

# Saint James Catholic Community

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 25, 2026*

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## Catholic Schools Week January 25 - January 31

### A Dozen Reasons To Choose A Catholic School



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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.

## Blood Drive ~ Tuesday, January 27

### Celebrate National Blood Donor Month



In the early part of the year, we often reflect on how we can give improve and give of ourselves.

Begin 2026 by donating blood at the upcoming Community Blood Center blood drive on Tuesday January 27th from 12:30pm to 6:30pm in the St. James Social Hall.

Celebrate National Blood Donor Month by giving blood, which takes an hour of your time, and has a tremendous impact on someone else's life!

Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are definitely accepted. If you are age 17 and older please sign up to donate.

Schedule an appointment at  
[www.savealifenow.org/group](http://www.savealifenow.org/group). Use group ES.

You can also contact Jack Norton at (816) 984-0912 or at [kofc6780blood@gmail.com](mailto:kofc6780blood@gmail.com)

Remember to bring a photo ID or donor ID card.

For questions about eligibility due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions call 1.800.688.0900.

To learn more about the importance of donating at this time and to answer your questions about eligibility, please visit

[savealifenow.org](http://savealifenow.org) | [877.468.6844](tel:877.468.6844)

## Knights of Columbus Roses For Life - Next Weekend



After all Masses next weekend members of the Knights of Columbus will be handing out a Roses for Life flyer supporting the Missouri Pro Life Campaign.

If you are in support of our Missouri Pro-life Knights of Columbus Campaign to fight Abortions and help unwed mothers, please show your support by filling out the flyer and returning it to a church collection box and it will be shared with our State Legislators.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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, at 816.213.6024 or [ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) or 816.714.2357, ext 516 or for more information.

## From the Pastor's Pen

Our St. James Parish Family has many ministries and social groups. I counted 44 in the last Parish Guide and Directory. All of them are ways for parishioners to be involved in the life of the parish. I would like to highlight one of these: the ministry of Catholic Education, particularly our Saint James School. This is not to say that our CCD programs are secondary or unimportant. I single out our Catholic School ministry because the week of January 25 to January 31 we are joining parishes across our country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

Why Catholic schools in our country? Why shouldering the expense, the challenges, the headaches? We need to remember the historical background. Most of the early colonists were from England. Most were members of the Church of England or other Protestant denominations. When public schools were established, often Protestant teachings were included in the curriculum. Sometimes there was an anti-Catholic bias. When Catholic immigrants began arriving in greater numbers, they saw the need to preserve their Catholic heritage. The result was the beginning of a Catholic school system: first elementary schools, then high schools, colleges, and universities.

Today there is less religious prejudice. Still Catholic parents today see great values in Catholic education. Yes, quality teaching of subjects such as math, science, English and history is important. But even more important is the teaching and living of faith values: treating others with respect and dignity, living the great law of love, practicing social justice, and above all learning the basics of our faith. Parents, whether Catholic or not, have a right to make a choice regarding the education of their children.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, three things come to mind: (1) that we support and affirm the ministry of our Saint James School; (2) that we thank all those involved in our Catholic School ministry: parents, administrators, teachers, staff, volunteers and students; (3) that we prayer for our St. James School and all Catholic schools in our country.

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

## Mass Intentions

### Week of January 26 - February 1

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am	<i>Sts. Timothy &amp; Titus</i> †Patricia Potusek Precious Blood Center Priests
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am	<i>St. Angelia Merici</i> †Paul Dyer †Jerome Montuoti
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i> †Mike Westrem †Louis Phistry, Jr.
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am	†Ron Willis Philip Landry
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am	Anthony Landry Pat Cull
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<i>St. John Bosco</i> †Patty Blankenship Chrystion Seiler & Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	†Ken Eichler Ginny Miller
10:30am	†Jim Tucker †Brian Middleton St. James Parishioners
5:00pm	†Mark Vargas

*The New Year . . .  
A New Chapter,  
New Verse,  
or just  
the Same Old Story?  
Ultimately, we write it.  
The Choice is Ours.*

## 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 on-line or 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 of Columbus Free Throw Contest Sunday, February 1



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest.

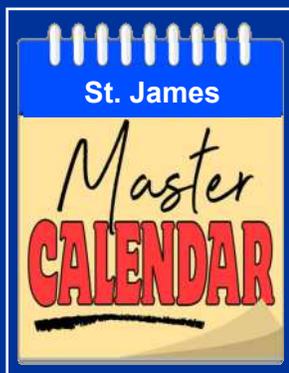
The competition will be held Sunday, February 1st from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in the St. James School gym. Winners qualify for district competitions.

Prizes (B&B Theater Gift Cards) will be awarded to the top finishers in each age group..

For additional information please contact Derek Weiner at [kstate5@yahoo.com](mailto:kstate5@yahoo.com) or 816-977-9108.

### Please Remember!

Get It Put On The St. James Master Calendar



Anything, including events, food drives, meetings, etc. held on our St. James Campus must be on our Master Calendar.

If Questions or more information, contact Jeanne Greenwald  
816-781-4343 x200

To reserve a location on our campus, submit your requests **IN WRITING** to [stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org)

### Widow's Group Ministry Now Forming

I am starting a "Widows" Group Ministry which will meet on Tuesday, February 10th in the Resource Center's "Room of Our Lady".

The Group will meet at 4:30pm to around 6pm.

At this first meeting, we can discuss best days and times that the group would like to schedule monthly get-togethers.

Please reach out to others who might like to be a part of this group.

If you are not able to make this meeting, please let me know what day/time works for you.

For questions, contact Jeanne Greenwald at [stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org) or 816-781-4343 ext 200.

## Meditating Moments

**HUMILITY**  
IS NOT THINKING  
LESS OF YOURSELF,  
IT IS THINKING  
OF YOURSELF LESS.  
-C.S. Lewis

I recently read a meditation by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI titled "*The Frustrating Struggle for Humility*." In the article he reminded fellow Christians of Jesus' story about two men standing in the temple, before

God in prayer: a Pharisee and the Publican. I am sure you recall this scripture passage. The Pharisee is a man who took the pursuit of virtue seriously, thanking God that he was a devout and moral man, **unlike the Publican** praying near him. The Publican, however, honestly and without rationalization, confessed that he was an amoral sinner, humbling asking God to forgive his weaknesses. Reflecting on Fr. Ronald's meditation and re-reading this passage in my Bible I was confronted with the reality that I am more like the Pharisee than I like to admit.

According to Webster's dictionary, humility is the quality of being without pride. What is pride and am I without pride? A prideful person focuses on the failures and shortcomings of others; is self righteous, overly critical, and fault finding; looks down on others who are not as 'spiritual' or 'committed' as themselves; thinks others are privileged to accept their input; feel able to discern who is truly proud vs who is truly humble; and views their own life through a telescope while looking at the life of others with a microscope. Check, check, and check! I find many of these traits within myself, especially when I have definite ideas and feel passionate about specific issues.

I don't feel entirely hopelessly lost, however, as I find I also have some traits of a humble person. I realize my failures and at least some of my sins. I realize my need to grow. I feel compassion for others and try to be forgiving (through I find it difficult forgetting the past). I try to see the best in others and attempt to understand our differences. I believe that God knows the our true motives and hearts and judgement lies with God, not me. At present, however, I find this last statement difficult to achieve. Our world, nation, church, friends and families are so divided. Though I try to understand and seek commonalities, I find myself viewing issues as black or white, without the capacity to consider an opposite idea, opinion, morality, or rightness. Admitting my sins, I am prideful of my faith, beliefs and understanding. Perhaps I pray like the Pharisee, thanking God that I am not like the Publican (the other in my life). As the month of January ends, only 17 days remain before Ash Wednesday and my Lenten fast begins. I pray that God will forgive my judgementalness and help me see my actions through a 'metaphorical' microscope.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Landuyt Gagnon*

**Breakfast Burrito Meal**  
**This Sunday from 7:30am - 12noon**  
**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**



Although January 25 is not a 5th Sunday, the Knights are back with their famous 5th Sunday breakfast usually reserved for the 5th Sunday.

This is a pick up and go event.

**SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00**

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

Just come to St. James on Sunday, January 25 between 7:30am and 12 noon (or until sold out) and pick up your Sausage Breakfast Burritos.

**YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR BURRITOS  
 AFTER THE MORNING MASSES**

After all morning 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.

**We look forward to seeing you. Gracias!!**

Proceeds from Our 5th Sunday breakfasts go to support Seminarians cover their tuition costs

**Military Outreach Ministry**



Ann Marie Puck, an Accredited Veteran Service Officer, will be at St. James on Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 4:00 to 5:30pm in the conference room behind the receptionist desk.

She'll be glad to answer your questions and/or 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.

*"Let God's promises  
 shine on your problems."*

*Corrie Ten Boom*

**Sunday of the Word of God ~ January 25**



This Sunday the Catholic Church will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God under the motto: *"The word of Christ dwells among you"* (Col 3:16). Observed each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, this day invites the faithful to reflect on, celebrate, and share the Word of God in their daily lives.

The celebration was established by Pope Francis in his 2019 Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, emphasizing the essential connection between the Risen Lord, Christian communities, and Sacred Scripture. The Pope calls on all believers to make the Word of God a living presence in their hearts, guiding their actions and inspiring their witness.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery [office] for Evangelization of the Roman Cura, explains this year's theme:

"Saint Paul's words to the Colossians, 'The word of Christ dwells among you', invite us not only to listen to the Word but to let it dwell within us. The Word shapes our thoughts, guides our desires, and unites the Christian community. To welcome it is to allow Christ to speak through our lives, bringing hope and life to those around us."

This year, the celebration also coincides with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Just as the Word transformed Paul on the road to Damascus, it continues to call Christians today to open their hearts and share the Gospel with the world.

The Sunday of the Word of God is a reminder that Scripture is not just to be read or studied, it is to live within us, bearing fruit in our lives and communities.

**Celebrate with us!**

Catholic Schools Week 2026  
 January 25th - 31st

- Faith
- Excellence
- Service

[www.ncea.org/csw](http://www.ncea.org/csw)

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Catholic Schools  
 United in Faith and Community



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF ....



Margaret Mae Palmer  
 Mary Ann Schmitt  
 Sherree Grindel  
 Fr. Jim Betzen  
 Jill Gindel  
 John & Edelmire Grindel  
 Gene Welch  
 Lee & Angie Viorel  
 Tony & Lee John Viorel  
 Dorothy Jane Hake  
 Mary George  
 Richard Razniak  
 Mark Razniak  
 Szymanski Family  
 Coscetta Family  
 Ray Gazer  
 Caroline Yodice  
 The Lost Boswell Children  
 Marva Lee & Kenneth Dick  
 Opal & John Straka  
 Martha & Duane Howard  
 Loraine & Bill Sr Boswell  
 Favre Boswell  
 Larry Hixson  
 Jim Streu  
 Wayne Curtis  
 Fred & Phyllis Wolfe  
 Earl & Virginia Curtis  
 Mac & Rosemary McDonald  
 Karel McDonald  
 Glen & Virginia Corum  
 John Dunlevy  
 Shirley Burton  
 Jack Peters Family  
 Claudia Grant  
 Ruth Ildza  
 Becky Hoffman  
 Yolanda West  
 Brenna Ildza  
 Floyd & Ann Draper  
 PK & Dorothy Edwards  
 Philip Edwards  
 Richard Wullschleger  
 Collins/Sandt Families  
 Jeanette Hoeler  
 Catherine Gaudin  
 Margaret Kehoe  
 John Gaudin  
 Mike Edler  
 Patricia Adamek  
 John Adamek

Bonnie Crow  
 Pat Potusek  
 Beulah Sanger  
 Rose Wohletz  
 Nick Messina  
 Josephine Hager  
 The Brecht Family  
 The Elliott Family  
 Amanda Mahony  
 Norman & Marilyn Schoenfeld  
 Addis & Audrey Hansen  
 Joann Ollier  
 Ronald Hake  
 Jack & Jeanette Konsel  
 Tom & Marie Flanigan  
 Ed & Bertha Mendyk  
 Anne Rohan  
 Hazel Davidson  
 Margaret McMahon  
 Bridget Crawford  
 Joan Coleman  
 William Diggins  
 Alice Flanigan  
 Bill Flanigan  
 Alice Heinzler  
 Joe Heinzler  
 Edward Murphy  
 Don Johnk  
 Marie Johnk  
 Deceased Family Member of  
 Robert & Nancy Long  
 Agnes O'Connor  
 B.T. O'Connor  
 James Thornton  
 Al & Stella Sanchez  
 John & Ann Johnson  
 Helen & Ed Puck  
 Fr. Vincent Capodanno  
 Fr. Emil Kapau  
 Catholic Military Saints  
 Michael F. Reding  
 Marlene F. Todd  
 Joan Benson  
 Arthur Leinen  
 Therese Leinen  
 James Benson  
 Vicky L. Norton  
 Eleanore Norton  
 James W. Norton  
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 Dan Habiger

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 Ralph Jones  
 Edward D'Angelo  
 Rob Sharum  
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 Ann & Paul Lux  
 Bill Sharum  
 Karen & Lenny Blashke  
 Maria Abad  
 Victorina Ponce  
 Tony King  
 Mirla de los Santos  
 Lilia Anterola  
 Bartolome Anterola  
 Mayet Abital  
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 Marra Teodoro  
 Edith Anterola  
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 Rusty Holt  
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 Janie Denning  
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 Betty Abrahamson  
 Roy Peiffer  
 John Mancuso  
 Jay & Mollie Parisi  
 Jim & Florence Mancuso  
 Michael Parisi  
 Victor Mancuso  
 Jake & Lorinda Stephani  
 Joe & Fern Cropsey  
 Deceased Stephani Family Members  
 Janice Panis  
 Mary Mahoney  
 Helen Mahoney  
 Carrie Mae Daldrup  
 Janet Daldrup  
 Viola Daldrup  
 Geneva Merrigan

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING DONATIONS

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 Mrs. Yap-Estayans  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Marshall

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter February 13 - 15



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married.

While never having to say you're sorry sounds good in a movie, in real life we are called to ask for, and give, forgiveness. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend reveals the grace that can flow in a relationship open to forgiveness and healing.

The next weekend will be February 13 - 15 and will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS.

For more information or to apply for a weekend check out our website at:

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



### Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 18

Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season will begin on Friday, February 20. An English version will be at 5:30pm, followed by a Spanish version. Dates are:

February 20  
 February 27  
 March 6  
 March 13  
 March 20  
 March 27

*If you or your group would like to proclaim the stations on one of these days, please contact*

Deacon Chuck Koesterer  
[chuck@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:chuck@stjames-liberty.org)

### Saturday Morning Faith Formation Current Program

#### ENCOUNTER THE FAITH AND WISDOM OF C.S. LEWIS

##### Encounter the Faith and Wisdom of C.S. Lewis

C.S. Lewis's writings bring the great questions of the Christian faith to life. Through his imaginative and invigorating style, Lewis answers these

questions in ways that are compelling to those outside Christianity and energizing to those within the Christian faith.

In this Seven-lecture course, Professor Michael Ward, a leading scholar of C.S. Lewis, will explore Lewis's:

- argument for objective moral value in response to the rise of modern subjectivism;
- bittersweet path to conversion and the role of enjoyment in the Christian life;
- advice regarding the proper way to pray and read the Bible;
- teachings concerning the purpose of pain and how to confront suffering and loss;
- insights about the nature of heaven and hell.

Through this study, we will discover Lewis's core lessons regarding the truth and goodness of the Christian faith and how to apply those lessons to one's life.

**All are welcome and invited to attend this Faith Formation class led by Deacon Chuck.**

**The class meets in person on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:30am in the Conference Room (lower level of the church).**

**No Registration and No Fees  
 Just Show Up on Saturday Morning**

**Visit Our Website  
 for current information  
 about what's happening  
 at St. James  
[www.stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org)**

## Parish Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education:

**Save the date, March 17,** for our annual Mardi Gras celebration. We look forward to having Chris Cakes serve all you can eat pancakes, sausage, orange drink and dessert. This is always a fun family event and meal as we watch the pancakes be flipped and the brave try to catch them.

Dinner will be from 5:30-7:30pm in the Social Hall on Tuesday, February 17th. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 10 years old and younger. This is one of our fundraisers to support the teens who will be attending Steubenville in July. We hope to see you all there! More details to come. Please reach out with any questions.

### Upcoming RE classes:

**PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade:** 2/1 from 9:10-10:20am in the school  
**Camino:** 2/8 from 6-7:30pm in the Resource Center – This will be an evening of team games focused on questions and answers from the Bible and our faith.

**Confirmation:** 1/31 in the Social Hall – This is our Confirmation retreat day.

### Faith Formation:

Are you looking for a way to journey through the Lenten season? Please join us in a 6-week Bible study as we read and discuss “*A World Undone: Finding God When Life Doesn’t Make Sense*” by Fr. Mike Schmitz.

We will meet every Thursday evening throughout Lent, beginning on Thursday, February 19th and finishing on March 26th as we begin Holy Week. Sessions will be led by Sandy Gagnon from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. This study will require the book and a Bible. More details to come.

## Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus January 26

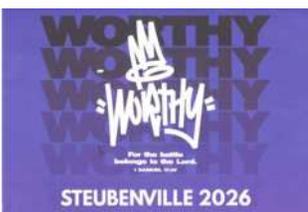


Saints Timothy and Titus were trusted friends and hold a significant place in early Christian history.

They were co-workers with Saint Paul through many of his trials.

St. Paul eventually set both up as heads of local Churches and encouraged them as would a father. They, along with many others, carried out on a local level a priestly ministry.

## St. James is going to Steubenville In July 2026 Planning to Attend? Deposit Due by January 31



St. James Youth will be attending the Steubenville Conference July 10-12.

This conference is open to including current 8th graders and current 9-12th

graders. (Those graduating in May are eligible to attend!)

Teens will experience dynamic Catholic speakers, along with Mass, Adoration, and confession with 5,000 other Catholic teens from around the country!

The registration deadline is quickly approaching, with a \$75 registration fee due by January 31.

If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Amanda Lewey at [amandaclewey@gmail.com](mailto:amandaclewey@gmail.com).

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

**Week of January 26 - February 1**

Lori Alex-Harbert	Amelia Hancock	Alvaro
Laura Allen	Jeffrey Harpenau	Schechinger
Winnie Becnel	Renee Hayes	Jorge Soto
Caitlyn Burns	Larinda Hlavacek	Figuroa
Zachary Burns	Megan Jensen	Julie Stang
Josephine	Grace Leon	Peter Winter
Diekemper	Kellen Pigg	Sarah Brabbin
John Estayan	Christian Reiling	Louie Breeden
Sharon Farrar	Alexandrea Veale	John Bryant
Jordyn Howerton	Esteban Villasenor	Allison
Lucas Knabe	Benavidez	Burgdoerfer
Kristin List	Dennis Coday	Haisley Carroll
Michelle Mazzeffe	Makenna Coddling	Zachary Cochran
Joseph Meloy	Angela Craig	Abel Enriquez
Keith Opat	Gavin Elizalde	Thomas Hand
Samantha Sims	Antoinette Farrell	Franklin Hasapes
Cathy Teague	Mary Ann George	Lillyanna Sharples
Corinne Vedder	Michelle Herrig	Dylan Stinson
Joseph Barry	Philip Landry	Florence
Isiario Bernal	Robert Lathrop	Becchina
Elizabeth Brown	Kristy Mauna	Janie Becnel
Isabella Cooney	Caitlyn McCarthy	Frank Brown
Kenzie	Matthew Mehaffy	Murphy Clifton
Cunningham	Luke Mejia	Jocelin
Shane Fairchild	Michael Quinn	Covarrubias
Felipe Garcia Ayala	Christopher	Nina Distasio
Quinn Hesseyer	Steinkamp	Jeffrey Downing
Stuart Jorgensen	Gabriel Vaca	Alexandra
Ezra Keefer	Kelston White	Flanagan
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Michael Leone	Kristen Bosiljevack	Alaina Gilman
Spencer Lind	Gene Cloutier	Gloria Guastello
Stephanie	Elisa Essig	Parker Herman
Schnoebelen	Arya Estayan	Bryson Jones
Erin Scott	Richard Gaudin	Jonathan Jones
Lucas Sigler	Antoinette Giglio	Jacob McDowell
Alexander Slocum	Kristin Guest	Benjamin McNeal
Stephen Swindler	Aaron Hedrick	Colin Murphy
Bruce Wilson	Brenna Ildza	Julio Ortiz
Christopher Bond	Robert Ingham	Ariana Ruiz
Maria Brando	Anthonoy Landry	Bryson
Judith Clements	Madison Neff	Stachowski
Grace Dias	Ericka Saenz	David Stark
Dianna Englander	Martin-Harlem	Guiliana Stinson
Zachary Goens	Samey	Miranda Villa

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Tithing Pledge cards for 2026 are available in the book rack located in the hallway just off the Gathering Space.

Please return soon.

You may drop them in the collection baskets or the Parish Office during regular business hours, or mail to St. James,

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**Week of January 19 - January 25**

**We apologize that the wrong birthday list was published in last week's bulletin.**

Bo Bedard	Ana McCroskie	Teresa Winders
Thayart Coday	Mary Margaret	Magalie Apollon
Martha Duffin	Parrish	Judy Bielby
Emily East	Katherine Peters	Michael
Kim Flanagan	Karen Prichard	Castelluccio
Madelaine Hoffa	Tatum Smith	Barrett Koelliker
Morgan	Mia Spurlock	Fernanda
Jorgensen	Meghan Swanson	McConkey
Elle Kollasch	Melina Thomas	Scott O'Leary
Evelyn Mitchell	Brittany Trautman	James Simon
Lauren Neff	Darin Trautman	Julie Whaley
Ruben Orozco	Kasey Wixson	Holland Carter
Amanda Sprung	Henry Bertoncin	Sarah Daldrup
Brian	Barbra Campbell	Samuel Ervie
Tebbenkamp	Andrew Herrits	Deborah Florido
Shawna Burson	Jane Lohman	Cayman Glenn
Allison Donnici	Julie Medley	Melinda Heutinck
Anya Dunn	Christina Selchert	James Hoffa
Margaret Dunn	Owen Smith	Brian Holmes
Victoria Fallon	Michael	Francis Janssen
Britton Meck-	Stachowski	Katherine
Gilbert	Julia Swanson	Kazmaier
Liam Wiegert	Deborah	Colin Madison
Heather Wilson	Thompson	Ashton Maloney
Christiane	Porter Allen	Mia Mazzeffe
Adrineda	Ted Amberg	Cara Nedeau
Bret Bush	Robert Armstrong	Catherine Onka
Kyle Coday	Joyce Chiarelli	Leyton Patterson
Justin Dickerson	Tucker Dickerson	Dylan Pope
Jason Green	Theodore	Carson Selchert
Merle Houck	Effenheim	Evan Streich
Julie Ingham	Victoria Elizalde	Theodore Tran
Anthony Jimenez	Israela-Jeanna	Trey Wooten
Kylie Klinginsmith	Samey	Nick Zicarelli
Maddox Lollar	Geoffrey Wiese	

**Blacklight Bingo at St. Gabriel's  
January 31**

January 31st at the St. Gabriel Gym is the date and place for you to break free of Cabin Fever. Blacklight Bingo is just what the doctor ordered.

There will be cash prizes, your favorite music, food, drinks, silent auctions and more.

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## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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Scott Daldrup	Jim	Josi Gusman	Jim & Barb Schmitt	Jeff Lea	Pamela & James Anderson
Bruce Daldrup	Kim Sides-Steiger	Michael Touhy	Jane Hake	Bradley Jones	The Curiel Family
Mary Kay Fowler	Joel	Lindsey O.	Blaize Adonis	Norma Molina	Barb Schwery
Sharon Fowler	Shelley	Cooper & Maury Maddox	David Bloomer	Ramon Mendoza, Jr. & Sr.	Nichole Stewart
Gary Golder	Janet	John Marshall	Bill Fessler	Dorothy Bradford	Kelly Gentrup
Krystal Powell	Donnor	Dan Triplett	Jerry Kimmis	Mike Carr	The Hollomon Family
Danny Calvert	Emma Shay	Tammy Rodriguez	Stephanie Stephens	Kate Nowatzke	Jacke & Enike Hayes
Hope	Janet Sealock	Steve & Deb Thompson	Monica Myers	Fran Norton's Family	Carla George
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Rosa Hernandez	Larry & Jacqueline Bergeron	Joy Brecht	Jean Weir	Fred Massman	Margarita Mendoza Family
Deacon BJ	Nancy Streeter	Pat Aten	Judy Williford	Mary & Gabriel Wier	Marie Brancato
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Floyd Higginson	Nana	Joseph Mahoney	Bill May	Charles Mann	John Brocato
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Pete Flores	Bobbi	Mary and Carl Inzerillo	Joseph Weir	John Mreen	John Pfannenstiel
Dale Shay	Jason Carver	Jodi & Peter Gusman	Amy Cunningham	Deacon Doug Hemke	Troy Cronkite
Matthew Gerstner	Aaron Anderson	Barbara McClellan	Marilee Lacy	Ricky & DeeDee	Matt Biskup Family
John	Betsy Lewey	Charlie Reeam	Finley Family	Rory Elliott	Sam Porter
Terry Humbarger	Ruby Marie Sexson	Daniel Hernandez	Connie & Terry Rigg	Michael Ruiz	Amy Villarreal
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Kelly	Collin and Karen	Kathy Peters	Beth Cook	Rachel Johnson	Tony V. Sr.
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Audrey Horton	Kimberly Schott	Mike and Chuckie	Julie Rush	Diana Marchisio	Laura Ann DiGiovanna
Rosemary Cambiano-Mreen	Warren Lopicka	Jay & Tracie Murphy Family	Pete & Connie Hollomon	John & Susan-Kelly Corsione	
Gina		Mary Margaret Parrish	Dan Kandlbinder	Rodriguez Family	

### Eucharistic Adoration



Exposition of the  
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9:00am until 9:00pm  
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**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



### COUNSELING / SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Some people make New Year's resolutions. If you could use some help making some changes for the future, consider counseling.

If you are looking for ways to handle depression, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Professional Marriage and Family Therapist, providing marriage, individual, and family counseling, as well as Spiritual Direction.

He has offices in Liberty and in midtown Kansas City, and accepts donations in lieu of set fees.

For more information or to schedule  
an appointment, contact Fr. Garry  
at 816-415-2998 (no text) or  
[garrycpps@gmail.com](mailto:garrycpps@gmail.com)

### 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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