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BEYOND 28



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

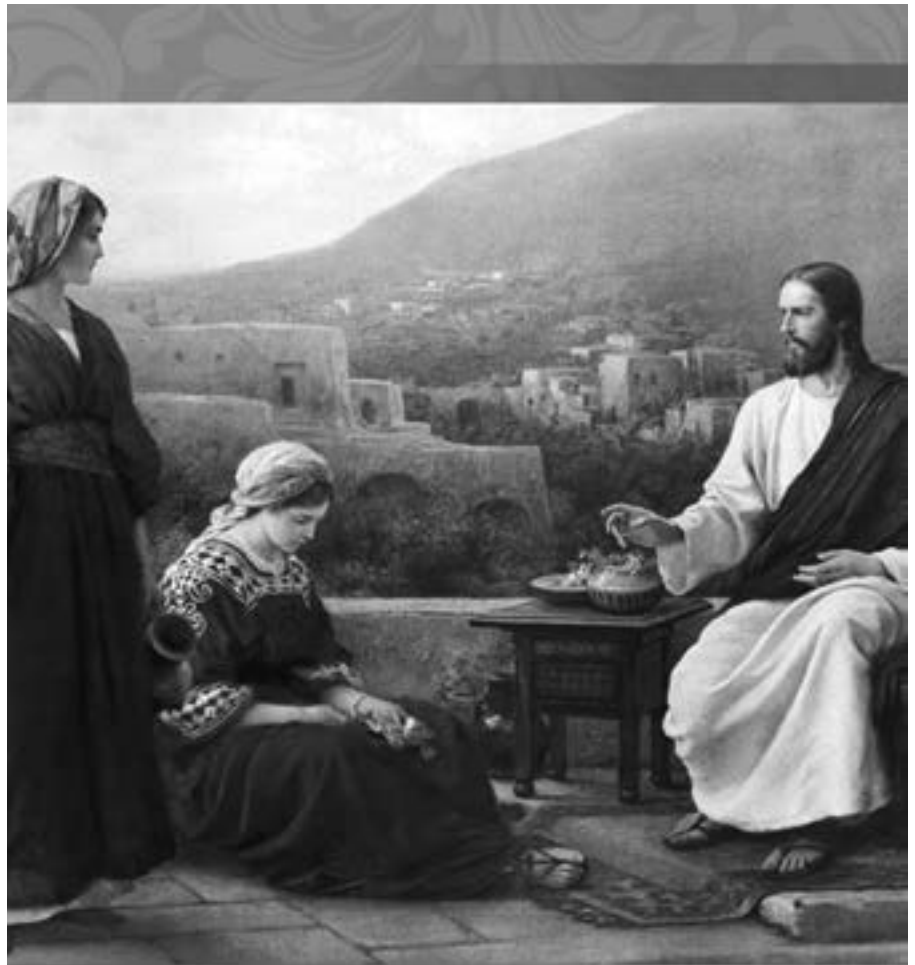
Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior the proposed date.

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.



July 21, 2019

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

The Parish Office is relocating to:
1360 Tamm Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139

New office hours are:
Monday - Friday 7:30-3:30pm

Contact Information:
Katie Ryan
314-647-5244
kryan@stjamesthegreater.org

Parish & ECEC Staff

Rev. Rajpaul Sundararaj, Pastor
rajpaulstl@gmail.com

Deacon Michael A. Nicolai

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

Andrew Donovan, Music Coordinator

Kathy Schodrowski, Sacristan

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



STJ ECEC registration is ongoing for children ages 3-5 years old. Interested families, call 314-647-5244.

Please join us for an Open House on
Sunday, July 28 from Noon - 2:00pm, or schedule a
tour today.

Classes begin August 12, 2019 for all registered
children.

Bulletin Submissions

Announcements must be submitted via email
to kryan@stjamesthegreater.org six days before
publication.

From the Pastor's Pen...



Over the past several weeks, we as a Parish Community at St. James the Greater have asked for your feedback for the Parish Mission Statement. This is your opportunity to be a part of shaping our future and where we want to go as a Parish. As Father has stated many times, his time here is limited. For many of our parishioners, their investment in our Parish has been a lifetime. This is an important time for your voices to be heard. It is intended to shape our future. It's not too late to be part of the process. You can still find feedback cards at the end of the pews. Just drop your card in the collection basket or at the office. In addition, if you would like to participate in the meetings to review the cards and develop several draft mission statements, please send me your name and email address in the next few days.

We have received 40 responses and I am personally thrilled and impressed on how thoughtful and sincere every single response was. What truly surprised me was the number of people who would like to participate in the follow-on meetings to develop the draft statements. Thank you. Well over half of the respondents would like to participate in the next step! I am so encouraged about the future that you are all personally shaping for SJTG.

We will have our first meeting late next week. It may take several meetings to develop a set of draft mission statements. Later this summer, we will present those draft statements to the Parish and again ask for everyone's feedback of which statement to adopt.

This is our Parish and our home, what do you want the future to look like? I will be sending out the meeting notices at the end of this week. If you expressed an interest but do not receive an email please let me know.

God Bless St. James the Greater Parishioners.

John Kelley
Parish Council - Chairperson
Email: parishcouncil@stjamesthegreater.org



Mass Intentions

July

22nd ~ Special Intention (Chapel 7:00am)

23rd ~ Joe Mazzuca (Chapel 7:00am)

24th ~ Tom Halley (Chapel 7:00am)

25th ~ Christopher Fox (Chapel 7:00am)

26th ~ Rev. Thomas M. Flynn (Chapel 7:00am)

27th ~ Agnes Cooney

28th ~ Poor Souls of Purgatory (Church 11:00am)

Liturgical Roles

July

28th at 11:00am

Lectors –

Ed Spevak and Sally Rapp

Eucharistic Ministers –

Bill Kennebeck, Mark Kennebeck, Gary Kramer, Beth Love, Monica Rapp,
Pauline Robbins, Melissa Strohmeier

Servers –

Eamon and Senan Ryan

Ushers –

Mark Morgan, Dave Swatek, Volunteers (2)

Greeters –

Rita Alsop, John Bohler, Maureen Brady, Craig Lundin

Interested in participating? Please contact:

Eucharistic 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

Please Pray For...

Amy Hester

Angela Ray

Anita Emerson

Ann Finnegan

Art Menendez

Barbara Burke

Bill Brownfield

Bill Ellingham, Jr.

Bruce Ranciglio

Candace Parmley

Charles McKinnis

Dan Bacinski

Dan Marquez

David Hunsche

Dawn Edwards

Deacon Nicolai

Edward Quigley

Gary Wibbels

Geraldine Bacinski

Geraldine Swatek

Hayes Baroli

Henry Oakamura

Jack Donovan

Jack McKinnis

Jane Guffey

Jean Bohler

Jeff Digger

Jennell Schuettenberg

Jim Cuidon

Joan Droege

Joe Barbay

Karen Devaney

Kay McWilliams

Kelley Goersch

Larry Coyle

Leffert Schild

Linda Nellesen

Louis Monsivais

Lynne Fischer

Martha Corwin

Mary Barry

Mary Eubanks

Mary Hoffmann

Mary Nicolai

Michelle Donaldson

Mike Cardwell

Mike Eisenbath

Neil Pilla

Nikki Barnes

Pat Ellingham

Rachel Ruggeri

Ralph Whitener

Renee Parmley

Richie Barbay

Sam Brownfield

Scott Schuettenberg

Sr. Rosalie

Steve Baker

Steve Vreeland

Ted Sinko

Tim Hayes

Tom Corbett

Tom Yackley

Tony Dolce



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

Matt Koeln

Eric Krystynak

Jack Meesey

Andrew Wash

Ken Wash

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

STEWARDSHIP

Deacon Mike Update

He is still having a time of it. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his recovery. If you want to send a card, please mail to Michael A. Nicolai, 5434 Mardel, St. Louis, MO 63109

Calendar Requests

We continue to receive calendar requests, thank you! This will help us have better visibility into what other groups are doing and how we can help or avoid overlapping each other.

Communion Service

Reminder Father is out of town so there will be some Communion Services instead of Masses during that time.

Flea Market is on!

Thanks to the many who have worked so hard to set up and get ready for this weekend as well as those who are giving their time during the weekend. May it be a success!!

Novena Schedule

The novena is next week. It begins Friday and Saturday with a Mini Novena, both nights, at 7PM, and our monthly breakfast is Sunday beginning at 9 AM. It is part of the celebration as we mix up the menu items to celebrate St. James and as always it is a free will offering. Come have breakfast before the rosary procession begins at 10:30 AM or after Mass as this month's breakfast is served until 12:30 PM. For the rosary, we will meet by the garden in the Daughters of Charity front yard. The rosary will also be prayed inside church, so join the group that best suits you. If you are homebound, please pray at 10:30 AM with us from your home. Mass begins at 11 AM and will be the only Mass for the weekend.

Annual Quilt Social

This year the annual quilt social is on the 11th and doors open at 11:30 AM. Be sure and come to try and win a beautiful quilt made by the St James the Greater quilters. If you can't make it, you can always buy chances in advance. The weekend of the 27th and August 3rd, tickets will be for sale after Mass. Just look for the quilts on display, chances will be right there by them available for purchase.

Thanks Amazon Shoppers!!!

When shopping Amazon and choosing St. James the Greater, we can get .05% of the total purchase sent to us quarterly.

If you haven't yet and wish to, here's how:

Log into smile.amazon.com with your regular Amazon account name and password. Type St James the Greater Church (without period after the "t" in St. Do not use "parish" or "school" either.)

Fall Fest Planning

Fall Fest preparation is under way. There will be a meeting Tuesday at 6 PM in the café. Anyone interested in helping, please join us!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Offertory

July 14, 2019 Collection

Sunday Envelopes	\$3940.00
Loose Collection	\$ 225.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 24.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Defray Envelope Cost	\$ 25.00
Total	\$4274.00

Please see the letter from the Parish Finance Council on the last page.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have donated to the ACA this year. We have surpassed our Parish Goal of \$18,810 and are so close to our Challenge goal of \$33,532! So far, St. James the Greater parish has collected \$32,646; with 24% of cards collected. Would you be someone to help us get to our Challenge Goal? No amount is too small, or too big! Even a single dollar gets us closer to our goal. And, remember that we receive much more in benefits as a parish than we donate. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Ann Chulick and Jennifer Yackley

ACA Co-Chairs



July 22 - 23

Monday	7:00pm - Quilting (Mary's Room)
Tuesday	9:00am - Quilting (Mary's Room) 6:30pm - Choir Practice (Church)
Wednesday	9:30am - Bus Tour (Church)
Thursday	St. James the Greater Feast Day
Friday	9:00am - Quilting (Mary's Room) 7:00pm - Mini Novena (Church)
Saturday	4:30pm - NO MASS 7:00pm - Mini Novena (Church)
Sunday	8:00am - NO MASS 9:00am - All You Care to Eat Breakfast 10:30am - Festal Procession 11:00am - Festal Mass (Church) 12:00pm - ECEC Open House

Festal Weekend

Friday, July 26th and Saturday, July 27th

Mini Novena at 7:00pm (Church)

Sunday, July 28th

Festal Procession at 10:30am

Festal Mass at 11:00am

All You Care to Eat Breakfast

Sunday, July 28, 2019

9:00 AM—12:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

Special omelette station and pancakes to order!

Free will offering!

ECEC Open House

Sunday, July 28, 2019

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Come visit our Early Childhood Education Center!

New this year - a Gross Motor Room!

Annual Quilt Social

Sunday, August 11, 2019 - Doors open at 11:30am

Buy your chances after Mass on July 28th!

Sleepers are \$3 each or 2 for \$5

Prizes are:

1 full size quilt, 1 afghan, 1 baby quilt

Quilt Viewing: August 6th at 10:00am (Mary's Room)

KOC Ladies Auxiliary

9 - Pin No Tap Fundraiser

Saturday, August 17, 2019

6:00 pm sign-in / 7:00 Bowling begins

Epiphany Lanes - 6596 Smiley Ave

\$25 / person (max. 40 bowlers)

Payment due at Sign-in -

Epiphany Lanes accepts CASH only

Fee covers: Shoe rental, 3 Jackpot tickets (1 per game),
tournament fee

Tournament 9-Pin Scoring for Games 1 / 2 / 3

Bowl a Strike - Score a Strike

Bowl 9 pins on first shot - Score a Strike

Spares - same as normal

Cash Payouts for:

1st / 2nd / 3rd place tournament winners

Jackpot Ticket winners for games 1/2/3 when bowling a Natural Strike

You do NOT need to bowl to attend and participate in 50/50, etc. -
it will be fun!!!

To reserve your bowling spot, please contact

Terri Garneau @ 314-680-9384 or tgarnau@aol.com

(Bowling wait-list started after 40 bowlers have been confirmed)

9 pin...50/50...raffle baskets...9 pin...50/50...raffle baskets...9 pin...50/50...

Ladies Retreat

Ladies, gather your closest girlfriends and join us for a very special event, August 3-4, 2019. "Girlfriends in Grace" is a twenty-eight hour overnight retreat designed just for you and those incredible women you're blessed to call friends. Treat yourselves to this relaxing, prayerful, and fun getaway at the beautiful Marianist Retreat & Conference Center with its 120 acres of rolling hills and trails on the banks of the Meramec River in Eureka, MO.

The retreat will include some large group presentations, but each group of friends will function as its own small group for discussions. There will be a variety of activities and plenty of time to just kick back and bask in the beauty of your nearest and dearest girlfriends. Time for prayer will be available, and the celebration of the Mass will take place on Sunday. The retreat starts at Saturday 1PM and will end Sunday at 5PM. The cost is \$111 per person and includes a private room, with a bathroom and shower, linens, towels, 3 meals and snacks. For more information contact Julie at julie@mretreat.org or register on line at www.mretreat.org.

Update from the Finance Council

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As we enter the hot summer months of July and August, it is a busy time for the Finance Council, as the Parish is starting a new fiscal year and we continue to complete the accounting for the fiscal year that just ended. As we have stated before, as a council, we are committed to ensure that all parishioners have a clear view of the financial health of the parish. We realize it has been a while since we provided an update and we hope this letter will provide a good view of the fiscal health of the parish as we close the last month of the fiscal year and prepare for next year.

Changes to the Finance Committee:

Over the year we had two members on Finance Committee resign and we welcomed two new members, Mark Kennebeck and Dennis Eichholz.

Current Parish Financial Situation:

As we enter into the last 2 months of the fiscal year, the current fiscal health of the parish is:

School - The school is tracking to close the fiscal year with approximately \$27,000 in available cash after the final expenses are paid for this school year. This is in line with the projections made in January that were provided to the archdiocese. Any remaining funds at the end of this fiscal year will go into the Early Childhood program budget for next year.

Parish - The parish is on track to bring in approximately \$30,000 more funds than were spent to run the parish for the year. The parish revenue (collections, grants, and fund raisers) remained stable and aligned to the budget and expenses (salaries, assessments, utilities, etc) have remained as planned with no major unplanned expenses.

Endowments - Overall the 2 St. James Endowments remained untouched and have current balances of:

- St. James the Greater Endowment: \$352,303.04
- Beyond 28 Endowment: \$31,502.75

Update on Key Parish Fundraisers:

Through the hard work and generosity of all the volunteers and attendees, the Parish held multiple successful fundraisers over the year, including:

- Decade of Dreams Auction which raised \$62,177.42 which went to meet the school 2018-19 budget. This includes \$16,200 as part of the Fund-A-Need campaign which is being distributed to the school families to help with their transition to their new schools.
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration which raised \$41,728.57
- Lenten Fish Fry's which raised \$6,597.51
- Summer Fest which raised \$1,069.01

Changes for 2019-20:

The finance council has been working very closely with the other parish councils and the Archdiocese accounting team to understand and prepare for 2019-20 fiscal year and the changes it will bring. Overall, we are expecting to maintain a net positive budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, we have recommended and agreed to the following charges and plans for the next fiscal year:

- We will change the publication of the weekly collection results in the bulletin from weekly to monthly to reflect the increased monthly use of Faith Direct. We will include the target monthly collection and monthly actual for easier understanding of the collection results. This will start with the July collection figures.
- The budget will include minimal capital improvement for the year and will only include what is required to support the long-term health of the parish.
- The budget will include the rebid the janitorial and maintained contracts for all the parish buildings.
- The current K-8 financial tracking will conclude at the end of this fiscal year and all cost to the winding down of the program will be recognized in July.
- Going forward, the Early Childhood Program will be tracked separate than the parish to allow transparency into the performance of the program.
- We will be standardizing the fundraising reporting process to allow for faster reporting of fund-raising results.

We hope this update provide you a good understanding of the financial health of the parish. We will publish a full financial report in August after we close the 2018-19 Fiscal year. As always, any parishioner is welcome to attend the open session at the start of Finance Council meeting.

Sincerely,

St. James Finance Council