

ST. JAMES

Catholic Church



March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Hymnal Reading #1132

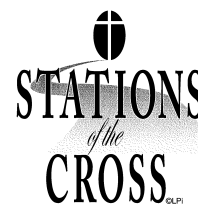
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Ash Wednesday
March 6, 2019
Mass 8:00 am,
6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

On Wednesday March 6, the holy season of Lent begins. This season begins with the Solemn Mass of Ash Wednesday where Christians are marked with ashes in the sign of the Cross, calling to mind our need to “Turn always from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” Ash Wednesday, while not a holy day of obligation, it is a significant day of faith.



Stations of the Cross will be
Friday evenings @ 6:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross for the
St. James School students will be
Fridays at 2:45 pm when school
is in session, March 22, 29 and
April 5 & 12.

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday & Saturday
8:00 am
Wednesday - 6:00 pm
Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm
Sunday
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
7:30 - 7:50 am
Wednesday
5:30-5:50 pm
Saturday
4:00 - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

Fasting and Abstinence Laws

Catholics are required to fast and abstain from meat on two days during Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The faithful are also required to abstain from meat on each Friday of Lent.

Law of abstinence

The law of abstinence forbids the consumption of meat. This does not include eggs, milk products, or condiments made with animal fat. Soups flavored with meat, and meat gravy and sauces also are allowed. Abstinence is required of anyone over 14 years of age or older.

Law of fasting

The law of fasting allows one full meal per day, with two lighter meals. The quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal. The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.

Age distinctions

Fasting is required of those who are 18 years old, through the time they are one day older than their 59th birthday.

Baptism: Please call the parish office to schedule a Baptism.

Matrimony Preparation: First of all, congratulations! Please call the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired date of the Marriage, 9 months is preferred. The date for the wedding will be definitively set after your first meeting with the Priest.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office before major surgery or at the beginning of a serious illness to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. If you or someone you know in the parish is in the Hospital, please call the parish office to let us know

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 4	8:00 am	†William Parker by Tom & Brenda Schoenecker
Tuesday, March 5	8:00 am	†William "Bill" Ridder by Gerald & Donna Stich
Wednesday, March 6	8:00 AM	People of St. James
	6:00 PM	David & Laurie Canfield by Marilyn Runyan
	8:00 PM	†Carolyn Schild by St. James Altar Society
Thursday, March 7	8:00 am	†Elnora Martin by Audrey Cryderman
Friday, March 8	8:00 am	†William "Bill" Kennedy by Mary Kennedy
Saturday, March 9	8:00 am	Jack Reid by Robert & Teresa Reid
	5:00 pm	†George & Ellen McWilliams by Lewis Family
Sunday, March 10	8:00 am	†Marcia (Martin) Emerson by Bill Martin
	10:30 am	People of St. James

Dear St. James Parish Family,

Why do we give things up during Lent? What should we give up? How can I make the best Lent possible? The Lenten liturgies have as a theme, the following verse from Scripture: "Turn back to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12) Logically, if we have turned back, it implies that at some point we turned away. This is essentially the nature of sin: a turning away from God. Conversion is something we tend to think is for people going through RCIA or coming into the Church: they are the converts! All of us are called to be converts. The word conversion is two Latin words merged together, meaning: *to turn around*. All of us have to turn around and reassess at times, not just in our spiritual lives, but even with tasks and projects and the daily grind. Nothing is more important than turning back to God. So this is the Lenten Project: to turn around, to set things right. There are a lot of tools at our disposal, and three of the most important are *Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving*. What are they? How do we practice them? Prayer is very simply conversation with God. I will admit, it sounds much easier than it is, but read the Scriptures, take up an hour of Adoration, set 15 minutes aside each day, and if possible, come to the Credo talk and learn more about this essential part of our spiritual life: prayer. Fasting is often misunderstood. Sometimes I hear people say, "for Lent, I will give up cussing." Well, not exactly. We don't give up something that is bad, something we should not be doing in the first place. The whole purpose of fasting is to give up something *good*. Why? Because it reminds us that this is not our eternal home, and that there is something even better in store. We live in a culture of immediate gratification, which is all the more reason to restrain our impulses. It helps to foster the virtues of prudence, temperance and fortitude. Finally, we are called to give alms. This does not mean that we just write a check for more money to the Church (but you can if you want to, we can use it!). Almsgiving is about making a gift of self to God and to others. Yes, sometimes that means that we give financially, especially if we are not already. But one of the most important ways we give during Lent is to give a gift of our time to someone in need. This can be one of the most difficult things to do. Almsgiving is alleviating suffering, looking out for those less fortunate. If we put all three of these Lenten elements into practice, we are sure to have made a good Lent.

In Christ,
Fr. John N. Hay

**Snow Removal for the week of March 10 - March 16:**

Bob Chance, Brian Martin, Robert Reid, David Taylor and all who want to help. Bring your shovels!

**Rectory Gathering**

Father John hosted another "Rectory Gatherings," Saturday, February 23. He would like to thank the following individuals for spending a Saturday evening with him at the Rectory:

Dan & Jeri Biehler, Walter & Diana Burress, Will & Ann Carpenter,
Robin & Jenny Crawford, Vincent & Marie Martin, Fred & Linda Morrison,
Nathan & Shanna Payne, Toby Ruder, David Smith, Jim & Cheryl Smith,
Drake Spellman & Gemma Rajewski and Ed & Judy Wiesen

Each month, Fr. John will host one or two Saturday evening Rectory Gatherings for registered parishioners. Please know your name will be drawn sooner or later!

The Parish Mission Statement

St. James Parish is a Eucharistic family, guided by our Catholic faith and working through a love of God and others, cultivating disciples of Jesus Christ through Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.

Stewardship

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

**Stewardship of Treasure:
Our Gifts to God & Parish**

Weekly Tithe (Jan. 13)	\$8,208.78
Weekly Budget	\$17,033.19

Advisory Committees**Parish Stewardship Chair**

Teresa Reavis, 316-775-5095

Parish Council Chair

Josh Ebenkamp 316-775-3906

Parish Finance Council Chair

Robin Crawford 316-775-7082

Parish School Council Chair

Anna Barringer 720-951-1391

*Meetings & Events***Sunday (3-3)**

11:30 am Lector Training

Wednesday (3-6)

6:30 pm EPIC—High School Youth

6:45 pm PSR Classes

Thursday (3-7)

2:30 pm St Vincent de Paul cooking

7:00 pm RCIA Class

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Natural Family Planning Class

Friday (3-8)

5:00 pm Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Men & Women's Bible Study

Sunday (3-10)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER LISLE POTTORFF

**Next Week,
March 10**



Spring Ahead
Time
Change



St. Jude Guild #2 to clean Church for the weekend of March 9/10.

Guild Leaders:

Jane Heise @ 775-5878 or

Donna Gerstenkorn @ 775-3167

Altar Servers

Monday, March 4 8:00 am

Dylan McClure, Nathan Ebenkamp

Tuesday, March 5 8:00 am

Dylan McClure, Nathan Ebenkamp

Wednesday, March 6 8:00 AM

Dylan McClure, Nathan Ebenkamp

6:00 PM

Payton Sanger, Rylee Santer

8:00 PM

Hunter Smith, ??

Thursday, March 7 8:00 am

Dylan McClure, Nathan Ebenkamp

Friday, March 8 8:00 am

Dylan McClure, Nathan Ebenkamp

6:30 PM

Gabe Kohls, Devon Stamback

Saturday, March 9 8:00 am

Ambrose Pennycuff, Samuel Penncuff

5:00 pm

Steven Killough, Jacob Killough,

Bella Phillips, Brodie Phillips

Sunday, March 10 8:00 am

Kylee Goering, Sam Vittitow,

Hunter Smith, Tate Robinson

10:30 am

James Allen, Brandon Anderson,

Briana Anderson, Katie Anderson

Liturgy Assignments

Wednesday, March 6 8:00 AM

Hospitality: Connie Tillett

Lector: St. James School Students

Hosts: Mike Hughes, Nancy Clark,

Katie Schauf, Maria Hansen

6:00 PM

Hospitality: Robert Reid

Lector: David Smith

Hosts: Bud & Peggy Cyphers,

James Watson, Father John

8:00 PM

Hospitality: Michelle Poore

Lector: Don Gerstenkorn

Hosts: Louie Perez, Allan Schneider,

Dennis & Penny Mosier

Saturday, March 9 5:00 pm

Hospitality: J Conrady, R Heise,

B & E Lewis, B Hirschfeld, J Leeker

Lector: Connie Tillett

Host: K & J Bogner, L Perez, S Gay

Sunday, March 10 8:00 am

Hospitality: D Burress, H Funke,

R Reid, J & M Poore

Lector: Ron Engelbrecht

Host: J Husselman-R1, V Knebler-R3,

Alice & Elmer Simon

10:30 am

Hospitality: A Mosier, D Otto & Family

Lector: Jenny Palmer

Extra Ordinary Ministers: H & B Ratcliff

F & L Morrison, P Perkins, A & J George

New Lectors' Training:

Training will be this Sunday after 10:30 Mass. Please find a donut and your coffee; visit with friends and family, finish your coffee and proceed to return to the church for our training session and a practice. Review today's Sunday readings for our practice. Thank you, for your stewardship. If you cannot attend our training session, call the church office or Pat Lowrance @ 316-775-5663.

Natural Family Planning

Our next introductory class at St. James will be Thursday, March 7 @ 7:00 pm in the church conference room (across hallway from men's restroom). For more information or to register for a class call Pat Lowrance (316-775-5663), or the NFP Office (316-685-5240).



Happy Birthday Father Lisle Pottorff

Father Lisle's birthday is March 10! He will be 95! Altar Society women will be going to visit Father Lisle on Sunday, March 10. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 to carpool to the Spiritual Life Center. If you are interested in going please call Vickie in the church office @ 775-2155. If you would like to send him a card, his address is:

Father Lisle Pottorff 6550 E 45th St N, #103 Bel Aire, KS 67226

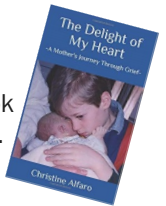


Altar Society

Altar society will meet on Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30pm.

Carmen Call will be our guest speaker talking about the book *Delight of My Heart*, which Christine Alfaro, her niece wrote.

All women of St. James are invited to attend and share in our faith and friendship.



Special Collection

There will be a collection taken on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at all of the Masses. This collection will go towards the youth ministry.



Lent is soon to begin!!! – Ash Wednesday March 6

Ash Wednesday, March 6: 8:00am, 6:00pm & 8:00pm

During the season of Lent we gather to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday. The schedule for Stations of the Cross is:

Fridays when school is in session @ 2:45 pm (March 22 & 29 and April 5 & 12. All Fridays evenings @ 6:30 pm for the parish.

Men & Women's Bible Study Groups will follow. Call the office if you have not signed up for the Bible Study @ 775-2155.



Dear St. James Parish Family—

You will be seeing a familiar face more frequently around St. James. I am excited to announce that Robin Crawford, who serves as Finance Chair, has accepted an additional role at St. James, on a volunteer basis, as Parish Administrator. As Parish Administrator, Robin will assist me in some important endeavors for the present and future good of our parish and school: developing strategic plans for the parish and school, ensuring financial sustainability for the parish and school within the framework of stewardship, integrating parish councils for effective administration, Human Resources, developing more effective communications for parish and school community, and increasing parish and school participation within the wider Augusta community. The scope of Robin's work will be comprehensive. Robin has a long professional career in administration and finance, serving as Chief Financial Officer of the Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital and various other hospitals within Missouri and Kansas. Robin is recently retired. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and hands-on experience to assist me and our parish to develop steps toward a very bright future! We want the best for our parish, and I am grateful that he has agreed to assist me with the above objectives.

I ask that you warmly welcome him and feel free to say hi.

In Christ,

Fr. John N. Hay, Pastor