

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5, 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.

#### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday 10:00 am

Confessions

By appointment only

Parish Office (816) 561-8512

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#### **Parish Staff**

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#### Parish Leadership Team

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#### **Parish Finance Council**

Fr. Mike Roach Ben Babaran
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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays** 

#### **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.



Dove of the Holy Spirit Gian Lorenzo Bernini

"Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

~ John 20:21

# ~ St. James Parísh Updates ~

#### ST. JAMES' FLAMES

As we celebrate Pentecost, there are seven flames hung above us representing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Piety, Fortitude, and Fear of the Lord. May these blessings increase in all of us.

#### ST. JAMES FINANCE COMMITTEE

The fiscal year ends June 30th. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan Center needs EVERYTHING - cereal, canned good, hygiene products, diapers, peanut butter, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

#### BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER

You are invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Bishop Sullivan Center on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 4:30 PM to 6 PM in the St. James Parking Lot.

#### ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN

The following are ready this week to be harvested:

South Garden

Bed 1: Swiss Chard Bed 15: Lettuce and Green Onions

Bed 3: Arugula Bed 18: Lettuce

Beds 8 and 9: Kale

East Garden

Beds A, B, and I: Garlic Scapes

#### 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.



I was listening to a radio interview with a gun rights advocate, and he was describing what we should do to prevent more mass shootings. His main idea was to create federal incentives for states to enact "Red Flag Laws," which allow specified people (police, mental health workers, etc.) to temporarily take away the firearms of a person who is deemed to be an immediate threat to themselves or others. After discussing the merits of this idea for a while, the interviewer asked him about banning military-type assault rifles, since their only purpose is to kill people rapidly. He said we must allow people to effectively protect themselves from whatever threats are out there. And since there are thousands of assault rifles already out there (threats), people must be able to have equal fire power to protect themselves. He went on to say he has an AR-15 rifle in his home because of that very reason. Apparently the incongruity of needing to protect oneself because of society's proliferation of bigger and bigger guns by promoting the proliferation of bigger and bigger guns was lost on him.

We seem to be in an arms race, similar to the nuclear arms race in which countries participate. But whereas countries have not opted to use their stores of nuclear weapons (yet), there are people in this country who have no problem using assault rifles to kill others. There are scientists hard at work creating bigger and more destructive weapons than we have now. When they become readily available, will we simply flood the market with them like we've done with assault rifles?

We need to find other ways to protect each other rather than each individual/family locking themselves behind walls with their stockpile of weapons. There are no easy answers, but one necessity is to work to reach across the boundaries/walls that separate us as a society and really get to know each other. Especially to get to know and understand what each other fears. Only then will we be able to assure each other that we have each other's back. We can then together figure out ways that will make us all safer. We are much stronger (and safer) if we stand together.

Peace, Fr. Garry

#### St. Therese Little Flower Parish



Benefitting Participants of the 2022 Lyke Conference

# Sunday, June 12, 2022 After 9 a.m. Mass till 2 p.m. Tickets—\$15 Drawings for Prizes & More

Join us and support our community's growth and education at this conference.

(Conference participants learn in workshops on music, dance, preaching, Young Adult ministry and sessions for all who worship and serve in African American and diverse communities.)

### ~ Readings ~

TRINITY SUNDAY PRV 8:22-31 ROM 5:1-5 JN 16:12-15

# ~ Stewardship ~

Week 5/23—5/29: \$3,514

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 91%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$181,092

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$186,639

Percent of Budget to Date: 97%

#### INFORMATION ON KC EVENTS

- March For Our Lives please go to: <a href="https://marchforourlives.com/march22/">https://marchforourlives.com/march22/</a> or <a href="https://fb.me/e/1CCeLTYFp">https://fb.me/e/1CCeLTYFp</a>
- Pride Fest 2022 please go to: https://kcpridealliance.org/pride-2022/
- Juneteenth-KC please go to: https://www.juneteenth-kc.com/
- Missouri Voter Registration Deadline Those who wish to vote in-person must
  be registered by July 6. Registration is
  possible online, in-person, or by mail. If
  registration forms are mailed, they
  must be postmarked on or before July
  6. The primary is scheduled for Aug. 2.

## ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Bill Moylan
- Chuck Dymer
- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Patricia Cann
- Beverly Johnson

## ~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance 5/29, Ascension Sunday 205

Livestream Attendance

5/29, Ascension Sunday 14