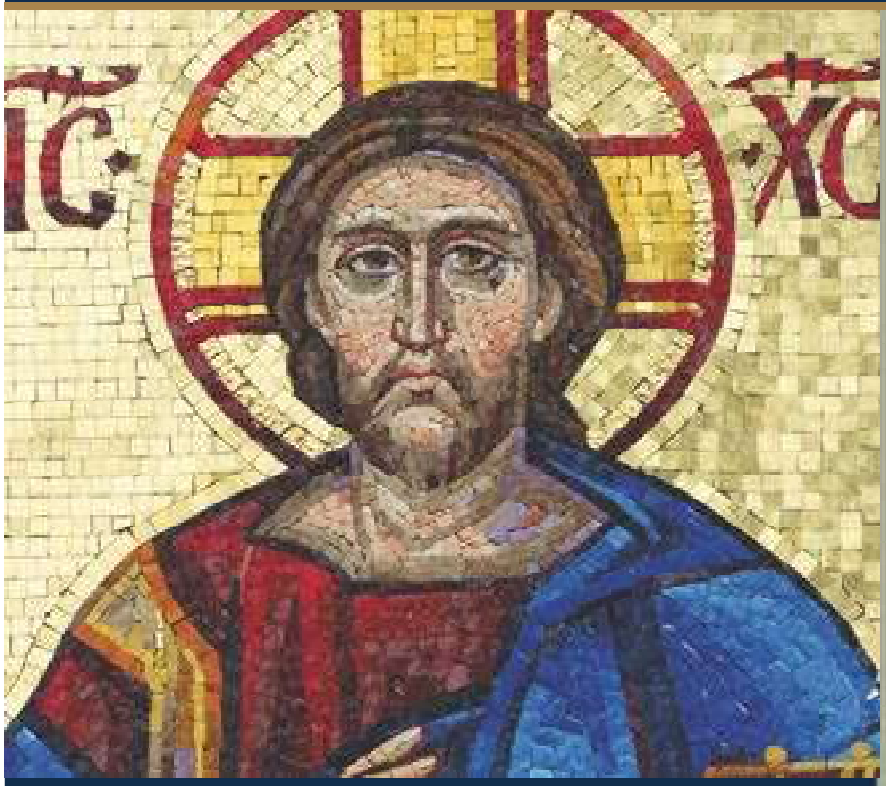
SAINT JAMES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 1, 2026



"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven..."
Mt 5:11 - 12a

SUNDAY'S READINGS

(Readings Start on 1182 in Gather Hymnal)

- **First Reading:** Malachi 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10
- **Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:7–9, 13
- **Gospel:** Matthew 23:1–12

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

All Saints Day/All Souls Day

National Vocations Awareness Week

- **Giving Back Campaign Reflection** pg 3
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OUR MISSION

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 & hospitality.

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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS
Mon - Fri | 8:15 AM

SATURDAY
5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION
Sat - 4:00 PM
or as requested

SUNDAY
8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | 5:00 PM

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Funerals & Weddings *contact: Fr. Lac*
Emergency Sacramental Needs
contact: 975-201-5356

Welcome

Pastor's pen - Fr. Michael

As we celebrate All Saints Day, we are also recognizing **National Vocations Awareness Week.** Even though all disciples of Jesus have the call to give witness to the presence of Christ, the Church asks in particular to recognize the need and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. An organization across the country called the "Serra Club" has that mission. Our bishop has also requested each parish in the diocese form a Vocations Committee. **Our St. James Parish has answered the call and has established a committee.** Anyone who might be interested in joining this committee may call the parish office for information. The aim is to promote vocations not only the priesthood, but to religious orders of men and women, such as the Society of the Precious Blood.

The work of promoting such vocations is very challenging. In our country, as well as most countries in the Northern Hemisphere, the culture promotes worldly things: money, prestige, comfort, security, physical attractiveness, entertainment, the media. Though priests and religious live in this secular world, their values, message, and way of life is much different. Young people living in this secular world, surrounded by its message, often cannot see themselves living a way of life where gospel values take precedence. The promotion of vocations begins with a changing of mindset.

Jesus, gospel values and the great law of love give real meaning to life. By being authentic and living a Gospel way of life, priests and religious can lead people to challenge secular values and embrace a different way of living.

We would not want to say that priesthood and religious life is a superior way of life. Marriage and single life can equally give testimony to embracing gospel values. Each disciple of Jesus has a special calling and mission. Each disciple can give witness in ways that are singular and special. Perhaps by your example, someone may choose the path of priesthood and religious life. **Thank you for being instruments in that promotion.**

- My prayers are with you each day. Fr. Michael

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you're 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) 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. 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.

Send bulletin requests to bulletin@stjames-liberty.org
NOTE: *all requests for the bulletin should be sent by noon on the Monday before the run date.*

Dear Friend in Christ,

As we continue our **Restore, Renew and Rejoice** Capital Campaign, we have reflected on the many blessings God has given us. This weekend, we take the next step and **reflect on our call to give back**.

God created us with a desire to give. Everything we have first comes from Him—our lives, our families, our faith, our abilities and our resources. Because we have received, we are also called to give.

Generations before us gave generously to build St. James and provide the parish and school we enjoy today. Through **RESTORE, RENEW and REJOICE**, now it is our turn to help provide for those who will follow us.

As we prayerfully consider our participation, perhaps our prayer can simply be: "Lord, You have given me so much. What are You asking me to give back?"

May God continue to bless St. James and each of you.

Rev. Lac Pham C.PP.S.
Rev. Mike Roach, and Rev. Michael Volkmer C.PP.S.
Pastor and Senior Priests in Residence

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
RESTORE·RENEW and REJOICE
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

LIFE COMES FROM GIVING BACK

Consider two bodies of water in the Holy Land: The Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee.

The Dead Sea receives water flowing into it, but it has no outlet. It continually takes in, but nothing flows out. Its waters are extremely salty, and little can live there. That is why it is considered "dead."

The Sea of Galilee also receives water, but it does not stop there. It comes in from the north and goes out on the south in the Jordan River. Because the water continues to flow, the Sea of Galilee is alive with fish, plants and wildlife.

In the same way, when we dead-end the blessings of our lives we risk losing the life God meant to flow through us.

WAYS TO MAKE A GREATER IMPACT



QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCDs) If you are age 70½ or older, you may be able to make a gift directly from your IRA to St. James through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD may satisfy all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution for the year and may offer tax advantages. Please consult your financial or tax advisor for more information.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED ASSETS Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets may provide significant tax advantages while supporting the campaign.



DIVERTED FUNDS Redirecting money normally spent on dining, entertainment, travel, or other discretionary expenses can make a meaningful sacrificial gift possible.

DELAYED PURCHASES Postponing a major purchase, such as an automobile or home improvement, can free resources for a larger campaign gift.

CASH-FLOW GIFTS A significant pledge can often be made more manageable through weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual payments over three years.



MATCHING GIFTS Some employers will match charitable contributions made by employees, potentially increasing the impact of your gift.

CORPORATE GIFTS Business owners may wish to consider whether their business can provide an additional resource for charitable giving.

SAVINGS AND ANNUITIES Savings or other accumulated assets may provide an opportunity for a special campaign gift.

RAISES AND BONUSES Dedicating all or a portion of an upcoming raise or bonus can provide a creative way to increase your giving.



INCOME-PRODUCING ASSETS Interest, rental income, investment income, or other income-producing assets may provide additional resources for giving.

TAX SAVINGS Depending upon your circumstances, charitable giving may provide federal or state tax benefits. Please consult your financial or tax advisor regarding your individual situation.

PRAYER

Pray for Deployed Military

The **National Day of the Deployed** in October offers an opportunity for greater reflection between now and Veterans Day on November 11 on the hardships faced by deployed military members and their families here at home. At St. James we have several families with service members currently deployed:

- **Recognize and remember the sacrifice**
- **Pray for these families as they endure the challenges of separation.**
- **Ask God to make you aware of ways you can help ease their burdens**



THANK YOU NOTES

AFTER MASSES | NOV 7 & 8

Parish Hall & Gathering Space

Visit our Military Ministry tables next weekend for the opportunity to write THANK YOU notes to our deployed veterans.

If you have questions about the St. James Military Ministry contact: Quinn Knabe | quinn.knabe@gmail.com



Bishop Johnston has asked all parishioners in the diocese to pray for human dignity in our state and consider voting YES on Amendment 3.

Parish-wide Opportunites



ROSARY FOR PEACE
SUNDAYS
AFTER 5:00 PM MASS
ST. JAMES CHAPEL



ADORATION
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
ST. JAMES CHAPEL



HEALING ROSARY
THURSDAYS | 6:30 PM
CHURCH SANCTUARY



FLAME OF LOVE
TUESDAYS | 2:00 PM
RESOURCE CENTER

Extra Reconciliation Time

Saturday, November 7 | 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM

In addition to the regular Saturday 4:00 Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available this week Nov 7 from 7:30-8:00 AM.

Book of the Dead

During the month of November we remember and pray for our Beloved Dead. **The St. James Book of the Dead** is displayed in the church near the Baptismal Font. You are welcome to add the names of your loved ones and others who have died in the last year. We will pray for and remember this month during our Masses.

OPEN THE WORD TOGETHER

WEEKLY READINGS & THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

MONDAY
The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wis 4:7-14 / Ps 25:6-7, 17-21 / Rom 5:17-21 / Mt 11:25-30

TUESDAY
St. Martin de Porres, Religious; Election Day
Phil 2:5-11 / Ps 22:26-32 / Lk 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:12-18 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Lk 14:25-33

THURSDAY
Phil 3:3-8 / Ps 105:2-7 / Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY
Phil 3:17-4:1 / Ps 122:1-5 / Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY
Phil 4:10-19 / Ps 112:1-9 / Lk 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY
Wis 6:12-16 / Ps 63:2-8 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13



Mass Intentions

Monday, Nov 2
8:15 AM Mike Westram

Tuesday, Nov 3
8:15 AM Sue Henning †

Wednesday, Nov 4
8:15 AM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Nov 5
8:15 AM St James Teachers and Staff

Friday, Nov 6
8:15 AM Catherine Wallace †
Randy Finley †

Saturday, Nov 7
5:00 PM Leonard Clements †
Special Intention of Gentry Thomason

Sunday, Nov 8
8:00 AM The Thorton's Anniversary
Pat Cull †

10:30 AM Harry Woltkamp †
Janie Woltkamp Thacker †
Alex Bruening †

5:00 PM Sue Henning †

Congratulations

ON BAPTISM FOR

The Bondon Family

We pray to the Lord for...

Chris Alvey
Aaron Anderson
Pamela Anderson
Eddie Anselmo
Pat Aten
Nancy Barrington
Randy Baumert
Josette Berg
Larry & Jacqueline Bergeron
Robin Blagg
Doug & Susan Blair
Mary Bohley
Dorothy Bradford
Marie Brancato
Joy Brecht
Janice Brimer
John Brocato
Sarah Buckman
Bob & Marcia Busch
Danny Calvert
Jeff Carder
Mike Carr
Jason Carver
Daniel Chadwick
Leah Biskup Coady
Gail Colvin
Rebecca Cordova
John & Susan-Kelly Corsione
Troy Cronkite
Susan & Jewell Cunningham
Rich Curasi
Scott Daldrup
Bruce Daldrup
Ricky & DeeDee
Laura Ann DiGiovanna
Richard Driggers
Rory Elliott
Diller Family
Murphy Family
Christello Family
Finley Family
Fran Norton's Family
Rodriguez Family
The Curiel Family
The Hollomon Family
Margarita Mendoza Family
Matt Biskup Family
Joyce Fessler
John Fessler
Bill Fessler
Dee Fitzgibbons
Pete Flores
Mary Kay Fowler
Sharon Fowler
Kenadee Gallagher
Kelly Gentrup
Carla George
Matthew Gerstner
Gary Golder
Joseph Gorman
Paul & Carol Gringrich
Brittany Grovijohn
Josi Gusman
Jodi & Peter Gusman
Ray Hafeman
Jane Hake
Jake Harman
Jacke & Enike Hayes
Deacon Doug Hemke
Rosa Hernandez
Daniel Hernandez
Olivia Hernandez
Floyd Higgerson
Henry Hilton
Kennedy Holcumbrink
Terry Humbarger
Mary and Carl Inzerillo
John Jasumback
Marie Jasumback
Dan Kandlbinder
Jerry Kimmis
Judy Kirwan
Bill Kirwan
Elaine Kohler
Danial Kunst
Marilee Lacy
Carl Lavall
Charlie Lavall
Jeff Lea
Dee & Dan Van Leeuwen
Doug Lewey
Warren Lopicka
Terry Lowe
Debbie Ludwig
Cooper & Maury Maddox
Joseph Mahoney
Charles Mann
John Marshall
Margie Myers
Barb May
Bill May
Ron May
Don McCarthy
Barbara McClellan
David McDonald
John McMahon
Urban & Ginny Miller
Norma Molina
Jim Mooney
Dan Morgan
Rosemary Cambiano-Mreen
John Mreen
Monica Myers
Scott Neibergall
Doris Ann Nordhues
Kate Nowatzke
Julie Rush
Barbara & Jim Schmitt
Janet Sealock
Stephanie Stephens
Nichole Stewart
Barbara (Roach) Still
Nancy Streeter
Debra Sutlief
Maria Tavares
Don Taylor
Deb Thompson
Dan Tomc
Jose Torres
Michael Touhy
Amy Villarreal
Eddie Waller
Jay Wantland
Dee Watt
Mary & Gabriel Wier
Jean Weir
Joseph Weir
Carol Weir
Nancy West
Patrick West
Denise Westrem
Arlene White
Rickhard Wolfe
Anna
Annette
Baby William
Chloe
Chris
Collin & Karen
Diana
Donnor
Eddie
Ed
Edgar
Frank
Jairo & Family
Janell
Janet
Jennifer B
Joel
John
Karen
Kelly
Matthew
Maisyn
Rhonda
RL
Shelley
Tony V. Sr.
Wes

***Names on this list are updated as needed. Notify the office if someone should be added or removed.**

Pray for Parishioners Born Nov 2nd - Nov 8th

2nd
Molly Benoit
Elizabeth Botts
Kaitlyn Breeden
Mary Carmichael
James Carmichael
Silas Crable
Dennis Federoff
Molly Geisinger
Clark Kelly
Jack Messina
Connor Peters
Tom Prichard
Frances Pringle
Anthony Rizzo
Cora Winkelmann

3rd
William Allen
Sarah Armstrong

3rd continued
Daniel Barton
Omar Bernal-Juarez
Rose Biggs
Madeline Dorssom
Michael Dunn
Lisa Essig
Axel Hennrich
April Mundhenke
Frances Norton
Christa Peck
Bo Pedroza
Katherine Pfeifer
Eloise Rash
Savannah Schnoebelen
Riley Sutherland
Jessica Todd

4th
Laura Alston
James Biesemeyer
Hayden Hill
Ashinedu Jose
William Martensen
Grover McKay
Brody Millhouse
Monique Noah
Kathleen Overman
Parker Seiter
Elizabeth Turner

5th
Laura Alston
James Biesemeyer
Hayden Hill
Ashinedu Jose
William Martensen

5th continued
Grover McKay
Brody Millhouse
Monique Noah
Kathleen Overman
Parker Seiter
Elizabeth Turner

6th
Cecilia Anterola
Damian Arciga
Michael Barreca
Brandon Berrios
Traci Biesemeyer
Alex Chasteen
Blake Fore
Samuel Fowler
Tamla Jones
Loretta Kline
Anthony Maggio

6th continued
Veta Maggio
Kaley McLain
Mindy Weinzerl
Kelly Wilson
Roman Wilson

7th
Audrey Beltran
Delaney Bottoms
Josie Bringus
Renee Coley
Katelyn Coon
Leslee Feldhaus
Guadalupe Galvan
Kemper Jekel
Rebecca Kelling
Briggs Lee
Jarod Mann
Larry Mendyk

7th continued
John Millet
Dianna Murmylo
Kennedy Myers
Richard Novitski
Lawrence Stevenson
Charles Stoeckle
Addison Toler
Leonardo Vargas Montiel
Patrick West
Mark Wilkes

8th
Christopher Baker
Sara Brennan
Ruben Campos
Alaina Donnici
Cortnie Giambrone
Austin Hager
Katelynn Heutinck

8th continued
Lena Hite
Elli Kirkbride
John Marshall
Anna Onik
Sean Peters
Thomas Reardon
Kelvin Rodriguez
Alice Sage
Leah Schaub
Nicole Serrano
John Stauffer
Chad Walthall
Anna Weiner

Ministries



Start the Season of Giving this month!

The St. James Advent Giving Tree kicks off this weekend.

This ministry collects donations to provide to families and individuals in need during the holiday season. Plan to drop off donations in the Advent Giving Tree collection box after each Mass through the month of November or send donations to the Parish Office to help with these efforts. (Include "AGT" in the memo line if you are writing a check.)



Glory Be Tea

Sunday | December 6

Tickets go on sale for this year's Glory Be Tea next weekend

If you want tickets for this year's Glory Be Tea, get ready to buy them next weekend. Sales will start 45-minutes before the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass on November 7th and 30-minutes before all November 8th Masses. Tickets go quickly, so don't delay in purchasing.

Tickets cost $20.00 each.

Ushers Needed

Looking for help 1-2 times monthly

- Pass out bulletins
- Greet parishioners
- Manage the communion line
- Seat people in crowded masses
- Assist the Sacristan

For training and to become an usher

Contact: Michael Flanigan | 816-590-9490

November Altar Society

Tuesday | November 2 | 6:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Karen Ridder

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED!

Need friends? Yes, that could be one reason for visiting and Altar Society meeting, but this month we'll give you another too. Speaker, Karen Ridder, will give us an overview of her best book idea yet, "The Theology of Friendship". **Join us to hear what she has to say about this important relationship we too rarely really examine in church.**

Pastoral Council

Next Meeting | Monday | November 9 | 7:00 PM

AV Conference Room

Dee Rosekrans - 816-522-072 dee.rosekrans2287@gmail.com

October Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes:
(October 12, 2026 | AV Conference Room) Meeting Started: 7:02 PM
Present: Dee Rosekrans, Joan Peluso, Cindi Lamas, Ann Winter, Chris Fullenwider, Corrine Seabranek, Grant Geary, John Demerly, Scott Kollasch, Deacon Chuck Koestner, Fr. Lac Pham.

Welcome: Dee Rosekrans: Opening Prayer: John Demerly: Meeting Essentials-Observed, No guest Speaker
Old Business: Council Involvement in the Church; Campaign Packet Distribution Oct 3-4 and 10-11
New Business: Capital Campaign Update - Fr. Lac: Introductory Information Phase Oct 3-4 and Oct 10-11; Informational Packet for all Parishioners to have; Pray for their involvement; Reflection on Themes - All Reflections will have a speaker at Sunday **Masses**: First Reflection: Stewardship - Acknowledging God's Gifts - Oct 17-18; Second Reflection: Thanksgiving for the Gifts - Oct 24-25; Third Reflection: To Give Back to God - Oct 31 -Nov 1; Fourth Reflection: To Give with Sacrifice- Nov 7; Pledge Weekend Nov 14 -15
Council representative's reports: School Board and Finance; School Advisory Board - Scott Kollasch gave his report. Finance Committee - Dee Rosekrans gave an update ByLaws: The board reviewed potential by-law changes; Potential changes will be considered and voted upon at the next board meeting. Other: Joan Peluso - Hillcrest Traditional Housing Program; supported by the Pastoral Council; Graduation Ceremony Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 7p.m., First Presbyterian Church, attendance by Council Members requested, RSVP: Joan by Friday, October 19th. Graduation in June, 2027 at St. James.

Next St. James Pastoral Meeting - November 9th Monday, 7p.m., AV Conference Room
Guest Speaker: Kevin Cassel - Chalking of the Doors Closing Prayer - Fr. Lac Pham

MEDITATING MOMENTS



The side walls of the Los Angelus Cathedral in California are covered with Belgian tapestries similar to the one pictured, depicting the Communion of Saints. I spent some time admiring these beautiful tapestries and wondered how my familial ancestors might be represented. Cherokee descendant Randy Woodley has written that his ancestors understood every person, every being, every element of creation having a particular responsibility and role to play, yet not the same role. I believe every part of creation is intended to be in harmony with the whole. Without interdependency, there would be no community, no social structure. As a scientist, who still possesses an inquisitive mind, I know how inter-related biotic and abiotic systems are. Given this idea, I wonder what it would be like to have no relatives, to live in complete isolation, without the benefit of all who have lived before me. My conclusion is that such a life is impossible.

Everything I am, all that I do and have accomplished relies on what has preceded my existence. Living in isolation, my actions would have no ripple effects and would be entirely focused on myself and my wants, taking what I could without worry. I know, however, even with such a mindset or world-view this is not what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Separate-self is an illusion. I am dependent on God's creation, God's creatures, and my human brothers and sisters, both past and present.

As I celebrate All Hallows-eve, All Saints, and All Souls I feel fortunate for my ancestors in faith who have provided understanding in what it means to live as a beloved child of God. Some of these individuals I have only read about or studied their written words. Others I have personally experienced from early childhood to the present. Some still live while so many others have died, yet I continue to experience their presence leading, supporting, loving, and embracing me. For me, the Communion of Saints is not an abstract idea. Rather this community is a living presence I experience through my love of Jesus.

The Communion of Saints includes many people of different races, cultures, and beliefs. It includes teachers, healers, scientists, artists, musicians, tribal peoples, educated and uneducated, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, leaders, and sinners like myself. I exist and am blessed to live among this great multitude of God's beloved children within His amazing creation. I feel fulfilled by my journey with such a communion, as a beloved child of God.
Your sister in Christ,
Sandy Landuyt Gagnon

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 4



THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER:
St. Charles Borromeo
(1538–1584)

This week we remember St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584), whose feast day is November 4. He helped guide Church reform during the years of the Council of Trent. As Bishop of Milan, he worked behind the scenes to keep the Council of Trent going, devoting himself to renewing his archdiocese. He founded seminaries, colleges, and communities to improve the formation of priests.

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VOCATION OFFICE

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JOHNSTON

"I have asked our priests to share their vocation stories during the homily next week.
As you listen to the Word of God proclaimed at Mass, and reflect upon the vocation story by your priest, please consider the following.

1. For those of you discerning your life's vocation, be open to God's call to the priesthood or religious life. God's calling is a gift; be courageous and open to His call! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full —do not be afraid! If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then nothing less will satisfy.

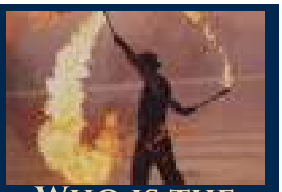
2. Please think of the men and women you know and believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While God is the One who calls, he often uses our voices. Please help us reach out to these individuals and come next weekend to share their name(s) and contact information so that a letter of encouragement can be sent to Brothers and sisters."

YOUTH FORMATION & PARISH LIFE

Confirmation Meets This Weekend

November 1 | 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

This weekend our youth confirmation candidates will meet to learn about the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit guides and directs our lives.



Who is the Holy Spirit?

Religious Education Classes for Kids PreK to 5th Grade

PreK to 5th Grade Religious Education classes are scheduled for today in the St. James School space. Our next meeting date is November 8.

To volunteer | Contact: dre@stjames-liberty.org

Camino De Santiago Youth Group Field Trip

Saturday | November 7

Questions? Contact Stephanie: dre@stjames-liberty.org

The St. James youth group (for all parish youth ages 6th to 12th grade) is taking a field trip to Gower, MO to visit with the Benedictine Sisters of Mary Queen of Apostles. We will have Mass and learn about their foundress Sister Wilhelmina.



National Black Catholic History Month

EVERY NOVEMBER SINCE 1990

Black Catholic History Month is an annual observance every November in the United States that celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of American Catholics of African descent. In the United States there are **seven American born Catholics of African descent on the path to sainthood.** One of them was born here in Missouri!

Servant of God Julia Greeley, was known for taking Christ literally, giving all she had to the poor and always keeping a melody in her heart to the Lord. She was born into slavery between 1833 and 1848 in Hannibal, Missouri. After emancipation, she moved to Colorado as a domestic worker and became Catholic. She developed a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918.





Mens Basketball

Wednesdays | 8:45 PM to 10 PM

Join a game of pick-up basketball with other parishioners.

Contact Brock Smith
brocksmith88@gmail.com
(816) 726-4986



Pickleball

Mondays | 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

We will teach you how to play. All are welcome!

Contact Scott Alessi
(914) 715-3460



Winter Coat Drive

Until November 20

Please bring your donations of coats, hats, gloves, scarves or shoes and socks for all ages to the **Parish Office Mon - Fri 9:00 AM - Noon until Nov 20.**



Snow Removal Team

Winter 2026/2027

Commit to serving as needed one weekend a month.

Contact Dan Bacon | (816) 589-7958
bacon.dan324@gmail.com



Noontime Recitals

Wednesdays | Noon to 12:30 PM

Stop in for a 30-min musical break over your lunch-hour. Concerts in the St. James sanctuary feature musicians from across the Kansas City area.

PAROCHIAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL

OPEN TO SCHOOL **AND** RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS

Through the Parochial League of KC and St. Pius X HS, we're able to offer a variety of sports during the year. ALL children of the parish are eligible to play for St. James.

Sign up using the QR codes below by Nov. 7

2nd - 4th Grades

5th - 8th Grades

This Winter, We Offer
Girls' & Boys' Basketball
2nd-8th Grades

NOTE: Families with children in RE must first **email verification of RE registration to Cindy.compton@stjames-school.org**. Parish children who play with this league may not participate in their own school leagues at the same time.

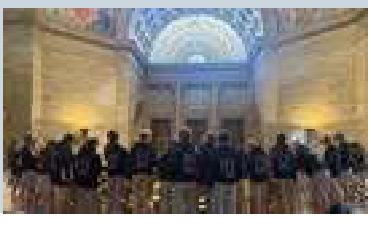
8TH GRADE STUDY TRIP

Our 8th graders spent the day in Jefferson City visiting the State Capitol, Supreme Court House, and the Missouri State Penitentiary learning about Missouri's government and history.









AUCTION INFO

Auction Items
Open for Bidding by ALL!

Check out the 100s of items that are available to bid on from the comfort of your home.

Items include:

- A statue of Mary
- VIP tables to St. James Fish Frys
- Handmade rosaries from parishioners
- Tickets to Chiefs, Royals, Notre Dame, KU, etc
- A trip to the Gulf Shores
- Sports Memorabilia including George Brett
- Lots of items perfect for Christmas Gifts

BIDDING CLOSES NOV 7 AT 9:00 PM

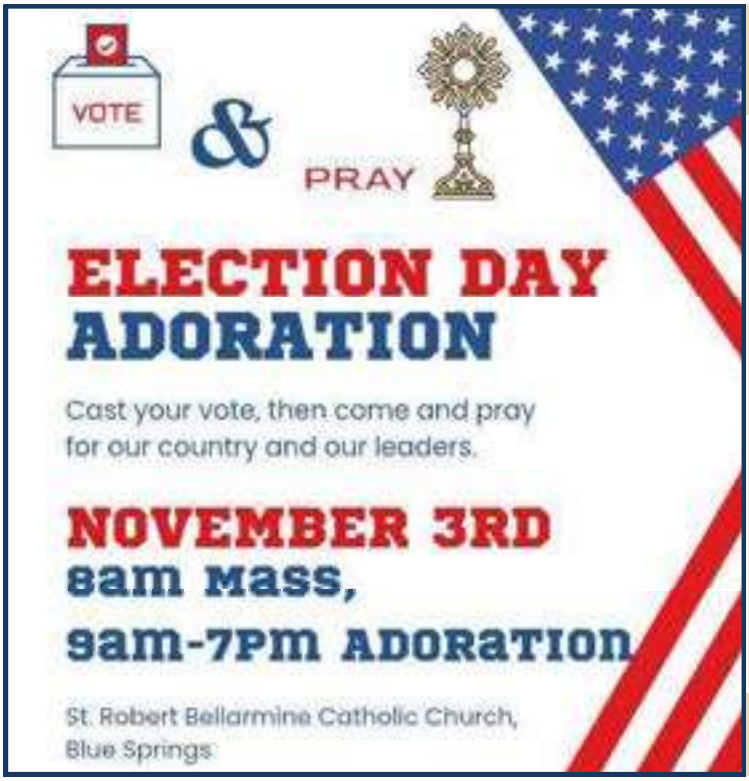
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Opportunities around the Diocese



Coming Up at the Precious Blood Center

SPOKEN SOUL

NOVEMBER 10 | 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

All are welcome to share music, writing, painting, poetry, or song in this safe space to explore and share your creative nature. "Gratitude and Reflection" is this month's theme.

Led by Fr. Timothy Armbruster

ST LUCY DAY CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 11 | 10:00 AM TO NOON

Prepare for Christmas by sharing stories, songs and poems while planting wheat. Join us for a traditional celebration of St. Lucy Day. **Led by Lucia Ferrara**

ADVENT RETREAT WITH HANDEL'S MESSIAH

DECEMBER 4 AT 6:00 PM TO DECEMBER 6 AT NOON

Delve deeply into the Mystery of the Incarnation using Handel's Messiah and the Holy Scriptures that inspired it.

Led by Fr. Timothy Armbruster

Register for all Precious Blood Center retreats at **www.pbrenewalcenter.org.**

Little Sisters of the Poor
HOSPITALITY AT HEART

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

NOVEMBER 7 | 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

ADULT MEALS $15. KID MEALS (3-10 YEARS) $10.

Join the Little Sisters of the Poor for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner! Enjoy delicious homemade spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and a drink. While you're here, browse our bake sale and craft sale, then try your luck in our 50/50 Raffle or Silent Auction. All proceeds benefit our Home for the elderly. Call 816-761-4744 or visit our website at www.littlesistersofthepoorkansascity.org



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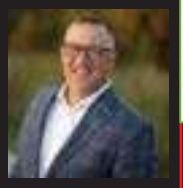
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