

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2021

# St. James Catholic Church

3909 Harrison \* Kansas City, Missouri 64110

## Our Mission

We, the people of the St. James community in faith, commit ourselves to building the Reign of God for all people, serving especially our neighbors in Midtown, Kansas City.

## Our Vision

St. James Parish will be a vital Catholic Christian presence at the crossroads of Kansas City, meeting the spiritual needs of our members and impacting both the midtown neighborhood and the larger community. We will be a growing and diverse community where worship and sacramental life are joyful and vibrant; where people are empowered to live the Gospel; and where, especially, the needs of the poor and disenfranchised are lovingly and humbly addressed.

## Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

## Confessions

By appointment only

## Parish Office

**(816) 561-8512**

Office Hours: 9:00 --3:00, Monday-Friday

Email [parish@stjkc.org](mailto:parish@stjkc.org)

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## Parish Staff

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## Parish Leadership Team

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Fr. Mike Ben Babaran

## Parish Finance Council

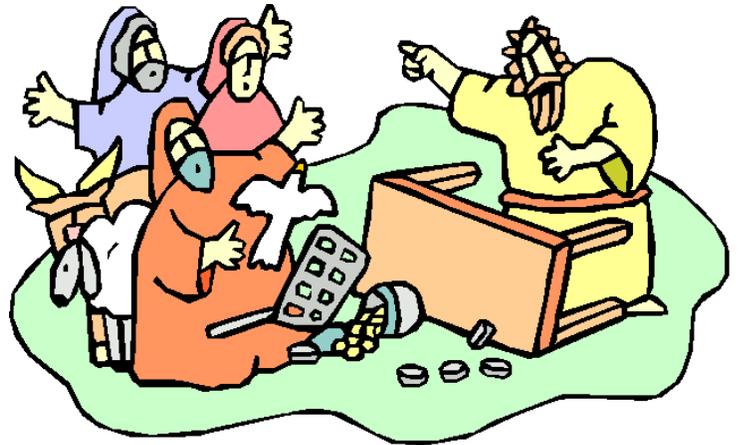
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Fr. Mike Chuck Wurth

Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard Pam Waters

Anne Carlson



Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

"Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

~ John 2:16

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • LENT AT ST. JAMES

**RICE BOWLS**—To help us put our faith in action through almsgiving this Lent, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available at the back of the church or in the rectory for pick up.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross at St. James Church every Friday of Lent at 12 noon.

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE**— The obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

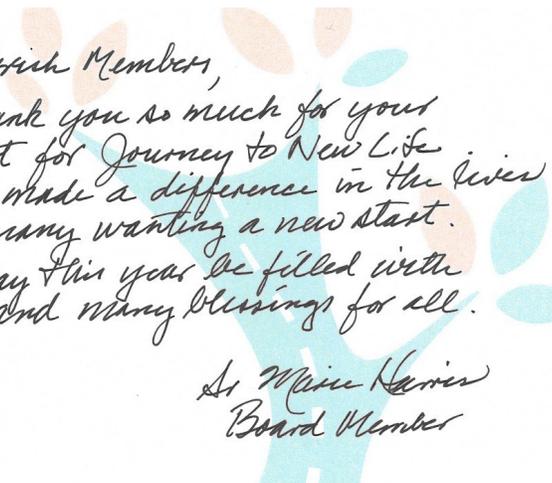
**ST. JAMES WEBSITE**—Lenten resources are available on the website:

<https://stjkc.org/lenten-offerings>

### • FORMER PARISHIONER ANNA FRANKE

Anna Marie (Scanlon) Franke passed away peacefully Thursday, February 25 at age 91. She and her husband Jack were parishioners of St. James.

### • THANK YOU FROM JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE



*Dear Parish Members,  
Thank you so much for your support for Journey to New Life. It has made a difference in the lives of so many wanting a new start.  
May this year be filled with hope and many blessings for all.*

*As Marie Harris  
Board Member*

### • FIRST SACRAMENTS

If you have children of age to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion, please let the parish office know.

### • PARISH OFFICE

- ◆ Please send us your prayer intentions. Email them to [parish@stjkc.org](mailto:parish@stjkc.org) or call 816-561-8512.
- ◆ If you have an address, phone, or email change, please contact the parish office so our records can be updated.
- ◆ If you know of parishioners who have NO access to internet/email/Facebook, please contact the parish office, so that the weekly bulletin will be mailed to them.



## *Reflection from Fr. Garry*

"Because I said so!"

How many parents have said that when a child asks (for possibly the 10th time) why they can't have a candy bar before dinner, or why they can't stay up past their bedtime? Parents sometimes resort to that reasoning because they know children aren't cognitively able to understand why something that appears good is not really good for them. Adults (ideally) are able to understand this, and are capable of making such decisions for themselves.

Yet religions often treat their members as if they are children who need to be told what to do because they can't make decisions for themselves. A recent example in the news: The bishop of New Orleans officially declared that alligator is fish, not meat, allowing people to eat it on Fridays in Lent. Were people not able to decide for themselves whether eating or not eating alligator was a good way for them to observe Lent? Another downside to this dynamic is that people become accustomed to responding like helpless children, as evidenced by the number of people who had been asking the bishop to rule on the issue.

People often do the same thing in citing scripture as the authority. An example: Some people point to a few obscure passages in the Old Testament to condemn homosexuality, and therefore, homosexuals. These people seem to hold on to this "Because I told you so!" mentality despite the fact that there is much more to understand about human nature and human sexuality than that simplistic view.

In some ways it is much easier to be like children. We can always find someone to tell us exactly what we should do in order to be good, right, holy, patriotic, etc. It also allows us to avoid blame if we do something wrong. After all, we were just following orders, so we are not responsible (we think). I suspect some of those who stormed the Capitol building on Jan. 6 were of this mindset.

Jesus didn't set down a list of rules which had to be followed. In fact, he often broke the rules of his religion when love called for it. He called people to follow him by discerning how love called them to behave in any particular situation. Children (or child-like thinking) can't do that. Only people who are growing and maturing in faith can do that. May we use this Season of Lent to mature a little bit more in our faith.

*~ Peace,*

*Fr. Garry*

~ Around Kansas City ~

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MANOS AMIGAS

**Office of Child and Youth Protection**

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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 **Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at 816-812-2500, 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** at 816.392.0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

~ Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23

EPH 2:4-10

JN 3:14-21

~ Stewardship ~

Week 2/22—2/28: \$5,124

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 132%

Fiscal YTD: \$104,604

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$133,431

Percent of Budget to Date: 78%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Robert & Beatrice Basolo

**Eternal rest unto them, O Lord!**

- + Jeanne Huebner
- + Ketson Ladore
- + Jason Petosa
- + Meltes Martin
- + Mary Jo McGuire
- + Anna Marie Franke

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

2/28, 2nd Sunday of Lent 69

Livestream Attendance

2/28, 2nd Sunday of Lent 34 devices