

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday Of Lent



Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13;
Psalm 23:1-6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the
appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

1 SAMUEL 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

Liturgical Assignments for Next Weekend, April 1/2

	Lector	Communion Minister
4:30 p.m.	Judy Barber	Archie George
8:00 a.m.	Sharon Lynch	Sharon Lynch
11:00 a.m.	Nancy Vanover	Nancy Vanover

Altar Servers

4:30 p.m.	Kyle Green, David Funk
8:00 a.m.	James & Sean Koch
11:00 a.m.	Max Schieber, Gavin Weiland
Weekday	School Servers

Money Counters: Rita Andriano, Kathy Bravo

Sacrificial Offerings to God

March 18/19	\$7,521.50
Envelopes	
Plate	308.25
Votives	114.75
Repair/Utility Fund	360.01
Misc.	200.00
TOTAL	\$8,504.51

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend second collection will go to the **Catholic Relief Services**.

Building Fund Envelope

This addition to your monthly envelope packet is for donations/pledges to our St. James Restoration Fund.

St. Joseph Table

Thank you to all the volunteers, donors and patrons of this year's St. Joseph Table. \$1,521.00 was raised for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

And we extend special thanks to **Mary Kneib** and **Bernie Stevenson** for heading up this event over the last several years.

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

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Boy Scouts Mexican Meatless Dinner will be held on Friday, March 31, after Stations of the Cross in the church basement. Cost: \$9

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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>

Parishioner Kelly Bachman is considering a **pilgrimage of the 21 Spanish missions of California**, located along the historic El Camino Real. The pilgrimage will hopefully accommodate Mass attendance as well as tours, at each active mission from San Diego (the first mission founded by Saint Junipero Serra), to Carmel (where St. Serra is buried). If interested in joining Kelly, or if you have completed this pilgrimage yourself and could share information, please call Faith in the parish office



THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES	
Sunday, March 26	CCD Class – 9:30AM, School Confirmation Retreat - Gym
Monday	Legion of Mary – 8:30AM, C. Erk Rm Bible Study/Catechism – 7PM, Erk Rm
Tuesday	Holy Hour/Confessions – 6PM (Rev. Harkins)
Wednesday	Rosary/Chaplet - 6PM BHI Class – 6:30PM, MMHall
Thursday	
Friday	Stations of the Cross – 5:30PM Boy Scouts Meatless Mexican Dinner – after Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Confirmation Practice at Co-Cathedral 10AM
Sunday, April 2	Altar Society Sunday – 8AM Mass Coffee & Donuts – 9AM CCD Class – 9:30AM, School Coffee & Donuts – 1:30PM Confirmation at Co-Cathedral - 2PM

Questions Jesus Asked and YOU Should Answer

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

One key to unlocking the meaning of the Scriptures? Whenever you read the Gospels and Jesus asks a question of someone, ANSWER IT. 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 #6

1. "Do you believe I can do this?" (Matt 9:28)

Easter Memorials - \$15. Please clearly print the name of your loved one (For:) along with your name (From:) on your memorial envelope and drop in the collection basket or send to the parish office. **Deadline is April 2.** Note: Donations to Easter memorials go toward the flowers used to decorate the altar for the Easter season. Remaining donations are put in our operating fund.



Bus Ride to Chrism Mass on April 6th at 7PM at the Cathedral in Kansas City. A bus will leave St. Francis Xavier parking lot at 5:30PM. You will be dropped off and picked up at the church door, no trying to find a parking space. The cost will be \$8 to \$10. Please call St. Francis Xavier before March 31st if you are interested.

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.

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal (Bishop's Appeal)
Update for St. James
\$19,380.00 75% of our goal

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 27

Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. – *Chris Paley* (Rev. Sturm)

Tuesday, March 28

Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. - *Mary Alice Bingaman* + (Rev. Harkins)

Wednesday, March 29

Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. – *Charles & Betty Kovac* + (Rev. Harkins)

Thursday, March 30

Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. - *Korte Family* (Rev. Suarez)

Friday, March 31

Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. – *Mike Swymeler* + (Rev. Harkins)

Saturday, April 1

Lenten Weekday

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

4:30 p.m. – *Bill McAuliffe* + (Rev. Harkins)

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8 a.m. - *Bob Betts* + (Rev. Harkins)

11 a.m. – *Marae Bernadette Pearce* (Rev. Harkins)

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

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