking with actions. I pray God will lead me, in spite of my stubborn nature and need to feel comfortable and safe within my self imposed cocoon.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon


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Pre-qualifying applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now open!

Visit brightfuturesfund.org/moscholars to see if your student qualifies.

ST. JAMES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Chairperson Joan Peluso called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Council Members present were Fr. Mike Roach, Deacon Chuck Koesterer, Eddie Baker, Phil Baumert, Kevin Casel, Chris Fullinwider, Betsy Lewey, Yvette Lopez, Joan Peluso, and Corrine Sebranek. The opening prayer was said by Corrine Sebranek.

Guest Report: The council welcomed Amanda Lewey to discuss her duties as Confirmation Coordinator, and some specific details regarding St. James' Confirmation program, and the upcoming Steubenville conference this summer.

Amanda's primary duties are to coordinate the preparation of our students for confirmation, and to plan the confirmation ceremony. Amanda has been the coordinator for 4 years and has been involved for 14 years. Seeing the spiritual growth of the students is the most rewarding part of her job. The diocese has mandated confirmation be moved to students in the 6th grade. Different parishes are working toward this change in different ways. St. James is confirming 8th and 9th graders this year and will then do 7th and 8th next year, 6th and 7th the following year, and settling into 6th grade only going forward. There are currently 120 students in the Confirmation formation program this year, and there will be two services on 2/26 and 3/21. This year's group did a service day in November working on 10 different projects. They recently had a retreat and are continuing their preparation leading up to Confirmation. Amanda is assisted in her duties by a group of excellent volunteers (many that don't have students in the program) and is helped administratively by Kirsten Maggi with tracking birth certificates and other paperwork.

Finally, Amanda reported that there are 23 commitments from students to attend the Steubenville Conference this summer in Springfield, MO. Several of the attendees will be attending this conference for the 3rd time. The group had a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and will have another with a pancake feed on Fat Tuesday. They are working to make this event as cost effective as possible, and they are hoping to raise enough money to rent a bus again this year, which makes the trip much easier. The council thanked Amanda for all her good work with the youth of our parish.

New Business:

New Adult Faith Class for Lent: Joan Peluso shared with the Council information from Sherri Porterfield regarding the Adult Faith Study course for Lent, HOW TO LENT. The 4-week course will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 in the Parish Hall beginning March 12/13 and concluding April 2/3. Registration online begins on Sunday, Feb-

ruary 23 and will end on Wed., March 5th. In-person registration will be held after all Masses the weekend of February 22/23. Participants will be able to choose between attending on Wednesday or Thursday evenings depending on their schedule.

Old Business:

New Council Member Openings: A current list of candidates to fill open Council member spots was provided by Joan to council members. They have been notified that they will be hearing from Jay in a few weeks. The invitation announcement was repeated before each Mass on the weekend of February 15/16.

Discussion of Future Goals: Members reviewed our Statement of Purpose and Article II of the Bylaws as a guide to set future goals. Several ideas listed below were shared and briefly discussed.

- Blessing of Pets – This would be an easy event to set up and a Saturday morning would be best.
- Several items were discussed regarding the parish ministries and their leaders:
 - Potential gathering/dinner for the ministry heads.
 - Reach out to individual ministry heads to see if there was something the PC can assist them with.
 - Possibly have a ministry of the month slot in the bulletin, on the web site, and possibly a quick introduction by a member of the group before Masses once a month.

There was substantial discussion about working more with the parish ministries.

- Potential for parish retreats throughout the year.
- Guest Speakers – It was brought up that there are various speakers that appear at neighboring parishes.

The Diocese sends a weekly email talking about events going on in the entire Diocese.

- Anything that the Council can assist with regarding OCIA.
- Potential for healing masses, or prayer services.
- Potential Advent and Lent family activities

Closing: Fr. Mike closed the meeting with a prayer and the members prayed the "Our Father" together. Chair Joan Peluso adjourned at 8:00pm.

The Council's next meeting is Monday, March 10th at 7:00pm in the AV Conference Room. If you have any ideas or concerns for the Council, please contact Fr. Mike or Chairperson Joan Peluso. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Joan Peluso no later than Thursday, March. 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Baumert (Substitute Secretary)

Pilgrims of Hope: Ignatian Contemplations on Luke's Gospel



Three consecutive Tuesday Evenings of Reflection: March 11th, March 18th and March 25th.

6:30pm-8:00pm.

Church of the Nativity,
Leawood, KS, lower level.

We join hands once again with Church of the Nativity. Join us for three Lenten evenings to spend time with Jesus. Each evening features a reflective retreat talk, a guided prayer experience and time for spiritual conversation in small groups



**Lent is just beginning.
Would you like to get back
to your Catholic roots?**

Maybe you've been estranged from the Church for awhile. Maybe you've just always done things that way at Mass without knowing why. Or, maybe you're looking for something more than just an hour a week on Sunday.

We invite you to the upcoming women's Cursillo weekend. Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning short course in Christ.

Come and encounter Christ like never before! The women's weekend is March 20-23 and will be held at the Sisters of St. Francis in Independence.

For more information contact:
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jknewkirk65@gmail.com

Or
James Newkirk at 816-807-7700
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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.

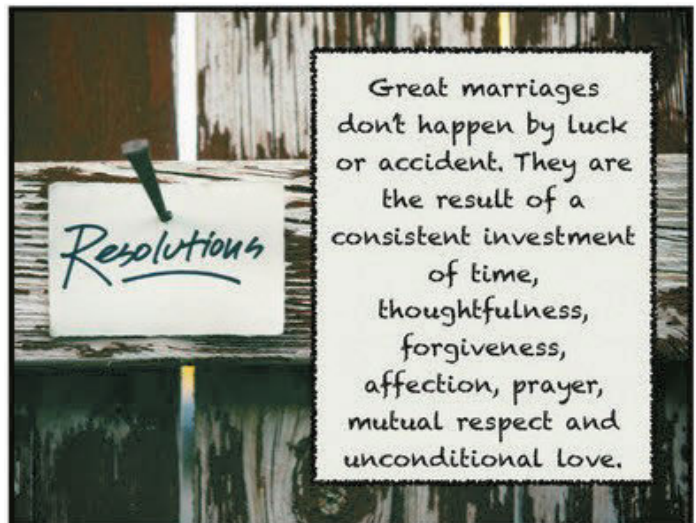
We are using Sign Up Genius to record the names of those wanting to help.

Scan the QR Code to go to the sign up page:



Or sign up at:

<http://bit.ly/3VcJoG6>



Great marriages don't happen by luck or accident. They are the result of a consistent investment of time, thoughtfulness, forgiveness, affection, prayer, mutual respect and unconditional love.

Make 2025 the year you resolve to invest in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. For information, or to apply for an experience, visit www.wwme.org, email greaterKC.wwme@gmail.com, scan the QR code or call 816-286-4557.

Upcoming 2025 Dates

- March 28-30th - Kansas City, KS
- June 13-15th - Kansas City, KS
- August 8-10th - Kansas City, KS



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Pillars of Lent

Prayer

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The key to renewed appropriation of these practices is to see their link to baptismal renewal.

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for the elect who will be baptized at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer. We might pray for all those who will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with us during Lent that they will be truly renewed in their baptismal commitment.

Fasting: Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. In fact, the paschal fast predates Lent as we know it. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: "...let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind." (Liturgy, # 110).

Fasting

Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures, those who are in need for any reason. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering.

Abstaining from meat traditionally also linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. It can do the same today if we remember the purpose of abstinence and embrace it as a spiritual link to those whose diets are sparse and simple. That should be the goal we set for ourselves – a sparse and simple meal. Avoiding meat while eating lobster misses the whole point!

Almsgiving: It should be obvious at this point that almsgiving, the third traditional pillar, is linked to our baptismal commitment in the same way. It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

Almsgiving

Why Attend The Stations of the Cross?



Could you walk a mile in Jesus' shoes? The Stations of the Cross (also known as the Way of the Cross) bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion!

The Stations of the Cross provide us with great material for prayer and meditation. Tracing Jesus' journey from condemnation to crucifixion increases both our sorrow for our sins and our desire for His help in avoiding temptations and in bearing our own crosses. Meditating on Christ's passion can help us become more like

Him in imitating His virtues of obedience, humility, charity, patience and perseverance.

Pilgrims to the Holy Land commemorated Christ's Passion in a similar manner as early as the 4th century A.D. The Stations of the Cross developed as a devotion in earnest, however, around the 13th to 14th centuries.

It became a way of allowing those who could not make the long, expensive and arduous journey to Jerusalem to make a pilgrimage in prayer, at least, in their own church! Although the original number of stations varied greatly, they became fixed at 14 in the 18th century.

Lenten Faith Building Opportunities

Sign up to receive daily Lenten Devotions and more

Visit the St. James Website at [www:stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org) and click on the *Lenten Resources menu*

Parish Religious Education

PreK-5th Grade

The classes were busy learning more about the Lenten season last week. From decorating feet to painting rocks, our teachers had so many fun ways to share what this season prepares us for.

Congratulations to our 3rd grade class who celebrated learning the Apostles Creed.

Our 5th grade families participated in a retreat facilitated by Fr. Timothy at the Precious Blood Center. During this time they were able to dive deeper into the Eucharist, finishing with a Mass together there.

Middle School

We will be focusing on Lent this weekend and look forward to seeing everyone Sunday evening.

Camino

Thank you to all who joined as St. Mary's a couple of weeks ago. We received so many words of gratitude from other volunteers and those we served.

First Sacraments

Our retreats for First Communion have officially begun! We held our first on Saturday, March 1st. Thank you to all who attended and to the parents for their help and support.

If you were not able to attend this one, you must

attend the retreat on 3/15. Please be sure to sign up for the retreat and First Communion mass if you have not already done so.

Next classes

PreK-5th

March 9: 9:10-10:20am in the school

Middle School

March 9: 6-7:15pm - Parish Hall

Camino

March 9: 6-7:30pm in the School Cafeteria -

Questions?

Contact Stephanie Ladenthin, RE Director
at DRE@stjames-liberty.org



Ways To Fast During Lent

From What Shall We Fast

????????

It's Not Just About Food

Fasting can take many forms in our lives and it doesn't necessary have to do with food."

Here are 5 ideas for you that involve fasting.

Coffee or Soda

How about giving up your daily trip to Starbucks or QuikTrip and then giving the money you would have spent to the needy. Same goes for junk food, chocolate, etc. None of these things honor God and are bad for the gift of our bodies.

Social Media

Yes, that's right. If this idea is overwhelming, how about taking a break from just Facebook or Instagram? There's a big world out there that is full of God's blessings.

Netflix / Streaming Services

Free up some time for prayer or even trying one of the new reading platforms – books. Check out your local library to see if you can borrow on-line.

Excessive Noise and Distractions

Shut screens and audio devices out of your life as much as possible or plan a quiet space of time in your day and adopt a spirit of silence. This is a great time to have a conversation with God and He with you!

The Snooze Button Start your days during Lent by getting out of bed when you hear your alarm and get moving. Think of how much you can get done!

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

Saul Alvarez	Karen Ridder	Jose Olivencia
Fletch Arnold	Brandon Soetaert	Parker Stanley
Kristina Barmann	Louis Stewart	Casey Vedder
Christopher Cotton	Hamilton Ryan	Vivian Baker
Paula Dobesh	Trinidad	Kallen Brier
Molly Doherty	Ann Tucker	Sara Capra
Dorothy Estep	Derek Weiner	Nieman
Joseph Frizzo	Madeline Weir	Alejandro
Melissa Gleason	Franklin Winter	Gutierrez
Ridge Johnson	Sheila Baumert	Robert Herr
Anna Lackey	David Beyer	Cameron Hogan
Lee Millhouse	Jeanne Buckman	Eric Jansen
Daniel Robinson	Steven Davidson	Oliseka Jose
Brian Sigler	Andrea	Christopher
Nicholas Crenshaw	DiGiovanni	McFaul
Anderson Eoff	Travis Hays	Joyce Mendoza
Blake Gabriel	Gregory Kempf	Gibran Palos
Philip Gooding	Jennifer Knabe	Eric Schmidt
Thomas Janning	Catalina Lopez	Hamilton Trinidad
Larry Kain	Rowe Manda	Stella Vargas
Richard Kosorog Jr.	Delaney Mattox	Ryan Arens
Lila Martin	Mason Naseem	Eleanor Bondon
Antonio Morales	James Ridder	Connor Diegel
Nicholas Ricono	Joel Russell-	Shawn Doherty
Troy Schulte	Reinhardt	Anthony
Leah Starr	Rachel Anselmo	Giambrone
Theodore Stipanovich	John Bauer	Davinne Glenn
Katie Bedard	Janet Black	Daniel James
Cash Fogle	Joseph Frey	Miguel Mendoza
Sylvia Frakes	Collins Harris	Trevor Nelson
Zack Johnson	Annabeth Henson	Quentin Paredes
Scott Kelling	Elizabeth	Caleb Sahlfeld
Nicholas Lux	Hernandez	Max Schneider
Clancy Patterson	Annie Jones	Nolan Smith
	Jordyn Jones	Emmie Smyly
	Annalyse Klein	Jaqueline Torres-
	Rylee Myers	Gomez

St. James School News



**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

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Service to Others

At St. James Catholic School we believe in preparing each child for service to the local and global community. One way we do this is through volunteering in our community. This year, our 8th graders spent the day on a leadership/service retreat at St. Mary's Home for Mothers. They participated in a Eucharistic celebration, a Rosary fellowship, Stations of the Cross, and a lot of hard work indoors and out.



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.

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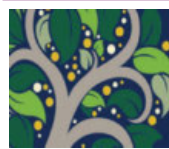
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