

Saint James Catholic Community

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019

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Together We Can Do Great Things



Strive To Enter
Through The
Narrow Gate

Luke 13:24



St. James Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-4:00

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

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

Saturday, 5:00pm

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

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?



Looking at the doors to our new church, you may wonder why the two doors on the right look different from the door on the left. The ones on the right look like church doors. The other one, dark brown in color, doesn't. The reason? The door on the left is serving as a "service door" for workmen to use when going in and out and to move equipment in and out. When all of interior construction is finished, the "real" door will be installed and all three doors will look the same.

Jim Newell, Operations Manager

Volunteer Catechists Needed For This School Year



To find out more contact Joe LaScala
joe.lascala@stjames-liberty.org

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

For those of you who have not met him, I'd like to introduce Fr. Michael Volkmer C.P.P.S. Fr. Michael, as we are calling him to distinguish him from me (Fr. Mike) - is our Senior Priest in Residence. We are blessed to have him here at St. James as we continue our long time relationship with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

Fr. Mike

Since my move to Liberty, parishioners have asked me about my background. So let me share with you a bit of personal history. I was born in Nebraska City, Nebraska, also the hometown of Brother Steve Ohnmacht, who was active in the parish before his untimely death.



I am the second oldest of six siblings. I attended a small Catholic high school in Nebraska City and then spent two years at Creighton University in Omaha. It was there that I discerned a call to enter a seminary and went into a formation program of the Precious Blood Community, mainly because this Community staffed the parish in Nebraska City.

I was ordained to the priesthood in 1968, and spent my first eight years of ministry right here in Liberty as an instructor at Precious Blood Seminary. Then after spending six years as an associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in Centerville, Iowa (where Fr. Timothy is now pastor), I was named pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Park Falls, WI.

After nine years there, I was assigned to being pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Sedalia, Missouri, and then spent ten years as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Saint Joseph, Missouri. I then served as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Albia, Iowa, before coming back to Liberty.

My present task is to serve in ministries here at St. James Church in any ways that Fr. Mike asks of me. I am blessed to be here and have found a very warm welcome. I look forward to serving God's People in this community.

Fr. Michael Volkmer, C.P.P.S.

Mass Intentions

Week of August 26 - September 1

Monday 8:15am	Don & Debbie Taylor
Tuesday 8:15am	Saint Monica Ginny Miller's Intentions
Wednesday 8:15am	Saint Augustine †Barbara Lehr
Thursday 8:15am	The Passion of St. John the Baptist †Betsy Trainor
Friday 8:15am	Tony Sellmeyer Family
Saturday 5:00pm	††Rex & Margaret Sullenger
Sunday 7:30am 9:15am 11:00am 6:00pm	†Sr. Philomena, OSB †Rusty Holt †† Harry Woltkamp and Alex Bruening †Ethel Hartman

Liturgical Ministers

Have you given us your current information for the new scheduling system? Have you chosen a new Mass time to minister at in the new church?

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Gift Bearers and Servers need to update your information.

If you've not done so, please email Kirsten Maggi in the parish office. If you are a current minister and do not wish to continue, we need to know that as well.

THANK YOU!

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 Aug 25: Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 and 9:15 Masses. All are welcome

Mon Aug 26: Mass at 8:15am, rosary to follow

Tue Aug 27: Mass at 8:15am, rosary to follow
—Legion of Mary meets at 6:00am in the Mallen Room

Wed Aug 28: Mass at 8:15am, rosary to follow
—Sponsor's for Christ meet 1st and 3rd Wed; 6:15pm
—Prayer Shawl Ministry meet 2nd and 4th Wed; 6:30pm

Thurs Aug 29: Mass at 8:15am, rosary to follow
—9:00am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri Aug 30: Mass at 8:15am

Sat Aug 31:

—That Man Is You at 6:00am in the Social Hall
—Faith Sharing, No Class, Labor Day Holiday

Sun Sept 1: Knights of Columbus serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30, and 9:15 Masses. All are welcome

Scriptures for Aug 31 & Sept 1 Masses

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a /
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Gift Bearers for Aug 31 & Sept 1 Masses

Sat 5:00pm: Joy Brecht

Sun 7:30am: Jackie Rapp, Lynn Streu, and
Barbara Schmitt

9:15am: Ima Rahter and Lucinda Ramsey

11:00am: Jennifer & Quinn Knabe

6:00 pm: Gary and Carol Bloomer

Hospitality Greeters for Aug 31 & Sept 1 Masses

Sat 5:00pm: Kim Rizek and Carolyn Roach

Sun 7:30am: Jim & Lynn Streu and Helen Lynn

9:15am: Ima Rahter and Lucinda Ramsey

11:00am: Santosh & Vanessa Sequeira

6:00 pm: Open to a Church Family



Women of the Parish You Are Invited To Join The St. James Altar Society

Service Projects / Fun
Food / Inspirational Speakers

Our First Meeting is
Tuesday, September 3
at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Come And See What We're All About

Special Events

Registration Open Now For the Following Programs

Religious Education

3 years - 5th Grade

Faith Sharing

6th - 8th Grades

Confirmation Preparation

9th - 12th Grade

PB&J

Infants - Age 5

Children's Choir

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Information and Registration Forms are in the Narthex and on the St. James website



Protecting God's Children September 10 - 6:00 - 10:00pm St. James Social Hall



In our diocese, anyone working with children must attend a session of Protecting God's Children, the child sexual abuse awareness seminar.

Those who have not taken and received credit for attending this seminar in the past are required to attend this session before working with children.

To register, go to www.virtusonline.org. Follow the prompts and then select the session held here on September 10th.

The class begins at 6:00pm and will be finished by 10:00pm; there is no childcare offered and this is not a class for kids. To receive credit, you must arrive on time and stay until the end.

This class is limited in size, so don't wait to register. You can contact the RE office if you need assistance with registration.

A  from the
Liturgy/Music Office



Reflection

The paradox we saw in the gospel reading is also present in the psalm. This shortest of all psalms call for nothing less than every nation and person to extol and praise the Lord. Even as a young nation, Israel knew their God was not only theirs alone, but also desired to gather all nations, all people together in unity. Jesus shares this vision, reminding the people of his own ancestry, and reminding us today that the kingdom is not ours alone. It does not belong to just one nation, one religion, or one race.

The kingdom of God is as expansive as God's mercy and faithfulness. How does our community of St. James welcome those who are "outside" our familiar borders? How do we show hospitality in our daily actions?

Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus you have shown us
the way to salvation.

Free us from worry over who will be saved
that our gaze may only be fixed upon Christ.

Praise the Lord, all peoples of God.

Sing praise to God who is faithful for ever.

Amen.

TEEN CHOIR / YOUTH BAND



Our Teen Choir is back in full swing now that school is back in session. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

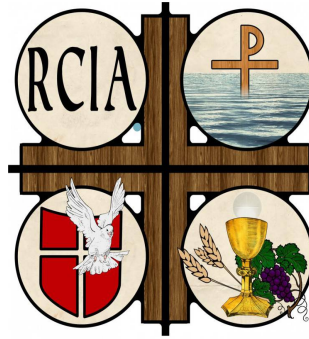
We gather at 4:30pm in the church to practice. Then we lead music at the 6:00 Mass.

Our next 3 scheduled Masses are: August 25, September 8, and September 22.

If you are interested in learning more, please email
Danny in the Liturgy/Music office.

danny@stjames-liberty.org

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Monika Hellwig begins her book *Understanding Catholicism* as follows: "Some people worry when they have questions about their faith, or when they begin to realize that the old explanations, good enough before, no longer seem to offer coherent meaning. This worry is misplaced. To believe means to

want to understand, and to want to understand means to be asking questions. To ask questions means to be uncertain, perhaps puzzled or perplexed. To believe means to want to understand because faith is an orientation of one's thinking and of one's whole life."

There are many questions that arise during the RCIA journey, and one of particular interest is "If we receive the Holy Spirit at baptism, then why is there a Sacrament of Confirmation. An easy answer, although not particularly accurate, is that Confirmation is necessary for those baptized as infants, to state their understanding of the faith and publically endorse the promises made by their parents, for them, at the time of their baptism. Preparing for Confirmation, therefore, has not been understood as a journey of asking questions about the meaning of a Christian life, faith, and seeking truth in one's life but rather as a somewhat mature act of restating Church teachings or something equivalent to a graduation ceremony from "religious education." This answer and understanding is vacuous and trivializes the Sacrament.

Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it seems to me, is a journey filled with questions. Who am I; Where is God in my life; How do I respond to the Spirit; In what way am I being called to live my life in and through Christ; How do I share the *agape* of Jesus; What is my place in the Church and my vocation in life? Confirmation is not an end to something, rather it is a time of commencement, beginning of new life in response to the Spirit within. It is acknowledging a readiness to open the door of self to the light of Christ and welcoming the Spirit as the force or energy that will embrace, strengthen, and guide you through the remainder of your life. Confirmation is the sacrament to embrace the truth, known in our very bones, that will set us free; free "to be our own most selves, our very most real selves. . . the self we will find, when we are in Christ, is never a self-for-self, it is always a self-for-others, and a self-for-God. . . a self oriented to the deep mysteries and realities of the divine Source. . . flowing from. . . and journeying toward it as well." (Huebsch, *Rethinking the Sacraments*) This Spirit is the grace of Confirmation. Perhaps we should each continue to seek daily confirmation of our lives in Christ, open to grace.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

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

Summer's Last Hurrah



Labor Day is next weekend – where did the summer go?

This last summer holiday of 2019 is the perfect time to get together with friends, family, and neighbors for a picnic or backyard barbeque.

Before the weekend arrives, take some time to plan your menu. How about some ribs, maybe chicken or steak, hamburgers, hotdogs, brauts, potato salad, fresh tomatoes, potato chips, baked beans, or whatever your taste buds dictate. And don't forget to buy the paper goods you need – paper plates, napkins, cups, and disposable tableware as well, to keep your clean-up time to a minimum.

Then, before you go shopping, pick up HOPE gift cards for your favorite stores where you can find all of the supplies you need. We keep HOPE gift cards in stock for most of the more commonly shopped stores – HyVee, Price Chopper, Sprouts, Walmart, Target, and more.

Thank You for Supporting H.O.P.E.

Children's Choir



The Children's Choir has big plans this year. We will be singing at the Dedication of the new church in October, preparing and performing a new Christmas

Eve musical, and still singing twice a month at the Saturday 5pm Mass!

Practices are Saturday mornings at 10am. Children K-8 are invited to sing with us. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and/or can be printed online.

Now is the time to join so your children learn the importance of serving our parish.

Attention: Homeschooling Families



Are you a Catholic homeschooling family or want to know more about homeschooling?

St. Margaret of Scotland Homeschoolers invite you to our 2019-2020 Kickoff Educator Meeting. Monday, August 26, 7-9pm at St. Andrew's Fr. Pilecki Room in Gladstone, MO. Hear our plans to support the liturgical life of our families this year, including our field trips, activities, and parent educator meetings. Curriculum swap/shop corner included.

Questions? Email stmargaretskc@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

**Month End
July 2019**

Operating Income:	\$ 183,713
Operating Expenses:	(\$ 202,785)

**New Church Fund (NCF)
July 2019:**

Funds Received:	\$ 52,654
Loan Balance	\$ 3,278,149

We did spend more in July than we took in. Fortunately we ended our fiscal year in June with a little carryover, so all regular bills were paid in full. Expenses were in line with budget and years' past.

The maintenance and black top on the parking lot have been completed. We are trying to stay on top of the regular upkeep issues of our parish home. I continue to attempt to be a good steward of our parish money. Thank you to everyone who continues to do their part to support our parish. Your gifts are appreciated!

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



**Circle of Love: A Support Group
For People Living With Chronic Illness**

Friday Aug 30, 10-11:30 a.m.
Precious Blood Renewal Center
2120 Gaspar Way, Liberty, Missouri 64068

Living with a chronic illness can be challenging. There is no need to be alone in your struggle. Join a loving group that will support you on your journey. Find a sense of spiritual healing and renewal as we gather for meditative prayer and contemplative sharing. Facilitated by spiritual director, Kathy Keary.

Learn more or RSVP

<https://www.pbrenewalcenter.org/events-news/>
or call 816-415-3745.



**St. James Catholic School has openings
for part-time childcare workers
in our after school care program
for children in preschool - 8th grades**

The St. James School Aftercare Program is open from 3:00 - 6:00pm on school days, with occasional half days (Noon - 6:00pm) and occasional full days (7:00am - 6:00pm). Staff members are typically scheduled for 10 – 15 hours per week. We strive to keep a balance of male and female staff, to maintain safe environment guidelines.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, enjoy working with children, and able to complete diocesan requirements for safe environment training, including a background check.

The position is typically a good fit for college students, especially education or nursing majors. Aftercare staff members work as a team, actively supervising 50 – 80 children daily, including snack time, playtime, and assistance with homework.

To apply, submit a resume and three references to
Jennifer Scanlon-Smith
jennifer.smith@stjames-school.org

'Prayer, Bible Stories & Jamming!'



PB&J classes begin the first week of September. Classes are offered at 9am, 10am and 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Registration forms and information are available in the Narthex.

The classes are geared to accept the developmental stages of the children: infants are exposed to music, socialization and movement; toddlers are able to exercise their need to walk, run and roam while they soak up the experience around them.

Preschoolers are actively participating in Mass postures while learning to sing the monthly bible stories; all while parents and grandparents enjoy the ever-need socialization with other adults while at the same time bonding with their littles.

Join us today!

Christ's Peace House of Prayer

An Archdiocesan Retreat Center

Invites you for a retreat on

Christian Joy

Based on the teachings of

Pope Francis, Cardinal Newman and Bishop Barron

5:30 p.m.
September 13th
until
4:30 p.m.
September 15th

Conferences,
Liturgy of the Hours,
Mass at the local Parish
Time for Reflection,
Private Prayer, Walking,
Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession

Suggested donation including meals:
Cabin/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single or \$250 Couples
Single Guest Rooms: \$80
If you are interested, please contact us at:
info@christspacese.com or call 913.773.8255

Christ's Peace House of Prayer
is located on 120 acres of
rolling pastures and timberland in
Easton, KS.

About 14 miles west of Leavenworth and
One hour from Kansas City,
Lawrence and Topeka.

Call us to schedule
Private, Guided, Group or Sabbatical
Retreats

Restore Refresh Renew

Catholic Charismatic Conference

at Guardian Angels Parish – 1310 Westport Road in Kansas City, Missouri

Friday, September 13, 7:00pm-9:00pm;
Saturday, September 14, 9:00am -9:00pm;
Sunday, September 15, 9:30a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Special guest speakers are Fr. Ed Wills, Chuck Hornsby, AnnMarie Creedon, Deacon Doug Myler and others. The weekend will offer teachings on spiritual renewal, along with spirit-filled music, and healing prayer ministry. Full conference \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 for married couples; Saturday & Sunday only \$25.00; any single session \$10.00; Religious & teens free. For registration form, meal options or questions, call Carol at 816-885-2322. A limited number of financial scholarships are available.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ann Roberts Puck who was recently installed as the National Welfare Officer for all military veterans and families at the 2019 Catholic War Veterans 85th National Convention in San Antonio TX.

Our Faith In Action



Growing Our Faith

Adult Faith Formation



Did You Know?

The simple act of making the Sign of the Cross is, in and of itself, a powerful prayer making us mindful of the great love God has for each of us and a sign of our participation in the life of Christ and of the Church. As Bishop Robert Barron says in his study, "The Mass", marking our bodies with the sign of the cross is a branding of ourselves to Christ and a turning away from belonging to ourselves.

We use our right hand because Jesus sits on the right hand of the Father. By touching our forehead, our chest near our heart and our two shoulders we are expressing the two chief mysteries of our faith. First, we are invoking that God is three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Second, we are acknowledging that Jesus died for us on the cross and that the cross is a sign of our salvation. Each time you perform this act, you are dedicating what you do in the name of Jesus Christ, affirming your faith in Him and your willingness to suffer for Him.

Growth Opportunities

Come join us! Experience Fun, Fellowship, Friends and Faith!

- ★ **Touching the Divine Registration** is this weekend before and after all Masses in the Narthex. Information is in the right column..
- ★ **Saturday Morning Faith Sharing** – meets every Saturday morning at 10am in the school library. The current class is "Eucharist".
- ★ **That Man Is You** - Meets Saturday mornings at 6am in the Social Hall.



"Coping with Life Alone" Peer-To-Peer Grief Support

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE "Coping with Life Alone"® is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

Our next program will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 7 – Oct. 19, from 2-4pm at St. Therese Parish, North, Lower Level, Birkel Room, 7207 NW Highway 9, Kansas City. Contact Donna at 816-305-3760, for information and registration.



walking with purpose

**CALLING ALL LADIES!!!
COME JOIN US AND LEARN TO BECOME
MORE LIKE JESUS
IN YOUR DAILY LIVING**

Touching the Divine is a 20-lesson Women's Bible Study, focusing on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.



Registration is before and after all Masses the weekends of August 24/25 in the Narthex. Get more information and even order your class book.

Our study begins on Monday, September 9, from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the St. James School library and weekly small group sessions start the week of September 16th and are offered on Saturday mornings, Monday mornings, Monday evenings, Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings. A more detailed schedule is available at the registration table.

For questions contact Karen Ridder
karencame@juno.com, 816-429-5026
or Sherri Porterfield,
choirdiva.porterfield@gmail.com, 816-863-5557.

SAVE THE DATE ~ OCTOBER 26



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**SQUEEZEBOX Featuring
Ted Lange & Mollie B**

Saturday, October 26

7:00 - 11:00pm

St. James Gym

**Tickets On Sale Now
\$15.00 in Advance ~ \$20.00 at the Door**

Dancing ● Food ● Fun

To Order Tickets or Ticket Information Contact

Kathy Mendyk

816-721-7252

email: mendyk2017@gmail.com

There are a limited number of tickets available.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Proceeds Benefit the New Church Fund

Parish Religious Education

2019 - 2020
We Are One Family

The Gift of Faith

St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "Love begins at home, and it not how much we do, but how much love we put in that action." As parents, you undoubtedly love your children. You work hard to provide shelter and food, you give of your time for them and you sacrifice so they do not. One of the greatest gifts of love that you can give your children is the gift of faith.

You are the primary educators of your children, especially when it comes to faith. You do this by praying with your kids, living as a witness of the faith and sharing with them the teachings of the Church. However, the Church knows that you may need help in this, and that is why my job exists. It is my job, as well as our catechists, to help you form your children's faith.

We ask that you make sure to sign your children up for religious education before the end of this month. Forms can be found on the website or in the Narthex. They can be turned in after Masses next weekend or to the parish office. We have an amazing group of catechists who are going to put time and effort into helping your children grow spiritually. As parents, I want to make sure that you understand the goals of our program. The main aims of our catechesis are:

1. Teach the basics of the faith
2. Form the understanding of liturgy and Sacraments
3. Share the moral teachings of the Church
4. Draw children in a prayerful life so to draw children to relationship with God
5. Bring children into the community life of the Church
6. Instill a sense of Christian mission of sharing love

If you have any questions or there is anything I can help you with, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your brother in Christ, Joe LaScala

Beginning Preparation For First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Children entering the second grade are older are able to start the preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

In order to begin the preparation, children must have participated in religious education the year prior to the year they receive the Sacraments. Parent/child meetings will be September 16th and 18th. More information to come.

Sacramental Preparation



First Holy Communion

St. James School News



Welcome New Staff Members!

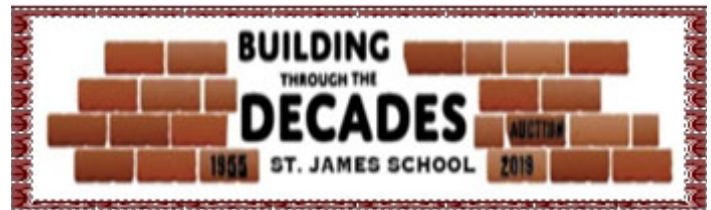
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new teachers!

Hannah Power is our new 4th grade teacher. Ms. Power is a SJS and SPX alum who recently completed her student teaching at Epic in Liberty.

Welcome Ms. Power!

Theresa Brier is our new Music and Band teacher. Mrs. Brier has an extensive teaching and music background and is an active volunteer in various ministries within St. James Parish.

Welcome Mrs. Brier!



THE ANNUAL ST. JAMES SCHOOL AUCTION

"BUILDING THROUGH THE DECADES"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

EMBASSY SUITES, KCI

WWW.STJAMESSCHOOLAUCTION.ORG



Did you know?

If your child is enrolled in Religious Education at St. James Church, he/she can participate in sports through the Parochial League of Kansas City!

Sign up today at plkc.org

Fall sports include:

Volleyball: 3rd - 8th grade girls

Cross Country: 4th - 8th grade

Flag Football: 1st - 4th grade

Tackle Football: 5th - 8th grade

School Mission Statement

The St. James Catholic School Community, a ministry of the parish, empowers students to achieve their full academic and Christian potential, become prayerful, lifelong learners and good stewards of God's gifts.

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

Grace Angles	Erin Phillips	Olivia Ervie
Lydia Arnold	Henry Rizzo	Jacqueline Filardo
Joy Brecht	Carrie	Quinn Knabe
Richard Conard	Tebbenkamp	William McGary
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Our Kickoff dinner is Saturday, October 12th in the St. James Social Hall.

If you would like more information or to sign up, call or e-mail Sandy Turner by September 30. Call 510-9264 or e-mail alberttrnr@aol.com

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We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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Doug Lewey	John & Susan-Kelly Corsione	Bob Roach
Jamie Wright	Tony & Jo's Family	John Brocato
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Kai Bennett	Lynn & Monica Nelson	Kathleen Haines
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Colette	Carol Rakoczy	Duane Sander
Kathleen Amos	Ellen Wentz	Mattie Mae Weaver
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Monica Nelson	Denny Farrell	Kenadee Gallagher
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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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