



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 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.



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Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

Confessions

By appointment only

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"Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

~ Mark 8:33

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **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.

- **HARVESTERS**

St. James' September Harvesters volunteer opportunity has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 21st, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 16 or older and are required to wear closed toed shoes and masks. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item.

Please contact Sarah Hirsch at 816-728-6115 if you plan to attend.

- **SAVE THE DATE**

The Goldenberg Duo will perform at St. James Catholic Church on Friday, October 15, 2021, 7 PM.

- **BUS STOP MINISTRY**

If you have hats, scarves or gloves for distribution at Bus Stop, there is a donation basket in the back of the church. The blessing of those items is scheduled for Sunday, October 17th. Thank you!

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Sometimes gardening is easy. The spring's arugula went to seed and we are now benefiting from not being diligent in pulling it's bolting plants with a volunteer fall crop. In addition, 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 2: Arugula

-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



Reflection from Fr. Garry Richmeier

I just got back from some vacation time. Since I don't take time to get away too often, I'm often amazed to realize afterward how much I needed it. I think it has something to do with being in a different physical/psychological/emotional space from which to view the surrounding world. From this different perspective, I tend to see things differently. It's not the same-old, same-old. This change of perspective can be refreshing and life-giving. It is part of why vacations can be good, fun, and needed.

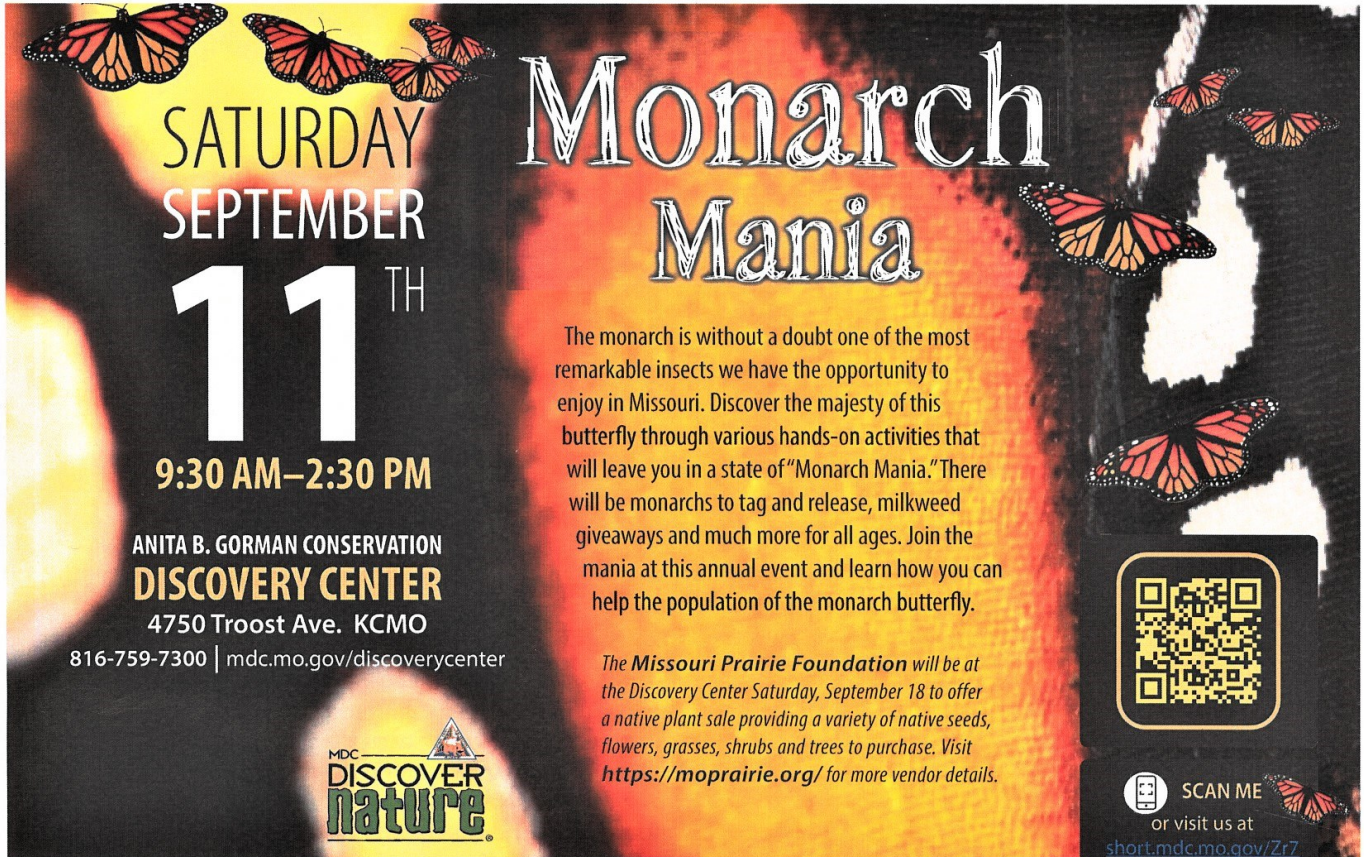
Vacations are not the only way to reap the benefits of seeing things from a different perspective. We can choose to view people and things from different perspectives if we want. For example, instead of seeing myself as I usually do, I can sometimes imagine how someone else sees me -- seeing myself from their perspective. Or instead of looking at a law or piece of legislation from the perspective of how it helps/hurts me, I can choose to look at it from the perspective of someone else whose circumstances may be very different than mine.

Part of today's plague of societal polarization is due to our refusal to look at things from different perspectives. Somehow we have forgotten the wisdom of the old adage of "walking a mile in another's shoes." This requires a certain humility and openness, a willingness to put aside my own "stuff" (perspective) long enough to experience a different view of the world. Jesus did this often. He was able to see the world from the perspective of others, like the woman caught in adultery or Zaccheus the tax collector. This brought life in the form of forgiveness and change of heart.

Not everyone can take a vacation whenever they want a change of perspective. But the ability to change our perspective is always available to us.

*~ Peace,
Fr. Garry*

~ 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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nature**

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short.mdc.mo.gov/Zr7

~ Readings ~

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN OT
WIS 2:12, 17-20
JAS 3:16—4:3
MK 9:30-37

~ 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	
9/05, 23rd Sunday in OT	92
Livestream Attendance	
9/05, 23rd Sunday in OT	22