



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

## Message of the Moment

### **St. James Church Snow Closure Policy**

When USD 259 announces that a full school day is canceled due to snow or inclement weather, the parish office at St. James Church will be closed on the same day(s).

In these cases, it is our practice to cancel all in-person weekday activities (other than worship). Online activities will likely be held. Office volunteers should not plan to come to church on snow days. Worship services are not usually canceled. If you are a member of a small group (especially one that meets in person), contact the leader or other members of the group if you have questions about your meeting.

In deciding whether to come to church, use your best judgment and employ caution. Do not take unnecessary risks when conditions are icy or potentially hazardous. We do not attempt to adopt late start, early release, or partial days into formal parish policy. We often post updates on the St. James Facebook page and on Instagram.

### **Public Health Closure**

The St. James Church parish leadership has decided to function as closely as possible to a regular schedule during this phase of the pandemic. This means that most groups will meet and that worship services will be held.

Exceptions at this point include Breakfast Sunday in February and choir rehearsals. These are suspended. When Breakfast Sunday resumes, everyone who volunteers with cooking, serving, or cleaning up will wear a mask and gloves. When there is a sense

that cases are not spreading precipitously, we will be able to announce that singing is permitted at the 10:45 service on Sunday mornings. At that time, the choir may resume rehearsals.

As it stands, we are planning to hold the Oyster Dinner and the Olde English Tea events. All involved (volunteers and guests) will be required to wear masks. Gloves will be worn by all who handle food. Anyone who considers themselves at high risk of infection in environments where a group of people are gathered is encouraged not to participate.

Anyone with COVID or any of its symptoms should not come to church.

God bless you,  
Mother Dawn+

p.s. from Junior Warden Danny Blair  
Please be extra cautious in the parking lot  
and while walking to the front entrance during this cold spell.

## First Things First

**The Southwest Convocation** meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday morning, Feb. 5. The meeting will be online! The meeting space will open at 10 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. Join us at this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85495611212?  
pwd=eHFEM3A3NDNReXpmcTY5VUdoanRPQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85495611212?pwd=eHFEM3A3NDNReXpmcTY5VUdoanRPQT09)

**Daughters of the King** will meet in between services on Sunday, Feb. 6, in the Chapel of the Innocents.

**Guild Hall Players** added a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Feb. 6. Performances of "Rabbit Hole" also are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and Saturday, Feb. 5, and at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students and may be reserved by calling the office at 316-683-5686.

## 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign

By now, you should have received your information packet and pledge form for our 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign. If you have not yet received yours, please contact the church office by phone or e-mail.

Pledges can be paid over a three-year period, and completed pledge forms can be placed in the offering plate, dropped by the church office or mailed

back to the church. Our goal is to raise \$375,000 over three years to fund the six major improvement and maintenance projects listed in the brochure and a major outreach project with St. Francis Ministries.

If you have any questions, you may contact Joan Moore, Woody Swain or Mother Dawn.

## Readings This Week



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.**

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

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**Lessons appointed for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:**

[Isaiah 6:1-13](#)

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

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

[Psalm 138](#)

## Calendar

Click here to view our  
current calendar of events

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## Parish News and Updates

**The Book Club of St. James and St. Stephens** meets at noon Thursdays by Zoom. New members are welcome. The club is reading the **Big Read** selection "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros. The Zoom link is:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84276590594?  
pwd=RnFDRmVKeVhUZzIzOGd5MlVFR29ZUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84276590594?pwd=RnFDRmVKeVhUZzIzOGd5MlVFR29ZUT09)

The passcode is 20469.

**Tickets for the Annual St. James Oyster Dinner** are \$47 and available by calling the church office at 683-5686. The all-you-can-eat dinner will be buffet-style with oysters on the half-shell, breaded and fried oysters, oyster stew and beer and wine on tap. The dinner is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1.

**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

**Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel** will start at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6. We will learn about Jesus' miracles of healing the sick. Remember to mask up! If you need to register or have questions, **please contact Chelsea Whipple**, director of programs.

We are in need of **nursery volunteers**. Please consider joining this fruitful ministry.

## Outreach

Our **Pocket Change Ministry** is now saving for a gift to **Breakthrough/ESS**. Please remember that COVID-19 has made fundraising for nonprofits very difficult. And yet, Breakthrough/ESS has continued to offer vital programs to people in need throughout the pandemic. Please help show our support for this vital organization in our community.

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

The Rev. Dillon Green 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?pwd=L2J4eHZMZ0lkWFJVYTc4b0h4OTI0Zz09>.

**YAW (Young Adults Wichita)** is a ministry of the Wichita Minster led by 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](mailto: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. 6

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Ireland

**In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:** The people of Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and Vatican City

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul's, Clay Center

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

**Pray for those who have died:** Donna Littleton, Bobbie Jean Bastian, Frances Brinegar, Edward Burns, Elizabeth (Betty) Burns, Sid Platt and Payne (Darb) Ratner Jr.

**Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity:** Ly (daughter-in-law of Cathy Wu), Jake and Susan G., Dan C. (son-in-law of the late Joan McRae and the brother-in-law of the late Marsha McRae Bacon), Katy (daughter of Jerry Malone), Barry, Nancy, Matt, Angee, Dylan, Glenna, Greg W., Pat, Marilyn, Sue, Pam, Jim T., Sage, Gary, Helen, Jean, Marge, Dal, Jayne, Betty, Bus, Bob, Joe, Judy, Joy, Joan, 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](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

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the holy One. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.  
*Amen.*

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Helpful Links

[View Last Week's Service](#)

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



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