



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 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

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John the Baptist preaching in the desert

Jesus MAFA project

"Produce good fruit as evidence of
your repentance."

~Matthew 3:8

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

We will have a Penance Service for Advent on Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at 7pm here at St. James. Several priests will be available for individual confessions then.

• **HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

St. James' December Harvesters volunteer opportunity is Tuesday, December 6, from 6-8 pm. Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants, and masks. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item.

Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend.

• **GIVING TREE**

There are 22 names this year from Bishop Sullivan Center. We will also ask donations for heating oil for Anapra. The Giving Tree is up.

• **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS**

Please join us for the Immaculate Conception Mass, December 8, at St. Therese Little Flower Church, 5814 Euclid Ave. KCMO, at NOON.

• **REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS UPDATE**

KC Welcome Alliance (KCWA) is an interfaith organization welcoming refugees and asylum seekers from our southern border as they get ready to move on from KC to their sponsors' homes throughout the US. The bus is arriving around **5:30 am on Tuesday, December 13**. Our guests are in the US legally and are mostly from Central American countries. KCWA needs volunteers to help welcome our guests. They need help getting situated while they work to connect with their sponsors and get ready to travel to the homes of their sponsors. Spanish speakers are greatly needed. If you would like to volunteer, donate, or get more information, please go to KCWA's website: KCWelcomeAlliance.org

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.

SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES

1st Sunday - TROOST39
OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY

2nd Sunday - HOSPITALITY
& NAME TAG SUNDAY

3rd Sunday - FAITH
FORMATION SUNDAY

4th Sunday - PANTRY
SUNDAY

5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY
CELEBRATION



Reflection from Fr. Garry Richmeier

According to the Church calendar, we have just begun the Advent season. According to our cultural calendar, we are well into the Christmas season. Our culture portrays Christmas as the most wonderful time of the year, but for many people, it's one of the most depressing times of the year. Reasons for this can include:

- it is the time of year with the least amount of sunlight, which can lead to SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder)
- feelings of inadequacy that my family does not measure up to the media images of perfect, happy families reuniting to celebrate and enjoy each other's company
- feelings of sadness and grief because of the loss of a loved one in the past year and not being with them at Christmas time
- stress due to all the extra activities and demands placed on our time which typically occur during the season
- financial pressures related to buying Christmas presents for everyone

There are some things people can do if the Christmas season gets too overwhelming or depressive. One possibility is to simplify where possible. Maybe give simpler, less expensive gifts. Donating our time or resources to those in need can often raise our Spirits and counteract feelings of inadequacy. Many loved ones may appreciate our spending time with them rather than an expensive gift. Maybe we can focus on just a couple important family traditions rather than trying to do them all. A few well-placed, quality decorations can often be as beautiful as thousands of lights strung on every part of the house. If we are feeling the loss of a loved one, it may help to share those feelings with someone rather than keeping them bottled up. We can re-evaluate our "to do" list -- cross off some of the less important items, and add some quiet time or alone time, just for ourselves.

Everything doesn't magically change during the Christmas season, regardless of the cultural messages we get. Reminding ourselves of that, and continuing to do the self-care things that work, is the best way to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression this Christmas season..

*Blessings,
Fr. Garry*

~ Around Kansas City ~



On Monday, Dec. 5, at 7pm, Nicolas Davies, co-author of the new book *War in Ukraine: Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict*, will speak at All Souls Universalist Unitarian Church at 4501 Walnut in Kansas City, MO. The book outlines the historical context of the current war in Ukraine and what is needed to end the conflict as soon as possible. Cosponsors of the event include PeaceWorks Kansas City.

The goal of these discussions is to bring to our local area facts and viewpoints about the war in Ukraine that are missing in our current narratives. Come and listen and discuss with us.

~ Readings ~

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
IS 35:1-6A, 10
JAS 5:7-10
MT 11:2-11

~ Stewardship ~

Week 11/21—11/27: \$3,637

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 84%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$87,734

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$90,468

Percent of Budget to Date: 97%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Patricia Cann
- Beverly Johnson
- Jermisha Cann
- Leonard Cann
- Nancy Moylan
- Bill Moylan
- Regina Cann
- Artice Cann
- Matthew Cann, Jr.
- Sr. Theresa Maly
- Sr. Cele Breen
- Carmen Shelby
- Steven Cann, Sr.
- Mae Ransom
- Linda Rechten

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
11/27, First Sunday of Advent	150
Livestream Attendance	
11/27, First Sunday of Advent	11