

Saint James Catholic Community

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 8, 2018

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

APRIL 15, 1:30PM

PLEASE JOIN US



Bienvenidos a nuestra gran celebracion del inicio de las obras para la construccion del Nuevo templo

Te esperamos el dia 15 de abril a las 1:30 p.m. del 2018

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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: M-F 8:00am (During school year Friday, 9am)

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am, 6:00pm

8:00pm William Jewel College, *when in session*

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.

Do You Know?

Pleasant, Cheerful, Friendly Workplace Needs PART TIME CUSTODIAN IMMEDIATELY

Part time custodian position (15-20 hours)
needed for St. James School and Church.



Must be willing to learn and pass a background check.

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**Thank You,
Jim Newell, Operations Manager**

GROUNDBREAKING - APRIL 15 - 1:30PM



ORDER YOUR GROUNDBREAKING T-SHIRT NOW

Orders Must Be Placed By April 9

Order online at
<https://groundbreaking.itemorder.com/sale>

Order your GROUNDBREAKING T-SHIRT at the ONLINE STORE store web address above. Cost of the shirt is \$10 and they come in all sizes.

You can choose to have your shirt shipped to your home or to pick it up at church on April 15. We suggest picking it up on April 15 to make sure you have it in time to wear at the Groundbreaking Celebration.

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),
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency in or call 911, and After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on this Second Sunday of Easter. We find ourselves with the disciples in a locked room and Jesus appearing to them. We hear the words, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The gift of God's mercy be made known to all. That gift has been there since the beginning and being made known over and over again. It's easy to speak the words about mercy and forgiveness, but until we've fully experienced it in our lives, it doesn't have the same impact or meaning. Just reading about something is different than fully experiencing it.

We encounter once again with Thomas. Thomas who could not fully wrap his mind around the Risen Christ until he had a chance to see and touch and experience. Even in our own lives, it is difficult sometimes to know and believe something until we've experienced it ourselves. As the old saying goes, "I'll believe it when I see it!"

We look ahead to the Groundbreaking for the new church. It is an exciting time for all of us. I love being a part of construction and watching things being built. Growing up on the farm, Dad and I did most of the work of remodeling and adding onto our house and other buildings. But for the twenty-some years we lived on the farm, we never fully finished the house. It was always a work in progress. It seems almost every place I've lived has always been a work in progress. When asked where I wanted to go for my first assignment, I wasn't too picky, I just wanted to be living somewhere where the house was finished. So I was assigned to St. Francis Xavier, in St. Joe. The rectory was finished, but the church was being renovated.

And so begins the excitement of building of the new church. Maybe I'll get my wish to run out to one of the big machines and move some dirt.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Timothy

Mass Intentions

Week of April 9 - April 15

Monday 8:00am	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> †Peggy Lower
Tuesday 8:00am	Lorenzo Ruiz
Wednesday 8:00am	Phil Walker
Thursday 8:00am	<i>Saint Stanislaus</i> †David Redford
Friday 9:00am	Mary Midiri
Saturday 5:00pm	Winnie Toogood
Sunday 7:30am	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> †Charlie Malaponte
9:15am	†Edward Lewczyk, Jr.
11:00am	††Silas and Nancy Jessee
6:00pm	†Joan Biebler

Sunday night Mass at 8pm
William Jewell College Campus,
Grand River Chapel
All Are Welcome

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY - APRIL 8



Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with your fellow parishioners this Sunday from 2 pm - 3:30 pm in the church.

During the course of Jesus' revelations to St. Faustina, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this

feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

This feast was granted to the Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Contact Info

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 202 or
kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

Religious Education: For Preschool through adult spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

New Parishioners: Please register at the parish office.

We Welcome You!

St. James School: PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

Sacrament of Marriage: 9 months advance notice

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:

email daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday

12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org

The Week Ahead

Sun April 8 : No coffee and donuts

- Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser after all morning Masses
- Divine Mercy Celebration, 2:00 - 3:30 in the Church

Mon April 9 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

- Pleasant Valley Mass; 10:00am

Tue April 10 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

- Legion of Mary meets at 6:30am in the Mallen Room
- Walking With Purpose Community Gathering, 6:30, School Cafeteria

Wed April 11 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

- Sponsor's for Christ meet 1st and 3rd Wed; 6:30pm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry meet 2nd and 4th Wed; 6:30pm
- Bible Study, 6:30 - 8:00pm in St. Tony Room

Thurs April 12 : Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

- 9:00am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri April 13 : Mass at 9:00am

Sat April 14 :

- That Man Is You at 6:15am in the Social Hall
- Faith Sharing at 10:00am, School Library

Sun April 15 : Altar Society serves coffee and donuts after the 7:30 and 9:15 Masses. All are welcome

- Groundbreaking Ceremony, 1:30pm, Site of the new church

Scriptures for April 14 and 15 Masses

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 35-48

Gift Bearers for April 14 and 15

Sat 5:00pm: First Communion Families

Sun 7:30am: First Communion Families

9:15am: First Communion Families

11:00am: First Communion Families

6:00 pm: First Communion Families

Hospitality Greeters for April 14 and 15

Sat 5:00pm: Marietta Wimmer and Valerie Breumer

Sun 7:30am: Mike & Jean Kieffer and Helen Lynn

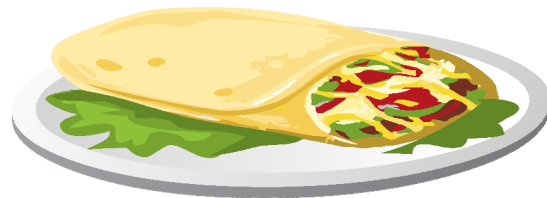
9:15am: Ima Rahter and Mary Midiri

11:00am: Ryal & Theresa Brier

6:00 pm: Charlie & Kristen Miller

Special Events

Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser This Sunday



The St. James High School Youth Group will be selling breakfast burritos after the morning Masses this Sunday at a cost of \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Carry-out is available.

The Funds raised will help to defray the cost of sending our High School Youth to the Steubenville Youth Conference in Springfield MO this summer.

#Play saint james GAME NIGHT April 17, 2018

Enjoy a **FREE** interactive, family fun night!
Open to **ALL** St. James Families

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Where: St. James School

Ages: Games are geared for PreK to 5th grade
(but all are welcome)

There will be engaging games for all ages that focus on **FUN, FAMILY, and FRIENDS!!!**

Games in the gym include life-size hungry hippos, chutes and ladders and tic tac toe relay

The Social Hall will have traditional board games and card games

The Cafeteria will have games without rules or imaginative games, like blocks, beads, telephone, etc..

MakerSpace will be open and making slime.....

FREE Raffles

Concession Stand will be available

From April 8

7

Days

Until
Groundbreaking

We Break Ground For Our New Church April 15

It's not too late to make a pledge for our new church!

Pledge cards are in the Narthex.

A  from the
Liturgy/Music Office



*The earth is full
of the goodness
of the Lord*

Psalm 33

*Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.*

*He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.*

*See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those
who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.*

*Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.*

Reflection

God loves righteousness and justice. The Psalmist kept thinking of the greatness of God's character – His love for righteousness and justice and His goodness spread all over the earth. He is what we who are made in His image would understand as "good."

The Lord's love is evident in his works on earth. With respect to the rest of creation, he shows the same loyalty, constancy, and love that has found particular expression in the covenant relationship with his people.

The eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him. Those who truly fear the Lord find their hope in His mercy, not in their own goodness or righteousness.

Our soul waits for the Lord: Having praised Him and considered God's greatness from many angles, it is then appropriate to simply wait for the Lord; for His guidance, His word, His deliverance, looking to Him as our help and shield.

Our heart rejoices in Him because we have trusted in His holy name. We are called to praise God because of our blessed experience of trusting in His holy name.

Someone is Watching and Wondering

Mercy:
the bridge that connects
God and **man**,
opening our **hearts**
to the **hope**
of being **loved** forever
despite 
our **sinfulness.**
-Pope Francis

This year during Lent I participated in a retreat at the Precious Blood Center facilitated by Fr. Ron Will. We explored a book by Allen R. Hunt, titled *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody*. Each chapter retold a story of forgiveness given following often horrifyingly evil acts.

Our discussions, however, led us on an intimate, inner journey to name past and present hurts in our own lives and to discover the path of letting go in order to seek and offer forgiveness. Sometimes my emotions left me feeling bruised and raw. Other times I felt great joy and inner peace in the knowledge that Jesus walks with me. I recalled times when He lifted me up out of darkness and carried me in His arms. I came to realize that to be truly free I needed to surrender to His loving care. I also realized that I cannot "fix" another person but I can change myself. I can, with His help, stop living in the ugly parts of my past, receive forgiveness, and live in the light of His presence. I can let go of hurts by embracing His mercy.

Last Thursday through Easter Sunday we celebrated the Sacred Triduum. This celebration is like a roller coaster to me as my emotions are all over the place. The joy of Jesus giving us His body and blood which we celebrated Thursday evening is quickly replaced by His suffering and our sorrow of Friday's events, which lead us to the expectation and excitement of the great Easter Vigil and the pure joy of His resurrection. These three days with the one continuous liturgical celebration brought me back to my retreat and the need to forgive. I realized that I remain stuck in Friday and the manipulating power of evil, hate-filled acts if I do not both seek and offer heartfelt forgiveness. If I do not surrender to the love of God, then it seems to me that His suffering on the cross remains unrealized in my life. How can I ever know the joy of the resurrection if I am locked in the suffering of pain, if I allow myself to be filled with bitterness, and ideas of revenge. Instead I must stand at the foot of the cross and give it all to Jesus. As He takes away my pain and suffering, I just open myself and allow Him to replace them with joy, peace and love. I know He will fill me with hope, the hope of Easter and all He asks of me is to share His love with others, especially those I meet who are in great need.

I found this quote from Pope Francis and in sharing it with you I also offer it as the message for today and the future. Mercy is the bridge that connects God and man. As we continue to celebrate Easter for the next 42 days until the Feast of Pentecost, continue to open your hearts wider and wider to receive His love and mercy.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

We pray for Our Country, Leaders, and Loved ones serving our Country:

Chad Wilson, Paul Mooney, Phil Plack, Ryan Harrison, John Barry, Alex Reilly, Gary Lee, Bobby Kern, Geoff Wiese, Casey Snodgrass, Chris Griese, Ryan Villines, Paul Tyrrell, Charles Hensley, Gary Hogan, Jeremy Finn, Michael Caine, Alex Worth, Dan Knudson, Paul Starner, Bong Vtug, Brianna Hannum, Aaron Dolak, Cole Roberts, Tony Velasquez Jr., Raymond Lopez, David Castro, Jr., Jeff Gardner, Brad Nees, Josh DeLeone, Joe Binggeli, Jeremy Pyle, Cody Londo, Jason Lyday, Andy Sparks, Ray Writesman, Cody Zoglman, Adam Parnacott, Charlette Pruet, Daniel Wilson, Nicole Dobbelaere Martindell, Jeffrey Pelling, Jeff Duncan, Nicholas Caine, Jon Watson, Jacob Schmidt, Chris Kandlbinder, Zachary Ildza, Nathaniel Stitt, Carl Schoenrock, Zachary Schoenrock, Salvador Rodriguez, Salvador Ivan Rodriguez, Jacob Davis Harris, Brody Moubry.



If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be gone under.

H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS

Simple To Use - Makes A Big Impact !



We know that you hear about the HOPE program every Sunday before Mass, but it's worth saying again how great a program this is and how much it helps our parish. Just by families diverting their normal, everyday purchases through the gift card program, our parish benefits. But since the dollar amounts on each transaction are small, we need volume to make the program work. Our school families are required to purchase \$1,500 per year, and that sounds like a huge amount, but when you break it down, it's only \$125 per month. What family doesn't spend \$125 on groceries, gas, Target runs, hitting the drive-thru, etc., etc., etc.?

If every family in our parish diverted \$125 per month of their spending through the gift cards, our parish would be awash in a sea of cash. Well, okay maybe that's an exaggeration, but that our finance person would be much happier! So if you aren't a regular HOPE purchaser, maybe think about shooting for that \$125 per month goal. It can't hurt, and it would really help!

Stewardship of Treasure

Contribution Statements

As promised, we will put the statements that have not been picked up, back out in the Narthex this weekend (4/6). They will remain in the Narthex until after tax day (4/17). This may assist folks who missed them the first time, but still need them for tax purposes. If you have misplaced your copy, please request via email at:

katie@stjames-liberty.org .

2017 and 2018 Tithe Pledge

If you made a pledge in 2017 and it was not completed, PLEASE consider honoring this pledge and completing it. We, the parish would greatly appreciate it.

Filling out a 2018 tithe pledge card, helps us do a better job of budgeting. The 2018 cards can be found on the wooden information stand directly inside the main doors.

As always, if you have any questions and/or concerns about any financial numbers – please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Katie Klassen

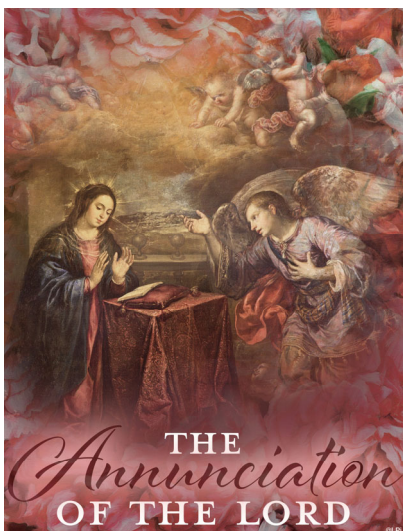
816-781-4343 x220 Katie@stjames-liberty.org

Walking With Purpose Community Gathering

April 10 at 6:30pm in the School Cafeteria.

All women are invited to participate in this gathering even though they are not doing the study in a small group session.

For more information contact Karen Ridder, at 816-429-5026 or karencame@juno.com.



We celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on April 9.

This feast day is normally celebrated on March 25, but was moved to April 9 because March 25 was Palm Sunday.

COME ONE! COME ALL! PLEASE JOIN US!

GROUNDBREAKING FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15 AT 1:30PM

We are just one week away from realizing a dream come true - breaking ground for our new church! The groundbreaking will be located on the south lawn of our campus, outlined by the approximate borders of the new church.

Bishop Johnston will be with us to bless the site of the new building, and the Mayor of Liberty, City Council members and many other local dignitaries will be here to help celebrate this monumental event. Come and join us and get to meet St. James' oldest parishioner, learn some fun facts about our parish and our patron saint. Light refreshments will be served, and if you're lucky you may even see some of our former parish priests!

To further join in the fun, be sure to check the link in the bulletin and on the website to order your own event T-shirt and wear it proudly on April 15! Bring your lawn chairs and all of your family to commemorate the day we have prayed for!

The event committee has worked in conjunction with the Capital Campaign committee to come up with an event

that is a reflection of our journey, paying respect and tribute to all the faithful who have invested in the future of St. James Catholic Church. You won't want to miss it!

Si tu me dices: Muestrame a tu Dios, yo te respondere. Muestrame primero si los ojos de tu mente ven, Si los oidos de tu Corazon oyen.....Dios se deja ver de los que son capaces De verlo.....porque todos tienen ojos. En nuestra parroquia iniciamos la construccion de un Nuevo Templo, lugar propicio para encontrarnos con el Senor.

Somos capaces de construirlo por que le Correspondemos su amor por nosotros, sacrificando con gusto nuestro tiempo y talentos. Por esto nos llenamos de alegria al ver a nuestros hermanos unidos en nuestra capacidad de lograr Una meta para bien de nuestra comunidad presente y futura.

No dejes de acompanarnos el dia 15 de abril a la 1:30 p.m., en el comienzo de la construccion. Las principales autoridades eclesiasiticas estaran presentes.

New Church News

Q. Early on I was told there would be ramp access to the podium. Now it looks like there are steps. This is a handicap issue.

We are firmly committed to the idea that all parishioners should be able to fully participate in our liturgies. This includes making the altar accessible for all liturgical ministers. There will be a ramp from the seating area up to the altar which will meet ADA requirements. Additionally, the ambo will also meet ADA requirements. It will be able to adjust to the width of a wheel chair. The height of the ambo can be lowered to accommodate a seated person. The current drawing being shown does not reflect this accurately, but our intent is that any future drawings will do so. Please bear with us as regarding our interior drawing. It bears repeating, the drawings cost money, and we are waiting to get most of the interior elements in place before we commission another drawing.

Q: During the church survey and subsequent town hall meetings, several parishioners voiced the desire for a working bell tower. The original artist's depictions showed a building with two bell towers. What happened to these towers and will we have a working bell tower?

The parish survey taken in 2011-2012 formed the basis for the Master Plan that was completed in 2012. This plan defined three phases of our project. However, a bell tower was not included in any of the three phases. A bell tower does show up in the master plan in a list of alternatives which also included future school expansion, future rectory, connector corridor and future connection to Kings Highway. The master plan put the costs for a bell tower at \$400,000 in 2012 dollars. Due to projected costs and low priority given by the parish as a whole to the idea of bell tower, it was never part of the original plan.

This does not mean that we cannot have the sound of bells at St. James, if it is important to our parishioners. Bell towers are only needed if large, expensive actual bells are used to make the sound. A church can have wonderful sounding bells without having a bell tower. With the technology available today, electronic bell systems can mimic a full carillon at a fraction of the cost of the old fashion bells from our forefather's time. By doing this, we forego the expense of building a tower. The structure to contain an electronic bell system can be relatively small in size. This means it could be added to our property later without requiring any expensive designs or plans.

Many bell systems use digital recordings and computer programming that allow for scheduling of different sounds at different times of the day, or week, or even seasonally. The variety of hymns that can be played is only restricted by the package that is purchased. Such a system could be installed sometime in the future provided there is a group that wants to do the research and raise the funds.

Our Faith In Action

March Blood Drive Results



Thank you! Gracias! Merci! Grazie! Danka! No matter how you say it, we are grateful to the blood donors at the St. James blood drives. We had a wonderful outcome at our last drive. There were 86 generous donors who rolled up their sleeves to save lives. Three of them were first-time donors. Sixteen used the Alyx machine and contributed two units at a time. By the end of the day, the Community Blood Center collected 94 units of blood that will be distributed to local hospitals and patients in need.

From the gracious donors to the many helping hands that volunteered, thank you all so much for contributing to and supporting the blood drives here at St. James! We look forward to seeing you again at our next blood drive on Tuesday, May 29.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter April 20 - 22



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.

Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by signing up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 20-22 at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information and to register check out our website at:
wwme4youandme.org or call 816-741-4066.



Because We Care From time to time we see people in need, whether it's a need for food, gas, diapers or rent money.

We here at St. James have a process to provide for some of these needs. This process begins when the person(s) in need come in to talk with one of our church staff.

Because we work very closely with LOVE INC, both financially and with volunteers, we are able to connect people in need with the many resources available through this ministry - much more than we as individuals could provide. "A hand up rather than just a hand out."

There are information brochures about LOVE INC available in the Narthex.

6th-12th Grade Youth Ministry

6TH-8TH GRADE FAITH SHARING

All 6th - 8th graders are invited to come to our Faith Sharing classes on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00.

Come to learn more and have fun with your friends!

HIGH SCHOOL

Does God Want You To Be Happy?

Have you ever wondered if God wants you to be happy?

The answer is YES! God created us in and for love, and He desires nothing more than that we might fall in love with Him as deeply as He has fallen in love with us. Our happiness and fulfillment are actually God's number one priority. However, the happiness God has in mind doesn't always look like the happiness we plan for ourselves. God's plans will always be far greater than ours, but it might not seem that way to us in every moment.

So, how does God want to make me happy?

God wants to make us happy by living in relationship with us. We were made for God, so He is the only thing that can make us whole. Living out a relationship with Him is the only way we can be truly happy. The "happiness" promoted by the world and popular culture would have us think that to be happy means to indulge into every desire we've ever had. The mantra of "if it feels good, do it" points us to a false happiness, a happiness in which we eventually find ourselves scrambling to gather more and more things, relationships, popularity, etc., trying to fill the void in our hearts meant to be filled only by God's love. The problem with the happiness the world promises is that it will always be finite. If we're simply chasing things and popularity, we will never have enough. But our hearts don't long for the finite; they long for the infinite. And only God, who is infinite love and goodness, can fill our hearts as they long to be filled.

*From Life Teen - an awesome website for Catholic teens
Check it out at <https://lifeteen.com>*

Confirmation



*Sacrament of
Confirmation
April 18 - 7:00pm
In the Church*

Parish Religious Education

2017 - 2018 Daring Disciples Deliver Respect

RE Calendar - Important Dates

Apr 8	Sunday RE Class
Apr 11	Wednesday RE Class
Apr 15	Sunday RE Class
Apr 18	No Wednesday RE Class (Confirmation)
Apr 22	Sunday RE Class
Apr 25	FAMILY DAY - Last RE Class
Apr 29	FAMILY DAY - Last RE Class

Food Drive In April

Bags go out April 28/29

Filled bags come back May 5/6

One of the ways that our parish supports the In As Much food pantry is with food drives every few months. This month's food drive is co-sponsored with our RE program. We'll need volunteers to hand out empty grocery sacks after all of the Masses for the weekend of April 28/29. If your family would like to help, please contact Cecilia and we'll put you on the Mass of your choice!



Urban Miller, our parishioner who helps run the food bank, has given us a wish list, things that their pantry is especially running low on right now, or things that tend to be really popular. They gladly accept whatever we send, but please check the expiration dates as they can't give out old cans.

Pork & Beans
Asparagus
Collard Greens
Tomato Soup
Baked Beans
Pancake Syrup
Stuffing mix
Catsup
Helper Meals (Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, etc)

Pinterest

Check out our Pinterest page on the St James website — we have lots of fun activities pinned there already, and more fun ideas will be coming!

Click on the Religious Education button on the home page, then on the Find Out More link, and you'll find the Pinterest link under "Links for Families."

St. James School News

Save the Date....



25th Annual St. James Golf Tournament Friday, May 4th

at Shoal Creek Golf Course

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

Lucia Christello	Joseph Ridder	Mark Novitski
Maegan Guyer	Leah Schuele	Hannah Spell
Daniel Kandlbinder	Christopher Steiger	Danielle Yarbrough
Brian Kelley	Brady Timmerberg	RoSara Agrusa
Kevin Nordhues	Jacob Witherow	Diane Backhaus
James Norton	Louis Wohletz	John Edwards
Andrew Richards	Atlas Yanke	Steven Genova
Kathleen Savaiano	Louis Angles	Megan Gray
Timothy Smith	Leonard Bezdek	Erica Harms
William Stipanovich	Patrick Briscoe	Daniel Lipari
Cory Busch	Joseph Burns	Joey Luchtefeld
Kevin Casel	Kaitlin Byrnes	Paige Melling
Frank Fuentes	Zachary Ildza	Molly Mereness
Zachary Fuller	Rachel Lea	Klaire Palmer
Andrea Gomez	Maureen McCubbin	Douglas Schuster
Connor Koelling	Abigail Nogueira	Carol Smith
Marita List	Victor Serrano	William Steffen
Erick Manriquez	Amellia Tinoco	Maylette Banales
Thomas McKenna	Zachary Usher	Heather Browne
Jason Reichert	Caroline Wright	Lyndsey Cooper
Steven Sieren	CJ Bartlett	Dominic Cusimano
Tyler Vivanco	Henry Bruening	Amy Flanigan
Lisa Baker	Daniel Burns	Earl Guest
Stephen Gregoire	Anna Christello	Pitia Juma
Mason Hedberg	Sheily Covarrubias	Haylee Kelley
Anita Holt	Lori Dorman	Eric Lee
Ashlynn Lea	Lillian Foster	Lilliana Mancuso
Mason Miller	Maia Gaddis	Anna Merricks
Amanda Odom	Robert Herr	Jeremy O'Dell
	Frances Mentch	Blake Parrish
	Kathryn Nash	Wayne Wilson

Three Youths Achieve Eagle Scout Status



On Monday, March 19, three young men from St. James Troop 214 were recognized at an Eagle Scouts Court of Honor.

Congratulations to Byron Arnold, Cameron Brizendine, and Patrick Gessler on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.



We are All Called to Protect God's Children and Youth

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Tony and Tet So	Emmanuel Monzon, Sr.	Pam Fink
Travis and Sarah Shay	Marietta Wimmer	John Nauser
Jack and Linda	Keith Jawson	Bill Roach, Jr.
Patrick Scroggins	Sheri Thomas	Rachel Zimmerman
Maddie	Judy Dunnigan	Jacob and Dana Glasford
Julie Sildeck	Carla George	Becky Weathers
Stan Carver	Angie Reed Family	Robert McCallum
Jackie R.	Raef	Keith Newman
The Curiel Family	Terry Rigg	Gary Andrew Reese
Kristina Mitchell	Bryan Amos	Emma Shay
Nancy Hummel	Sue McKnight	Joseph Greenwald
Nathan Golder	Ron Ward	Sam Porter
Penny	Kyle Sellmeyer	Mary Alice Worth
Janice Jones	Margarita Mendoza Family	Amy Villereal
Debra Sutlief	Reba Sutlief	Lauren Daldrup
Ima Rather	Mike Hojnacke	Frank Andrasik
Helen Szczech	Lindsay	Lori and Sam Daleo
Alice Rusch	Bob Hedrick	Mary Kaye Masnado
Hanna Carver	J. Bean	Carolee Bussjaeger
Jeff Richardson, Sr.	Marie Brancato	John Amaro
Fran Norton	Anita Heiman	Jerry McCaslin
Deacon Bud	Dan Kerns	DeDe Marchisio
Sheila Geiger	Rich Curasi	Therese Cimino
Monica Barrington	Keith Cobb	Denny Anderson
Trish Fasone	Kevin Uhlmann	Randy Baumert
Anna Jackson	Marion Saladino	David Switzer
Georgia Hampton	Baby Kingston	Jackie Plack Pelling
Susan Linville	Liz Phleps	Kennedy Noel Holcumbink
Kari and Jessie Rainey	Tricia Kauffman	Bernadette Kaplan
Mason Ogle	Bob Roach	Larry Kain
Dave Stark	Marvin Weishaar	Sandy Wheeler
Gary Bogenreif	Lulu Young	Rita Lowe / Megan
Louise Andrasik	John Brocato	George Massie
Barbara Fortier	Virgil and Mary Branson	Tony V. Sr.
Emily	Barbara (Roach) Still	Deric DeMasi
Laura May Harting	Debbie Pickett	John Eggleston
Frances Mentch	Christine Smith	Keegan & Justin Gwin
Michael Wimmer	Lorrie & Family	Sarah Rupp
Barb Schwery	Kathleen Amos	Chris Alvey
Nichole Stewart	Stan Smith	Carol Yeager Laplant
Barb Schwery	Kathleen Haines	Vincent Michael Smith
Tom Biggs	John Phannenstiel	Patrick O'Neill
Doug Schuster	Mike Sheeley	Iva Durocher
Samantha Wiggins Family	Rick George	John McMahon
Adolph Barringhaus	Viola Fowler	Joseph Gubera
Fr. Tom Albers	Frank Kenealy	Les VanBibber
Kelly Gentrup	Ruth Nelson	Maria Giannelli
Fulk Family	Saree Morely	Mike Reinhart
Denny Farrell	Christy Mock	Jeannette Wolken
Elfrieda Waltz	John Findlay	Crystal Coley
Marie Bacon	Duane Sander	Conchita Weir
Nancy Carr	Tammera Diaz	Louie Bussjaeger
The Hollomon Family	Keltin Daniel Gwin	Kenadee Gallagher
Trivino Family	Bill Goeckel	Shawn Adkins
Lyme Family	Jeanne Buffa	Jason Robinson
Neil's Family	Tom Hagins	Andrew Lay
Jacke & Enike Hayes	Nancy Sixsmith	Leah Biskup Coady
Jeanette Casel	Mattie Mae Weaver	Olivia Hernandez
Roberta Casel	Cheryl Dirckson	Chrissy Sparks
Robert Newell	Troy Cronkhite	Darleen Farnan Kenny
Catherine Finley	Chuck Hatler	Mary Bell Jones
Loren Wolken	Robert Elliott	Michelle McClune
Paulette	Jim Guccione	Joann & Greg Hagins
Kristie Koontz	June Bednar	Laura Ann DiGiovanna
Ellie Rocco	Denny Anderson	Steve Shoemaker
Beth Heide	Matt Biskup Family	Robert Doleshal
Rebecca Wilke	Kim Lackey	Jersey & James Hicks

Please notify us to remove your name from our prayer lists when it is time. In respect of HIPAA we will add names to the prayer list only by request of the person or immediate family.



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