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St. James the Greater Parish

WEBSITES:

St. James the Greater: www.stjamesthegreater.org
Archdiocese of St. Louis: 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
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 3rd 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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time **February 3, 2019**

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 4 —Feb. 10

Monday	
7:00 PM	Quilting (Mary's Room)
7 PM-8:30 PM	8th Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)
Tuesday	
9 AM-3 PM	Quilting (Mary's Room)
Wednesday	
5:00 PM	Auction Set up (Gym)
6:30 PM	Choir Practice (Church)
Thursday	
5:00 PM	Auction Set up (Gym)
Friday	
9 AM-3 PM	Quilting (Mary's Room)
All Day	Auction Set up (Gym)
Saturday	
5:00 PM	Decade of Dream Auction
Sunday	
12:00 PM	Auction clean up (Gym)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday		**Feb. 4, Weekday**
7:00 AM	Chapel	Rose Colombo
Tuesday		**Feb. 5, St. Agatha**
8:15 AM	Church	Greg Hoegemeier
Wednesday		**Feb. 6, St. Paul Miki**
7:00 AM	Chapel	Tom Halley
Thursday		**Feb. 7, Weekday**
7:00 AM	Chapel	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday		**Feb. 8, Weekday**
7:00 AM	Chapel	Francis Schodrowski
Saturday		**Feb. 9, Weekday**
4:30 PM	Church	Angeli Family
Sunday		**Feb. 10, 5th Sunday in OT**
8:00 AM	Church	Rita Weber
10:30 AM	Church	People of the Parish

Sunday Envelopes	**$5019.00**
Loose Offering	**$ 377.25**
Adopt-A-Student	**$ 10.00**
Building Fund	**$ 20.00**
St. Louis Review	**$ 200.00**
Total	**$5626.25**

Envelopes Sent: 390
Envelopes Used: 70
Faith Direct Users: 63

SUNDAY OFFERING

Liturgical Roles

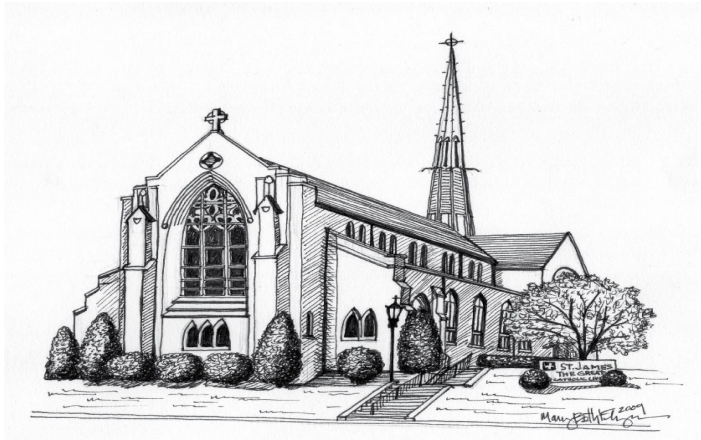
Weekend Liturgy ~ 02/09 & 02/10

Saturday ~ 4:30 PM
Lectors: 1) K2 Kelley 2) John Sullivan
Euch Mins: John Kelley, Mary Sullivan, Jean Barry, Ann Chulick, Susan Duvall, Cathy Schodrowski & Kathy & Ron Schodrowski
Servers: Kaitlyn & Sarah Donovan
Greeters: Mary Dury, Rich Kennoy & Lori Worley
Ushers: Linda Privitor, Tom Zagarri & Volunteers
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday ~ 8:00 AM
Lectors: 1) Ed Imgrund 2) Kathy Kelley
Euch. Mins: Ann Imgrund, Steve Cole, Mark Kennebeck, Clare Pilla, Karen Schwartz , Josie Fieser & Chris Wegmann
Servers: 2 Adult Volunteers
Greeters: Kay Hannon, Terry Daugherty, Michael Owens Kay Riordan
Ushers: Lino Angeli, Frank Pilla, Billy Crump & Pete Venicasa
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday ~ 10:30 AM
Lectors: 1) Clayton Rehkemper 2) Peggy Lange
Euch. Mins: Ben Lien, Megan Harrison, Beth Love, Laura Lundin, Doyle & Mary Jo Owen & Melissa Strohmeyer
Servers: Katie Hall & Opal Strohmeyer
Greeters: Robert Beauchamp, John Bohler, Maureen Brady & Gerry Miller
Ushers: Brian Behrens, Mark Morgan, Dave Swatek & Volunteers
Gift Bearers: Bashir Family-Baptism

Questions or feedback about ministries?
Please contact:
Euch. Ministers: Steve Cole 314-445-8755
Greeters & Ushers: Kathy Schodrowski 314-630-3219



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.

A joint letter from your Parish Councils (Parish Council, Finance Council, Liturgy Committee and Stewardship Committee)

We continue to pray for our school families that they may find the education which is best suited to their children's individual needs. During this time, we need to remember that the entire parish is grieving the loss of our K-8 program in some way. Many parishioners are alumni or perhaps family members of alumni, and many parishioners have loved having a school attached to our parish. Every person who has been a parishioner here for any amount of time is likely feeling this closing to some degree. Nobody will grieve in the same way or same length of time. We therefore should be patient with ourselves and with each other.
As we grieve and move forward, it is critical that we reach out to our St. James brothers and sisters and be with them in the present at whatever point they are in their personal journey to move forward. It is important that we reconcile with all in our parish family.

On our journey to advance as a Eucharistic community, we think of the thousands of parishioners over the past 159 years who have helped to make the parish what it is today - from the beginning in 1860, through the building of the school in 1902, through the fire of 1919, and the building of our beautiful church in 1928. We owe it to all of them to pick up the pieces and forge a new way forward.

Our short-term focus is on our school families, seeing that the current school year is fully funded through support of the auction and fish fries in the coming weeks. Second, provide whatever services are needed to assure a smooth transition. While the Archdiocese can provide professional services, may we, as fellow parishioners, try and listen, understand, and remain positive in all our interactions.

As we continue on our journey together, we focus on the four pillars of our parish: Mission, Education, Finance, and Facilities. These are more fully explained as follows:

- Mission: to reach out, to reconcile and evangelize;
- Education: to work towards an enhanced Pre-K and Early Education Program as an integral part of our parish ministry;
- Finance: to ensure the parish has resources not to merely survive, but to thrive in fulfilling our mission and education efforts; and
- Facilities: to develop feasible plans to update all our facilities.

In the coming months, please lift your head and remember:

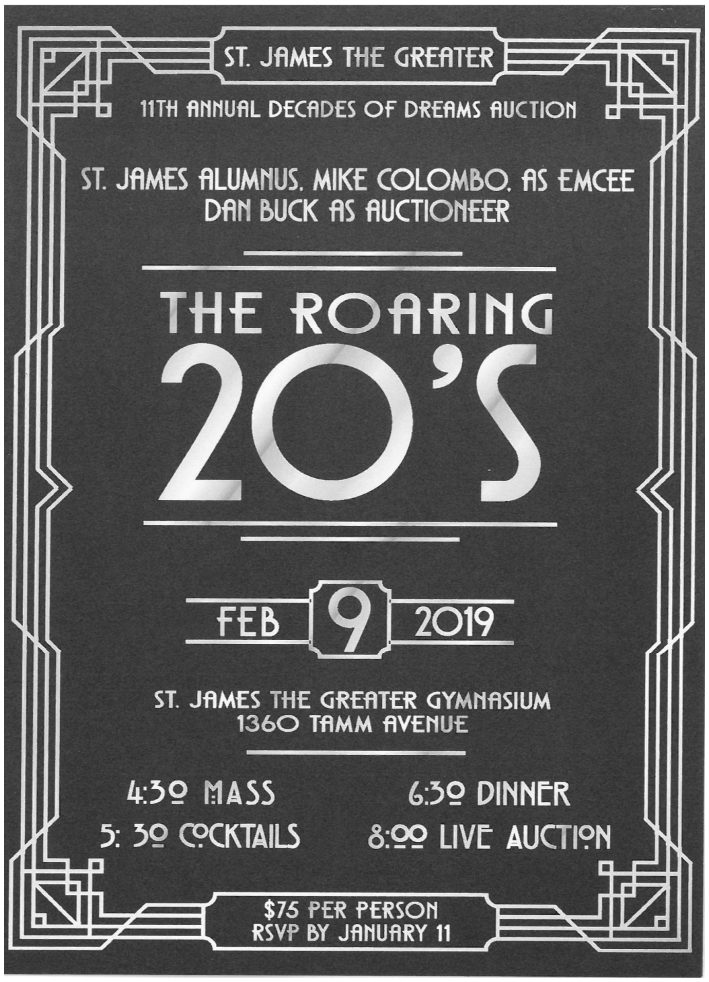
We are Dogtown.
We are the heart of this community.
We are St James the Greater!

BAPTISM

Welcome to God's Family
through the Waters of Baptism
Declan Joseph Bange

AUCTION

The Auction will be here soon!! Feb. 9th! 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. See Invitation below. If you need more info, please call the Parish Office or go to http://www.stjamesthegreater.org/annual-decades-of-dreams-auction.



St. Vincent de Paul at St James the Greater

Many may know the help SVDP gives, but here are a few examples to remind us of some of the good they do in our community. Often it is food and utility assistance, but at times, they help with thrift store vouchers for furniture and clothes. They also help with referrals to other agencies. An important part of the ministry is they go into the homes of neighbors in need to assess their needs. At times they pray with them and give them hope.

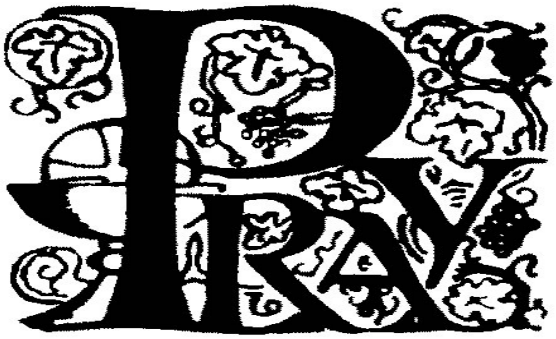
At the All Ministry Meeting, we learned in the past three months, they have given $2,300 in food vouchers plus vouchers for fresh items. Your generosity helping with the Giving Tree was a big help to them for the holidays. Our parish donated $1,600 in gift cards! They have also made 35 home visits to assess needs in our boundaries.

They have been working on Blessing Bags to hand out during these very cold days. The bags contains things like a toothbrush, toothpaste, a bottle of water, and a protein bar. Feel free to bring these items to church and leave in the SVDP box in the rear of church. You can bring non-perishable items any time or sign up to be a Pantry Angel. A Pantry Angel agrees to bring a specific item when the pantry runs low.

There are many ways to help. If interested in finding out how you can help St. Vincent de Paul, please contact Ruth Anderson at ruthanderson23@gmail.com or call 289-6101, Ext 1152.

On behalf of the parish, thank you, Vincentians, for all you do to help those in our parish boundaries!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
HELPS PEOPLE



Stewardship

All Ministry Meeting: Thanks to those who attended this week. We had a really good discussion and some ideas as we move forward. One idea is developing a calendar to slip into the bulletin where it is summarized on one page you can stick on your fridge. Still trying to decide how long of a timeframe we should capture at a time. Stay tuned!

Bunco: The first bunco at SJTG was a lot of fun! 32 people played and while very few had experience, in no time at all, everyone was playing like a pro. There was a 50/50 and several baskets to take chances, snacks and drinks to enjoy, and prizes for most wins and most losses. The Ladies Auxiliary plan on hosting bunco again, be sure and join next time!!

6th Parish Community Meeting: The meeting is this Sunday and begins at 11:45 AM **in church** and will run one hour.

Mass of Healing is this Sunday at the 8:00 AM Mass. While this Mass is for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing, it is even more important given the announcement on the school. Whether you come to this Mass or not, please pray for our school kids, their families, and the parish. Reminder it's the Feast of St. Blaise and we will have the throat blessing at every Mass, not just 8:00 AM.

Roaring 20's: The school auction is almost here! It is on Feb. 9th and there's still time to donate or get your reservations in. Please contact Katie Weiss at katieweiss9@gmail.com or 314-603-6311. There is information on the table on the south side of church too. Reminder, this auction is in this year's school budget and critical for the current school year's expenses.

Calling all High School Teens!

Who? All teens (currently in 8th - 12th 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 1st

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/.

Pray For the Sick

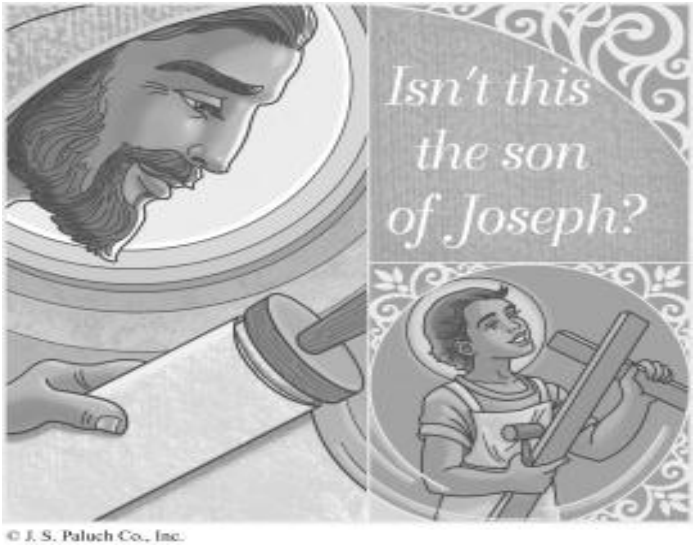
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Anita Emerson	Ann Finnegan	Nikki Barnes
Kelley Goersch	Hayes Baroli	Sam Brownfield
Tim Hayes	Kenneth Brunk	David Hunsche
Barbara Burke	Mike Cardwell	Linda Nellesen
Tom Corbett	Art Menendez	Martha Corwin
Larry Coyle	Kay McWilliams	Henry Oakamura
Holly 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
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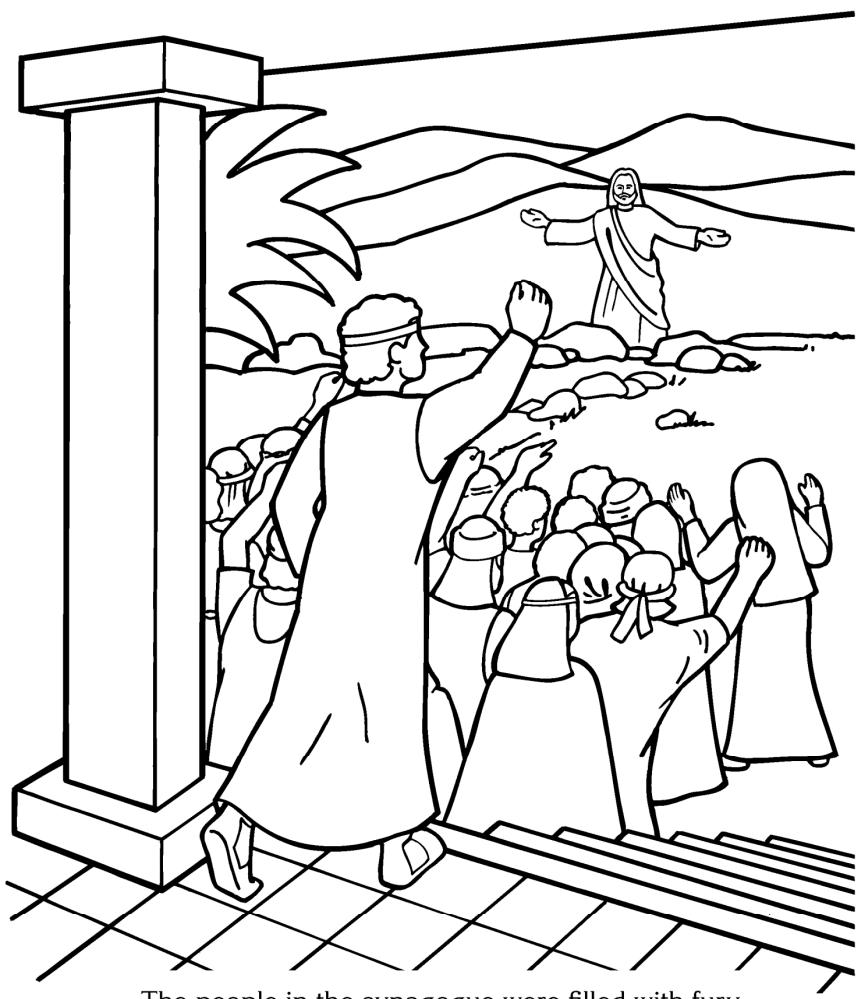
Please pray for the safety and well being of the following loved ones of our parishioners who have been called to military service:

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

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The people in the synagogue were filled with fury.
They rose up and drove Jesus out of town.
Luke 4 : 28, 29

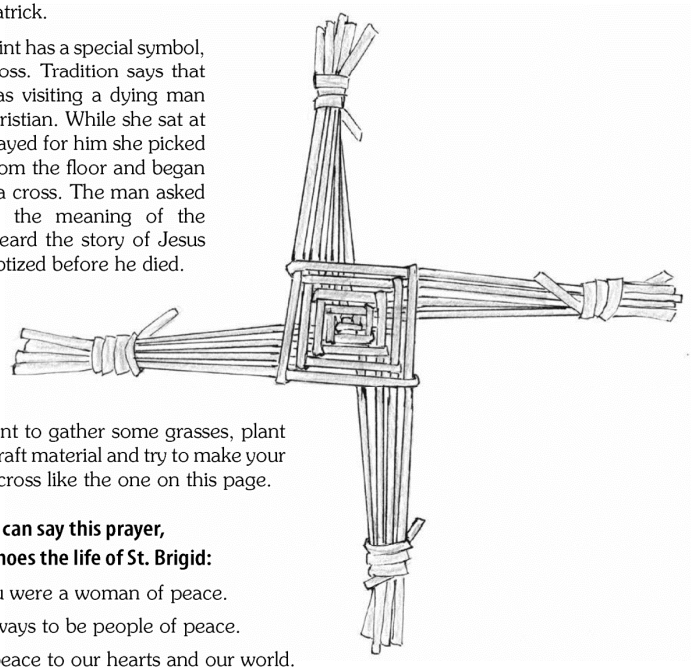
CATHOLIC CORNER

A WOMAN OF PEACE

Most people recognize St. Patrick as a patron saint of Ireland. On February 1, we celebrated the feast of another Irish patron, St. Brigid. Brigid was born around the year 450 A.D. near Kildare in Ireland. When she was young, she worked as a dairy maid. When she could, she would give milk, butter, and cheese to the poor. She was loved by those who benefited from her goodness.

Later in her life she founded the first convent for women in Ireland near Kildare and continued her work with the poor. When she died, around 525 A.D., she was buried in Downpatrick near the grave of St. Patrick.

This beloved saint has a special symbol, the St. Brigid's cross. Tradition says that one day Brigid was visiting a dying man who was not a Christian. While she sat at his bedside and prayed for him she picked up some rushes from the floor and began folding them into a cross. The man asked Brigid to explain the meaning of the cross. When he heard the story of Jesus he asked to be baptized before he died.



You might want to gather some grasses, plant leaves, or other craft material and try to make your own St. Brigid's cross like the one on this page.

You can say this prayer,
which echoes the life of St. Brigid:

Brigid, you were a woman of peace.

Teach us always to be people of peace.

Help us to bring peace to our hearts and our world.