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## St. James the Greater Parish

### WEBSITES:

St. James the Greater: [www.stjamesthegreater.org](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org)

Archdiocese of St. Louis: [www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org)

### PARISH OFFICE

6401 Wade Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63139  
314-645-0167  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### SCHOOL OFFICE

1360 Tamm Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63139  
314-647-5244  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Parish Staff

Rev. Rajpaul Sundararaj, Pastor [rajpaulstl@gmail.com](mailto:rajpaulstl@gmail.com)  
Deacon Michael A. Nicolai  
Patricia Whitmore, Administrative Assistant  
Andrew Donovan, Music Coordinator  
Kathy Schodrowski, Sacramental Coordinator

### School Staff

Michael Biggs, Principal  
Katie Ryan, School Secretary

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

7:00 AM in the Chapel

Tuesday

8:15 AM - School Mass in Church

Adoration on Wednesdays

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM in the Chapel

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### The Sacraments:

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 PM—4:15 PM before 4:30 PM Mass and by appointment.

#### Baptism

Please contact the rectory 314-645-0167 to schedule a baptism. No baptisms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month. Families are encouraged to be registered in the parish.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office 314-645-0167 at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

#### Ministry to the Sick

If you know of someone who is homebound, sick or in the hospital, please call the rectory and let us know.

#### St. Vincent De Paul

For those in need, within our parish boundaries, call and leave a message: 314-289-6101 ext. 1152.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

# HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Jan. 21 —Jan. 27

Monday  
7:00 PM Quilting (Mary's Room)  
7 PM-8:30 PM 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday  
9 AM-3 PM Quilting (Mary's Room)  
6:00 PM Munch 'n Movie Night (Gym)

Wednesday  
6:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)  
5:30 PM-7 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)  
7 PM-8:30 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)

Thursday  
6:30 PM Joint Organization Meeting (Mary's Room)

Friday  
9 AM-3 PM Quilting (Mary's Room)

Saturday  
9:00 AM Basketball League Games (Gym)

Sunday  
9 AM-11 AM Breakfast (Cafeteria)  
12 PM-2 PM Open House (School)  
12:00 PM Bunco (Cafeteria)  
12:00 PM Basketball League Games (Gym)

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Jan. 21, St. Agnes</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Chapel	Carol Wilson
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Jan. 22, Weekday</b>
<b>8:15 AM</b>	Church	Robert Hodapp
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Jan. 23, Weekday</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Chapel	Richard Digenon (Brother of Sr. Rosalie)
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Jan. 24, St. Francis de Sales</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Chapel	Olivia & Will Hodapp
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Jan. 25, Weekday</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Chapel	Carolyn & Nick Schmieder
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Jan. 26, Sts. Timothy &amp; Titus</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Church	Mildred Ellingham
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Jan. 27, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Church	Mary & Dick Turner
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Church	People of the Parish

<b>Sunday Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1264.00</b>
<b>Loose Offering</b>	<b>\$ 244.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 36.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Adopt-A-Student</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1550.00</b>

Envelopes Sent: 390  
Envelopes Used: 57  
Faith Direct Users: 63

SUNDAY OFFERING 

# Liturgical Roles

Weekend Liturgy ~ 01/26 & 01/27

## Saturday ~ 4:30 PM

Lectors: 1) Jeff Smith 2) Ann Chulick  
Euch Mins: Jean Barry, John & K2 Kelley, Deacon Nicolai, Catherine Schodrowski, Kathy & Ron Schodrowski & Mary Syron  
Servers: Kaitlyn & Sarah Donovan  
Greeters: Amy Benoist, Mary Dury, Alan Ratchford & Volunteer  
Ushers: Linda Privitor, Tom Zagari & Volunteers  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

## Sunday ~ 8:00 AM

Lectors: 1) Sean Neuerburg 2) Terry Daugherty  
Euch. Mins: Jeannine Cole, Pat Corkery, Josie Fieser, Ed Imgrund, Bill Kennebeck, Clare Pilla & Karen Schwartz  
Servers: 2 Adult Volunteer Servers  
Greeters: Kay Hannon, Michael Owens, Kay Riordan & Volunteer  
Ushers: Lino Angeli, William Crump, Frank Pilla & Pete Venicasa  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

## Sunday ~ 10:30 AM

Lectors: 1) Jennifer Furey 2) Clayton Rehkemper  
Euch. Mins: Gary Kramer, Doyle & Mary Jo Owen, Monica Rapp, Pauline Robbins, Melissa Strohmeier & Dave Swatek  
Servers: Opal Strohmeier & Hannah Williams  
Greeters: Connie Endsley, Andrea Hendrix, Bobby Krull & Gerry Miller  
Ushers: Brian Behrens, Mark Morgan, Jose Navarro & Josh Wilderson  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Questions or feedback about ministries? Please contact:  
Euch. Ministers: Steve Cole 314-445-8755  
Greeters & Ushers: Kathy Schodrowski 314-630-3219  
Servers: Deacon Nicolai 314-351-1003  
Lectors: K2 Kelley 314-707-3629



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019.

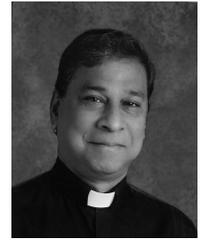


## Martin Luther King Day

Bulletin notices are due by 3:00 pm on the Monday before the weekend published. All items must be sent electronically to: [pkwhitmore@stjamesthegreater.org](mailto:pkwhitmore@stjamesthegreater.org).

Dear James's,

As I wrote to you last week, we are at the final stages of discerning the future of our parish school. In this process, the past years of our school and its intrinsic connection to the future of our parish are crucial factors to be considered seriously. From the eight months of discernment with members of our various councils, and on my own, three plus one pointers emerge to guide us as a parish community.



1. The first reality is: funds or money is not the main issue for our school. The number of students (with a bare minimum standard of educational capabilities) enrolled is a crucial issue. With the energy and spirit of so many of you, funds and money will come. I am in talks with donors if they can increase their donation too. But even if we get, from many sources, say over two million dollars, and without a dramatic increase in students, the future of our school is not healthy. This is because the critical number here is the cost of educating a student. At the maximum, in my opinion, the cost of educating a K-8 student in the Catholic School of St. Louis is around \$6,500. We can breach this say to \$7,000. The proposed budget for next year has per student cost of \$11,105. In the past two years, the actual cost could reach \$12,250 per student. It is this reason why that with \$1.7 million donations from Mr. Adler of happy memory, along with the nearly \$900,000 from Archbishop Carlson and the Archdiocese over three years and the \$300,000 from our current major donor, all totaling to almost \$2.9 million, still leads us to have a budget that is so tight.
2. That is the second pointer: the budget in the past years, and the probable projected ones, are as Mr. Mike Biggs said at many of our meetings an existential budget, not a growth budget. With this kind of a tight budget, we will hardly be able to attract good and promising students. This leads to the third pointer.
3. Our numbers of students enrolled has steadily declined especially from the mid-1990s. There have been great marketing efforts spearheaded by some excellent people of the parish of yesteryears, and these great marketing efforts are still being continued today. Furthermore, when many of the parochial schools closed in our neighborhood, we seem to have not gained from their closing. Over and above, publicizing a five-year plan last year have not gained much traction. Now mind you, let me tell you this. We do have one of the BEST teaching faculty and of course, the delight of having Mr. Biggs in the past years. Listening to some of our students reading and speaking at the liturgy, we know we have the best quality Catholic Education. The underlying issue of not gaining more students is more than a good education. Though it is due to the demographic changes in our neighborhood that support a solid pre-K and early education program, there could be social, cultural and economic boundaries and maybe even prejudices. These, in my opinion, could be the inhibiting reasons for the lack of increase of students to our school. This leads me to the fourth point of the parish.
4. Finally, as a Pastor, the future of the parish is of tremendous importance to me. With young people moving in and remaining with small children and many constructions in our neighborhood, our parish has a vibrant future. Thus, we need to be prepared not merely for longevity but missionary vibrancy. Hence, after putting the parish through the "stress test" in the past year, I am convinced that the parish funding needs to increase over and beyond the current fundraisers earmarked for the parish. Though for mere survival and existence of the parish, the current allocation of funds is sufficient but grossly inadequate for vibrancy and growth. In all this, we have not even broached the topic of the repairs and updating of the school building (approx. \$400,000), let alone the remaining completion of the parish church and parish office buildings.

In these days, I am praying individually and with lots of people, for His wisdom to guide me in arriving at a decision that will be a blessing for all. Our Parish, Finance, Liturgy, Stewardship councils and the School Board have been of great support in these times so that we, the St. James Community, would continue to be a blessing for the many who will come to live in this our dear Dogtown in the many more years to come. May this great Mother the Church standing majestically on Tamm continue to embrace them and minister to them. Fr. Flynn, Pray for us! Fr. O'Connor, pray for us! All the deceased former parishioners, pray for us! St. Patrick continue to guide us! St. James, the first martyr among the twelve, guide me, guide us. Holy Spirit, lead us in the path of Jesus which St. James so fully embraced.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. RajPaul Sundararaj

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, WE WILL NOT HAVE THE SCHEDULED SIXTH PARISH COMMUNITY MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 AT 2:30 PM. Will announce the new date at the weekend masses and/or in the bulletin next week.



**BREAKFAST**

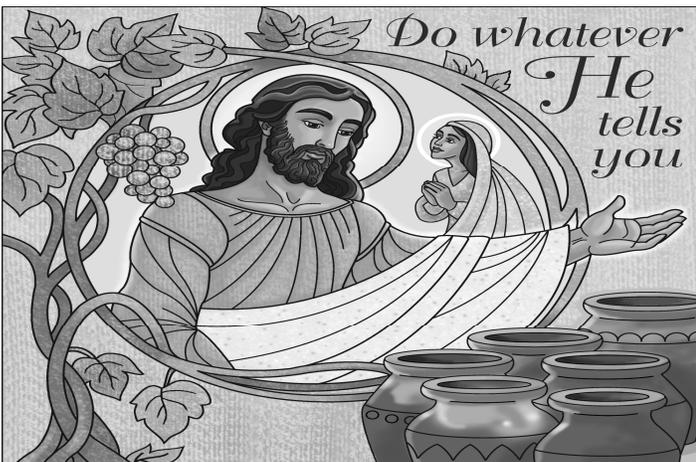
All You Care  
To Eat Breakfast  
Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am—11:00 am  
in School Cafeteria

**Open House**

St. James School is hosting an Open House to kick off Catholic Schools week! Join us on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm-2 pm to tour the school. We are now enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are unable to attend, contact 314-647-5244 for a private tour.

**AUCTION**

The Auction is less than a month away! We need **volunteers** for setup, during & cleanup. Please contact Katie Weiss (314-603-6311) or Ken Weiss (314-560-0170) for availability. Liquor donations are **NEEDED** for liquor pull. The Invitation is on the back page of the bulletin. If you need more, please call the Parish Office or go to <http://www.stjamesthegreater.org/annual-decades-of-dreams-auction>.



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**Stewardship Happenings**

**Parishioner Lunch** was after the 10:30 Mass last week and we welcomed 13 new members. It was a great mix of young and older, single, married, and families with younger kids. Having it in Mary's Room worked out nicely. The Stewardship folks shared information on organizations, ministries, and events in the parish. A few signed up for various Liturgical ministries so you may see some new faces and a couple couples will be attending the auction. Introduce yourself when you see these new faces!

**Munch 'n Movie Night** is Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school gym at 6:00 PM. The movie is God's Not Dead. Note this is a week night. We thought we would change it up a bit from a Friday night showing. Reminder, we have popcorn, candy, soda, and beer. Plan on joining us!

**All Ministry Meeting** is Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and we will meet in Mary's Room. A rep from each ministry is invited to share their calendar, what they do, and how other organizations may be able to help each other. If you have a conflict, please still share your calendar of events for 2019 so Trish can keep the calendar current and a good contact person should anyone want to know more and join your group.

**Mass of Healing** will be on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 8:00 AM Mass. We plan to reserve the first few pews for those who would like to sit there. Sort of a well of healing if you will. It's fine to sit in your usual spot too. The Mass is for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing. No one will be asked for what type healing they need, God knows, but it will be a time we can all collectively feel His healing presence. This first time it will be held on the Feast of St. Blaise and we will have the throat blessing as well. Mass may be a bit longer, but not a whole lot. This Healing Mass will be held quarterly and rotate among our regular Mass times. This time 8:00 AM Mass, next time 10:30 AM Mass, next time 4:30 PM Mass, and then back to 8:00 AM. It is a time to open up to the healing our loving God can give. Please join us!

**Roaring 20's**-The school auction is almost here! This year's school auction is on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and it is a fun prohibition theme. There's still time to donate or get your reservations in. Please contact Katie Weiss at [katie-weiss9@gmail.com](mailto:katie-weiss9@gmail.com) or 314-603-6311 and join the fun!

**Intercessory Prayer Group** - Fr. Rp has been writing about this. Watch the bulletin for details on how you can be a part of this powerful group. After consecrating our parish to the Sacred Heart at the beginning of the month, having members of the parish pray as a group will bless our parish greatly.





# Bunco

## St James the Greater

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Doors open @ noon

Dice rolling starts at 1 pm

\$15 includes Beer, Wine, Soda, Iced Tea and Bunco

**1360 Tamm Ave, St Louis, MO 63139**

(entrance on Wade Ave east of Tamm)

**Parking available in schoolyard**

(entrance near Nashville and Tamm Ave)

### Prizes for

Most Points – Most Wins – Most Buncos – Most Losses

### Basket Raffles and 50/50

Reservations: Terry 314 795 0964

or

terrydaugherty@sbcglobal.net



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## *Cosmic Bingo*

Saturday, February 16, 2019

in the gymnasium

Doors open at 6:00 pm

and the event starts at 7:00 pm.

\$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door.

Contact Mike Wood for all the info  
at 314-660-3464.

Prizes to all the winners.

Food and drinks will be for sale  
along with 50/50.

Come out to support your  
Knights of Columbus.

## **Please Pray For All The Sick**

Bill Ellingham, Jr.	Jim Barry	Steve Baker
Anita Emerson	Ann Finnegan	Nikki Barnes
Kelley Goersch	Hayes Baroli	Sam Brownfield
Tim Hayes	Kenneth Brunk	David Hunsche
Barbara Burke	Mike Cardwell	Linda Nellesen
Tom Corbett	Art Menendez	Martha Corwin
Larry Coyle	Kay McWilliams	Henry Oakamura
Holly DeBoard	Neil Pilla	Edward Quigley
Karen Devaney	Mary Nicolai	Carolyn Kehm
Ralph Whitener	Jeff Digger	Steve Vreeland
Jack Donovan	Mike Eisenbath	Dan Marquez
Sue Bussen	Mary Ott	Ted Sinko
Renee Parmley	Candace Parmley	Jean Bohler
Jim Cuidon	Lynne Fischer	Amy Hester
Dan Bacinski	Jane Guffey	Louis Monsivais
Charles McKinnis	Bruce Ranciglio	Mary Hoffmann
Angela Ray	Mary Eubanks	Leffert Schild
Richie Barbay	Agnes Cooney	Tony Dolce
Audrey Anderson	Rachel Ruggeri	Gary Wibbels
Joan Droege	Don Tucholski	Marilyn Mattick
Jack McKinnis	Geraldine Swatek	Joe Barbay
Scott Schuettenberg	Jennell Schuettenberg	Susan Wessel

Please notify the Parish Office at: 314-645-0167 to add or remove someone. Thank you!



Please pray for the safety and well being of the following loved ones of our parishioners who have been called to military service:



Mike Barbay	Bryan Brunk	Marea Brunk
Eric Krystynak	Matt Koeln	Jack Meesey
Andrew Wash	Ken Wash	

Please contact the rectory at (314) 645-0167 to add or remove someone.

### **Calling all High School Teens!**

Who? All teens (currently in 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) and their friends

What? **Steubenville STL Mid-America High School Youth Conference**

Where? Missouri State University campus in Springfield, MO

When? Friday, July 12-Sunday, July 14, 2019

Cost? \$230 (transportation and all meals except lunch during travel included)

Deadline? \$75 deposit due by February 1<sup>st</sup>

For more information, please contact Pam McKendry at r.mckendryiii@sbcglobal.net or 314-645-6888. You can find more information on the weekend at <http://steubystl.com/>.

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

11TH ANNUAL DECADES OF DREAMS AUCTION

ST. JAMES ALUMNUS, MIKE COLOMBO, AS EMCEE  
DAN BUCK AS AUCTIONEER

THE ROARING  
20'S

FEB 9 2019

ST. JAMES THE GREATER GYMNASIUM  
1360 TAMM AVENUE

4:30 MASS

6:30 DINNER

5:30 COCKTAILS

8:00 LIVE AUCTION

\$75 PER PERSON  
RSVP BY JANUARY 11