



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 5, 2021

St. James Catholic Church

3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Our Mission

We, the people of the St. James community in faith, commit ourselves to building the Reign of God for all people, serving especially our neighbors in Midtown, Kansas City.

Our Vision

St. James Parish will be a vital Catholic Christian presence at the crossroads of Kansas City, meeting the spiritual needs of our members and impacting both the midtown neighborhood and the larger community. We will be a growing and diverse community where worship and sacramental life are joyful and vibrant; where people are empowered to live the Gospel; and where, especially, the needs of the poor and disenfranchised are lovingly and humbly addressed.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

Confessions

By appointment only

Parish Office

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“Be opened!”

~ Mark 7:34

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office of St. James will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021.

- **FUNDRAISING THANK YOU!**

The 115th Anniversary event last Sunday was an amazing celebration of St. James! The Fundraising Committee thanks everyone who attended. This parish is blessed with many people willing to help in so many ways: baking cookies, setting up, serving food/drinks, cleaning up and recycling. Thank you for your willingness to help. Special thanks to our dancers, Tina Ladore and Nat Martin, for sharing the islands with us. The event raised \$2,148 to be used for parish operating expenses.

- **OGELSBY HOTEL/AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE**

A milestone achieved, finally! The vacant hotel at 3930 Troost, between the Thrift Store and Bishop Sullivan Center, is ready to become 25 affordable one-bedroom apartments! We are happy to announce that the financing has been secured, the contractor engaged and work should begin shortly! Watch for action at the site! Many people have made this long process possible. We'll be sharing more details soon.
Prayers of gratitude!

- **HARVESTERS CANCELLED**

St. James' Harvesters volunteer opportunity for Tuesday, September 7th has been cancelled by Harvesters. More information hopefully to follow.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The cooler temperatures have brought welcomed relief to both plants and gardeners. This week we have the following ready for picking:

Troost39 Backdoor Center Bed:

- Center Bed: Basil (Thai and Sweet), Rosemary and Parsley
- Center West Bed: Tomatillos

South Garden:

- Beds 4 - 7: Butternut Squash
- Bed 10 and 11 - Green Beans
- Beds 14 and 15: Peppers (Hot and Sweet)
- Beds 16 - 18: Tomatoes
- Bed 20: Eggplant
- Trellises at the end of 15, 18, and 20: Long Beans

East Garden - Kale, Collards, Swiss Chard, and Sweet Potato Leaves

- **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

Contrary to what was announced last Sunday at Mass, Troost39 Thrift Store will NOT open on Sunday after Mass.



Reflection from Deacon Ross Beaudoin

Last Sunday we celebrated the 115th Birthday of our parish. St. James “the Less” Parish was established when the local area was just developing. First Masses were celebrated in an upstairs ballroom in a building at 39th and Woodland. The parish paid \$5 for the use of the space for an hour. Two other churches, Baptist and Mormon, also rented the same space for their Sunday services.

St. James eventually purchased the land at 39th and Harrison/Troost. A wood frame building became the church for a few years, before the present stone church was built, in 1912. The stone came from an abandoned bridge project.

St. James had a humble beginning. And the founding pastor, Msgr John Keyes, was known as a person who welcomed all and who responded to the needs of all. This welcome and concern became a hallmark of the parish. It still is today, 115 years and counting.

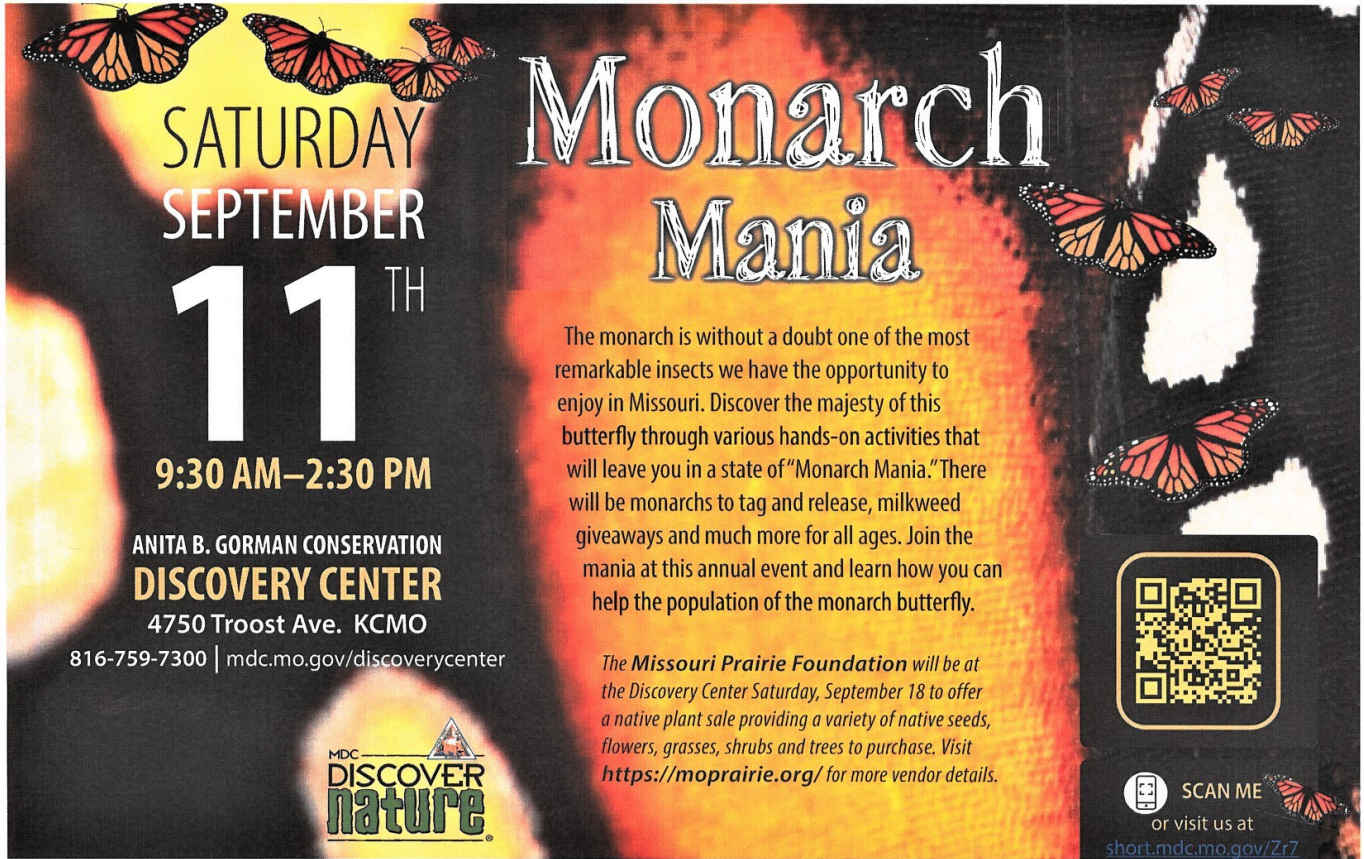
I don’t know if the name of the parish was decided by the diocese with or without Msgr. Keyes’ input. But considering the message of the Letter of St. James, which we read this Sunday (James 2:1-5), there could hardly be a better patron for our parish than St. James. He writes, “show no partiality as you adhere to the faith... for if a person with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Sit here, please,’ while you say to the poor one, ‘Stand there...’ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?”

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that is promised to those who love God?”

Here’s to the next 115 years of being a community of no partiality, of welcoming all and ministering to all – and discovering that “those who are poor in the world [are] rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom” of God.

*~ Peace,
Deacon Ross*

~ Around Kansas City ~



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
11TH
9:30 AM–2:30 PM**

**ANITA B. GORMAN CONSERVATION
DISCOVERY CENTER**
4750 Troost Ave. KCMO
816-759-7300 | mdc.mo.gov/discoverycenter

**Monarch
Mania**

The monarch is without a doubt one of the most remarkable insects we have the opportunity to enjoy in Missouri. Discover the majesty of this butterfly through various hands-on activities that will leave you in a state of "Monarch Mania." There will be monarchs to tag and release, milkweed giveaways and much more for all ages. Join the mania at this annual event and learn how you can help the population of the monarch butterfly.

The Missouri Prairie Foundation will be at the Discovery Center Saturday, September 18 to offer a native plant sale providing a variety of native seeds, flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees to purchase. Visit <https://moprairie.org/> for more vendor details.

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~ Readings ~

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN OT
IS 50:5-9A
JAS 2:14-18
MK 8:27-35

~ Stewardship ~

New Budget for the Fiscal Year
2021 - 2022
Is being put together.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- + Bette Tate-Beaver
- Connie Anderson
- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- William Carson
- Cann and Shelby Families

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
8/29, 22nd Sunday in OT 173

Livestream Attendance
8/29, 22nd Sunday in OT 21