



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 06, 2022

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

(816) 561-8512

Office Hours: 9:00 --3:00, Monday-Friday

Email parish@stjkc.org

Website stjkc.org

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Parish Staff

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Toni Pennisi Wurth Bob Anderson

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Michael Waldeck Andrew Shepard

Anne Carlson



"They came and filled both boats
so that they were in danger of
sinking. "

~ Lk. 5:7

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **HARVESTERS**

St. James' February Harvesters volunteer opportunity - Souper Bowl on Saturday, February 12 from 1:00 -3:00pm. Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 16 or older and are required to wear closed toed shoes, long pants, 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.

- **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

If you have children who need the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation or Confirmation, please call the parish office at 816-561-8512 or send an email to parish@stjkc.org. Likewise, if you know of anybody who wants to join St. James, please call or email the parish office.

- **DRAFT OF PASTORAL PLAN**

The Diocese with the help of Meitler Company has drafted an INITIAL plan for the parishes in Deaneries 1, 2 and 11. St. James, in the plan, has the potential to be CLUSTERED with a couple of parishes. Here is the definition of CLUSTER: Two or more parishes with a shared pastor, their own churches, finances, councils, and staffs. There can be additional collaboration in personnel, ministries, and resources. May we ask you to:

- 1) Send to Ben by February 18 via email your response to the initial draft plan;
- 2) Send to Ben by February 18 your written stories why St. James is your connection to church or Catholic identity. We plan to submit your stories as part of our response.

Office of Child and Youth Protection

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the **Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at 816-812-2500, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, the **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Reflection from Fr. Garry Richmeier

It's been many years since my Baltimore Catechism days, but some things just stay with a person. Like the catechism questions I had to memorize perfectly, OR ELSE! Everyone who had the same experience will know the answer to the catechism question "Where is God?" Of course the answer is "God is everywhere." If the meaning of this answer and question was explained at all back then, it usually had something to do with God being everywhere to see everything you do, so don't try to get away with anything.

Unfortunately, back then there was not a lot of encouragement in our church to delve deeper into this profound concept once people graduated from the catechism. What if we let the full impact of this idea affect how we look at things, and how we live? If we saw God in the land, water, air, and all of nature, we would reverence it and hold it as sacred, rather than destroy and pollute it, or treat it simply as a commodity. If we believed God was everywhere, present in pleasant and unpleasant events alike, we would be more at peace with the ups and downs of life, trusting that God's plan is constantly unfolding. If we believed God was in us, we would recognize our infinite value, and be more than willing to share our gifts with others. If we believed God is present in every human being, we would let nothing stand between ourselves and others. We would be able to love our enemies. We would not be able to stand seeing another person hungry, homeless, alone, or discriminated against.

If God is everywhere, then everywhere (everything, every person) is full of God's presence. In this light, our differences become variations on a theme (divine life), and we have less need to sort them into categories of right/wrong, good/bad.

We probably spend our entire lives learning the full meaning of that simple catechism question and answer. Since experience is the best teacher, I invite you to spend some time each day considering how God is present in some thing, person, event, etc. It can be something as simple as seeing the complexity of a leaf or the beauty of a flower. Or it could be thinking about how God was present in all the events in your life to get you to this point. The more we are aware of God's presence everywhere, the more we know we have nothing to worry about and nothing to fear.

~ Peace,

Fr. Garry

~ Around Kansas City ~

The Synod on Synodality (Synod 2021 - 2023) is a two-year process of listening and dialogue. Every parish is invited to organize listening and discernment sessions. St. James, however, is combining the synodal process with the Area Planning Process. The Diocese has published a list of upcoming listening sessions at this link: [KCSJ SYNODAL CHURCH](#). One of those sessions is the flyer below. Parishioners Kaitlyn Rusca and Sarah Sommerkamp are involved.

A Universe Within

Gathering Women's Experiences of the Catholic Church

Pope Francis has called us to hold **synods**, to listen to and discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

We will gather together in a welcoming, supportive space to share our stories, wounds, and dreams—to voice what we most cherish and what we wrestle with in our Church.

All are welcome, whether practicing, questioning or estranged from the Church



Saturday, February 12, 2-3:30 pm
Hosted by Jerusalem Farm
520 Garfield Ave KCMO
Childcare, snack, and drink provided



~ Readings ~

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JER 17:5-8
1 COR 15:12, 16-20
LK 6:17, 20-26

~ Stewardship ~

Week 1/24—1/30: \$3,606

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 93%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$118,594

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$120,730

Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Pat Rodemann
- Deacon Ross Beaudoin
- Connie Anderson
- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Patricia Cann

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
1/30, 4th Sunday in OT 99

Livestream Attendance
1/30, 4th Sunday in OT 14