



# SAINT JAMES

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 25, 2026



### SUNDAY'S READINGS

(Start on page 1176 in Gather Hymnal)

- First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
- Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
- Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

### THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

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- Catholic Feasts and Halloween: pg 8
- Trunk or Treat THIS Friday: pg 9

### 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.

**"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Matthew 22:39



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##### WEEKDAYS

Mon - Fri | 8:15 AM

##### SATURDAY

5:00 PM

##### SUNDAY

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

##### RECONCILIATION

Sat - 4:00 PM  
or as requested

RESTORE | RENEW | REJOICE



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**PASTOR'S PEN - FR. LAC**

*"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 22: 20)*

The first line of scriptures in the first reading today touches a nerve in me. During a recent return trip from an out-of-town funeral, my fellow passengers and I heard on the radio talk show a mentioning of "aliens" living among us. I revealed to my companions that I was an alien. They all laughed thinking that I was joking; but I was serious. I had official documents to prove that. There exists an ID that classified me as a "Resident Alien". There are still various government documents which require my "alien resident" number (now changed to "citizenship certificate" number).

We hear today an account of celebration at the foot of Mount Sinai where the Hebrew slaves celebrated, not only their liberation from Egypt, but also their reception of the law from God: The Ten Commandments. In addition, they were instructed to be considerate of other peoples and nations along the way, have safe and peaceful passage towards the promise land. The rest of the narratives in the Book of Exodus reveals the blessings when they obeyed and the consequences when they disobeyed instructions from God. Thanks be to God that, so far, I have not been molested or oppressed, only occasionally harassed while traveling to and from. While being welcomed, embraced, and to a certain extent protected by Saint James community, I cannot ignore, however, locally and in many places in the world, aliens (migrants, immigrants, refugees, homeless, ...) in large scales are being oppressed, molested, imprisoned, expelled, and in some cases left to die in confinement. Pray that history is not being repeated!

In order to internalize more deeply today's message from scriptures, may we borrow a part of Saint Paul's words to pray:

*"May we become imitators of the Apostles and of the Lord, receiving the Word in great affliction, with joy from the holy Spirit, so that we may become a model for those around us." (cf. 1 Corinthians 1: 6-7)*

**-Fr. Lac.**

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](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.

**Send bulletin requests to [bulletin@stjames-liberty.org](mailto: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,*

Before we consider what we might give as our part of the **RESTORE, RENEW and REJOICE Capital Campaign**, let us first reflect on something at the heart of our life as Christians:

## GRATITUDE.

We have been given so much at our parish for which to be grateful. We are blessed with a vibrant and growing parish family. We are blessed by those who came before us and sacrificed to build the parish and campus we enjoy today. We are blessed with children filling our school and religious education programs, families worshipping together, ministries serving others, and generations of parishioners calling St. James their spiritual home. Every day, God continues to give us reasons to be grateful in ways both great and small.

Let us notice God's goodness, give thanks for those who built St. James before us, and ask how we can pass those blessings on to those who will come after us. All of life is a gift from God. May we become a people who notice His gifts, give thanks for them, and respond with joyful and generous hearts.

**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.**



## CULTIVATE GRATITUDE

Gratitude in the spiritual life begins by noticing. Notice God present in your life and the people around you. Notice the beating of your heart, the sight of your eyes, the thoughts of your mind, hands that can work, family and friends who care about you. Notice a home, clothes to wear, food on the table, talents to share. Notice your community. Notice your security. All of this is from the hand of God.

*"Lord, after you have blessed me with your gifts, bless me with one more thing - a grateful heart."  
-Irish Prayer*

## Will every dollar go toward the RESTORE, RENEW and REJOICE projects?

Yes. Every gift to the campaign is a restricted gift and will be used only for the projects approved by parishioners to be a part of this building effort. St. James is committed to complete transparency through regular financial and construction updates.

## What are you really asking of me?

We ask every parishioner to join us in praying the St. James Campaign Prayer and reflecting on God's many blessings—our faith, families, friendships, talents, and material gifts. We ask you to prayerfully consider a three-year sacrificial pledge to help improve and update older buildings on the St. James campus.

## How can we donate to the campaign?

The donations are to be a pledge separate from the normal weekly tithe you may already give. These may come in the form of: •One-Time Gifts •Stocks, Bonds or Other Assets •Three-Year Pledge •Bequests •Pledges with a Down Payment •Combination Gifts. We encourage you to reflect on how you might contribute, letting your pledge express your gratitude for God's gifts.

## When will pledging begin?

The parish will begin taking pledges and donations for the RESTORE, RENEW and REJOICE Campaign on November 14-15 and 21-22. The pledging season will continue until February 2027.

## Can I make a campaign gift using stock, securities, or my IRA?

Yes. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to consider giving appreciated stock or securities to support our parish. Such gifts may allow you to avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation while providing the parish with the full value of your gift. If you are age 70½ or older, you may also want to consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA, which may provide tax benefits and count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Please consult your financial or tax advisor to determine which option is right for you.





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

## Prayer to End Threats to Human Dignity in the State of Missouri



**Most Chaste Heart of Joseph;**  
inspire the hearts of men to protect the dignity of others.  
**Most Immaculate Heart of Mary;**  
inspire the hearts of women to nurture and intercede.  
**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;**  
protect the hearts of the unborn, immigrants, refugees  
and all who are vulnerable.

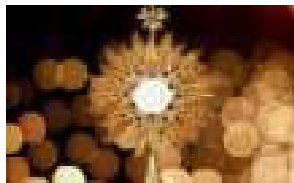
## PARISH-WIDE OPPORTUNITIES



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



**HEALING ROSARY**  
**THURSDAYS | 6:30 PM**  
CHURCH SANCTUARY



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



**FLAME OF LOVE**  
**TUESDAYS | 2:00 PM**  
RESOURCE CENTER

## BLESSING FOR HARVEST

Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known, Your pruning be sure, Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness.  
Amen.

## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness and PTSD.

## OPEN THE WORD TOGETHER

### WEEKLY READINGS & THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

#### MONDAY

Eph 4:32-5:8 / Ps 1:1-6 / Lk 13:10-17

#### TUESDAY

Eph 5:21-33 / Ps 128:1-5 / Lk 13:18-21

#### WEDNESDAY

*Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles*

Eph 2:19-22 / Ps 19:2-5 / Lk 6:12-16

#### THURSDAY

Eph 6:10-20 / Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 / Lk 13:31-35

#### FRIDAY

Phil 1:1-11 / Ps 111:1-6 / Lk 14:1-6

#### SATURDAY

*All Hallows' Eve*

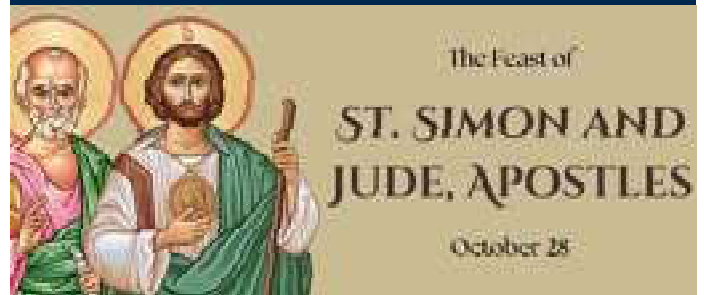
Phil 1:18-26 / Ps 42:2-5 / Lk 14:1, 7-11

#### NEXT SUNDAY

*All Saints, Daylight Saving Time Ends*

*National Vocation Awareness Week*

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / Ps 24:1-6 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 26

8:15 AM Judy Keisling

### Tuesday, October 27

8:15 AM All Souls in Purgatory  
St. James Veterans Families

### Wednesday, October 28

8:15 AM Fr. Harry Faller †  
Mgrs. Ha

### Thursday, October 29

8:15 AM Ron Willis †  
St. James Prayer Chain

### Friday, October 30

8:15 AM Kathy Kissel †  
Peggy Luchtefeld †

### Saturday, October 31

5:00 PM Patty Blankenship †  
Jim Tucker †

### Sunday, November 1

8:00 AM Jerry Donnici †  
Martha Redican †

10:30 AM Thomas R. Balk †

5:00 PM Amerigo Manila †  
Holloman Family

## CONGRATULATIONS

### ON BAPTISM FOR

The Bondan Family  
The Quiroz (Rodriguez) Family  
The Nash Family  
The Hernandez (Carlos) Family  
The Stark Family  
The Buckwalter Family

## WE PRAY TO THE LORD FOR...

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

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

## PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS BORN OCT 26<sup>TH</sup> - NOV 1<sup>ST</sup>

### OCT 26<sup>th</sup>

Camryn Buckholz  
Blake Craig  
Rosanne Goertz  
Giavanna Guastello  
Ian Hanover  
Emily Helmstetter  
Lucy Mace  
Christopher Mendez  
Kelsey O'Connor  
Astra Pigg  
Theresa Prendergast  
Connor Rizek  
Samantha Varnadore  
Nancy West

### OCT 27<sup>th</sup>

Daniel Alvey  
Abigail Gentrup  
Thomas Grelinger  
Molly Heinzler  
Lydia Kazmaier  
Itzel Mendoza-Hernandez  
Parker Murphy  
Yailyn Palos  
Danielle Reilly  
Aubree Spangler  
Olivia Teegarden  
Larry Trombino  
James Walton

### OCT 28<sup>th</sup>

Selena Andrade  
Eva Barmann  
John Barrington  
Risdon Christie  
Megan Dolsky  
Nicole Fernandez  
Jhante Fuentes  
Danielle Gregoire  
Cali Kliever  
Thomas Lakebrink  
Francesca Milano  
Oliver Oakes  
Juan Paredes-Nunez  
Michelle Praschak  
Steve Rogers  
Jose Villegas

### OCT 29<sup>th</sup>

Scott Austin  
Nalani De Haro  
G. DeMayo  
Sean Hughes  
Susan Koeppen  
Robert Lade  
Barbara Laird  
Susan Lewczyk  
Donald McGrath  
Frank Miele  
Jessica Moniz  
Ximena Quiroz  
John Roe  
Patrick Sheeley  
Mila Stang  
Amy Starke  
John Stennett

### OCT 30<sup>th</sup>

Megan Asbury  
Molly Boteler  
Helen Croan  
Jessica Dahlberg  
Nelson Davis  
Kristin Graf  
Isabella Graham  
Robin James  
Michael Jiabia  
Philip Jilka  
Rosalie Lee  
Joshua Markovich  
Scott McConnell  
Jacque Myers  
Michael Peluso  
Matthew Quigley  
Joseph Quigley  
Maria Rodriguez

### OCT 30<sup>th</sup> cont.

Janice Schroering  
Angela Swearingin  
Isabella Villa  
Chad Watson  
  
**OCT 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Quinn Adams  
Matthew Alvey  
Michele Combs  
Jennifer Goens  
Stuart Harned  
Dustin Hatfield  
David Jones  
Donn Kittell  
Antonio Macedo  
Harlan O'Dowd  
Kristine Piontek  
Christopher Praschak  
Jacob Smith

### NOV 1<sup>st</sup>

Lorenzo Aranda  
Courtney Artozqui  
Bih Awasom  
Kaitlyn Baker  
Vern Bartlett  
Zoe Buckmillerv  
Daniel Duffin  
Amelia Erisman  
Shirley Gubera  
Eric Hedges  
Dana Igoo  
Charlie Mason  
Michael O'Brien  
Nora Pasqualucci  
Avery Runyan  
Pnina Serrone  
Kalyn Tipton  
James Weaver  
Randall Weiss  
Adalyn Wilson

## ADVENT GIVING TREE COMING UP

### Weekends in November

The St. James Advent Giving Tree will kick off next weekend. This ministry collects donations to provide to families and individuals in need during the holiday season.

Last year, the generosity of St. James parishioners allowed for contributions to nine charitable organizations within the Metro area.

This included 80 families and nearly 350 individuals including children, expectant mothers and nursing home residents. You can drop off or mail donations to the Parish Office.

(Include "AGT" in the memo line if you are writing a check.) You may also plan to drop off donations in the Advent Giving Tree collection box after each Mass through the month of November.



## FOOD DRIVE | OCT 31 - NOV 1

As your kids fill their bags with candy, don't forget to fill your bag with non-perishable items to help stock the shelves of In As Much Food Pantry.

The In As Much truck will be open to receiving donations in our **St James parking lot** from **Saturday, October 31 at 3:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 1**. You can drop off your donation and not miss a second of the Chief's game!

**In As Much is in most urgent need of:** Canned chicken, pasta sauce, canned chili, sugar, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, apple or cherry pie filling, instant potatoes, soup broth and men/women's deodorant.

## NOVEMBER ALTAR SOCIETY INVITATION:

Tuesday | November 2 | 6:30 PM

Come join the Altar Society to hear about the relationship we all need but rarely discuss in church: **Friendship**

*Speaker: Karen Ridder*

**ALL WOMEN OF THE  
PARISH ARE WELCOME!**

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES Available to Everyone

If you have yet to get the updated pictorial directory (even if you are not in it) please stop by the church office and pick one up. Available until gone!



## SNOW REMOVAL TEAM

Winter 2026/2027

Join the snow removal effort this winter at St. James. You'll be assigned to a team on stand-by for one weekend a month. If it snows on your weekend your team jumps into action.

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

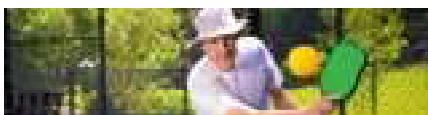


## MENS BASKETBALL

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

Respect Life and the Over 50's Club are collecting warm weather clothing for the Northland Clothing Center.

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



## CATHOLIC KEY

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Check out your most recent issue of the Catholic Key! You will find the friendly face of our pastor, Fr. Lac, in an October/November feature article. Check out page 18 to Find out what Fr. Lac has to say about staying on the path towards what God calls you to in life.

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## ANNUAL BURIAL OF BLESSED ITEMS : DROP OFF THIS WEEK

DROP OFF UNTIL OCTOBER 30

Contact: [infoeq@cemeterieskcsj.org](mailto:infoeq@cemeterieskcsj.org)

Catholic Cemeteries Associated is gathering blessed items and objects for proper disposal or burial of blessed items.

They will have a ceremony on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for this purpose and will accept any blessed items you may have in your possession for respectful disposal.

Items such as Old palms, Old prayer books, out-of-date missals, hymnals, bibles, broken rosaries, medals and statues should be properly burned and/or buried.

Bring items until October 30 to the following locations from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Monday to Friday:

- Mt. Olivet Cemetery
- Resurrection Cemetery
- Passantino Funeral Home
- Muehlebach Funeral Home

## Live The Liturgy

### Inspiration of the Week

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give Him everything — and let your life be love.

## ENCOURAGE VOCATIONS

Called By Name

# SUNDAY

November 7 and 8, 2026

Help create a culture where we all are encouraged to be attentive to God's voice. If you know any young men or women who you think might be called to religious life or the priesthood, please consider scanning the QR code to nominate them for Called by Name recognition. Nominees must be over 16 years of age and members of parishes in the Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph.



# YOUTH FORMATION/PARISH LIFE

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR KIDS PREK TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education classes are scheduled for today in the St. James School space. Our next meeting date is November 1.

To volunteer | Contact: [dre@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:dre@stjames-liberty.org)

## CAMINO DE SANTIAGO YOUTH GROUP FIELD TRIP

**Saturday | November 7**

Questions? Contact Stephanie:  
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The St. James youth group (for all parish youth ages 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

*Why do Catholics Celebrate Halloween when it makes some other Christians uncomfortable?*

For a Catholic family, the celebration of **Halloween** can be understood as a lead up to the celebrations of **All Saints Day** and **All Souls Day**.

Halloween is sometimes called "All Hallows (Saints) Eve" in reference to it being the night before All Saints Day. We have celebrated All Saints Day in the Catholic Church on November 1<sup>st</sup> since the 800s. November 2<sup>nd</sup> follows as "All Souls Day" on which we are encouraged to pray for the souls in purgatory - who we hope one day will become saints!

When the Celtic and Germanic people became Christian they joined their folk traditions to their new faith. The Celts celebrated their new year on November 1. They had a habit of dressing in costumes on October 31 because - they believed the souls of the dead might return to earth and try to trick them at the start of their long cold winter. Some Christians feel uncomfortable with the modern celebration of Halloween because of this association with folk tradition.

As Catholics we believe the Gospel of Jesus teaches we have nothing to fear from the departed souls. Our new life in Christ gives us a lot of "sweet" things to celebrate instead. We can enjoy Halloween as a celebration of life and a reminder to prepare for remembering those who've gone before us.

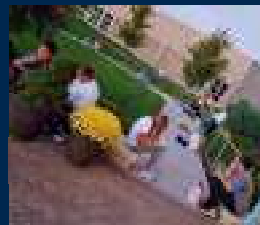
## CONFIRMATION KIDS! ROCK!

Some problems are good to have. Youth confirmation classes are filled to the brink this year!

Prayer overflowed outside on Sunday night as sponsors and candidates walked through scripture study, sacrament bingo and a talk about the faith life together.

It was loud. It was crazy, but it was GOOD!

Please continue to pray for these kids as they prepare for their confirmation in the Spring.



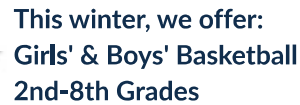
*If your child did NOT turn in their Saints Tombstone last week, you can deliver it to the Church office for inclusion in Friday's Saint Cemetery during the Trunk or Treat and the Saturday and Sunday*

*All Saints and All Souls day Celebrations*

**NEXT MEETING FOR CANDIDATES:**

**NOVEMBER 1 | 6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM**

## AUCTION INFO



**Then, sign up using the QR codes below.**

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# TRUNK -OR- TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30


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 TRUNK-OR-TREATING  
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**CURIOUS ABOUT RELIGIOUS LIFE?**  
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A discernment weekend at  
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**Depart: November 13, 2026:**

**5:00 pm:**

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
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**OR**

**5:45 pm:**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
4503 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO

**Return: November 15, 2026:**

**3:15 pm:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**4:00 pm:** St. Patrick Catholic Church

**The Discernment Weekend Includes:**

**Mass and Confession**

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**Questions:**

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## COMING UP AT THE PRECIOUS BLOOD CENTER

### AUTUMN TRIDUUM RETREAT

OCT 31 | 9:00 AM - NOV 1 | NOON

Each Autumn, we celebrate a Triduum of feasts — All  
Hallows Eve, All Saints, and All Souls — to remember  
how God makes us worthy to be saints by calling us  
children of God. **Led by Fr. Joe Nassal**

### SPOKEN SOUL

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

This is a safe space in which to explore and share your  
creative nature. Music, writing, painting, poetry, song;  
this space is a place to read, play, display or sing it all.  
“Gratitude and Reflection is this month’s theme. All are  
welcome to share. **Led by Fr. Timothy Armbruster**

Register for all Precious Blood Center retreats  
at [www.pbrenewalcenter.org](http://www.pbrenewalcenter.org).

## REUNION EVENT



St. Therese Little Flower  
Catholic Church

SUNDAY, OCT 25

9:00 AM MASS - COFFEE TO FOLLOW

5814 EUCLID AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MO 64130

Alumni, former parishioners and friends are invited to  
“Come Back Sunday” to reconnect at St. Therese Little  
Flower Catholic Church. Open house including a coffee  
bar and breakfast will follow 9:00 AM Mass

## MOLEBEN FOR SANCTITY OF LIFE

WEDNESDAY, OCT 28 | 6:00 PM



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