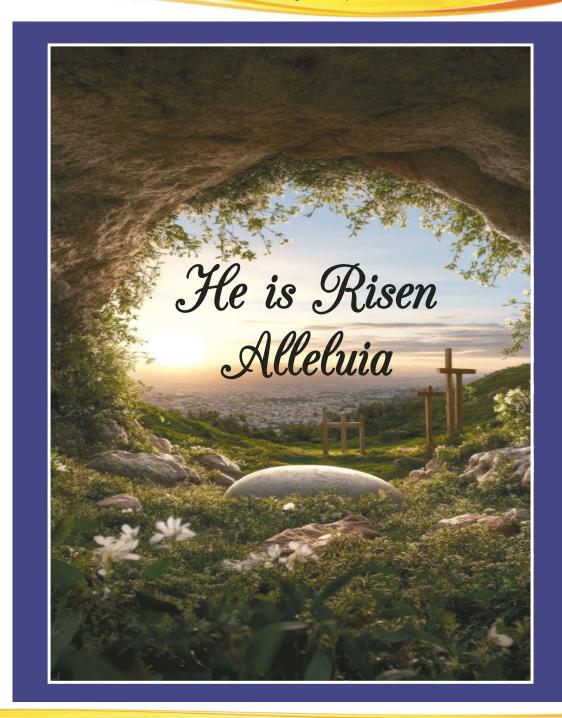
Saint James Catholic Community

Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 2025



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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.



Fr. Michael & The Parish Staff

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY - APRIL 27



Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with your fellow parishioners next Sunday from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm in the church.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes before each Mass next weekend





The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3. 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.

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From the Pastor's Pen

I know that I speak also for Fr. Mike as I wish all of you a very blessed and joyous Easter. I am especially grateful for those in the OCIA who were welcomed into the family of the Church at the Easter Vigil. Sixteen were the "Elect," baptized, Confirmed, and received the Eucharist for the first time. Twelve were candidates, those already baptized in another Christian denomination, but now professing the Catholic faith, as well as being Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist. We are so very grateful to God that they have discerned this call. We welcome them with gratitude and affection. We are also grateful to Sandy Gagnon and her team who have instructed and guided them by word and example.

What are some of the customs of Easter? One is the "Easter Lamb," a cake formed in the image of a lamb and often sprinkled with coconut. In the Jewish culture, the lamb was often offered in sacrifice. Jesus is called the "Lamb of God. "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." (Jn 1,29). Jesus, risen from the dead, the lamb triumphant. A more common and familiar Easter image is the Easter Egg. The egg itself became a symbol of resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolized new life emerging from the eggshell. Easter eggs are colored and decorated as a sign of the joy of new life. Finally, there is the Easter bunny. A secular custom, the Easter bunny is said to lay eggs, hidden and discovered in the Easter egg hunt.

Of course the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the key celebration of Easter. His resurrection gives all disciples a hope and a goal: to rise with Christ. As St. Paul says: "If Christ is not raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor. 15,14). The resurrection is the very bedrock of our faith. Today we celebrate with great joy Christ's victory over death, our own victory over death. Alleluia is the song in our hearts.

My prayers are with you each day. Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of April 21 - April 27 Mondav 8:15am +Ruth Ross Poor Souls in Purgatory Tuesdav 8:15am **+**Barbara Bindel +Maggie Doetman Wednesday 8:15am Mike and Cathy Conn Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael Thursday 8:15am Ashley Eslick Leah Eslick Fridav 8:15am **++**Don & Harriet Erwin **First Communicants** Saturday 5:00pm **+**Patty Blankenship Doug Schuster Sunday 8:00am Barbara Bindel +Donna Sellmeyer 10:30am **+**Reed Winkley +Suzanne Cook +Marie Geymont 5:00pm St. James Parishioners



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!

Contact Info

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

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HOPE GIFT CARD NEWS

Happy Easter



The St. James HOPE Gift card team and all its volunteers wish each of you a very happy and blessed Easter.

While we are not selling HOPE gift cards after Masses this weekend, you can get the cards

you need for next weekend's shopping by buying them in the Parish or School office during regular business hours this week.

We Have HOPE Cards For All Your Shopping Needs "Ya Gotta Eat!"



Thank you to all Liturgical Ministers who volunteered and helped make all of our Liturgies so welcoming and beautiful this Easter

Pray For Our First Communicants



We invite our parish to pray for our Religious Education students preparing to receive their First Communion this Easter season.

In receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist, may they experience Jesus like never before!



Someone is Watching and Wondering



Lent is complete for 2025; we fasted and prayed, celebrated the Rite of Sending and Election, a Penitential Rite with our Candidates, and three Scrutinies with our Elect. Last Sunday we embraced Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and today we celebrate the final day of the Sacred Triduum which began with the mandatum, institution of the Eucharist, betraval, denial, rejection, and crucifixion, and now the glorious resurrection of our Lord Christ Jesus. These past few weeks many memories resurfaced, beginning thirty-one years ago celebrating my initiation into full communion with the Catholic Church under the leadership of Ann Tucker, her RCIA team, and Fr. Ron Will my pastor. Since that time I have been privileged to journey with and welcome nearly 400 individuals into our faith, both candidates (those

already baptized, making a profession of faith and receiving the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist) as well, and catechumens/ elect (those receiving baptism, confirmation and eucharist). In many ways I consider all who allowed me to journey with you as my chil-



dren in Christ and I am truly blessed. Last night our faith community welcomed 28 newly initiated, men, women, and youth, as well as 3 small children baptized with their parents. My memories are full of joy and stories too numerous to mention here. What I can share is my love and gratitude, especially as I continue to watch you and your families grow in faith. You have enriched my life and faith beyond measure and I continue to pray for each of you daily. May you continue to feel the presence and peace of our Lord Jesus, especially through sharing His love with others. Finis ministerii mei tamguam Directoris initiationis adulate no est finis itineris me vobiscum. May we continue our journeys of loving service to God and one another, together in faith. I leave you my heartfelt prayers and thanks especially to our dedicated sponsors, RCIA/OCIA team and this faith community.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Gagnon

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, APRIL 27 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

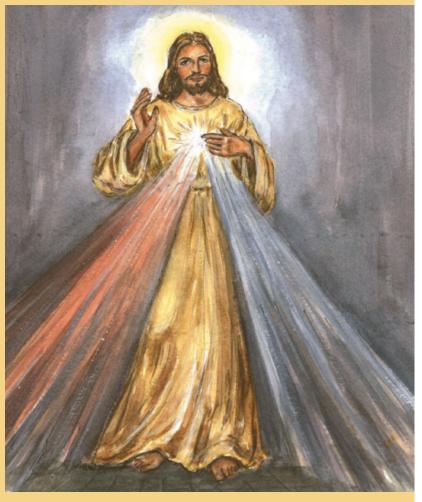
> Opportunity for Confession

St. Faustina Praises of the Divine Mercy

Silent Prayer & Reflection

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Benediction



Come At Any Time And Spend As Much Time As You Are Able Please Join Us

A Special Promise of Mercy

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy is recorded three times in the *Diary of St. Faustina:*

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (*Diary* 1109).

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (*Diary* 300).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (*Diary* 699).

It's allowed for one to go to confession up to 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burrito Meal Next Sunday from 7:30am - 12noon



Although April 27 is not a 5th Sunday, the Knights are back with their famous Breakfast Burrito usually reserved for the 5th Sunday.

This is a pick up and go drive-thru event.

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

Please donate with cash (exact amount only), check, or credit card.

Just come to St. James on Sunday, April 27 between 7:30am and 12 noon (or until sold out) and pick up your Sausage Breakfast Burritos.

PICK UP AFTER THE MORNING MASSES

After both Masses the Knights will be selling burritos in the Parish Hall and also outside the church as you exit.

If picking them up in the Parish Hall, why not grab a cup of coffee and stay and enjoy them there? The Knights provide plates, napkins, and dinnerware and Salsa too.

OR DRIVE THROUGH AND PICK UP

Come to the entrance of the former church and you will be directed where to pull-up.

Stay in your car, order and make your donation. Your food will be brought to you.

We're looking forward to seeing you. Gracias!!



We are All Called to Protect God's Children and Youth April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

As we celebrate Easter and the beginning of Spring, it's a good time to re-energize our efforts against child sexual abuse and recommit ourselves to strengthening the safety net of protection for children.

Please join the efforts of the Diocese's Office of Child and Youth Protection by increasing awareness about child sexual abuse and by offering care for those who suffer. In our parish, employees and volunteers, have received training that makes them aware of the presence of sexual abuse, challenges in identifying, reporting and helping victims, and ways to protect our children and youth from ever experiencing such trauma.

Roses for Mother's Day



Mother's Day is May 11 and once again, we will be doing the Roses for Mother's Day project that will honor all Mothers, Grandmothers, and/or Mom figures, living or deceased, on Mother's Day.

Envelopes for your donations and to list the names of those you wish to honor can be found in your packets and on a table in the Gathering Place. They can be placed in the collection baske, in the designated box in the Gathering Space or turned in at the Parish Office now thru May 5.

After Mother's Day, the roses will be taken to parish individuals who are home bound.

Proceeds from this project are used to maintain the Prayer Garden, flower beds and other campus landscaping needs.

Save The Date



St. James Summer Black Light Bingo Date: June 21, 2025 Location: St. James Gym Time: Doors open at 6 PM, Bingo starts at 7:45 PM Ticket Sales begin May 1

April 20, 2025

You're Invited

GOD CHOSE YOU FOR ME

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A new

experience to enrich couples understanding of the spirituality of Marriage and introduce them to a personal couple prayer they can continue at home.

WHERE

Precious Blood Renewal Center 2120 Saint Gaspar Way Liberty, MO 64068

WHEN

Saturday - April 26, 2025 8:30am - 4:00pm

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

or Scan QR code



Cost per Couple is \$100 and includes lunch and all materials. Questions? Contact us by email at <u>greaterkc.wwme@gmail.co</u>m



As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, Catholic Charities KCSJ would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the grace and blessings of the season.

Please pray for all those who we serve in our outreach to the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

Spreading the love of Jesus Christ while meeting the needs of those less fortunate is the foundation of our efforts.

This outreach continues with the opening of our first food pantry in the southern region.

To help become a part of the solution in our area to reduce hunger, poverty, homelessness, and under unemployment.

To find out how you can get involved contact:

volunteers @charties.com or 816-659-8205

Parish Religious Education

Happy Easter! May your day be filled with cheerfulness as your families celebrate today. Our last classes of this school year is April 27.

PreK - 5

Classes will resume next Sunday, April 27th at 9:10am

Middle School

Classes will resume Sunday, April 27th at 6:00pm.

1st Sacraments

For those who will celebrate their First Communion next weekend, please be sure your child has finished making their banner as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Confirmation

We invite you to join us at our Camino events to continue your faith journey. We meet next Sunday, April 27 from 6-7:30pm. We would love to see you there!

Camino

We meet next Sunday April 27: 6-7:30pm in the School Cafeteria

Carlo Acutis Will Be Canonized Next Sunday ~ The First Millennial Saint, Learn About His Life and Its Impact in This Limited Time Movie





In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media-addicted society we live in and offered an answer... if we're willing to listen.

Scan the QR code below to purchase Your tickets.



The life of Carlo Acutis is being highlighted in a limited time movie "Roadmap to Reality". This movie is being shown in theaters throughout the county for three days beginning next Sunday, April 27, the day of his canonization.

This movie will be shown April 27, 28, and 29 in AMC theaters in the Kansas City area.

If your AMC theater does not yet have this movie listed, purchase tickets in advance by scanning the QR code.

About Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was a website designer who was noted for his computer skills and devotion to the Eucharistic, which became a core theme of his life.

By his early teens Carlos was considered a "computer geek." due to his passion for and skill with computers and the internet. When he was 14 he created a website dedicated to cataloguing each reported Eucharistic miracle in the world and maintain-



ing a list of all the approved Marian apparitions. He launched the website in 2004 and worked on it for two and a half years, involving his entire family in the project. It was unveiled on October 4, 2006, the Feast of St. Francis, only days before his death from leukemia on October 12, 2006.

The call for him to be beatified began on the sixth anniversary of his death. The Archdiocese of Milan, Italy, opened the cause for canonization. The formal introduction to the cause occurred on May 13, 2013, and he became titled as a "Servant of God". Pope Francis next confirmed his life as one of heroic virtue and on July 5, 2018 declared him Venerable.

In 2019 the Vatican's Medical Council of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints expressed a positive opinion about a miracle attributed to Acutis' intercession leading to his beatification on October 10, 2020. After a second miracle attributed to the intercession was confirmed in May 2024, Pope Francis granted approval in July 2024 to continue forward with canonization, which will occur on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

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

Anthony Acock Matthew Aust Alexander Clutter Cooper Elmore Thomas Hancock Joanna Jimenez Maxx Krueger Gretchen Lathrop Dana Norton Julie Peetoom Jacob Schwarz Charles Sharp Austin Wantland Lindsey Wilson Logan Allen Kent Boeckman Janguil Boswell Jared Grisham Ana Medina Marissa Millet Aramas Pernice Aidan Rohr William Tyler Christine Veach Mary Alonzo Jack Barreca Jonathan Cantrell Evalyn Donnici Julia Dunn Laura Dunn

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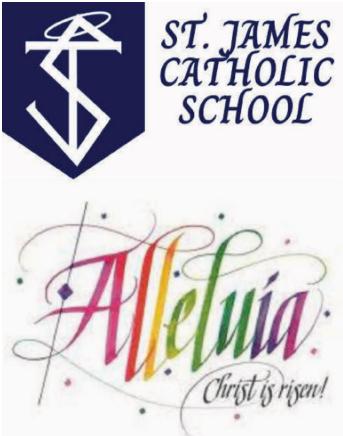
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October 25, 2025 • 6:00 PM • St. James School Gym

St. James School News



Happy Easter from the Teachers, Staff and Students of St. James Catholic School!!!

Enrolling Now

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We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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Military Outreach Ministry



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

She will 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.

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.



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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