



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

## Message of the Moment

### Silent Gratitude is of Little Use

We need each other. Most of us have probably realized the difficulty of “being a Christian alone.” One very stark example of how hard it is to be without each other is in the instance of being kept from worshiping in the community we love. Preaching to an empty church and listening without feeling the reverberation of the congregation’s responses are sadly isolating experiences.

When we are faithful to communion and community, we are made able to love others as God loves them. It is almost impossible to do this home alone. We can only do this in the context of our Christian community. By taking an active part in our congregation, you may find yourself able to turn from selfishness, solitude, and a desire to go it alone. In fact, we can’t be healthy Christians by ourselves. We need the wisdom and the conflict of each other. We learn from one another and can find the humility we need to be students and teachers together. The wisdom of community is that by being in relationships, we are held accountable, we can more easily keep from self-centeredness, or avoid feeling entitled to privilege. Being with each other keeps us mindful of the needs of people around us. We are part of the body. We do spiritual, emotional, and even physical harm when we hold ourselves apart from the love of the congregation. We were meant to experience the whole of life in God’s creation as connected and reachable people.

We declare our belonging to a community in numerous ways. One of the most concrete expressions we can make is through giving of time, talent, and treasure to the community which sustains us. Whether we worship a couple of times a month or we are at church every time the doors open, we all need the security of a

faith home where we belong.

Think of the difficulty we've faced as the pandemic has kept us apart. Over the last couple of years we have learned again and again of our own deep desire for communion. Keep this congregation vibrant. Please take part in giving financially to St. James Church in 2022. Turn in your completed pledge card at any worship service this weekend – or mail it to the church.

Even if your contribution seems small, please make the commitment to give. No gift is too small. When we have this kind of support from one another, it gives us one more layer of security in our faith community. When the rest of the world is changing, uncomfortable, and sometimes even seemingly out of control, there is a place of refuge with God among the faithful people of St. James. A dependable, loving presence is available here for you and your family for generations to come. The generosity you provide is good for the whole community. As Gertrude Stein may have said, "Silent gratitude isn't much use to any one." For all of us at St. James, please make yourself heard. AMEN.

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

## First Things First

**Don't forget to fall back** this weekend for the end of Daylight Savings Time at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7.

**Ingathering is this weekend.** Please bring your completed pledge forms. If you don't have a pledge form, please ask an usher for one.

If you have been serving or are interested in serving as a **lector or acolyte**, please attend a **refresher session** at noon Sunday, Nov. 7 led by Mother Dawn, Curate Dillon and Deacon Jeff. **Rehearsal for lectors will begin at noon. Acolytes of all ages will have a refresher from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** We will cover ringing the sanctus bells, serving at the altar, being a crucifer or torch bearer, and participating in the processional on the way in and on the way out.

**We will celebrate our 100th anniversary** at one special service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Those eligible will be confirmed by Bishop Cathleen Bascom during the service, which will be followed by a champagne reception in the Guild Hall.

## Readings This Week



Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**[Click here to go to the Lectionary Page](#)**

**[Click here for a free PDF download of the Book of Common Prayer](#)**

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

**[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)**

**[Psalm 24](#)**

**[Revelation 21:1-6a](#)**

**[John 11:32-44](#)**

## **Calendar**

**Click here to view our  
current calendar of events**

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## **Parish News and Updates**

The Harrison families are pleased to bring back the St. James **Thanksgiving Feast** this year after a one-year hiatus. They will

provide the turkey, dressing, some desserts, tea and water. They ask that anyone who plans to attend bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish to share. The gathering will start about noon on Nov. 25. If you plan to attend, [click here to email the office](#) or [click here to email Randy Harrison](#). RSVPs are necessary so the Harrisons know how much turkey to cook.

Bishop Cathleen is challenging us to **reduce our carbon footprint**. Sustain Island Home is a tool for individuals and congregations to measure carbon footprint and then take measurable actions from easy to challenging. Learn more and register at <https://www.sustainislandhome.org/>. Additional information and resources are on our [St. James Creation Care page](#).

**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 Friday, Nov. 5; and Saturday, Nov. 6; and at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Tickets are available by calling the church and are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and military. [Click here for more information](#).

**Adult Forum** meets at 9:45 a.m. Sundays in the Guild Hall. The topic is "Going Off the Lectionary Grid."

**The Daughters of the King** will meet at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel of the Innocents.

**Articles for Seasons** are due to Deb Gruver by Nov. 12

The next **Agape Feast** will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 12. Bring your own snack or dinner.

**Please pick up your parish directory at the front desk.** Directories are in envelopes with parishioners' names on them. If you don't find one with your name, please take a directory and fill out a form that you've done so.

**100th anniversary memorabilia** including bricks, prints of the Te Deum Window, note cards and other items 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 in the bookkeeper's office during business hours. Books also will be available in the lobby on Sundays between services. Books are \$25 each.

## **Children and Youth**

**Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel** start at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. We will learn about the Passover and the Exodus from Egypt. If you have any questions about our children's program, [please click here to email Chelsea](#).

**The nursery will be open** and staffed on Sunday, Nov. 14 for the 9:30 a.m. service and reception afterward.

We are in need of nursery volunteers. Please consider joining this fruitful ministry. **Please click here to email Chelsea.**

## Outreach

**November is Adoption Awareness Month** St. Francis Ministries can help you if you are interested in changing the life of a child. **Click here for more information.**

The next **Sandwich Saturday** is Nov. 13. Contact Joan Bledsoe at **pansy1918@icloud.com** for more information.

This year's **Alternative Gift Market** will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at Hillside Christian Church. The market will feature gifts that help entrepreneurial efforts in third-world countries.

**Breakthrough/ESS** is raising money for the **Afghan Allies Fund**. An anonymous Episcopal Migration Ministries donor has pledged to match your gift up to \$50,000 on this year's Giving Tuesday, which is Nov. 30. **Click here for more information.**

## Wichita Minster News

**YAW (Young Adults Wichita)** is a ministry of the Wichita Minster led by Deacon Dillon Green. It includes members from St. James, St. John's, Good Shepherd and St. Stephen's. We meet weekly, currently at 6 p.m. Mondays (time/dates subject to change). If you know anyone interested in participating, please connect them with Dillon at 256-762-5110 or **by email.**

**The churches of the Wichita Minster** are having an Advent/Christmas Festival of Music from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church (402 N. Topeka) with a light reception to follow in the undercroft.

The minster has a new page on our website. **Click here for more minster news.**

## Prayer

### Parish Prayers for the Week of Nov. 7

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Lusitanian Church.

**In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the people of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Good Shepherd, Wichita.

**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, 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:** Palmer Randall Wells, the first child of Shannon Johnston and Troy wells. He was born on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

**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](mailto: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

### Prayers for the end of the Liturgical Year

Almighty and everliving God, you have made all things in your wisdom and established the boundaries of life and death: Grant that we may obey your voice in this world, and in the world to come may enjoy that rest and peace which you have appointed for your people; through Jesus Christ who is Resurrection and Life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Book of Occasional Services, The Episcopal Church*

O most merciful and mighty God, your son Jesus Christ was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring us salvation and to establish your kingdom on earth: Grant that Michael and all your angels may defend your people against Satan and every evil foe, and that at the last we may come to that heavenly country where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Lord, tonight, We will face all that most concerns us: our fears, the shadowed places of the mind; the coming of winter darkness; the cold thin place between waking and sleep. We call to mind the powerless, the lonely, those who most fear the knock at the door;

all those deceived by the world's empty promises; all those cowed by menaces or threats. 5 We stand with those weak in body, mind or spirit and those seduced by treats or hurt by tricks. Lord, your light shines into every darkness. You told us: pray 'deliver us from evil'. Your Spirit gives us hope, gives us courage, a candle in the window unhurt by the wind. Amen.

*From the Church of England*

### **An Irish Halloween blessing**

At all Hallow's Tide, may God keep you safe  
From goblin and pooka and black-hearted stranger,  
From harm of the water and hurt of the fire,  
From thorns of the bramble, from all other danger,  
From Will O' The Wisp haunting the mire;  
From stumbles and tumbles and tricksters to vex you,  
May God in His mercy, this week protect you.

### **Prayer to Be Delivered From All Evil**

Sanctify, O Lord,  
our souls, minds, and bodies.  
Touch our minds  
and search out our consciences.  
Cast out from us every evil thought,  
Every impure idea,  
every base desire and memory,  
Every unseemly word,  
all envy, pride and hypocrisy,  
Every lie, every deceit,  
every worldly temptation,  
All greed, all vainglory,  
all wickedness, all wrath,  
All anger, all malice,  
all blasphemy, and all sloth,  
Every movement of flesh and spirit  
That is alien to the will of your holiness.  
And enable us to turn to You,  
Master, Lord who loves humankind,  
To call upon you  
with boldness and without condemnation,  
With a pure heart, a contrite soul,  
a face unashamed,  
and with lips that are sanctified.

*From the Roman Catholic Liturgy of Saint James*

Lord, today,  
We thank you for the Saints now gone before us  
whose faith defined their living and their dying;  
those who loved you more than their own lives;  
those who are still mirrors of your love.  
We celebrate the saints who walk among us  
rejoicing while they walk in your footsteps,  
making your name known in a fractured world,  
against injustice, prejudice, hatred, evil.  
We stand with those who sacrifice themselves

to bring about your kingdom here on earth.  
Lord, your grace shines in the lives of Saints.  
We thank you for their example, their holy words.  
Your Spirit inspired them. Come Holy Spirit  
inspire us to be saints in your Church now. Amen.

*From the Church of England*

Lord, in November,  
We call to mind all those whose lives are done.  
We thank you that their time, now completed,  
however short or long, sad or joyful,  
is gathered up, looked on and known by you.  
We offer up remembrance: those whose absence  
we feel daily; those who have shaped us;  
those who have nurtured us; the people we are grateful  
to have walked with; all those we hardly knew  
but wished we'd known better. We give thanks  
for all they gave and all the future owes them.  
Lord, your love embraces every person  
who has ever lived; you promised that you lost none.  
May your Spirit make us always thankful  
for all our gifts of love and cherished memory.

*From the Church of England*

## Helpful Links

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wherever you find yourself  
on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome here.**



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