SAINT JAMES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 22, 2026



THANKSGIVING WEEK

SUNDAY'S READINGS
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

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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

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

RECONCILIATION
All Saturdays | 4:00 PM
First Saturdays | 7:30 AM

RESTORE | RENEW | REJOICE

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Funerals & Weddings *contact: Fr. Lac*
Emergency Sacramental Needs
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Welcome

Pastor's pen - Fr. Lac

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (Matthew 25: 34)

We finally arrive at the concluding week of the Cycle A of the Liturgical Year. We start the week with the celebration of the Feast exalting Jesus Christ as the King whose domain is the whole universe with all things in it. Unlike the gospel passages used in the other two Cycles (B: John 18 & C: Luke 23) which convey to us the perception of the end time, the time of judgment to finish up all things. Cycle A's gospel passage drills deeper into our collective memory and wider into our hope-filled imagination the beginning of a new age, the inauguration of the age of peace. The judgment scene described here is not of an ending, but rather a new beginning.

The human society's perpetual issues such as, hungry to be fed, the thirsty to be offered drink, the stranger to be welcomed, the naked to be clothed, the sick to be cared for, and the bounded to be visited, are the principal criteria for behaviors and attitudes upon which true citizens are recognized and rewarded.

Six centuries before Christ the Prophet Ezekiel proclaimed the vision of God's restoration of a nation which failed to fulfill the criteria above by both its leaders and people and fell into exile. God as the creator, the master of all, comes as the shepherd reclaiming, leading and restoring the creation that had gone astray. "I myself will shepherd my sheep; I myself will give them rest,' says the Lord. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal." (Ezekiel 34: 15-16) Four centuries later Saint Paul reassured the Jewish as well as Gentile converts in Corinth that "in Christ shall all be brought to life." (cf. 1 Corinthians 15: 22) We heard in today's second reading.

Before closing out this liturgical cycle we still have a little time to assess how we have prayed and worshiped and how we have brought our faith into daily life. May the communal and personal resolutions we bring into our daily life in the next cycle of worship would loudly ring out that Jesus Christ is The King of our universe where all the principal criteria of the Reign of God are fulfilled.

-Fr. Lac

Operating Income Report: Oct 2026 YTD

Thank you for supporting our parish. Our income is sitting well currently. Missouri Scholar Tuition Assistance has been main factor for increase in school income.

YTD Incomes:
Church: $ 898,686 + **School:** $ 680,957 = **Total: $ 1,579,643** (9.0% above budget)

YTD Operating Expenses:
Church: $423,588 + **School:** $937,383 = **Total:** $1,360,971 (-11.9% below budget)

Questions? Contact Katie 816-781-4343 x220 or Katie@stjames-liberty.org

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.*

PLEDGE WEEKEND

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

Dear Friends,

Last weekend we began making our commitments to our **Restore, Renew and Rejoice Capital Campaign** and we continue those commitments this weekend. While many people have already completed their household pledge forms, there are still many more we hope will consider participating in this effort.

Through this campaign, we hope to raise the funds necessary to:

- Renovate our existing Social Hall and transform St. Gerard's into a welcoming new event space, providing improved facilities for parish gatherings, ministries, and celebrations.
- Modernize our school entrance, providing enhanced security, new administrative offices, and much-needed storage and support spaces.
- Unify and improve our campus, making it safer, more accessible, and better equipped to serve our growing parish family.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the campaign and fill out a pledge form today!

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

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



"No one is so rich that they cannot receive, nor so poor that they have nothing to give."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

EVERYONE INVOLVED, AND NEEDED

Thank you to those who have committed to our capital campaign. For any effort or team or organization to be successful, everyone must be involved and pulling in the same direction!

For our **RESTORE, RENEW and REJOICE Capital Campaign** to be successful, we need the participation of **every household.**

We are a family of faith. We share what we have for the good of the community. Everyone in this community benefits in one way or another from the gifts of this Campaign. Everyone is called to make a gift, according to the way God has blessed him or her.

EVEN SMALL EFFORTS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Monthly	Yearly	3-Year Pledge
$6,944	$83,333	$250,000
$5,556	$66,667	$200,000
$4,861	$58,333	$175,000
$4,167	$50,000	$150,000
$3,472	$41,667	$125,000
$2,778	$33,333	$100,000
$2,083	$25,000	$75,000
$1,667	$20,000	$60,000
$1,389	$16,667	$50,000
$1,111	$13,333	$40,000
$833	$10,000	$30,000
$694	$8,333	$25,000
$556	$6,667	$20,000
$500	$6,000	$18,000
$400	$4,800	$14,400
$300	$3,600	$10,800
$250	$3,000	$9,000
$200	$2,400	$7,200
$150	$1,800	$5,400
$100	$1,200	$3,600
$75	$900	$2,700
$50	$600	$1,800
$25	$300	$900

PRAYER



DID YOU KNOW?

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, also known as Christ the King, was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar. **Today is a good day to praise God for the Kingship of his Son - Jesus.**

BOOK OF THE DEAD

NEAR BAPTISMAL FONT

Pray for the departed during the Month of November. You are welcome to **add the names of your loved ones and others who have died in the last year** to the St. James Book of the Dead. We will continue to remember them in prayer during our Masses this month.



NOBENAN I NIÑO JESUS

St. James parishioners from Guam and the Philippines honor Catholic cultural traditions from their island homes with an annual **Novena to the Christ Child & Holy Family.**

The nine-day novena can be prayed on consecutive days, during Advent and the Christmas Season. Our community novena takes place on nine consecutive Wednesday nights in parishioners' homes & here on campus. Each night of prayer is followed by a small reception with snacks & fellowship celebrating the coming season of joy.

You are invited to join any of the nights scheduled during Advent to participate and learn how to make this Novena a part of your holiday traditions, too.

December 2 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Resource Center - Library
December 9 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Resource Center - Library
December 16 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM
St. James Chapel



BLESSING FOR THANKSGIVING

Dear Lord,
We thank You for the gifts of the season. We ask Your blessing upon this Thanksgiving meal. Bless each of us gathered, hold the prayers we carry within us, anoint our conversations and company with Your light and hope.
-Amen

NATIONAL HOME CARE & HOSPICE MONTH

THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

Lord, bless all those who work with people near the end of their lives. Help families be able to hear and meet the needs of those they love who need extra care. Thank you for hospice workers who provide comfort. -Amen

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS BORN NOV 23RD - NOV 29TH

23rd
Tse Awasom
Grace Cotton
Ernest Craig
Gabriel Dugan
Wesley Dugan
Carolyn Forgues
Tracy Grego
Andrew Herritts
Judy Hixon
Rocco LaBruzzo
Dakota McIntire
Simon McNeal
Franki Miele
David Roach
Jennifer Roach
Angela Terrell
Rachel Tischinski
Sofia White

24th
William Bickhaus
Robert Breeden
Camilla Calabrese
Avery Estrada-Culbertson
Thomas Hughey
Ann Ingalls
Jason Kern
Jory Laurel
Melinda O'Brien
Michelle Passantino
Gary Tatum
Paul Twenter
Noverson Vitug
Adrianna Wendel
James Wixson

25th
Dixie Coleman

25th continued
Sandra Cox
Joseph DiGiovanni
Gianna Graciano
Meredith Klamm
Emma Longo
Diana Marchisio
Caroline Massmann
Molly Mathews
Elizabeth McIntyre
Carol Parker Martin
Rozanne Prather
Rhodes Ritter
Frank Rivera
Chad Roberts
Emily Roe
Anthony Sola
Steven Steinkamp
Jose Torres-Gomez

25th continued
John Vaca
Aaron Windsor

26th
Jennifer Armilio
Rosaline Beery
John Bertoncin
Frank DiMaggio
Preston Igoe
Marina Jano
Josephine Jiabia
Gerald Kimmis
Peter Nguyen
Kauffman Palmer
Simon Pedroza
Charlotte Prather
Callie Streich
Jennifer Tomlinson

27th
Grayson Barnhill

27th continued
Kayleigh Bednar
Cooper Dymond
Ethan Essig
Deanna Fitzgibbons
Brett French
Gregrey Geoghegan
Denise Heinzler
Carlee Jones
Kirra Ladenthin
Edward Lemon
Maxwell Saragusa
Gracie Smith
Matthew Taylor
Robert Wehmueller

28th
Teresa Anderson
Katherine Caballero
Weston Clark
Gentry Clark

28th continued
Carson Dearing
Cynthia Eslick
Audrie Estrada
Michael Farrell
Vincent Fountain
Jennifer Gaddis
Sandra Gagnon
McKenna Jacquin
Brett Johnson
Troy Jones
Ryan Kinne
Alexandar Lackey
Ava Long
Jonathan Lozano
Mary Madison
Sharron Mansfield
Raymond Probst
Michael Richards

28th continued
Sean Ryan
Amelia Smith
Karen Swingler
Jackie Thomas
Christine Wooten

29th
Rachel Dumbolton
Colton Estrada-Culbertson
Thomas Greufe
Adriana Herrera
Glen Jolivette
Kelly Klein
Lisa Link
Averyana Paredes
Randal Pearson
Luke Porter
Tarlin Sachuo
Zachery Sherman

Mass Intentions

Note: † denotes intention is deceased

Monday, Nov 23
St. Clement I & St. Columban
8:15 AM Catherine, Wallace † and Randy † Finley

Tuesday, Nov 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions
8:15 AM Ron Willis † Linda Galbeck †

Wednesday, Nov 25
St. Catherine of Alexandria
8:15 AM Jack Schwarz † Hannah Mendez †

Thursday, Nov 26
8:15 AM All Souls in Purgatory † Laura Comparada †

Friday, Nov 27
8:15 AM Kevin Barry † William & Leone Dombrow †

Saturday, Nov 28
5:00 PM Patty Blankenship † Jeanette Casel

Sunday, Nov 29
1st Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Kathy Kissel † Larry Hixon †
10:30 AM Brian Middleton † Virginia Miller †
5:00 PM Sue Henning † Joanne Pedersen †

Congratulations

TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

The Garcia/ Pierre Family
The Thomas Family
The Rockers Family
The Rose/Matthews Family
The Zicarelli 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
Mall Family
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
Mauricia O'Brien
Pam & Paul Palmer
Mary Margaret Parrish
Jackie Plack Pelling
Philip Pernice
Carol and Peter
Nick Peters
John Pfannenstiel
Dorothy Phistry
Sam Porter
Krystal Powell
Kari Rainey
Libbey Rall
Jim Randolph
Jackie Rapp
Mike Ratkiewicz
Charlie Reeam
Connie & Terry Rigg
Tammy Rodriguez
Mike Rodriguez
Janette Hernandez-Rogers
Mary Schamel Rossfeld
Michael Ruiz
Julie Rush
Mackenzie Schamel
Barbara & Jim Schmitt
Kimberly Schott
Schuster Family
Janet Sealock
Stephanie Stephens
Nichole Stewart
Barbara (Roach) Still
Nancy Streeter
Debra Sutlief
Maria Tavares
Mary & Gabriel Wier
Deb Thompson
Dan Tomc
Jose Torres
Michael Touhy
Amy Villarreal
Eddie Waller
Jay Wantland
Dee Watt
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
Maggie
Maisyn
Matthew
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.**

Open the Word Together

MONDAY Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
TUESDAY Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
WEDNESDAY Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
THURSDAY Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
FRIDAY Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
SATURDAY Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
NEXT SUNDAY Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Parish-wide Opportunities

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

ADORATION
TUES. & THURS.
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

MINISTRIES

ALTAR SOCIETY



DECEMBER 1 | 6:00 PM
PARISH HALL

All women of the parish are welcome! Come join us for a Christmas potluck while we enjoy the music of the **Liberty Ukuladies.**

Bring a wrapped $10 gift to exchange!

PASTORAL COUNCIL

DECEMBER 7 | 7:00 PM
AV CONFERENCE ROOM

All members of the Parish are welcome to join the meeting. Please contact Dee Rosekrans ahead of time to get on the agenda.

CONTACT | DEE ROSEKRANS | 816-522-0726
DEE.ROSEKRANS2287@GMAIL.COM

For minutes from the November Pastoral Council Meeting, click on the QR code or visit our St James website and search for "November Pastoral Council 2026".



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 15 | 7:00 PM

The St. James Music Ministry will present its annual Advent/Christmas Concert, "Spirit of the Season," on **Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.** With more than 100 members involved in our music ministry, this special evening will feature the Parish Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir, Contemporary Music Group, Youth Ensemble, and School Choir. Through a beautiful collection of Advent and Christmas music, the concert will celebrate the joy, hope, and wonder of the Christmas season. All are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Dr. Sam Fleming, Director of Music and Liturgy at dlm@stjames-liberty.org



WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE

NOVEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 20

DROP OFF - WEEKDAYS | 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
DROP OFF - WEEKENDS | 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
ST. JUDE ROOM | RESOURCE CENTER

Use this QR code for monetary donations for coats and clothing



GLORY BE TEA

DECEMBER 6 | 12:30 PM TO 3:00 PM | WAIT LIST AVAILABLE!

While the Glory Be Tea is officially sold out, a wait list of those seeking tickets is available. Tickets are often available at the last minute as sickness or other conflicts come up for those who have tickets. **Contact: Sandy Turner at 816-510-9264 if you would like to be added to the wait list.**



COOKIE BRIGADE

Help make the Glory Be Tea afternoon sweeter by participating in the cookie brigade this year! Bring **4 dozen SMALL sized cookies** in a disposable container with your name on the container at the time and location below. **Contact: Jeanne Verssue bverssue@gmail.com**

DROP OFF OPTIONS

Friday | December 4 | 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM | Social Hall
Saturday | December 5 | 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM | Social Hall

ADVENT
GIVING TREE

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Advent Giving Tree donations are running a bit behind this year. Please drop your cash or a check in the Advent Giving Tree box before or after Mass. (NOTE: You must include "AGT" in the memo line if you are writing a check.)

WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

AVALON VIEW
BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER
HILLCREST HOPE
IN AS MUCH FOOD PANTRY
JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE
KANSAS CITY INDIAN CENTER
LIBERTY WOMEN'S CLINIC
LOVE, INC
ST. JAMES PARISH FAMILIES





St James Blood Drive

NOVEMBER 24 | 12:30 - 6:30 PM
SOCIAL HALL

Appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are welcome
Schedule at **www.savealifenow.org/group**
(Use group ES)



Baptismal Bibs

SEWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT | KIRSTEN MAGGI | (816) 781-4343 X 204
KIRSTEN.MAGGI@STJAMES-LIBERTY.ORG



Noontime Recitals

WEDNESDAY | 12:00 - 12:30 PM

Stop in the worship space for a 30-min musical break over lunch.



Snow Removal Team

WINTER 2026/2027

CONTACT | DAN BACON | (816) 589-7958
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Ushers Needed

HELP 1-2 TIMES MONTHLY

CONTACT | MICHAEL FLANIGAN | (816) 590-9490



Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAYS | 8:45 - 10:00 PM
ST. JAMES SCHOOL GYM
CONTACT | BROCK SMITH | (816) 726-4986



PICKLEBALL + PARISHIONERS

MONDAYS | 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Hodge Park Pickleball Courts: weather permitting
CONTACT | SCOTT ALESSI | (914) 715-3460

YOUTH FORMATION AND PARISH LIFE





CONFIRMATION SERVICE DAY

Youth Candidates and Sponsors participated in a service day on Saturday, November 14, giving back to several agencies in our area as a part of the candidates' preparation for Confirmation in spring.

The next full confirmation meeting will be December 6 from 6:00 - 7:15 PM in the Parish Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED

THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers, asking that in the sacrament they are wrapped fully in God's loving mercy.

They are looking forward to receiving their First Holy Communion in the spring.





R.E. KIDS PREK - 5TH GRADE

MEETS TODAY | NOVEMBER 22
R.E. CLASSES OFF UNTIL DECEMBER 13

Grade School Religious Education classes are scheduled for November 22 in the St. James School space, and **WILL NOT** meet the Sunday after Thanksgiving, **November 29** due to the Holiday OR **December 6** due to the Glory Be Tea.

ANY QUESTIONS?
CONTACT | STEPHANIE LADENTHIN
DRE@STJAMES-LIBERTY.ORG

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION: How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

ANSWER: This one is not as hard to explain to children as many adults expect. Faith and trust in Jesus for children is often not limited by the doubts that often come with the question of "HOW" Jesus brings his real presence to the Eucharist. For children the focus can more readily be on the "WHY" he does this.

The answer? **LOVE**. Christ offers himself in a real presence in the Eucharist because he wants to be with us, because he loves us. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away from God because they don't understand.

His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. No theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close to this reality. You may find it easier for your child than it is for you.

ST. CLEMENT OF ROME

FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 23

This week we celebrate St. Clement, one of the early church leaders and the 4th Pope of the Catholic Church. He is believed to have been martyred by drowning.



SAVE THE DATE!

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO
SUNDAY | DECEMBER 13 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Add **Camino**, the St. James youth group for students in 6th - 12th grade, to your teen's calendar for December 13! We meet monthly for faith and fun activities. Our next meeting will be game night with favorite holiday snacks!

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

At the end of time, the ones who neglected God will claim ignorance. "We never saw you!" they'll insist. But God is everywhere, making Himself known in every time and place. We can see Him, respond to Him — or we can look the other way. Which will we choose?

SAVE THE DATE!
REGISTRATION FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR IS COMING SOON!

St James School is already looking ahead to the 2027-2028 school year. Returning St. James School families will have the opportunity to officially begin their registrations after Christmas Break on **Tuesday, January 5, 2027**. This is earlier than previous years, but will allow us to prepare for growing registrations.

Looking to tour or get more information about St James School?
CONTACT | ANDREA ELLIOTT | ANDREA.ELLIOTT@STJAMES-SCHOOL.ORG

SECOND GRADE
TOUR WITH DEACON CHUCK

Last week, our St. James second graders had a special opportunity to tour the church with Deacon Chuck!

The students, who are also preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Communion sacraments, got a behind-the-scenes look at their parish so they could learn more about the sacred spaces we use during Mass.

The annual opportunity for second graders gives students a chance to ask questions, explore familiar spaces in a new way, and gain a deeper appreciation for the church practices and traditions.

A special thank-you to Deacon Chuck for sharing his time and knowledge with our students!










6TH GRADE - STUDY TRIP
NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART

Last week, our St. James 6th graders took a field trip to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art!

Led by Ms. Biggs and Mrs. Compton, students explored the art and traditions of Ancient China before embarking on the docent-led Ancient Odysseys tour.

This experience introduced students to the civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome, examining how ancient cultures continue to influence our world today.

The day concluded with an exploration of Christian art, allowing students to think about connections between history, art, and their Catholic faith.

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Led by Fr. Timothy Armbruster

ADVENT RETREAT WITH HANDEL'S MESSIAH

DEC 4 | 6:00 PM - DEC 6 | 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

ST. LUCY DAY CELEBRATION

DEC 11 | 10:00 AM - NOON

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