

# ST. JAMES

*the Greater Catholic Church*

**March 22, 2020**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Hymnal Reading #1036

**Father John N. Hay, Pastor**



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## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You.**

**Amen**



**Bishop Kemme's  
letter from  
March 17, 2020  
to the  
Faithful of the  
Diocese of Wichita  
is on page 3.**



## **St. James Catholic Church Directory:**

**Website:** [www.saintjamesaugusta.com](http://www.saintjamesaugusta.com)

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**Pastor** Fr. John N. Hay

[frjohn@saintjamesaugusta.com](mailto:frjohn@saintjamesaugusta.com)

**Medical Emergency Line:** 316-789-6091

**Adoration Chapel**

Closed until further notice

**Parish Office Manager:** Vickie Knebler

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**Baptism:** Please call the parish office to schedule a Baptism.

**Matrimony Preparation:** First of all, congratulations! Please call the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired date of the Marriage, 9 months is preferred. The date for the wedding will be definitively set after your first meeting with the Priest.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office before major surgery or at the beginning of a serious illness to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. If you or someone you know in the parish is in the Hospital, please call the parish office to let us know

### Mass Intentions for the Week

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| <b>Monday, March 23</b>    | †Bill Parker by Tom & Brenda Schoenecker |
| <b>Tuesday, March 24</b>   | Clarence Martinez by Pat Lowrance        |
| <b>Wednesday, March 25</b> | †Anthony Wedman by Brenda Elmer          |
| <b>Thursday, March 26</b>  | America's Religious Freedoms             |
| <b>Friday, March 27</b>    | †Mary Newman by Bob & Rose Thissen       |
| <b>Saturday, March 28</b>  | †Kenny Williams by Joe & Deb Vittitow    |
|                            | †Allan Smeltzer by Jacki Conrady         |
| <b>Sunday, March 29</b>    | People of St. James                      |
|                            | †Herb Lowrance by Dan & Therese Allen    |



**Saint James the Greater Catholic Church will be open from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm during the day if you should want to stop by for your own prayers.**

### 4th Sunday of Lent/March 22, 2020 SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

#### Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Ephesians 5: 8-14)

#### Gospel:

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" (John 9: 1-41)

### Daily Mass Readings for the week of March 23

**Monday: First Reading:** Isaiah 65: 17-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Gospel:** John 4: 43-54

**Tuesday: First Reading:** Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord of hosts is with us;  
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

**Gospel:** John 5: 1-16

**Wednesday: First Reading:** Isaiah 7: 10-14, 8, 10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

**Second Reading:** Hebrew 10: 4-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 26-38

**Thursday: First Reading:** Exodus 32: 7-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Remember us, O Lord,  
as you favor your people.

**Gospel:** John 5: 31-47

**Friday: First Reading:** Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

**Gospel:** John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday: First Reading:** Jeremiah 11: 18-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.

**Gospel:** John 7: 40-53

### The Parish Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, St. James the Greater Catholic Community, seeks to grow in holiness through the stewardship way of life.

#### Stewardship of Treasure:

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| Weekly Tithe (March 15) | \$16,412.00  |
| Children's Envelopes    | \$42.77      |
| Monthly Tithe (Feb.)    | \$58,883.09  |
| Needed each month       | \$76,937.00  |
| Year-to-date (under)    | -\$48,544.41 |

**Thank you for your stewardship.**

### Advisory Committees

#### Parish Council Chair

Rick Heise 316-644-6905

#### Parish School Council Chair

Anna Barringer 720-951-1391



### Meetings & Events

All activities and events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.



St. Theresa Guild #1 and their families to clean Church for the weekend of March 28/29. Guild Leaders:

Teresa Reavis @ 775-5095  
Shannon Fisher @ 440-2852

# Bishop Kemme suspends Masses in Diocese of Wichita

Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Wichita:

With deep sadness but also with confidence that this decision is the right one and in collaboration with the bishops of Kansas, I decree that effective at 1 p.m. March 17, 2020, and until further notice, all public celebrations of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Diocese of Wichita are suspended.

This action is taken, after prayerful discernment and in light of evolving developments of the pandemic of the Coronavirus, COVID-19. This unprecedented action, though painful and challenging for the life of the Roman Catholic community is intended to assist in helping reduce the potential spread of life-threatening infection within the general population.

With this decree, the following applies to all parishes, chapels, and religious houses in the Diocese of Wichita.

- \*All Masses offered by priests are to be private, according to the Liturgical Norms and not open to the public. Pastors are reminded of their canonical obligation to offer one Mass per week for the people.
- \*The faithful are encouraged to participate in live-stream Masses or on EWTN.
- \*The faithful are highly encouraged to practice the time honored tradition of spiritual Communion, as well as use this time, particularly on Sundays for reflection on the sacred scriptures for the day, recitation of the Holy Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet or other devotions. The Office of Worship will be providing resources to help the faithful enter into this period of prayer and absence from the Eucharist.
- \*Funeral Masses are to be offered for the deceased with only immediate family in attendance and with social distancing. Priests may wish to recommend Christian burial with a Memorial Mass to follow at a later date.
- \*No funeral dinners or luncheons are to be held.
- \*Baptisms outside of Mass may be celebrated with only the parents, godparents and immediate family of the person being baptized.
- \*Please consult with the diocesan Chancery about previously scheduled weddings for months of March and April.
- \*Quinceañeras are to be postponed.
- \*Confessions are to be heard only behind the screen and not face to face.
- \*All Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, adoration, etc., are to be canceled during this period of time.
- \*All events, meetings, and the like are to be canceled until further notice.
- \*Confirmations, First Reconciliation, First Communions are to be postponed until after this crisis has ended.
- \*Unless otherwise determined at a later date, this also applies to Holy Week, the Chrism Mass & Easter Sunday.

## Decision pending for Catholic Schools

For families in our Catholic Schools, please watch for correspondence from Superintendent Janet Eaton and/or your parish school principal. The decision on how to proceed with the education of the Kansas youth will be made in the coming days.

On behalf of our pastors, I want to humbly request that the faithful continue to be good stewards by financially supporting our parishes so that they can remain current in their bills and payroll responsibilities. Sending in your contributions or opting for online giving will help us remain viable for the future. Thank you for your generosity.

Questions and concerns may be directed to our staff at the diocesan Chancery. We will do our best to provide answers to your questions.

## Closing statement

Dear people, let us continue to offer our heartfelt prayers for one another during this crisis, for recovery of the sick, for those who care for them, for a speedy end to this crisis and for strength to endure whatever may come. Let us use this time well by putting Our Lord at the center of all our lives. Our faith needs to be strong in every form of trial, confident that God is with us. DO NOT BE AFRAID! Please know of my daily thoughts and prayers as we face this time of testing, trial and distress together.

+The Most Reverend Carl Kemme, Bishop of Wichita