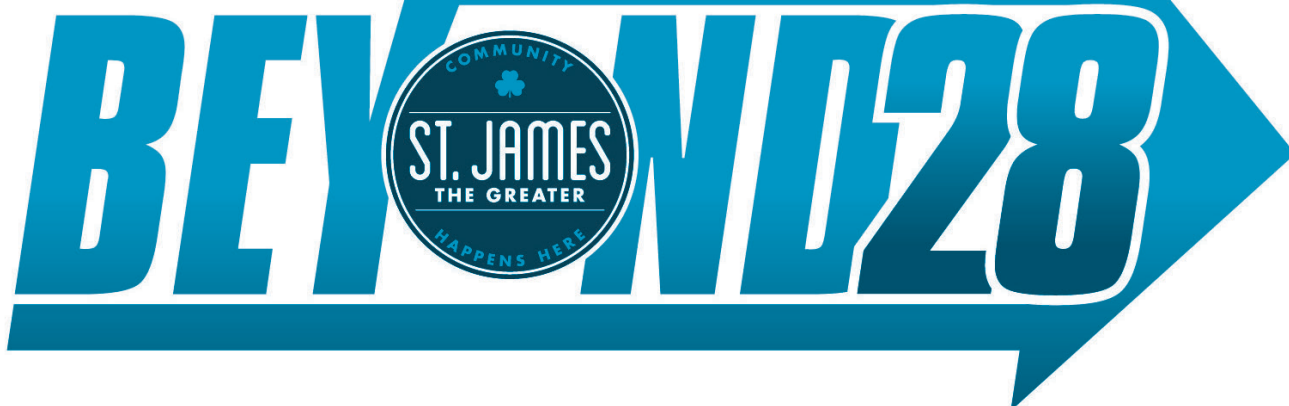


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday 7:00am in the Chapel

ADORATION

Wednesday 7:30-9:00am in the Chapel

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Saturday 3:30-4:15pm and by appt.

Baptism
Contact the Parish Office. No Baptisms on the 3rd weekend of the month. Families are encouraged to be registered in the parish.

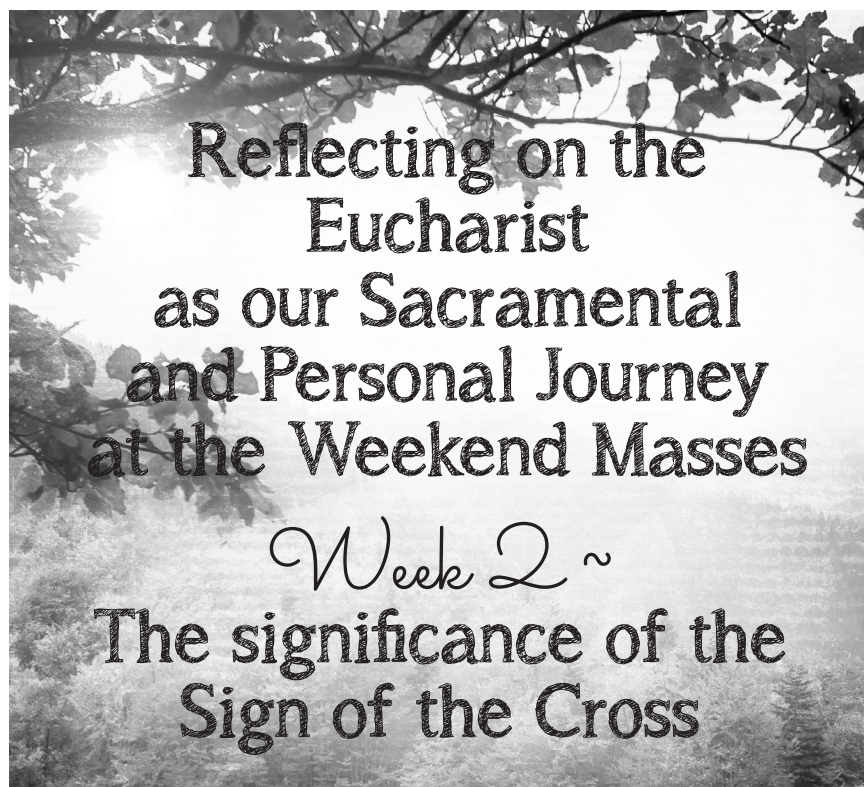
Marriage
Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior the proposed date.

Ministry to the Sick
If you know of someone homebound, sick, or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For those in need within our parish boundaries, call 314-289-6101 ext. 1152.

As parishioners of St. James the Greater Catholic Church, we strive to follow Jesus Christ as St. James did, boldly sharing God's love, starting with our family, community, and reaching out to the ends of the earth.



September 22, 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen...

Dear James',



On September 18, 2019, our Pilla's--Frank our Candle-in-Chief and Claire Pilla, our Quilter Queen--celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They have lived their sacrament of marriage two and a half times more than I have lived my sacrament of the Holy Orders the priesthood. The entry to both of our Sacraments is Baptism. This is the same baptism that unites St. Clement of Rome in the 90 AD and Pope Francis in 2019 AD; is the same baptism that the Egyptian-Ethiopian Christian share with the Greek-Russian Orthodox churches! Baptism puts all on the same level. No pedestals. We all are children of the Father in Heaven. It is in this spirit we all come together and begin the celebration of our Eucharist! We celebrate our communion as children of the Father; we celebrate the life-giving sacrifice of Jesus, we rejoice, we revel!

Last weekend I began the reflection on the Eucharist with John 1:14 "And the Word (From the entrance until the prayer of the faithful at mass) became flesh (from "the Lord be with you" to "through him, with him, in him..) and made his dwelling among us (from the Our Father until the final hymn of the mass). It took John over sixty years to write this verse!

In Christian context (as opposed to other religions, especially Judaism the faith of Jesus) mystery, has an intrinsic revealed element to it. Often to keep the solemnity, retain power, keep order and to guard against heresy, the word mystery was used to imply that which is hidden from us humans. Consequently, among many other things, the Eucharist was so ritualized that even the Celebrant was turning away from the people in leading them to the mystery of God made Flesh and that too in a language that only a few could understand. This element of 'secrecy" had a role to play in the past because Christianity was still within the crucible of Judaism. For Judaism the mystery of God is still hidden (our Jewish friends would not even utter the Holy Name of YHWH). But for the followers of Jesus Christ, when He took the bread and wine and commanded us to do THIS in memory of him, the mystery unfolded. In this action on the bread and wine Jesus revealed the mystery of his humanity and divinity within our hearts. Yes Eucharist is NOT a hidden mystery. It is Him. The hidden mystery of ages past is now revealed in the human heart. This is the New Covenant. It took over sixty years for John the Evangelist to formulate the revelation in his heart which he put down as "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us!" It was a mystery revealed.

Furthermore, in the Eucharist we celebrate this mystery of God's presence revealed in each of us as the faithful, in the celebrant, in the Word proclaimed from the pulpit and profoundly in the Bread and Wine on the altar. The presence of God is not "locked" up in the tabernacle; it is unleashed all around us here when we gather to rejoice "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." It is with this baptismal formula we begin the Eucharist. This baptismal words of Jesus will be the focus of our reflection this weekend.

Finally, in celebrating the feast of St. Francis, we will have the blessing of the pets on October 4 at 6 PM on the front side lawn. Spread the word around. Remember our Parish Fall Festival is on September 27 from 6PM - 11PM and Parish breakfast on September 22 from 9 AM - Noon

Blessings, YBIC rp

Mass Intentions

September

23rd ~ Gigi McKenzie (Chapel 7:00am)
 24th ~ People of the Parish (Chapel 7:00am)
 25th ~ People of the Parish (Chapel 7:00am)
 26th ~ People of the Parish (Chapel 7:00am)
 27th ~ People of the Parish (Chapel 7:00am)
 28th ~ Lisa Laird (Church 4:30pm)
 29th ~ Michelle Donaldson (Church 8:00am)
 Greg Hoegemeier (Church 10:30am)

Liturgical Roles

September 28th at 4:30pm

Lectors - Terry Daugherty
Eucharistic Ministers - Ann Chulick, Susan Duvall, John & K2 Kelley, Linda Privitor, Catherine Schodrowski, Mary Sullivan, & Mary Syron
Greeters - Amy Benoist, Mary Dury, & Alan Ratchford
Ushers - Greg Chulick, Tom Zagarri, & Volunteers
Servers - Tessa Chulick

September 29th at 8:00am

Lectors - Knights of Columbus
Eucharistic Ministers - Knights of Columbus
Greeters - Knights of Columbus
Ushers - Knights of Columbus
Servers - Knights of Columbus

September 29th at 10:30am

Lectors - Peggy Lange & Ed Spevak
Eucharistic Ministers - Monica Rapp, Melissa Strohmeyer, Dave Swatek, Mary Jane Wiss, Mike Wood, Jennifer Yackley, & Volunteer
Greeters - Rita Alsop, Jen Hagan, Andrea Hendrix, & Bobby Krull
Ushers - Mark Morgan, Marcus Strohmeyer, Robert Zander, & Volunteer
Servers - Eamon and Senan Ryan

Please Pray For...

Dan Bacinski	Tim Hayes
Geraldine Bacinski	Amy Hester
Steve Baker	Dan Hinrichs
Joe Barbay	Mary Hoffmann
Richie Barbay	David Hunsche
Nikki Barnes	Christine Kerper
Hayes Baroli	Dan Marquez
Mary Barry	Charles McKinnis
Jean Bohler	Jack McKinnis
Bill Brownfield	Kay McWilliams
Sam Brownfield	Art Menendez
Barbara Burke	Louis Monsivais
Mike Cardwell	Linda Nellesen
Tom Corbett	Deacon Mike Nicolai
Martha Corwin	Mary Nicolai
Jim Cuidon	Henry Oakamura
Karen Devaney	Candace Parmley
Jeff Digger	Renee Parmley
Tony Dolce	Neil Pilla
Michelle Donaldson	Edward Quigley
Jack Donovan	Bruce Ranciglio
Joan Droege	Angela Ray
Dawn Edwards	Rachel Ruggeri
Mike Eisenbath	Leffert Schild
Pat Ellingham	Jennell Schuettenberg
Bill Ellingham, Jr.	Scott Schuettenberg
Anita Emerson	Ted Sinko
Mary Eubanks	Sr. Rosalie
Ann Finnegan	Geraldine Swatek
Lynne Fischer	Steve Vreeland
Kelley Goersch	Ralph Whitener
Jane Guffey	Gary Wibbels
	Tom Yackley

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

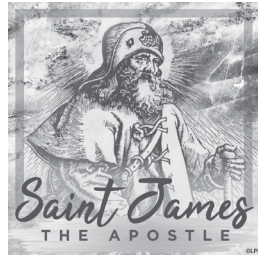
Mike Barbay	Matt Koeln	Andrew Wash
Bryan Brunk	Eric Krystynak	Ken Wash
Marea Brunk	Jack Meesey	

Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove a name.

GRACE, GRATITUDE, GENEROSITY

Did you know . . .

Do you know how long St. James the Greater preached? Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.



Yes, MAM

Mingle After Mass had a good turnout last weekend. Fall is in the air (sometimes, typical St. Louis weather, right?) and we enjoyed some nice fall treats, coffee, and donuts. The next MAM is 19/20 October, be sure to stop and visit.

Fall Fest Prep and Volunteers

Thanks to those who have signed up! One area of prep all can help with is praying for good weather! Thank you! As a reminder, set up will be on Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM. Thursday will be finishing up last minute details and begins at 6:15 PM. Stop in and help if you have the time.

Fall Fest

Fall Fest is Friday, September 27th, 6 – 11 PM on the playground. The food and drink will be available at 6 PM and half price Happy Hour specials are from 6 – 7 PM. Music by DJ Black Guy and games of chance begin at 7 PM. Come join the fun!

Quarter Auction

Hard to believe it's almost here! Start saving your quarters for the annual quarter auction. It is 25 October and a lot of fun. 15 tables have been reserved already, so don't wait to reserve your place. Contact Terry Daugherty (795-0964) if interested as a vendor or attendee.

Mass of Remembrance

Join us on Saturday, 02 November at 4:30 for a Mass of Remembrance. While we remember those buried from the parish, it is also a time to remember all the loved ones we've lost. Please join us.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMs)

A brief optional training refresher will be held after all Masses the weekend of Sep. 28-29. All are welcome.

Interested in learning more about being an EM? EMs serve by helping to distribute Jesus' Body and Blood to everyone at Communion, a role that does not take much time but pays big dividends in getting close to the Lord and serving our fellow communicants. To learn more or to be trained as an EM, please contact Steve Cole (314-445-8755, cole.steve@gmail.com) or come to the refresher training after all Masses on Sep. 28-29. We have a particular need for EMs at the 10:30 Mass.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Congratulations to the faithful of St. James the Greater parish! And, a BIG thank you from the ACA Committee! We not only met and surpassed our published goal of \$18,810 but the Challenge goal of \$32,921, as well! The total we collected/pledged for this year was \$33,121! Thank you for your prayers and commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal, from your Co-Chairs, Jennifer Yackley and Ann Chulick

Blessing of the Pets on Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



On Friday, Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. RP will bless any pets that come to the rectory lawn at 6:00pm. ALL PETS ARE WELCOME, those of parishioners, and especially those of our neighbors. Invite your friends to bring their pets for this blessing! Pets' humans do not need to be Catholic for pets to receive the blessing.

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Join the Knights of Columbus for the 2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade on Saturday, October 12th at Noon in the St. James Convent Garden. For more information, contact Robert Trebus at 314-704-0002.

Sept 23 - 29

Monday	7:00pm - Faith Formation (school) 7:00pm - Quilting (Mary's Room)
Tuesday	9:00am - Quilting (Mary's Room)
Friday	9:30am - Quilting (Mary's Room) 10:00am - Huber Funeral Mass 5:00pm - Balkenbusch-Nassauer Rehear. 6:00pm - Fall Fest
Saturday	1:30pm - Balkenbusch-Nassauer Wedd. 4:30pm - Mass 5:30pm - EM Training/Refresher
Sunday	8:00am - Mass 9:00am - EM Training/Refresher 9:00am - RCIA (Beyond 28 Chapel) 10:30am - Mass 11:30am - EM Training/Refresher 11:30am - Poelker Baptism 12:00pm - Poelker Party (Fr. Flynn)

ST. JAMES THE GREATER
FALL FEST
SEPT 27
2019



FOOD
MUSIC
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GAMES OF CHANCE
HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS 6-7P
FREE ENTRY 6PM-11PM

FEATURING • 7 - 10P
DJ BLK GUY
1360 TAMM AVE.
IN HISTORIC DOGTOWN
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Faith Formation Classes - Enter through the front doors of school at 7:00pm on the 2nd & 4th Mondays.

Reflecting on the Eucharist as our Sacramental and Personal Journey at the Weekend Masses

Weekend	Focus Area	Sacramental Appropriation	Community Implication	Personal Response
Sep 21/22	Mass Introduction	Baptism for Worship	Celebrating Church	Birth: I am child of God
Sep 28/29	Penitential Rite	Reconciliation	Celebrating God's Mercy	Age of Reason: Taking responsibility
Oct 19/20	Word of God	Confirmation	Celebrating God's Voice	Adolescence: Growing in knowledge
Oct 26/27	Offertory	Holy Matrimony	Celebrating commitment	Young Adult: Decision to surrender, to offer
Nov 2/3	Eucharistic Prayer	Holy Orders	Celebrating our Common Priesthood	Older Adult: To witness, to mentor
Nov 9/10	Lord's Prayer	Anointing	Celebrating God's Healing	Elder Citizen: Bear all things
Nov 30/D1	Communion	Eucharist	Celebrating the oneness of the Body of Christ	Senior Citizen: Run the race
Dec 7/8	Final Dismissal	Baptism for Mission	Celebrating our Missionary call	Death: Born again to New Life

Foundations for Scripture Study: Part A by Fr. RajPaul. Mondays 7 – 8.30 PM

Theme No:	Theme Name	Theme Date
A -2	Catholic approach to scripture study	Sep 23, 2019
A -3	History of Israel – 1	Oct 7, 2019
A-4	History of Israel – 2	Oct 21, 2019
A -5	Intro. Old Testament - 1	Nov 4, 2019
A-6	Intro. Old Testament - 2	Nov 11, 2019
A-7	Intro. New Testament - 1	Dec 2, 2019
A -8	Intro. New Testament - 2	Dec 16, 2019

If needed, we may increase the classes to September 16 and 30, October 28, December 9, to cover more Material.

PARISH SCHOOL BUILDING

Reprint from 9/15/19 -

Each week I have tried to keep the Parish updated on our progress with Mid-America. I think this is a good time to remind the entire Parish that no decisions have been made as of this time. We don't even have an official offer from Mid-America which we could evaluate. Up to this point all of our efforts have been supporting Mid-America's request in order that they may make us an offer in the next several months. As I have stated before, we will consider any legitimate offer for use of the School building. At this time, we have no other parties interested which we would like to consider.

If, at some point in the future, we receive an offer from Mid-America or any other offer, the evaluation team will review the different elements of the offer and assess the impact to the Parish. Prior to any decisions being made, a Parish Community Meeting will be held to communicate the offer, answer any questions, and solicit feedback from parishioners.

As always, we will do everything we can to continuously communicate updates to the Parish through the weekly bulletin, the Parish website, and as always, the quarterly Parish Community Meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at parishcouncil@stjamesthegreater.org.

John Kelley,
Parish Council - Chair



Parish Office

The Parish Office has relocated to:
1360 Tamm Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139
314-647-5244

Office hours are:
Monday - Friday 7:30-3:30pm

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rajpaulstl@gmail.com

Deacon Michael A. Nicolai

Katie Ryan, Parish/ECEC Administrator
kryan@stjamesthegreater.org

Andrew Donovan, Music Coordinator

Kathy Schodrowski, Sacristan

EARLY education center CHILDHOOD at St. James the Greater

Connie Jansen, ECEC Director/Teacher
cjansen@stjamesthegreater.org

For ages 3-5. Open Enrollment.

To schedule a tour, contact 314-647-5244.



Interested in becoming Catholic? The RCIA program at St. James the Greater is for those who:

- have not been baptized
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not received First Communion or Confirmation
- was baptized in another faith

Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the parish office at 314-647-5244 or Gary Kramer at 636-394-2474 or email him at maapark@aol.com.



Sarah Sanders & Matt Davis
Katie Balkenbusch & Pete Nassauer
Delaney Mastis & Adam McChesney