

# ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## JUNE 26, 2022



### 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

### DAILY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday 7:30am

Friday 9:00am

### SACRAMENTS

#### RECONCILIATION

By appt. only during the pandemic.

#### BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office.

Families are encouraged to be registered in the parish.

#### MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior the proposed date.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you know of someone homebound, sick, or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those in need within our boundaries, call 314-289-6101 ext. 1152.

## OUR PARISH COMMITMENT TO EVANGELIZATION

As parishioners of St. James the Greater Catholic Church, we strive to follow Jesus Christ in our Eucharistic Community by witnessing God's love for ourselves, our families, and our growing diverse community; particularly in Dogtown, and its surrounding neighborhoods and institutions...sharing our blessings with our new neighbors, and those living on the margins of faith.

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# A Pastor's Reflection by Fr. Quirk, Ph.D.



Dear Parishioners,

Liturgically, we have come to the end of a part of the year which began with Ash Wednesday. We have observed Lent, Easter, Pentecost and a few special Sunday feasts that are core to

our lives in Christ. It has been a journey of twists and turns; ups and downs; joys and sorrows; good times and bad.

Through all of these weeks we have been nourished by the Word of God. The Word, as always needs to compete with the other voices in life: Covid, inflation, economic anxiety, violence, meanness, and anger.

Let us engage now the Gospel that says - once you put your hand to the plow, don't look back. Time to keep the WORD alive is the hot summer days ahead. Days, I hope, that provide you with some time to relax, reflect and simply smile. In this Ordinary Time, let us share with one another what the WORD has offered in the past liturgical seasons.

The following is a good reflection from Magnificat on what I mean spiritually:

"Even in moments when we see our limitations clearly, we can and should look at God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and realize that we share in God's own life. There is never reason to look back. The Lord is at our side. We have to be faithful and loyal; we have to face up to our obligations and we will find in Jesus the love and the stimulus we need to understand other people's faults and overcome our own. In this way even depression - yours, mine, anyone's, - can also be a pillar for the kingdom of Christ. Let us recognize our infirmity but confess the power of God. The Christian life has to be shot through with optimism, joy, and the strong conviction that our Lord wishes to make use of us."

The St. Louis Review of June 20-26, 2022 had a supplement containing the DMI results from All Things New. Approximately 77,000 Catholics in St. Louis completed the survey. The DMI was the first step in the process. It was an instrument to gather information on who we are, as a Catholic population in the St. Louis Archdiocese. When you look at the results, please beware 166 people at St. James completed the survey. On Pentecost, I shared the highlights of our local findings. St. James is very much in the mainstream of the percentages that strongly agree or believes in the Real Presence; Word of God; recommend this parish; are fine with our comprehensive out reach efforts.

## Parish Office

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Office hours are:

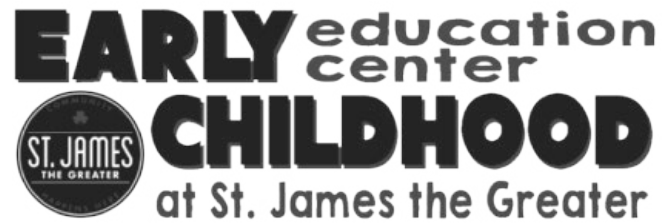
Monday - Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

Rev. Richard Quirk Ph.D., Pastor  
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# Parish Highlights

We attend Mass, mostly like others' on Sunday. Our empty pews look like other places. Like others, we need to increase our education efforts on the faith and how it could be proclaimed in the neighborhood. Our finances are stable. We are not under financial strain. We pay our bills and meet our Archdiocesan obligations. As a parish, we have a couple of endowments and bequests that could be; if needed, fallen back on. Our weekly collections are stable and our rental efforts on the Center are fine. There are no unaddressed property maintenance issues at this time. Our campus is in good shape.

We have a growing homeownership and rental middle class population. We have an almost self-contained (and financed) early childhood program with a quality curriculum. The parish interacts with the community on lots of levels, seen and unseen. Then we have naysayers and others who on measuring us by the past. What is past is past.

The challenge is the future. It is a great challenge. All the input we can get is needed. We have much to learn from each other. The old have good wisdom and urban experiences and the young the energy of their dreams and hopes (spiritually and communally) for the future. Generally people feel welcomed - we need to sustain that feeling. Our future is about all of us, not any one generation or ideology. Much more to come.

Blessings,  
Fr. Quirk, Ph.D.

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### Parish Office

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, June 27 and July 4, 7, and 8.

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### St. James Flea Market

#### Volunteer

We are calling all volunteers to help set up for the flea market in the gym. Setup will be on Tuesday, July 5 at 6:00pm. Please enter through the double brown doors on Wade Ave. Thank you!

#### Donations

Accepting donations on Wednesdays in July from 6-8pm. Please enter through the double brown doors on Wade Ave.

#### Flea Market

July 30th - 9:00am - 4:00pm  
July 31 - 10:30am - 2:00pm



## June - July

- 27th** ~ Harold Hoegemeier (7:30am)
- 29th** ~ Robert Hodapp (7:30am)
- 1st** ~ Mike Kelley (9:00am)
- 2nd** ~ Emily Harnes (4:30pm)
- 3rd** ~ Lillian Kennebeck (9:30am)

Please consider having Mass offered for our deceased families and friends as well as special intentions. Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.

Please contact the Parish Office for a Mass Intention Card or visit our website at <https://www.stjamesthegreater.org/mass-intention-request> to submit your request.



All are invited to:

# REMEMBER

*in your prayers*

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Judy Allen          | Pam Kellogg         |
| Barbara Ann Burke   | Mary Kay Minner     |
| Mickey Crowe        | Deacon Mike Nicolai |
| Bill Ellingham, Jr. | Joseph Pousosa      |
| Pat Ellingham       | Mark Robinson       |
| Donna Frank         | Brandy Rocchio      |
| Mary Giammanco      | Steve Unland        |

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email [contactchurch@stjamesthegreater.org](mailto:contactchurch@stjamesthegreater.org)

To add a name, you must have permission from the person you are adding to the prayer list.

Names will be honored for 4 weeks in the bulletin, then the request must be made again. Thank you.

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### Come pray the Rosary with us at 9:00am



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- 2nd Sunday - Holy Name Society
- 5th Sunday - Knights of Columbus

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