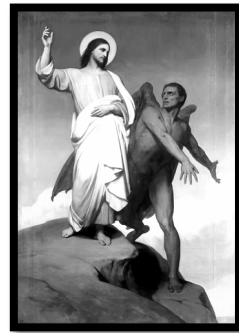


March 5, 2017
**First Sunday
 Of Lent**



Scripture Readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Psalm 51:3-17;

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

**Liturgical Assignments for
 Next Weekend, March 11/12**

	Lector	Communion Minister
4:30 p.m.	Dave Stevenson	Archie George
8:00 a.m.	Tim Gach	Roman Janorschke
11:00 a.m.	Mike Aberer	Mike Aberer

Altar Servers

4:30 p.m.	Elliott, Colin, and Brady Rocha
8:00 a.m.	Austin, Chris, and Teddy Barnes
11:00 a.m.	Liam Malchose, Matthew Aberer, Ike Hayes

Weekday School Servers

Money Counters: Mary Jo Marek, Carol Hunt

Communion Calls: Father Harkins
 Father Suarez

Sacrificial Offerings to God

February 25/26	\$10,046.50
Envelopes	
Plate	528.43
Votives	118.00
Repair/Utility Fund	723.37
Misc.	214.60
TOTAL	\$11,630.90

*Average Weekly Offertory
 Needed* **\$14,360.00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will go to the repair /utility fund.

South Side Food Kitchen

Matt and Denise Mereness will once again represent St. James at the South Side Food Kitchen on Friday, March 10th. Please call the parish office if you can offer a dessert.

St. James Altar Society will have its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 7th. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us!

Lenten Opportunities at St. James

Make time for Preparation, Penance, Purification and Prayer.

Tuesdays – 6PM Holy Hour
 w/Confessions and Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Wednesdays – 6PM Rosary and Divine Chaplet

Fridays – Stations of the Cross – 5:30PM

God Is! Retreat – Saturday March 25

Parish Retreat/Mission – open to all parishioners



Fish Fries at St. James, sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus, will be held on the first four Fridays of Lent- March 3,10,17 and 24, after Stations of the Cross in the church basement.

Cost: \$9 adults, \$5 children 12 and under.



Prayer for our Next Principal

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In times long past You sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us Your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from You alone. Send your Spirit upon our parish and inspire the heart of the person that you choose for our next principal. Through the intercession of St. James and St. Stanislaus, guide our next principal with courage, devotion, and love for You and Your people. Grant that in our parish school we may devote ourselves to prayer and study and share what we have learned with others. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

St. James School is also taking applications for teachers in elementary/middle school positions. Apply at: <https://careers.hireology.com/thecatholicdioceseofkansascitystjoseph/>

Tax Statements: It's tax time again. If you would like a contribution statement for 2016, please call the parish office. No statement will be sent unless you request it. Plan ahead and allow time for your statement to be ready.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, March 5	Altar Society Sunday – 8AM Mass CCD Class – 9:30AM, School Confirmation Class – 9:15AM, School Coffee & Donuts – 1:30PM, MMHall
Monday	Legion of Mary – 8:30AM, C. Erk Rm KofC Mtg. -7PM, C. Erk Rm
Tuesday	Holy Hour/Confessions – 6PM (Rev. Harkins) Altar Society Mtg. – 7PM, C. Erk Rm
Wednesday	Rosary/Chaplet - 6PM BHI Class – 6PM, C. Erk Rm
Thursday	
Friday	Adoration 9-11AM Stations of the Cross – 5:30PM Knights of Columbus/Holy Name Fish Fry – after Stations
Saturday	
Sunday, March 12	Holy Name Sunday – 8AM Mass Coffee & Donuts – 9AM, MMHall Confirmation Class – 9:15AM, School CCD Class – 9:30AM, School Coffee & Donuts – 1:30PM, MMHall

Questions Jesus Asked and YOU Should Answer

(Excerpt from Msgr. Charles Pope's blog, *Community in Mission*)

While Scripture readings are historical accounts, they are much more than that. To read the Bible as a mere spectator is to miss the main point.

- One key to unlocking the meaning of the Scriptures? Whenever you read the Gospels and Jesus asks a question of someone, ANSWER IT. Do not wait to see how Peter, or Magdalene, or the Pharisees, or the crowd respond. YOU answer the question. Let the question meet you where you are right now. Answer the question prayerfully and reflectively. Consider it, and answer by talking to the Lord.

Question #3

1. "Why are you anxious about clothes?" (Matt 6:28)

St. James Scholarships to LeBlond High School

To apply for a scholarship your family must be a registered, tithing, active member of St. James Parish. Applications (available in the parish office) must be turned in by May 1st.

Several parish organizations and private donors give each year to this scholarship program. If you are able to support the scholarship, please send your donation to the parish office or in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope before May 1st.

South Side Sertoma BBQ Dinner - SUN, MAR 12, 11AM-2PM

Fund-raiser, camp for deaf children
 South Side Hall, 502 Illinois Ave
 Adults - \$10. 6-12 yrs - \$6, 5 & under, free

Please pray for vocations,
 especially from our parish!

God Is! Day of Renewal

St. James Church, Saturday, March 25, 2017

7:30AM – 5:30PM Please plan to attend this awesome day of spiritual renewal. Participants will hear the Good News proclaimed in a dynamic way that will invite all to journey closer to their loving Father, His saving Son, Jesus, and the transforming Holy Spirit.

You will experience informative talks, inspirational personal witness, sacramental renewal, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass.

Call the parish office to register.

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 Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, March 6
 Lenten Weekday**

8 a.m. – *Mike Swymeler* ✚ (Rev. Sturm)

Tuesday, March 7

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8 a.m. – *Bennie & Mary Borkowski* ✚ (Rev. Harkins)

Wednesday, March 8

St. John of God, Religious

8 a.m. – *Helen & Louis Marek* ✚ (Rev. Harkins)

Thursday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8 a.m. - *Catherine Waitkoss* ✚ (Rev. Suarez)

Friday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. – *Kathy Hoffman* ✚ (Rev. Harkins)

Saturday, March 11

Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. – Latin - *Special Intention* (Rev. Carney)
 Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. – *Leroy Kline* ✚ (Rev. Suarez)

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday of Lent

8 a.m.- *Charles Zuptich* ✚ (Rev. Suarez)

11 a.m. – *Jack & Jerry Pickerel* ✚ (Rev. Suarez)

12:30 p.m. – Latin – *Pro Populo* (Rev. Harkins)

(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)