



# Saint James Catholic Community

Third Sunday of Lent February 28, 2016



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## St. James Catholic Church

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<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/stjamesliberty/>

## 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.

## Did You Know?

Some weeks ago we spoke of moving some of our pretty Spruces to allow grading of the boundary between St. James and Liberty Commons.

Our gardening team will be working to properly relocate these large evergreens as well as some of the more recently planted ornamentals. They must work around the multitude of utilities buried in the boundary easement. Liberty Commons will foot the bill for Walker Tree Service's efforts.

The end result – the Commons gains some needed parking spaces and we gain an elegant tree line supplemented by additional ornamental plantings required by the City of Liberty. It's a win / win for both us and our new neighbors.

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

## St. Pius X High School Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, March 6**

**11am - 5pm**  
**\$8.00 per ticket - Kids Under 3 Free**

**Dine In or Carry Out**

*The St. Pius X High School Class of 2017  
Thanks you for supporting this year's Junior  
Class Spaghetti Dinner.  
All proceeds directly fund Prom and After-Prom  
providing a fun and safe evening for all Prom  
guests. CIAO!*

**Purchase Advance Tickets from your  
Favorite St. Pius X High School  
Junior ... OR  
Get Your Tickets at the Door!**

**St. Pius X High School - 1500 NE 42nd Terrace - Kansas City, MO**



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 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 Mary Bultmann at 816-714-2387 or bultmann@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

## From the Pastor's Pen

*The glory of the Father is the life of his sons and daughters. There is no greater glory for a father than to see his children blossom, no greater satisfaction than to see his children grow up, developing and flourishing.* ~ Pope Francis, homily during apostolic journey to Mexico, February 2016

This past week I have been journeying with the students of St. Francis Xavier School in St. Joseph for their annual Lenten all school retreat. It is a tradition that began when I was first there as Associate Pastor. It is a half-day retreat for each grade level ending with Mass on the afternoon of the last day. Each year we focused on a different theme and this year's theme is the Year of Mercy. From a video by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he drew upon his three challenges of becoming Missionaries of Mercy. First, is to take other people seriously. Second, is to take the sufferings of others personally. Third, is to focus and do what you can, not what you can't. With those points in mind, we talked about as students, how they could do things to live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Each of them came up with a few different ideas.

As part of their school Lenten project, they have once again chosen to support and participate in the Heifer International Project. Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. The money that is collected and raised helps to purchase livestock and seeds that are given to families to care for and raise them. In return, the family receives the produce from the animal to use to feed the family or to sell. The families are encouraged to share their animal offsprings with other needy families. It is a way for families to help themselves live a better life. A calendar is included that each day gives some information about the recipients and suggests something to do each day. For example: Got milk? If you have chocolate milk in your fridge put in 15 cents. If you have white milk, 20 cents. In the past, the students have raised enough money to purchase chickens, cows, and other livestock. Included with the information is a DVD. As we watched it, a seven-year boy who lives high in the Andes Mountain who has never seen a tree shared his story. As he spoke, he had the biggest grin you could possibly imagine. He spoke of herding alpacas that they had received. He also spoke of how proud his father and other parents were to watch their children play soccer. What a difference the gift of animals has made in each of their lives and in their community.

In this Year of Mercy, we are called to be the face of mercy to others. In living out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, can we take the time to reflect upon what they are and how we can live them out? We ask ourselves, "What can I do?" and not focus so much on what I can't do.

In this Year of Mercy, Fr. Timothy

## Mass Intentions

### Week of February 29 - March 6

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b><br>8:00am    | Brad and Mary Hover's Intentions              |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:00am   | †Martha Wolf                                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:00am | †Ellen Gale Green                             |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8:00am  | Pam DeMasi's Intentions                       |
| <b>Friday</b><br>9:00am    | <i>World Day of Prayer</i><br>†Robert Hystrom |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00pm  | †Gary Brecht                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>7:30am    | †Deceased Loved Ones of<br>Pat Cull           |
| 9:15am                     | ††Lloyd and Avery Koesterer                   |
| 11:00am                    | †George Tulipana                              |
| 6:00pm                     | ††Mike and Catherine Roddy                    |

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



### *From Death to New Life*

*Our prayer support is with ...*

Karen and J.D. Biggs and their families on the death of their mother Joyce Biggs.

Margie Kromeich and Mike Kromeich and their families on the death Margie's husband and Mike's father Frank.

Margy Brown on the death of her brother Wayne Endres.

*May the healing hand of our Lord Jesus  
be felt by all who are coping with grief  
and missing loved ones.*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: 2nd Wed of each month.  
Contact JoAnn in Parish Office, ext. 205

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

**New Parishioners:** Please register at the parish office.

***We Welcome You!***

## Contact Info

**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](mailto:daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org)  
or call Daryl or Loretta in Parish Office.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday  
12Noon to: [bulletin@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:bulletin@stjames-liberty.org)**

## The Week Ahead

**Sun February 28:** Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts coffee and donuts after the 7:30 & 9:15 Masses. All are welcome  
—Enrichment Series, 4:00 - 6:00 in the Social Hall

**Mon February 29 :** Mass at 8am, rosary to follow

**Tue March 1 :** Mass at 8am, rosary to follow  
—Altar Society Meets, 6:30pm in the Social Hall

**Wed March 2 :** Mass at 8am, rosary to follow  
—Prayer Service & Soup Supper 5:45pm, Church and Social Hall

—Sponsor's for Christ meet 1st and 3rd Wed; 6:30pm  
—Prayer Shawl Ministry meet 2nd and 4th Wed; 6:30pm

**Thurs March 3 :** Mass at 8am, rosary to follow  
—9:00am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
—1:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Mother in the church

**Fri March 4 :** Rosary prayed at 8:15am  
—Mass at 9am  
—Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm in the Church

**Sat March 5:** That Man Is You at 6:15 in the Social Hall  
—Faith Sharing (Consoling the Heart of Jesus) Class at 10:00 in the School Library  
—Rosary prayed at 3:00pm

**Sun March 6 :** Knights of Columbus serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 & 9:15 Masses. All are welcome

### Scriptures for March 5 and 6

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Gift Bearers for March 5 and 6

**Sat 5:00pm:** Joy Brecht

**Sun 7:30am:** Pete & Laura Trujillo

**9:15am:** James & Tracie Murphy & Family

**11:00am:** Jane Pettinger & Candy Clark

**6:00 pm:** Gary & Carol Bloomer

### Hospitality Greeters for March 5 and 6

**Sat 5:00pm:** Tom & Marcia Capps and James Thornton

**Sun 7:30am:** Carlin Yonke and Rick Conard

**9 :15am:** Hank Dunham & Julie Harman and Mary Midiri

**11:00am:** Suzan Corcione & family

**6:00 pm:** Amy Rothery-Colin & family

## Special Events

### Join Us For This Week's Soup Supper Wednesday, March 2



We begin in the church at 5:45pm for a Short Prayer Service followed by Soup Supper In the Social Hall

This week's Soup Supper Sponsored by Religious Education Pre-K, K, and 1st Grades.

### Year of Mercy Enrichment Series 3 - February 28

Join us on Sunday, January 28 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the Social Hall for the third session of our Year of Mercy Catholic Enrichment Series.

Bill Francis of the Diocese Respect Life Office will lead a discussion on Respect Life issues

The Enrichment Series is sponsored by the St. James Respect Life Group and the St. James Justice Team.

### Altar Society Program "Journey To New Beginnings" Tuesday, March 1 - 6:30pm

All are invited to attend this inspiring and informative presentation by Sister Rose McLarney of Journey House, a residence for women just out of prison.

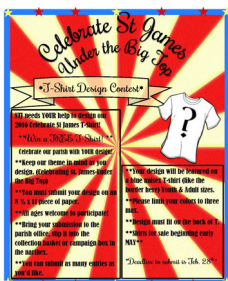
The nuns, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, provide this home to help former inmates restart their lives, teaching them life skills, rehabilitation and health care, as well as helping them with job searches.

Journey House, opened by four nuns last September, currently houses 15 women. The story of Journey House was featured on the front page of the Kansas City Star on December 27.

### "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" Bible Study Begins March 3

This 8-week study featuring noted speaker Jeff Cavins provides one of the easiest ways to understand the Bible. It will help you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about.

Classes begin on Thursday, March 3 and will be held from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the St. Stephens Room in the School. There is no charge for attending. For more information contact Tessa at 816-516-1998 or Chelsea at 816-808-5565.



### Last Call For T-Shirt Design Contest

Don't forget !

The deadline for submitting  
Your T-Shirt Design  
is this Sunday, February 28.



A  from the  
Liturgy/Music Office



Followed by Stations in Spanish

If you or your group would like to proclaim the English stations on one of these dates, please contact Mary Loy Brown, [rcmlbrown@me.com](mailto:rcmlbrown@me.com) or 816-781-1766. Rebecca and Angel Rizo will coordinate the Spanish version

**Youth Orchestra and Youth Choir  
Rehearsal Schedules**

Rehearsals begin Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>



Youth Choir rehearses from  
1:30-2:30pm.



Youth Orchestra rehearses  
from 2:30-3:30pm.

(Note the time change for Youth Orchestra.)

**Children's Choir Schedule**



|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat., Mar 5    | Practice at 10 am               |
| Sun., Mar 6    | 11 am Mass                      |
| Sat., Mar 12   | Practice at 10 am               |
| Sat., Mar 19   | Practice at 10 am               |
| Sun., Mar 20   | 11 am Mass<br>(Palm Sunday)     |
| Thurs., Mar 24 | Holy Thursday<br>Mass at 7 pm   |
| Sat., Mar 26   | Practice (subject<br>to change) |
| Sun., Mar 27   | Easter                          |

*Someone is Watching and Wondering*

This may seem a strange way to begin, but I ask you to think of three individuals: first yourself, second someone you love, and third a person who has hurt you, broken a confidence, lost your respect and trust, or perhaps a nameless other who lives, talks, worships, or simply appears different. Once you have brought these three to the forefront of your mind, describe them. (You may want to write your descriptions, or at least speak them out loud.) Begin with a description of yourself, then the loved one, finally the "other." Perhaps this is more difficult than you first thought. Did you begin with age, relationship to you, physical characteristics, vocation/career, actions, beliefs, shared memories? What about criticisms; where did they fit in your descriptions? If you are like me there were plenty of critical comments about yourself or the other, but very few about the loved one. Let me ask one more question. Did you describe any of these three individuals as a beloved child of God, a person who shows you the face of Christ, a little Christ who brings light into your life?



I suspect not, except perhaps for the one you named as loved, because this isn't our first reaction when describing ourselves or others. Our descriptions may be vague or very general, critical, or self deprecating, perhaps judgmental. In fact, most of us make judgements every day about ourselves, loved ones, and people we meet. This isn't how Jesus described the proprieties of His followers. His simple command: 'Love one another even as I have loved you.' He also showed us what it means to embrace the gift of our humanity, to be fully alive, to trust our heavenly Father, and to live in His love. And yes, a picture is worth a thousand words. What shows a hope, joy, peace and love filled life more than a picture of smiling, happy, innocent, children.

Beginning with our Lenten journey this Year of Mercy I offer a challenge. Ask God to help each of us become less judgmental and critical, even of ourselves. May we embrace the innocence of a child, seeing the beauty and life that surrounds us, and fill our lives with His love.

Your sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

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

Chad Wilson, Paul Mooney, Jeff Auksel, Phil Plack, Robert 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 Stamer, Bong Vtug, Brianna Hannum, Aaron Dolak, Cole Roberts, Tony Velasquez Jr., Colleen McCloskey, Raymond Lopez, David Castro, Jr., Jeff Gardner, Brad Nees, Josh DeLeone, Joe Binggeli, Jeremy Pyle, Cody Londo Jason Lyday, Andy Sparks, Jacob Weller, Ray Writesman, Cody Zogelman, Adam Parnacott, Charlette Pruet, Daniel Wilson, Nicole Dobbelaere Martindell, Jeffrey Pelling, Jeff Duncan, Nicholas Caine, Jon Watson, Jacob Schmidt, Chris Kandlbinder, Zachary Ildza.



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

##### ***"Ya Gotta Eat"***



March is National Frozen Food Month - the perfect time to use 25% of your weekly food budget to buy HOPE Gift Cards to stock up your freezer.

If stocking up your freezer isn't your "thing," there are plenty of National Food Days in March to take advantage of with your HOPE cards.

For seafood lovers (and just in time for meatless days in Lent) there's Crabmeat Day, 9th; Baked Scallops Day, 12th; Lobster Newburg Day, 25th; and Clams on the Half Shell Day, 31st. Snack food junkies can celebrate their favorite "junk" food on these days as well. Peanut Clusters, 8th; Potato Chips, 14th; Chocolate Caramels and Corn Dogs, 19th; Chip and Dip, 23rd; Chocolate Covered Raisins, 31st.

And don't forget the BIG holiday this month - St. Patrick's Day on March 17 - you won't be surprised to learn that it is National Corned Beef & Cabbage Day.

If these special "food" days don't tickle your fancy, keep in mind that March is also Berries and Cherries, Bell Peppers and Broccoli, Noodle, Celery, Sauce, Sugar, Peanut, and Hamburger and Pickle Month.

So pick up some HOPE Gift Cards this week for one or more of the merchants that sell food items and/or serve meals - and support the "Ya Gotta Eat" campaign.

We sell HOPE Gift Cards after every weekend Mass and in the Parish office during regular business hours.

**Thank You For Supporting H.O.P.E.**

## ***Stewardship of Treasure***

### **Information Tidbits**

Some housekeeping costs to think about for our Parish home.

- Our exterminator service is \$96.16 per month
- Contract on new lights \$1,038 monthly
- Trash pick-up is \$360 per month
- Custodial supplies - (chemicals, toilet paper, paper towels) \$1,311.80 per month average
- Building maintenance items (keys, lock, bolts, screws, batteries.....) \$687.78 average per month
- Our heating and cooling quarterly maintenance contract runs \$2,480
- Even with the mild winter weather, we spent \$1,097.25 in December on the parking lot salt and snow removal. January was \$2,135.25

Think about your own home - just you and your family. In comparison, over 4,500 people **can** use and **do** use our parish home at any given time any and everyday of the week.

If you have any questions and/or concerns on any financial numbers, please feel free to contact me, Katie in the parish office.

Katie Klassen

816-781-4343 x220 [Katie@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:Katie@stjames-liberty.org)



Friday  
March  
4

## ***Jubilee Year of Mercy***

*"Let us be lights of hope!  
Let us maintain a positive outlook  
on reality."*

— *Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy*

# St. Joseph's Table

## Save the Dates - March 12 & 13

Join with your fellow parishioners to celebrate at our  
Annual St. Joseph's Table

### Traditional St. Joseph Table Meal Served Both Days

#### Saturday, March 12

Blessing of the Table - 11 am  
Meal and Viewing - 11 am to 7 pm

#### Sunday, March 13

Meal and Viewing - 11 am to 2 pm

No charge for the Meal - free will donations are welcome

Homemade cannoli, breads, cookies, cakes and more available for sale

All proceeds will be donated to help those who are in need

**All are welcome and invited to attend**



### Jeff Cavins Special Event

March 4 & 5

#### St. Francis Xavier - St. Joseph

Jeff is a nationally-known Bible expert, Catholic author and evangelist who will explore the transforming power of Christ's love in "The Way Love Feels: A Look at the Cross of Christ" on Friday at 7pm in church. This is a freewill offering event; check-in starts at 6:15pm.

On Saturday, from 9am to 3pm in the Parish Center, "The Bible Timeline", will present the Big Picture of the Bible. You will:

- Learn how the key people, places, and events in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity.
- See how the events in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament.
- Gain a greater appreciation for the Scripture readings you hear during Mass

Early Registration for Saturday's seminar is \$35; after Feb 27th \$40 per person. Seminar materials, lunch and snacks are included.

Go to [www.sfxstjoe.com](http://www.sfxstjoe.com) to register online or to download a registration form.

### PB&J

#### (Prayer, Bible Study, & Jammin')



PB&J is a musical adventure for you and your little ones (most appropriate for 12 months through pre-kindergarten age, but all little ones will benefit). We have a few openings in our classes for the remainder of the year. Join us in March where we will learn the story of Zaccheaus. Continue with us in April as we learn the Easter story. Openings in the following classes: Tuesdays at 9 am and Wednesdays at 10am. Contact Lori Tajchman for more information.

### Little Saints

Mark your calendars now for Monday, March 14 at 10 am. Join us in the Social Hall for Holy Week Hand Prints. The children will enjoy the sensory experience of "hand print painting" and then will head off for some free play. Grown-ups will take those amazing hand prints and turn them into storyboards that that will take the kiddos through Holy Week in pictures! As always, Little Saints is for little ones (birth through pre-K) and their grown-ups - no registration or membership required!





## Our Faith In Action

### Volunteers Needed To Make Cookies For St. Joseph Table Event

Cookies of all kinds are needed for the St. Joseph Table. If you want to make Italian cookies, here is a simple recipe that makes about 130 cookies.

- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup sugar
- 5 cups flour
- 5 rounded tsp. full baking powder
- 1 cup shortening (Crisco)
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 5 eggs (beaten)
- 1 1/2 tbsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup milk (if needed) add last



Mix dry ingredients together. Mix in another bowl: cream the shortening then add sugar, margarine, and vanilla. Mix well then add eggs slowly. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture and mix well together. Roll into balls the size of a nickel or you can roll long finger lengths. Dough will be sticky. Bake at 350 8-10 minutes (don't over bake)

#### Icing

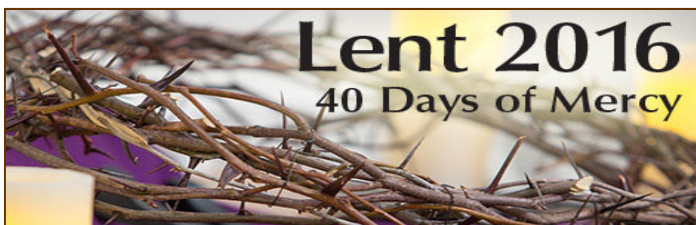
- Powder Sugar 2lb. (sifted)
- Milk 1/4 to 1/2 cup
- Margarine 2 tbsp. or butter (melted)
- Vanilla 1 tsp.

Put icing in a big bowl and gently put several cookies at a time in the bowl. Roll the cookies around so they are iced all over. Put on wax paper to dry or a cooling rack. Dry thoroughly before storing.

Cookies need to be delivered to the Social Hall by Wednesday, February 9. If you can help or have questions, contact Anna Jo at 816-792-0945.

### “A Life Worth Living” - A Lenten Concert Friday, March 4, 7:00pm Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, KS

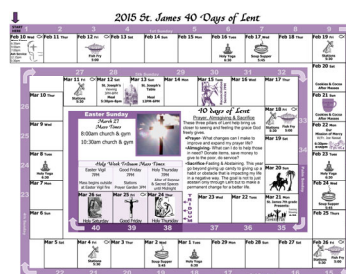
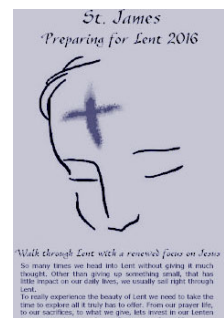
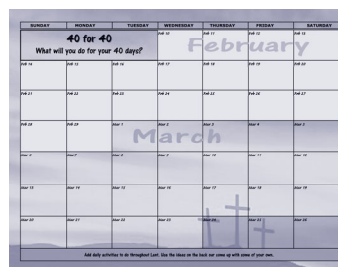
Steve Courtney, Fr. Kent O'Connor, Ellen Tuttle, Mark Fortino, Dorothy Brandwein and other singers will present this Lenten concert which is anything BUT “solemn” and “serious”. This inspirational concert will be enjoyed by all ages, so bring the whole family and tell your friends, as well. Admission free, but donations will be accepted to benefit our Archdiocesan Retreat House.



## Youth Group Happenings

### Lenten Resources

Lent is here and St. James has you covered on ways to make this a prayerful and spiritual journey. Don't forget to pick up the St. James 40 Days Map, a calendar with all parish Lenten activities listed, as well as other Lenten resources we have available in the Narthex. You can also download all resources from the Lent page on the St. James Website or Facebook Group.



### Upcoming Youth Ministry Dates

- Sun Feb 28 High School Café 7pm-8:30pm
- Wed Mar 2 6th-8th Faith Sharing 6:30-8:00
- Sun Mar 6 Confirmation 7:00pm-8:45pm
- Wed Mar 17 6th-8th Faith Sharing 6:30-8:00

### VBS Leadership Team

Searching for a few great volunteers



We are looking for a few (5-10) adults who would enjoy sharing a leadership role with Vacation Bible School this summer.

The duties would be shared, so no one person would be overwhelmed. No prior VBS experience is required, but you should enjoy working with children and adults.

Contact Cecilia in the parish office by phone or email if you are interested - we'd love to have you join our team!



## Parish Religious Education

### RE Calendar - Important Dates

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| Feb 28   | No Sunday RE Class   |
| March 2  | Third Soup Suppers, Pre-K, K & 1st grades sponsoring             |
| March 4  | Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm church                            |
| March 5  | Bread Baking Retreat 9 to noon in the Social Hall                |
| March 6  | Sunday RE Class  |
| March 9  | Wednesday RE Class   |
| March 11 | K of C Fish Fry  |
| March 12 | St Joseph's Table  |
| March 13 | St Joseph's Table, Sunday RE Class, Daylight Savings Time Begins |

### Vacation Bible School Volunteers A Frank Talk

We have offered a Vacation Bible School program here for at least 15 years, and it's probably been closer to twenty. When the program was started, we drew from a sizable group of stay-at-home parents who were happy to give VBS a week of their time. As the years have gone by, families' circumstances have changed. Most families have 2 working parents now, and the ones who do have one partner at home often have too many other responsibilities to be able to give up a whole week. That has led to our struggling each year to try to find enough adults to make VBS work – it's not enough to rely on teen and youth helpers, we have to have adults to make the program safe.

Which is why you heard the announcement at Mass, in the bulletin, and in my newsletter, asking for adults willing to be involved on a core team. We have run that for several weeks, and no one responded. That doesn't make me wag my finger and dish out the Catholic guilt – it tells me that as popular as VBS is for the kids, we no longer have enough adults who are able to make it happen.

So instead we are looking at what else we could offer for family faith formation in the summer months, What would work for you and your schedule? I welcome your suggestions and your comments – tell me about what you've seen at other parishes or other churches. What would work best for your family? Keep in mind that whatever we plan, it has to require a minimum of adult volunteers to run it. We are looking for programs that families could do as a family, rather than kids-only activities.  
Cecilia

**Reminder:** Wednesday is the Soup Supper. There is no regular class this week for our Wednesday students – the supper is their class for the evening.

## St. James School News

### Save the Date....



## St. James Parish 23rd Annual Golf Tournament Friday, May 20th

- ◇ Shoal Creek Gold Course
- ◇ Shot Gun Start at 12:00 PM



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Pat Cull

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