



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

Message of the Moment

Preparing For Lent

As Shrove Tuesday draws nigh, and the annual tradition of the Oyster Dinner nears, we also know that the same is true for the season of Lent. You may consider adopting one or more traditional Lenten disciplines from March 2 through April 16. This is a time of introspection, when we remember what we could have done better in life. We learn and grow over time, and we gain understanding about how to do better.

Because we know the story of Christ's passion, we also know that through the mercy of God, we are forgiven and offered a fresh start, a clean slate, when Easter arrives. This gives us hope for the future and is what propels us through Lent. We have sinned, we feel badly for our misdeeds and we strive to make up for the wrong we have done. We are not left with guilt and regret forever. God does not desire that we stay there forever. In our repentance, there is potential. Recognizing how we have gone amiss, we can dream about doing things better the next time around. We can learn from our mistakes and do it right next time.

Some possibilities to consider as a Lenten discipline:

The Noon Eucharist – During Lent, we will offer the service of Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. every Wednesday in the chapel. It can be attended as a special act of devotion during the Lenten season.

The Reconciliation of a Penitent (a.k.a. Confession) – Lent is a season when people often make a formal confession of their sins and receive sacramental absolution. If you would like to make a private confession in Lent (or at any other time), make an

appointment with Mother Dawn or Father Dillon. If you haven't made a private confession before, have a conversation with one of us ahead of time about what to expect and how to prepare. See pages 446-452 in the Book of Common Prayer for some introductory information about the Reconciliation of a Penitent.

Lenten Posture – Two times a year, the church requests those able take a certain posture in worship. These times are the seasons of Lent and Easter. During Lent, the appropriate positions for us are those of penitence, reverence, and obedience. We do this by placing emphasis on kneeling, by making deep bows and by ceasing our proclamation, "Alleluia!" Celebration is set aside during Lent and returns at Easter. In the Easter Season, we celebrate our unity with the risen Christ, who has made us worthy to stand before the Lord our God.

Disciplines regarding food (giving up sugar, desserts, chocolate, or any variation thereof; adding more water, fruits and vegetables; fasting on Fridays; or not eating meat) are entirely up to you. There will be further suggestions about meaningful ways to observe the season of Lent in next week's eTower.

In the meantime, pray for oysters, pray for your parish, and know yourself held with love in the prayers of many, including your rector. Amen.

**Yours in Christ,
Mother Dawn+**

First Things First

If you are interested in contributing items to help welcome our new neighbors from Afghanistan, please drop them off inside the red front doors during our office hours, which are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There's a sign-in sheet at the front desk so we can track donations. We will deliver items to organizations directly serving families.

Adult Forum is at 9:45 a.m. Sunday.

Tickets for the St. James Annual Oyster Dinner remain on hold. Intrepid organizer Matt Carroll is still trying his best to pull off the dinner. The office is keeping a list of people who have expressed interest in buying tickets. If anyone asks you about the dinner, please suggest they call the office at 316-683-5686 and talk to Deb so she can add them to the spreadsheet.

#RefugeesWelcome

Welcome Kits

Help provide the basic necessities for a refugee's first home in Kansas.

Cookware Kit - 100 Needed

3+ Pots & pans 1 Stockpot 3+ Bakeware 1 Tea kettle

Kitchen Kit - 100 Needed

3 Mixing bowls 1 Can opener 3+ Kitchen knives 3 Cutting boards 3+ Tupperware
1 Dish drying rack 2 Kitchen towels 2 Oven mitts 3+ Cooking utensils (wooden or metal only)

Dinnerware Kit - 100 Needed

8 Dinner plates 8 Salad plates 8 Bowls 8 Drinking glasses 8 Mugs
8 Silverware sets

Towel Kit - 100 Needed

8 Bath towels 8 Washcloths 4 Hand towels 1 Bathmat 1 Laundry Basket

Bathroom Kit - 200 Needed

1 Toilet brush 1 Toilet plunger 1 Toothbrush holder 1 Wastebasket 1 Shower curtain rod
1 Shower curtain 1 Pkg. shower hooks

Cleaning Kit - 100 Needed

8 Paper towel rolls 2 Dish soap 4 Sponges 1 Mop 2 All purpose cleaner
1 Broom & dustpan 1 Bucket 1 Kitchen trashcan 1 Pkg. trash bags

Household Item Kit - 100 Needed

1 Fire extinguisher 1 Alarm clock 2 9 volt batteries 2 Lanyards 1 Adult backpack
1 Umbrella 4+ Lightbulb 4 Notebooks 24 Pens 1 Pair scissors

Hygiene Kit - 100 Needed

8 Bar soap 2 Shampoo 2 Conditioner 4 Toothbrush 2 Body lotion
4 Hand lotion 2 Band aid boxes 1 Laundry detergent 16 Toilet paper rolls

Please bring your items to church,
and we will deliver them.



100th Anniversary Capital Campaign

Once a month in the eTower, Deb will feature an interview with parishioners who have pledged to our **100th Anniversary Capital Campaign**.

Randy and Marilyn Schrag graciously agreed to kick off this new feature in the eTower.



Why did you think it was important to support the capital campaign?

Randy Schrag: "The reason that I decided to do it is because I spent my whole career making budgets and trying to meet them." Sometimes to make the bottom line, maintenance and other projects have to be deferred. "But those things still need to be taken care of. Everything we do — from worship to education — occurs at the (church building). The facility is the basis of a lot of our activities. The improvements are really necessary."

Marilyn Schrag: "I don't come from an accounting background like Randy. We haven't attended during COVID-19 because we have grandchildren who are not old enough to be vaccinated. We're trying to be safe. But the church building is kind of grounding for me — a grounding for our journey of faith."

As a reminder, we are trying to raise \$375,000 over a three-year period. We are happy to report that less than four weeks in to our campaign, 19 donors have already responded with gifts and pledges that total \$199,370! That's 53% of our current campaign's goal, and is in addition to the \$46,720 that was generously donated in 2020 toward the Centennial Fund! Please remember that you can pledge over a three-year period. No pledge is too small. We value all contributions. All contributors will be named on a plaque at the end of the campaign. If you have any questions about the campaign, please talk to Mother Dawn, Joan Moore or Woody Swain.

Please see the graphic below, which will be updated to track our progress. Deb chose an elevator because adding elevators is on our capital improvement list.

St. James 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign

Help us get to the top! We're trying to raise \$375,000.



**Where we are as of 2/18/22:
\$199,370 — 53% of our goal!**

Readings This Week



O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, 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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany:

[Genesis 45:3-11,15](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50](#)

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

[Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42](#)

Calendar

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current calendar of events

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Parish News and Updates

Among the issues that the **St. James Creation Care Committee** is

following is the fact that there is proposed legislation in the Kansas Legislature (Senate Bill 493) that would prohibit cities from enacting laws on single-use containers. This bill, if passed, would prohibit Wichita and other cities from taking action on plastic pollution that has an increasingly negative environmental impact. We will try to keep our Creation Care web page updated on this issue and other legislative matters of interest.

The Book Club of St. James and St. Stephens meets at noon Thursdays by Zoom. New members are welcome. The club is starting to read "Rebecca" by Daphne Du Maurier.

The Zoom link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84276590594?pwd=RnFDRmVKeVhUZzIzOGd5MlVFR29ZUT09>

The passcode is 20469.

Gardening work is planned on the following dates: March 5, March 26, April 9, April 30, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30, Aug. 13, Sept. 24, Oct. 8 and Nov. 19. Volunteers generally meet at 9 a.m. in the spring and 8:30 a.m. in the summer.

Children and Youth

Due to low attendance, we've decided to **cancel Youth Sunday School** for middle and high schoolers for the rest of the program year. We do hope to return in the fall when the new program year starts with more participation from everyone.

Outreach

The **St. James Outreach Committee** will meet on Zoom at **4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22**. Our speaker will be **child advocacy expert Judy Frick**. She will discuss policy improvements for Kansas children and families. She also will discuss simple ways we can make our individual voices heard with public officials and lawmakers. **Please join us**. Just email **Judy Goodpasture**, and she will send you the Zoom invitation.

Our **Pocket Change Ministry** is saving for a gift to **Breakthrough/ESS**.

Please consider helping with **Sack Lunch Saturdays** at St. John's, 402 N. Topeka. Volunteer times on each day are 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Our volunteer days are March 12, June 11, Sept. 10 and Dec. 10. Contact **Joan Bledsoe** for more information.

Wichita Minster News

God at the Oscars starts Feb. 18. Join the Wichita Minster at 5:30 p.m. every Friday until the Academy Awards on March 27. We will gather online to theologically reflect on the 10 movies nominated for Best Picture this year and to see more broadly what they tell us

about where we are as a society. You do NOT have to have watched the films. Minster Curate Dillon Green hopes to see you there.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92290938815?pwd=Z21JVkg4dmFkVGZ6V0RreGwwK3FQQT09>

Meeting ID: 922 9093 8815

Passcode: 9B8by2

Father Dillon is offering **Morning Prayer by Zoom** at 9:30 a.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Zoom link is:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85465386325?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85465386325?pwd=L2J4eHZMZ0lkWFJVYtc4b0h4OTI0Zz09)

[pwd=L2J4eHZMZ0lkWFJVYtc4b0h4OTI0Zz09.](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85465386325?pwd=L2J4eHZMZ0lkWFJVYtc4b0h4OTI0Zz09)

YAW (Young Adults Wichita) is a ministry of the Wichita Minster led by Father Dillon. It includes members from St. James, St. John's, Good Shepherd, and St. Stephen's. We meet weekly, currently Mondays at 6 p.m. (time/dates subject to change). If you know anyone interested in participating, please connect them with Dillon at 256-762-5110 or at dillongreen7@gmail.com. If you aren't a young adult (18-35) and want to be involved, we are always looking for people to provide meals for the group each week. Instructions are to prepare for six to 10 people. If you're interested in helping out that way, please contact Dillon.

See more information about the [Wichita Minster on our website](#).

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Feb. 13

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: The people of France, Germany and Monaco

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: St. Matthew's, Newton

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

Pray for those who have died: Dan Chegwidden (son-in-law of the late Joan McRae and the brother-in-law of the late Marsha McRae Bacon), Donna Littleton, Patricia Bayles, Virginia Buck, David Childs, Colleen Didier, Frederick Harrison, Ruth McGuyre, Larry Reynolds, Jess Sanders and Elizabeth Taggart.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Barry, Nancy, Matt, Angee, Dylan, Glenna, Greg W., Pat, Marilyn, Sue, Pam, Jim T., Sage, Gary, Helen, Jean, Marge, Dal, Jayne, Betty, Gus, Bob, Joe, Judy, Joy, all people with COVID-19 and all health care workers.

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Helpful Links

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Parish Leadership



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



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