

The Commandment of Love

"Love one another as I have loved you." Of all the commandments Christ gave us, this is the most important. It includes all the others. Our greatest failure as Christian people is the failure to love. It is good to take time to think about the people we find difficult to take into our hearts, and to include that person and our relationship with him or her in our prayer, asking God to help us to be more loving towards them. It is God who sets the example for us to follow.

As we enter the season of First Communions, graduations, another school year coming to an end, and many more important events in our lives, we give thanks to our God of love for many opportunities to love as we have been loved. We all have different life experiences of love, but the truth is that Love has special meaning for all of us. What is love?

Psychologists = Love is letting go of fear. Priests and Religious Brothers and Sisters = Love is God, and God is Love. For all of us = Love is giving our lives to another. From an old movie, Love Story, "love is never having to say you're sorry." Sometimes, love leaves us speechless when our hearts are too full for words. A poet once said, "Love is not love until it is given away." Love means nothing in tennis, but is everything in life (author unknown). We are a people who celebrate love. Loving is never a waste of time.

Listen to Jesus words, "Love one another as I have loved you." Ask yourself the question "What is love?" What are your own unique answers, and how are you doing in this most important of commands?

With much love and many prayers, --- Fr. Matt

NEW PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

We know many of you have been wondering who the new pastor will be at St. James. Our new pastor beginning on July 3rd will be Fr. Tom Albers, C.P.P.S. It is being announced in his parish in Warsaw, Missouri this weekend too. That is why there has been a delay in bring this news to you. I (Fr. Joe) pray that you are as good to him as you have been to me. You have blessed me with your goodness. Things will go well. We are hoping to have everything in line with the building project before I leave so he will not have to be bothered by it.

Thank you for your prayers while we were in Atchison at the Precious Blood Assembly. It was a great week.

The elections results: Provincial; Fr. Jim Urbanic Vice-Provincial; Fr. Joe Nassal 3rd counselor; Fr. Al Ebach 4th counselor; Fr. Dick Bayuk 5th counselor; Fr. Garry Richmeier

Spring is often a time to start something new. If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Faith, I would like to hear from you and welcome you to our program. At St. James we have a year round formation process (RCIA), so it is not necessary for you to wait for a new class to begin. Fr. Joe and the RCIA team will present information about the formation process tonight (Sunday May 6th) at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Please come. We will be happy to answer your questions and get you started on the journey. If you are unable to attend this information session, please contact Sandy Landuyt at the church (816-781-4343 ext 200) or at her home (816-781-1958). I will be happy to help you begin the Inquiry Phase toward full communion in the Catholic Church (Christian Initiation)

Liturgist/Music Director Responsibilities include music planning and directing for choirs/cantors/ensembles at 5 weekend Masses, playing for liturgies including funerals and weddings, planning liturgical celebrations, and overseeing the liturgical ministries. Excellent keyboard and choral direction skills, as well as thorough knowledge of Catholic theology and rites required. Ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic possessing strong organizational and people skills, vocal and keyboard proficiency, and choral background. Minimum Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent experience. Send resume to: Liturgist/Music Director Search Committee; 309 S. Stewart Rd. Liberty, MO 64068 or email Fr. Matt Link (fr.matt@stjames-liberty.org.) Website: www.stjames-liberty.org Phone: (816) 781-4343

PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps. 127:1). As we strive to do God's will here at St. James, we ask that you continue to pray that we stay open to how God works with and through us. If you have not responded to the blue pledge card yet, please do so ASAP. We are in need of a response from everyone if we are going to make this go. We have done well, but we have not heard from everyone yet. Whatever gift that is given we pray it is a gift from our heart to God. As of May 1st, we have **\$510.655** in pledges and donations along with prayers. **THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO THE BLUE PLEDGE CARD REQUESTS.** As of now we are not planning to send out an envelope for people's pledges. Many of you have increased your tithe for this year and are paying regularly as you pledged. We ask that if you have pledged an amount and have not paid it yet to put it in an envelope and mark it appropriately ☺ so we can credit it in the correct place. **We have a May 7th meeting set up with the diocese to see if we can move ahead and what we have to do. Please send prayers that all goes well.**

***** STEWARDSHIP -- A WAY OF LIFE *****

Give to the Lord as the Lord has given to you.

Ask God what offering You should give. People led our Holy Communion Services while Fr. Matt and Fr. Joe were at their Assembly, people prayed for the Society of the Precious Blood, people cleaned up around the front of church, people helped parishioners in need with their lawn work, and people gave financially to our parish.

THANK YOU for supporting our parish!

May God reward you for your generosity.



We ask your efforts to use the Hy-Vee and Price Chopper \$5 coupon books, which \$4 of every book sold goes directly to our building fund. These are nice little fillers/gifts at Mother's Day or other events to help defray the costs for dinners. If you have not used the coupon books, **please try them.** You will be pleasantly surprised how many dollars you can save from these books. **Please help your parish, while saving yourself a lot of grocery money as well.** --- Thank you, St. James **Staff**

PS. There is a drawing in May for lovely Black Hills Gold necklace and matching earrings. To get your name entered you need to purchase 5 books at the same time.

Loved ones counting on our prayers: We ask you to tell us if you want your name to be on this prayer list. By law, HIPPA rule forbids us to print names for prayers, without request. We will revise this prayer list every month.

When admitted to the Hospital you must specify you are Catholic or we are not aware you want Holy Communion. We specifically mention this if you are going to NKC hospital. The surrounding parishes minister to NKC hospital, while we minister daily to Liberty hospital patients.

Joan Sage	Betty Wilhelm	Bill Land
Amy Shumate	Bob Ohmes	Sue & Jim Duncan
Andrew Hubbard	Brenda Chabot	Christine Donnan
Chris Smith	Kirk O'Rourke	Michelle Dose
Richard Rohm	Linda and Baby	Julie Dunn
Bob McCray	John Sparks	Eileen German
Barbara Mammon	Fr. Tom Conway,	Dominik Lombardo
Barbara Gutierrez	Barb Stull	Charlotte Kallal
Bonnie Crow	Clara Long	Mary Kaye Fierst
Elaine & Charlie	Yvonne Streeter	Sheila Fienty
Becky Booth	Corine Pachel	Charles Carpenter
The Hagins Family	Pam Bryant	Struggling Marriages
Baby Nadia	Kathleen Haines	Kyle Medinger
Don Fuenfhausen	Kathy Shackelford	JoAnn Giefer
Luka LaBella	Susan Darr	Lola Lopez
Monica/Joe Lopez	Margaret Duncan	Joan Parrish
Kimberly Reid	Vonnie Santora	James Daldrup
Jolene Payne	Jamie Potts	Norma Raw
Ruth Jensen	Alex and family	Kathy StClair
Duncan McDowell	Jennipher Quest	Those in prison
Kathleen Benson	Brian Osterdyk	Lori / Brianna Knight
Michael Douglas	Aubree Joan Eichler	Kathy Reising's Mom
Sr. Irene	Mr. & Mrs. John	Elizabeth B.
Denise Eichle	de la Fuente	Allison Merrigan
Eugene Miller	Elizabeth & Bob	Violet & Don Garvin
Gerard Sanchez	Wootten	Adam Lovejoy

This week's Mass intentions:

- Mon. 8am:** +Lucille Swoboda
Ashton Court Nursing Home Mass 10am: Vocations
- Tues. 8am:** +Rita Smith
- Wed. 8am:** +Claude D. Thomason
- Thu. 8am:** Emmanuel Ramirez
- Fri. 9am:** +Patricia VanLuvan
- Sat. 5pm:** ++Donald and Ruth Engemann
- Sunday, 7:30am:** +Al Sanchez
- 9:15am:** +George Tulipana **11am** +Jo Krones
- 6pm:** +Mary Jane Holt



TOGETHER FOR LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS!

Anthony Martin and Lynn Oltremari who were married last weekend (April 28th)

ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY: Mother's Day will be here soon and we will be ready with roses for our Mothers. The Prayer Garden Committee will again be selling roses to present to your Mother on Mother's Day. The pink envelopes are in the pews. Please place them in the box in the narthex or in the collection basket.

The Respect Life Ministry is once again collecting Diapers and baby wipes for the Pregnancy Support center in Liberty. Please see insert in today's bulletin.

Vocation Prayer: Lord, please give me the wisdom to understand what you are calling me to do with my life and give me the courage to carry it out.

The Week Ahead

Sun, May 5	K of C. serve coffee and donuts	After 7:30/9:15 Masses.	Social Hall
Mon, May 6 -----	Ashton Court Nursing Home School Board Meeting	10am 6:30pm	Library
Tues. May 7 -----	Rosary is prayed. Yoga Session; Thanks to Carol Rickman this class is free of charge. All are welcome.	8:45am 4pm	Mallen Room Social Hall
Wed. May 8	Little Saints Playgroup meets. Administration/ Finance Council Meeting	10am 7pm	Social Hall Library
Thu, May 9 -----	Adoration in the Church Yoga session.	8:30am to 9pm 4pm	Church Social Hall
Fri, May 10 -----	Adult volleyball played. All are welcome.	8pm to 11pm	Gym
Sun, May 12 ----- -----	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS!!! No coffee and donuts today, take Mom out for breakfast. High School Graduation Mass. All Senior are invited to walk in the procession wearing your cap and gown for Mass.	After 7:30/9:15 Masses 6pm	Social Hall

Youth Group Happenings

Graduation Mass

Seniors of '07 please remember to wear your cap and gown on Mother's Day May 13th to the 6PM Mass. There will be a reception following the Mass for all graduates and their families. Please RSVP to music_maniac_2007@sbcglobal.net if you will attend.

Religious Education Events & Activities

Calendar Dates

May 6	Final Sunday RE, Closing Mass 11:00
	5th grade Open House
May 6	First Communion pictures, promptly at 4 PM in the Church
May 12/13	First Communions
May 19/20	First Communions
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School



Follow Me... To Lead is to Serve Teens 'n Training

This Summer's TnT will be held June 18th-22nd at Beautiful Benedictine College. This is a 5 day camp dedicated to invigorate your faith and give you the skills to live the Gospel. It is open to all high school youth including those entering the 9th grade. Cost is \$250 for registration, room and board. Scholarships may be available through St. James or through the diocese. See Bobbi for registration packets. Deadline is May 10th

Thank You!



We want to extend a warm "thank you" to all of the families who helped to make our Appreciation Luncheon such a success. The desserts you made were delicious and were a great way to say "thank you" to the catechists who give so much of their time in our service. A special thank you to the Ciferri family--Barbara, Holly and Elise--who helped set up, decorate and serve.

2007 NCYC

National Catholic Youth Conference
Columbus, Ohio
November 8th-10th



Want to join 25,000 Catholic teenagers from across the country for 3 amazing days of worship, music, speakers, activities, service and a lot more? Every two years tens of thousands of Catholic teens gather to deepen their faith and share it with others. NCYC is the premiere Catholic youth conference in the nation. Kansas City - St. Joseph continues to bring one of the largest delegations to this conference. Don't miss out!
Deadline to signup and pay the deposit of \$75 is May 28th; however, space may be limited on the bus so signup with Bobbi now!
Scholarships may be available through the Diocese. The deadline for scholarships is April 29th.
Packets are available at the Youth Office Door.

Vacation Bible School News

We're looking for some intrepid space pioneers to help lead our VBS this year—our theme is SonForce Kids (kind of like Spy Kids, only in outer space) and should be lots of fun. VBS will be held this year during the week of July 16 through the 20th from 8:30 to noon. We'll need lots of adults as well as teen and youth helpers—contact Cecilia (781-4343 ext 206) if you'd like to be included in this mission! We will begin taking registrations soon--keep an eye on this column for details about when and where to enroll.

VBS Donations Needed

Our VBS Crafts Committee is looking for a few donations to make our crafts really shine. Our theme this year is an outer space one so we need some far-out supplies...

- * Pringles cans
- * Stickers or foam stickers in a space motif: stars, planets, rockers, etc.
- * Pompoms of various sizes
- * Pipe cleaners and chenille stems
- * Paper towel tubes
- * Brightly colored electrical tape or duct tape

Thank you for your generosity--we couldn't do this without your help! Donations can be placed in the VBS box in the Narthex coat closet.

Upcoming dates

Sun, May 13th Graduation Mass 6:00PM
JH Summer events TBA

Scriptures for the week-end of May 12/13: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29/ Rv. 21: 10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14: 23-29

Gift Bearers for the Masses May 12/13:

Saturday, 5pm: First Communicants
Sunday, 7:30am: First Communicants
9:15am: First Communicants 11am: First Communicants
6pm: High School Graduates

Pray for Vocations

If you want to take the vocation statue home to pray for vocation

in the name of St. James Parish for a week, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the office so we can put you on the list **Vocation statue presented by:**

May 5: Frank and Bridget Conwell @ 5pm

May 13: Richard and Jane Job 11 am

Bishop Finn has especially asked us to pray the St. Joseph Litany for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

St. James Music Group plays and sings on the first and third Sunday of the month (opposite the Youth Band) at the Sunday 6 PM Mass. We are looking for musicians and singers! Even if you want to learn to sing, we have a place for you! Come join us every other Tuesday night at 7PM for practice for just 90 minutes and a lot of fun as we pray in song. If you need more information, give Joe Gonino a call at 407-7047 or Tina Henry at 792-8126. Come join us!

KEYBOARDISTS NEEDED.. Do you play the piano or organ? If you do, *St. James needs YOU!* Our music ministry is growing by leaps and bounds, and we want *you* to be a part of it. We are seeking musicians to help lead music at liturgies. Dr. Tom Willbanks, Director of Music at St. James, will train you to lead at the piano or organ with a spirit of joy and love of serving the Lord. Contact Dr. Willbanks, 781-4343 x207 or by e-mail: twillbanks@stjames-liberty.org.

SINGERS WANTED TOO! Love to sing at Mass? If so, we would love for you to join us at 9:15 AM liturgies to sing with the St. James Choir. In addition to liturgical music, the Choir also sings music ranging from early repertoire (Classical and pre-Classical) to contemporary (Praise and Worship, Gospel, etc.) In addition to serving the Lord at Mass, we have a lot of FUN! We practice on Wednesday nights at 7PM, and again at 8:45AM on Sunday mornings to briefly review before Mass. Can't make Wednesday? NO PROBLEM! You can practice on your own (Dr. Willbanks will give you recordings) and come Sunday morning at 8:45. Can't read music? NO PROBLEM! Dr. Willbanks records your part exactly the way you need it. Practice with the recording and you'll be in good shape. In short, WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US! Please contact Dr. Willbanks: 781-4343 x207 or: twillbanks@stjames-liberty.org.



As Catholics, May is Traditionally the month of the Rosary and added devotion to Mary, the Blessed Mother. The rosary is prayed at St. James every Tuesday at 8:45am, the

first Sunday of each month 25 minutes before each Mass, and every Thursday evening during Adoration at 6:30pm.

St. James School News:

LIFESKILL for May - **Flexibility** – To be willing to alter plans when necessary.

Harvesters Food Drive

We received a thank you from Harvesters for the canned goods collected during our "Go for the Green" Food Drive. They reported that our school collected 810 pounds of canned goods for the food pantry which allows them to help quite a few needy families. Thank you for your generosity!

May Crowning

Last Tuesday our students celebrated May Crowning with a morning service including the recitation of the Rosary. Also students placed fresh flowers before our statue of Mary.

Upcoming Activities:

- Monday, May 7th- 6:30 pm school board meeting.
- Monday, May 7th- 7:00 pm Auction Kickoff meeting in St. Stephens Room.
- Wednesday, May 9th – 9:00 am Kindergarten Shadow Day.
- Wednesday, May 9th – Rosati's Pizza Night 11:00 am until 8:00 pm.
- Thursday, May 10th – STUCO meeting 3:15 pm.
- Friday, May 11th – 9:00 am Mass prepared by 8th grade class. "Passing of the Torch" ceremony to the new 8th grade class.

St. Therese North is hosting a 6 week study group on Matthew Kelly's ***Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose*** DVD Series from May 22- June 26. Every Tuesday for 6 weeks, we can hear Matthew reflect on his life-giving message through his DVD presentations, which perfectly identifies our common search and struggle for happiness and meaning. They are filled with powerful stories and practical examples that help us rediscover God's dream for us - that renew our hearts and revive us at our core.

When: Tuesdays, May 22nd - June 26th
Time: 7 to 9pm
Where: St. Therese Church, 7207 NW Hwy 9, Wooldridge Center Meeting Room
Cost: \$9 for the workbook
Sign up: by calling the parish office at 741-2800 or email Amy at ascheitler@sbcglobal.net

First Presbyterian Church, 138 N. Main, Liberty on May 19th 7pm hosts music of Lukasz Lagun Kuzminski. Tickets are only \$6 for this concert, at by the Book on the Liberty Square or at First Presbyterian Church. Call 792-6528 with questions.

Happy Birthday This week:

Jodi Frager	Emmanuel Ramirez	Brianna Boehm
Matthew Barlett	Linda Smith	Shona Choice
James Fichter	Jacob Souders	Robert Dickey
Barbara Gragg	Madison Steinbauer	Melissa Niemeyer
Whit Henry	Jordan Tanner	Lewis Shippy
Steven Kurtenbach	Jack Alexaznder	Michele Staszko
Sarah Lewey	Olivia Book	Mario Usera
Emily Loethen	Nathaniel Boos	Trey Winters
Therese Nash	Emma Breeggeman	Sean Combs
Lisa Nelson	Anthony Gomez	Gina Guilfoyle
Jonathan O'Neill	Jared Klein	Jennifer Janning
Rosemary	Karen Kline	Jared Mathes
Overstreet	Hayden Paulson	Steve McKee
Cheryl Robertson	Janet Runge	Cheryl Meyer
Alexandra Splichal	Ross Strada	LeRoy Parrish
Paul Arron Tyrrell	Marissa Vitug	Jeff Seever
Helen Ward	Marilyn Wunder	David Slater
Carrie Wingo	Amorese Avila	Devin Smith
Diane Adkins	Cathy Bernholtz	Jessica Westfall
Shane Alexander	Paige Diels	Carlin Yonke
Michael Christopher	Katherine Downey	Lynn Drewes
Alexis Daleo	Samantha Eichler	Andrea Elliott
Carole Dyer	Julie Fuenfhausen	Frances Flores
Anne Ehlers	Joe Janacaro	Maria Gora
Noah Essig	Alexis Marshall	Ashli Hertzog
Orville Filla	Maggie Marshall	Michelle Lakebrink
Julie Garcia	Sandra Morton	Scott Lindsey
Alana Gatzemeyer	Alan Novak	Lori Madson
Julie Grovijohn	Paul Raburn	Michelle McCubbin
Larry Hannah	Juan Rodriguez	Mandy Mears
Theresa Hatch	Jerome Schieder	Primitivo Mendoza
Judy Katzer	Dorothy Silvio	Heather Meyer
Erin Mallett	Wyatt Stute	Matthew Nelson
Keyanna Mars	Robert Traverson	Michael Pizzato
Allyson Miller	Diana Wright	Grace Reineke
Jocelynn Morris	Austin Bates	Rodney Shoemaker
Julie Presko	Richard Beyer	

Please pray for those in our parish family serving our Country: Robert Harrison, Jean Miller, Sean Hughes, Jeff Auksel, Matt Paulo, Paul Starner, Casey Snodgrass, Bong Vitug, Jake Harman, Joe Binggeli, Ray Writesman, Jason Lyday, Mark Bross, Paul Mooney, Chris Griese, Kelly Englert, Jeff Gardner, Jason Kern, Bobby Kern, Kyle Medinger, Nick Lopez, Colleen McCloskey, Paul Tyrrell, Matthew Blackwood, Raymond Lopez, Josh DeLeone, Tony Velasquez, Jr., Philip Stauffacher, Charles Hensley, Jeremy Gomez

Have you or a friend suffered after an abortion? This summer, let the healing begin.

Whatever your story, we care about you. We understand your pain and your loss, and we believe in God's forgiveness and unconditional love. You don't have to struggle alone. Please contact us and begin the journey towards healing. Confidentiality assured. No fee for services. 8-week session Mondays June 4- July 23, 7 to 8:30pm. Call for details: 816-591-3804. Visit our website at www.ProjectRachelKC.com. (Project Rachel is a ministry sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, www.RespectLifeMissouri.org.)

Please Note

Benefit on May 10th and 11th @ 7pm: The Corbin Theatre presents, "Last Train to Nibroc" A love story by: Arlene Hutton. Starring: Courtesy of Actors Equity Los Angeles/ Chicago professional actors **Bobbie Bagby** (daughter of Bob and Bridget Bagby) and Zach Ford. Tickets are on sale at BY THE BOOK on Liberty Square or by calling Bridgett and Bob Bagby @ 781-1025; \$15 each. Please support live theatre, your community, and Hillcrest Transitional Housing! 100% of proceeds will go to Hillcrest Transitional Housing.

Another opportunity to help..... Walk for the Homeless on Saturday, May 19th to support Hillcrest. The check-in at Liberty High School begins at 7:45am, kick-off at 8:30am. To register on-line www.hillcresttransitionalhousing.org.

May's Hillcrest housing needs list : liquid dish soap, wet wipes, deodorant, freezer or Ziploc bags, soft scrub, oven cleaner, all cleaners, trash bags, adult/children vitamins.

PRECIOUSNESS OF SILENCE

"But Jesus was silent." Mt 26:63

The Silence is Meekness.
 When you do not defend yourself against offenses;
 When you do not claim your rights;
 When you let God defend you;
 The Silence is Meekness.

The Silence is Mercy.
 When you do not reveal the faults of your brothers to others;
 When you readily forgive without inquiring into the past;
 When you do not judge, but pray in your heart;
 The Silence is Mercy.

The Silence is Patience.
 When you accept suffering not with grumbling but joyfully;
 When you do not look for human consolations;
 When you do not become too anxious, but wait in patience for the seed to germinate;
 The Silence is Patience.

The Silence is Humility.
 When there is no competition;
 When you consider the other person better than yourself;
 When you let your brothers emerge, grow and mature;
 When you joyfully abandon all to the Lord;
 When your actions may be misinterpreted;
 When you leave to others the glory of the enterprise;
 The Silence is Humility.

The Silence is Faith.
 When you keep quiet because you know that the Lord will act;
 When you renounce the voice of the world to remain in the presence of the Lord;
 When you do not labor yourself to be understood; because it is enough for you to know that the Lord understands you;
 The Silence is Faith.

The Silence is Adoration.
 When you embrace the cross without asking "Why?";
 The Silence is Adoration.

