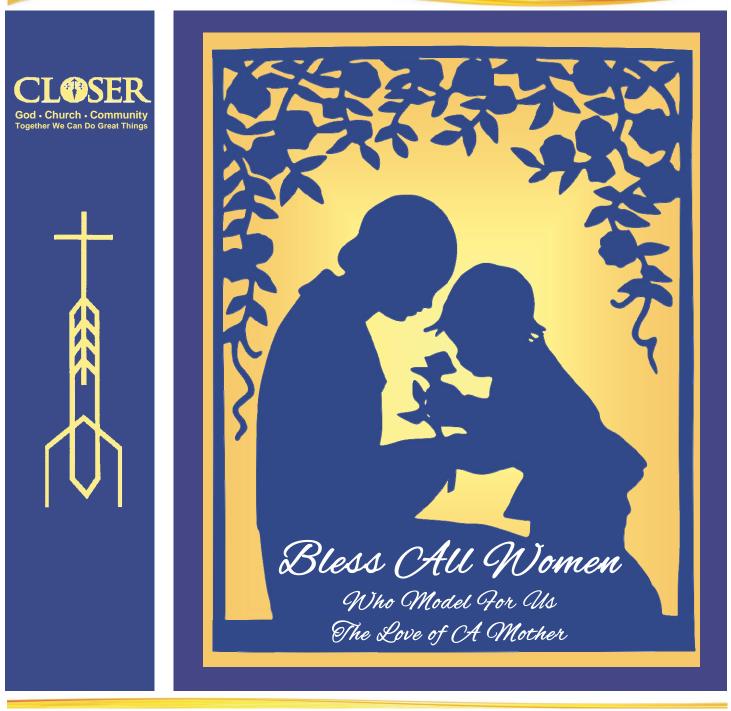
# Saint James Catholic Community

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025



## 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

#### St. James Catholic Church

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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.

# Support This Year's Relay For Life

#### Purchase a Luminaria.



Luminarias purchased will honor those lost to cancer, survivors, those currently fighting cancer, and their caregivers.

Luminarias can be purchased and donations can be made on-line on the St. James website or by scanning the QR Code below.



The deadline for purchasing luminarias is **Friday**, **May 23**.

We invite you to attend the Relay for Life event on Saturday, May 31, at KC Regional Police Academy Track & Field, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd. from 5:00–10:00pm.



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

## HOPE CARDS WILL NOT BE SOLD AFTER MASSES ON MOTHERS DAY 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
- 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, at 816.213.6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.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 Assistance Coordinator (VAC) at victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org or 816.714.2357, ext 516 or for more information.

# From the Pastor's Pen

This weekend, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we wish all our mothers and grandmothers a very Blessed day. We remember those who have gone before us. Our sanctuary is so beautifully decorated to remember and honor these special women!

A very exciting 'WELCOME' to our new Director of Liturgy and Music – Sam Fleming. Sam is being introduced this weekend, and hopefully we will not 'overwhelm' him. Welcome Sam to St. James!

A special thanks to all our musicians who have so gratefully given of their time and gifts to continue our music ministry so beautifully over these last couple months.

A special Congratulations to all our graduates this time of year. We are so very proud of you. You are in our prayers, as you journey forward!

Next weekend is our annual "Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund". We will have a seminarian from our Diocese speaking briefly inviting us to give to the "Tomorrow's Priests Fund" to help fund the education of those men studying for the Priesthood. Our parish community has always been generous, and we thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

As we come to the close of the school year soon, we pray in gratitude for all involved in Education, both here at St. James and St. Pius X High School as well as all our parishioners who are dedicated to the ministry of education.

Thanks for your tremendous gifts in supporting our young people, as we prepare for the ending of another school year!

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

# Mass Intentions

Week of May 12 - May 18		
Monday 8:15am	<b>++</b> William & Mary Miller <b>+</b> Pope Francis	
Tuesday 8:15am	<ul><li>Pope Francis</li><li>Carol Walters</li></ul>	
Wednesday 8:15am	St. Matthias <b>†</b> Alene Hubbard <b>†</b> Pope Francis	
Thursday 8:15am	<b>+</b> Bill McDonald <b>+</b> Rosendo Conechado	
Friday 8:15am	⁺Louis Kelsey †Ethel St Denis	
Saturday 5:00pm	<ul> <li>Patty Blankenship</li> <li>Fred Thomason</li> <li>Gertrude Sellmeyer</li> </ul>	
Sunday 8:00am	+Lawrence Jamboretz ++William & Rudy Nelson	
10:30am 5:00pm	<ul> <li>Barbara Bindel</li> <li>Miguel Graciano</li> <li>Joel C. Mataga</li> </ul>	



# 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

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## The "Meet Life" Campaign Begins Next Weekend.



After all Masses next weekend, members of the Knights of Columbus will be passing out baby bottles to collect funds to support the Liberty Women's Clinic and to help fund the Knight's national ultrasound project.

Donations can be made through Sunday, June 15, either in person or online.

Details will be in next weekend's bulletin.



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

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

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

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



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

## Meditating Moments



As a very small child my mother taught me a way of folding my hands with the fingers tucked in, except the thumbs. (Try to follow me with your hands.) When keeping the thumbs out they make a doorway into the folded hands. Now allow your two pinkies to form a triangle on the outside, while saying "here is the church." Now allow your two index fingers to do the same (remember to keep you thumbs in place, like a door), saying "here is the steeple". Finally open your thumbs and turn the hands slightly to reveal all your fingers, repeating "open the doors and see all the people." That is how I first learned that the Church is more than a building, rules, or leaders.

If I asked you, "What is the Church?" or "Who is the Church?" would your first reply be "The people of God?" For many to whom I have asked this question, this isn't their initial response. Instead I am told about the leadership structure of the church. I have been told that Peter and the apostles built the church; I am quoted rules, doctrine, and the catechism, bishops and pope are referenced or, TRADITION. Yet Vatican Il teaches that the Church is a community, made up of individuals, like you and I, who have been transformed through a relationship with God. Not dogma, doctrine, or teachings from the Vatican, pastors, or theologians. Rather the Church is the people. As people of God, living in faith we are called to servant stewardship. As Emmaus People we are each uniquely called to do God's work. You may ask, what does this mean? As a small faith community, my hope is that together we can share our understanding of call, stewardship, and service, centered in Christ and how we are transformed through His presence and the charisms which He freely gives. In Stewardship: A Disciples Response, the U.S. Catholic bishops stated: "1. We are called to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost; 2. This leads to a way of life, not a series of activities or events: and 3. This way of life is transformational." If I am to be part of the community, the Church, then I must answer some basic questions: How do I become a mature disciple; Does my life reflect Christ: Am I transformed: and How do I respond in faith-filled stewardship? I have a strong desire to search for direction and enlightenment with each of you as a companion. Join me, this Wednesday, May 14th, at 6:30pm in the office conference room.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandy Landuyt Gagnon

#### May 11, 2025



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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

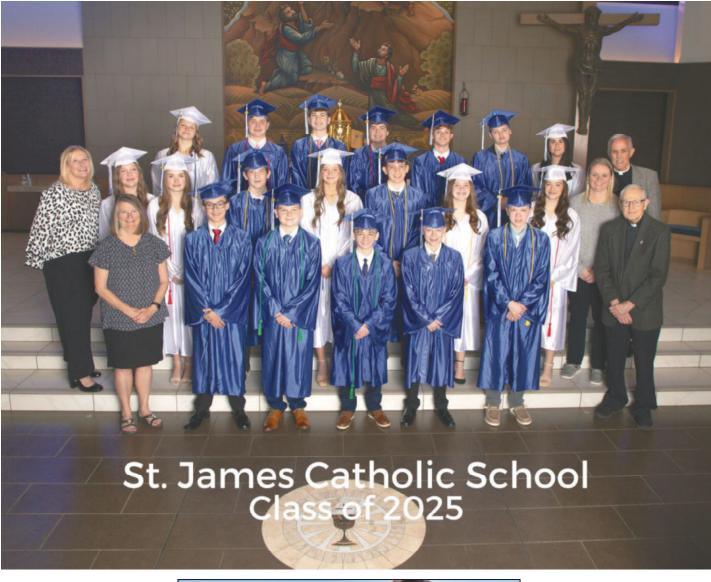
Tickets On Sale Now At <u>www.KCBlacklightBash.com</u>

Or Scan the QR Code Below



Come and Enjoy Music • Games Food and Drink

# Congratulations To Our St. James Catholic School Class of 2025 Who Graduated on May 6





## TMIY SUMMER RETREATS

Starting Saturday May 24th, TMIY is inviting all men of the parish to join them for one or more of the Summer Retreats they are hosting. There are three (3) retreats taking place on the following dates in the Parish Hall.

MANHOOD – May 24, May 31, June 14 and June 21st.

FATHERHOOD – June 28, July 12, July 19 and July 26th,

LEADERSHIP – August 9, August 16, August 23 and August 30th

Each session will start with a thirty (30) minute video at 6:45 AM, followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

Breakfast is provided for those early risers starting at 6:15 AM.

Come to one or all, it may change your life.



# Early Registration For All Religious Education Programs Available On-Line Now

Take advantage of registering early for our RE programs before classes begin. Classes are available for the programs listed below.

Register on the St. James website or by scanning the applicable QR code(s) below. See Page 9 For More Registration Information

#### Religious Education ~ Sunday Mornings Grades K - 6



Sacramental Preparation Confirmation



## Sacramental Preparation First Reconciliation / First Communion



Camino de Santiago High School & Middle School Group



We continue to celebrate the gift of First Communion throughout the month of May at our Masses. We ask request that our parish families continue to lift them in prayer.





# Parish Religious Education

Thank you to all our families and youth for a fantastic 2024-25 year in religious education!

We had 120 young adults receive the sacrament of Confirmation and 65 youth receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

The learning and activities from PreK through middle school filled the hallways every Sunday.

With a focus on the Beatitudes this past year, the Camino teens enjoyed a variety of activities, including serving at St. Mary's Kitchen multiple times.

I could not close out the year without a huge thank you to all the volunteers who share their time and gifts each weekend with the youth. None of this is possible without them.

Stephanie

# **RE Early Registration Information**

Registrations for all religious education programs for the 2025-26 year are now available. Register on the St. James website or by scanning the QR Code on page 8 for the applicable program.

Classes will begin in September and run through the spring. We are looking forward to seeing the familiar faces and welcoming new friends to our classes!

**PreK-6th grades** will meet Sunday mornings from 9:10-10:20am.

Camino (High School & Middle School Groups) will meet on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm. Calendar of dates and events are being planned.

Confirmation (7th grade and above) will meet on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm.

> First Sacraments (2nd grade and above) will begin in the fall.

Please be on the lookout for information on parent meetings beginning in August for both First Sacraments and Confirmation.

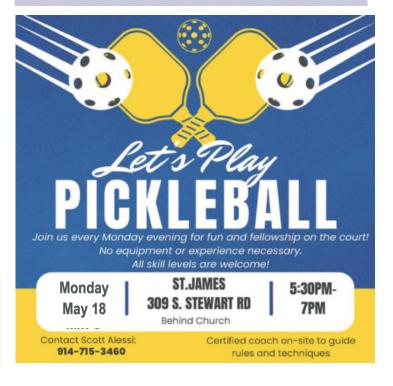
> Registration Questions? Contact Stephanie Ladenthin Director of Religious Education DRE@stjames-liberty.org

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

Sean Combs Trisha DeWet Oscar Elizalde Dawn Hentschke Jennifer Janning Jared Mathes Ali McCarthy Cooper Richardson Seth Runyan David Slater Jessica Westfall Carlin Yonke Gail Brame Addison Cotton Andrea Elliott Kelsey Harned Kasen Kollasch Chloe Kuchta Lori Madson Amanda McConnell Michelle McCubbin Mandy Mears Primitivo Mendoza Matthew Nelson Ava Spencer Ramon Torres-Gomez Adelyn Davis **Kimberly Eichler** 

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## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Jason Carver Aaron Anderson Carol Winklebauer Betsy Lewey Ruby Marie Sexson Bob Beaver Sarah Buckman Joe Jack Patrick West Helen Kari Rainey Collin and Karen Bill Sherman Danial Kunst Casev Anthony Jim B Judy Kirwan Paul Mike Sheelev Stacy Baby William Kimberly Schott Emma Shay Brentley Warren Lopicka Charlie Moubry Theresa Bacon John Fessler Sarah Josi Gusman Michael Touhy Stephanie Chadwick Lindsey O.

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## **Eucharistic Adoration**



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday & Thursday

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



**Early Bulletin Deadline For June 1st Bulletin** To meet our Bulletin printer's early deadline for the June 1st bulletin, articles and information must be submitted no later than end of day Wed., May 21.

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.









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