



**A weekly email publication for the community
of St. James Church in College Hill**

Message of the Moment

It Is Not All About You

As the frail humans we are, it can be so easy to fall into the trap of believing that everything going on around you is "about you." We don't have to take offense when someone says something out of earshot, cuts us off in traffic, or displays negative feelings. Take heart, more than likely it isn't "about" you. Someone is not muttering about us under their breath, the person in the car is not mad at us, and we should consider whether our ego is overfed if we think the way others are behaving is a direct result of something we did.

To take it a step further, it is good for us to remember that coming to church isn't necessarily about getting our own needs met. Coming to this sacred setting and being in the presence of God among other Christians who honor and value the imperatives to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself, is a positive thing to do, but it isn't (or shouldn't be) selfish.

Your presence is important to your community. When you are at church, others find that they are not alone and recognize themselves to be in a place of refuge among loving people. A larger group of loving people is more impactful for everybody than a sparse group in an empty space. Together, our focus is on the worship of God and living into God's good news for the world. We are not here for selfish reasons. Our desire is to become more like Jesus.

Worship is a corporate act that includes praise, supplication, reflection, forgiveness, and blessing. Joining our voices "with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" instills humility in us. We find our place as one simple saint among the

whole Communion of Saints. Hearing our voices reverberate together, feeling our hearts bow in reverence, and seeing love in the eyes of neighbors is a powerful way of coming to know that God is in each one of us. It winds up being all about God, not all about ourselves.

Over the next several Sundays, we have a number of special occasions to celebrate the people of God at St. James Church. This coming weekend, October 23-24, is the feast of St. James of Jerusalem. November 6-7 is the celebration of All Saints. The worship services on this weekend celebrates the communion we share, remembers those who have gone before, and honors our commitment to God through giving to the parish. Your completed pledge forms will be blessed at each worship service.

The weekend of November 14 is a once-in-a-lifetime event. We will finally put the finishing touches on our 100th anniversary celebration! Bishop Cathleen Bascom will be here for **one service at 9:30 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 14**, for confirmation and our anniversary celebration. A special reception in the Guild Hall honoring the occasion will be held after worship.

For those cautious of large gatherings in public, please note that a single service on this occasion will likely be well-attended. Overflow seating will be provided in the Guild Hall if necessary. Masks are still required at St. James during worship, while singing, and in socialization. Those with concerns about health and safety in large groups may choose to participate in the smaller 5:30 p.m. worship service Saturday, Nov. 13.

These are feel-good occasions because they take us out of the accidental place of thinking that everything is about us. We will celebrate God, each other, this parish, and the wonderful things God has done for us in this community. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**In Christ's Love,
Mother Dawn+**

First Things First

Singing returns at our 10:45 a.m. Sunday services beginning this weekend. It is vestry policy for masks to be worn even when singing.

Our next newcomer mixer will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 3 in the lounge. Please join us to meet other members and enjoy fellowship.

Bishop Cathleen Chittenden Bascom will help us celebrate coming into our parish's second



century at one special service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Those eligible will be confirmed during the service, which will be followed by a champagne reception in the Guild Hall.

Readings This Week



Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Lessons appointed for the Feast of St. James of Jerusalem:

[Acts 15:12-22a](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

[Matthew 13:54-58](#)

[Psalm 1](#)

Calendar

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current calendar of events

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Children and Youth

There will not be a Halloween party this year on Wed. Oct 27th. We hope to be back next year!

Parish News and Updates

Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles have begun, but it is NOT too late to join us for our next discussion Oct. 28. We journey together in awareness and love on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in person at 11 a.m. and by Zoom at 7 p.m. Find out more at <https://stjameswichita.org/learn/adult-formation/>. If interested, please register at <https://stjameswichita.org/sacred-ground-registration/>.

The Nominating Committee will meet after the 10:45 a.m. service — about noon — on Oct. 21.

Guild Hall Players presents "The Father" by Florian Zeller and Christopher Hampton from Nov. 4 through 7. Directed by Phil Speary, the GHP production will feature an ensemble of some of Wichita's finest actors. Performances are 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4; Friday, Nov. 5; and Saturday, Nov. 6; and at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and military. [Click here for more information.](#)

Jr. Warden Danny Blair is starting a men's group for fellowship. The group also will work on chores around the church. If you are interested, please contact Danny at qsrranger@yahoo.com or by text at 316-652-5218.

Commemorative bricks for a labyrinth that our youth are building in the Celtic Garden in celebration of our 100th anniversary are for sale on our website at <https://stjameswichita.org/100th-anniversary-and-labyrinth-bricks/>.

St. James Episcopal Church: the First 100 Years (our history book) can be purchased anytime in the bookkeeper office. Books will be available in the lobby on Sundays between services. Books are \$25 each.

Wichita Minster News

Minster Curate Dillon Green is offering Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays on Zoom. The link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85465386325?pwd=L2J4eHZMZ0lkWFJYVTc4b0h4OTI0Zz09>

The next **Sandwich Saturday** is Nov. 13. Sign up to make 20 to 25 sack lunches and either take them to St. John's or meet Joan

Bledsoe at 10:30 a.m. at St. James. Volunteers also are needed to help distribute. Contact [Joan Bledsoe](#) for more information.

Parish Profile

Jeanine Hathaway hadn't ever thought about writing a hymn when she was approached about putting her talents to work to help celebrate our 100th anniversary.

A poet, Jeanine took a deep dive into the project and spent months fine-tuning what eventually became "A Cause for Celebration." The choir will

debut the hymn at the 10:45 a.m. service this Sunday, and the entire congregation will sing it at our special anniversary service at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 14.

St. James commissioned American composer Alfred Fedak in 2019 to write the music for the hymn.

Jeanine said she "knew the hymn for the centennial had to be about the Communion of Saints. I kind of subscribe to the theology of doubt. My faith is always being tested. I can't write something that I don't believe, but I believe in the Communion of our Saints."

The hymn — like most things — was put on hold because of the pandemic.

Earlier this year, Marlene Hallstrom, our director of music and organist, suggested an additional verse "as an acknowledgement of what we've been through with COVID-19," Jeanine said.

Marlene put it in a minor key.

"The language will be somewhat expository, and the music will fill out the meaning," Jeanine said. "It now feels like there's a wholeness about it ... that we've been through something as the Communion of Saints."

Jeanine grew up in Chicago, one of nine children. A former Catholic, she earned her undergraduate degree at Siena Heights in Adrian, Michigan.

"I went there as a nun. I was a professional Catholic," she said, chuckling.

Jeanine served as a nun from 1963 to 1972. She earned her master's in creative writing from Bowling Green State University. A job brought her to Wichita in 1974. She taught for 50 years, including at Wichita State University and Seattle Pacific University. She retired from Wichita State in 2011 and from Seattle Pacific in 2015.

Jeanine started attending St. James in 1987, left for a little more than 20 years and returned in 2009. In the '80s, she served as an acolyte and was head of the acolytes for a while.

Before COVID-19, she served as a lector.

Jeanine has one daughter, Margaret, who lives in Maine, and three grandchildren who are 15, 13 and 9.

Traveling is where Jeanine gets her energy, and she plans to go on a 500-mile pilgrimage, the [Camino de Santiago de Compostela](#), in



2023.

An avid reader, she has published four books — three books of poetry and one autobiographical book. Although retired, she still writes.

"Writing is not a career," she said. "It's a vocation."

What do you like about St. James?

"I don't know how to talk about St. James without talking about ritual. I love the ritual of the Eucharist. I love having a community and a ritual that brings us together for a single purpose."

What do you do to rest and return to God?

"I suppose walking is one of the ways my mind gets clear and my ego gets out of the way. Because there are always new things to notice. There's that saying, I find God in the details, but I also find the devil in the details. That applies particularly to language but also the natural world."

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Oct. 24

In the [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for the Episcopal Church of Cuba.

In the [World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for the people of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

In the [Kansas Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for St. Luke's, Wamego.

Pray for those serving in the military: Will Corkins, J. David Anderson-Lusk and Maureen Tanner.

Pray for those who have died: Colin Carroll, Jackie Davis, Anne Allen (former St. James organist), Jan Siefkes (mother of Joan Moore and grandmother of Grace and Eve Moore), Nan King, and Justin Wittman Bayles, son of the Rev. Joseph Bayles.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Darwin, Jim T., Sage, Gary F., Ian, Mary (niece of Kate Miller), Helen, Laura, Jean, Marge, Dal, Gary, Pam, Jayne, Betty, Gus, Bob, Joe, Jerry, Larry, Mary, Jean, George, Carly, Tom, Cindy, Cathy, Kam, all people with COVID-19, and all health care workers.

In thanksgiving for: The birth of **Grace Kathryn Tannehill**, born Sept. 20, 2021, the second child of Gina and John Tannehill and the grandchild of Peg and Richard Bowman; and the birth of **Ethan William Gorney**, born Aug. 19, 2021, the second of Amanda and Matthew Gorney, the grandchild of Denise and Chuck Gorney and the sixth great-grandchild of Deedee Evans.

Our Parish Prayer List: All members of our parish community are asked to pray for each person on our prayer list. To share your prayers of thanksgiving (births, weddings, new jobs, anniversaries, etc.), to notify us that someone you love is serving in the military, to share that you or someone you love is suffering, or to tell us of a death, please call 316-683-5686 or email office@stjameswichita.org.

**If your prayers have been answered,
we would love to rejoice with you.
Please let us know so your name may be removed
from our list of people most urgently in need. Thank you.**

Let Us Pray

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 18:2-7

My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, *
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;
you are worthy of praise.
I will call upon the Lord, *
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.
The breakers of death rolled over me, *
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.
The cords of hell entangled me, *
and the snares of death were set for me.
I called upon the Lord in my distress *
and cried out to my God for help.
He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; *
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

Psalm 91:9-13

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For God shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent

under your feet.

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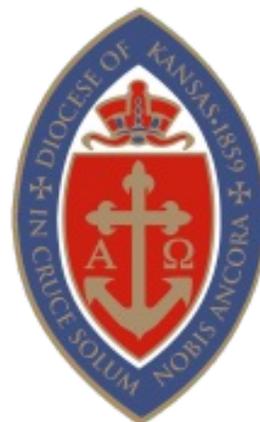


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wherever you find yourself
on your journey of faith,
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