



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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

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"Joseph, son of David, do not be
afraid to take Mary your wife into
your home."

~Matthew 1:20

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, December 21

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Friday, December 23 - Parish Office closes at NOON.

Monday, December 26 - Parish Office is CLOSED.

Friday, December 30 - Parish Office closes at NOON.

Monday, January 2 - Parish Office is CLOSED.

- **CHURCH ENVIRONMENT**

After Mass this Sunday, we will decorate the church for Christmas. Please stay if you can help.

- **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

The Thrift Store will be open after Mass this Sunday.

- **HOLIDAY MINISTERS SIGN-UP SHEETS**

There are sign-up sheets in the back of church for the Masses on Christmas Eve and January 1st. Please sign up for the different ministries needed.

- **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

December 24, 4:00 PM - Children's Christmas Mass (**LIVESTREAMED MASS**)

December 24, 9:00 PM - Christmas Vigil Mass

December 25 - NO Christmas Day Mass at St. James

December 25, 10:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass at St. Therese Little Flower

January 1, 10:00 AM - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God at St. James

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Bishop Sullivan Center will be closed from December 23 through January 2. So, for December Pantry Sunday, here are the choices:

- ♦ Monetary donations to Bishop Sullivan Center
- ♦ Children's books (new or gently used) for a school in the Philippines

Collection of these donations will be at the 4PM Children's Christmas Mass. Baskets will be in the back of the church.

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 Deacon Ross Beaudoin

. A whole lot of emotions run around in us at this time of year. Check how you are *feeling* about your preparations for Christmas, your communications with family and friends, your desires/dreams for the coming year, etc.

Most of us have a basis for a positive attitude going into the holiday season. There are some, though, and you or I could be among them, who find it hard to keep upbeat. Struggles of life and relationships may weigh heavily. We'd like a sign that the reality that we celebrate at Christmas may perhaps bring new hope where our lives are hurting.

Early this week, many lives here in Kansas City were touched with new hope and some real joy. Fifteen families, 54 people in all, came here from the border in El Paso, Texas. Some 70+ volunteers from diverse backgrounds and faiths prepared for these immigrants. They welcomed them and accompanied them in their time here. They assisted them as they started out on their journeys to family or friends who would welcome them into their homes.

Families immigrating from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Nicaragua. Each sacred family unit intent on leaving behind violence, drug wars, unbearable poverty.... These people began to see a new horizon in the ministry and faces of the volunteers of KC Welcome Alliance. And to hear it from the volunteers, they also came to find a new outlook through awareness of the struggles, determination and resilience of the migrants who risked to come here to make a new life.

Are not all of us at some time immigrants? Jesus, whose birth we prepare for now was an immigrant with his family fleeing violence and going into Egypt shortly after his birth.

Today's first reading, from Isaiah, begins, "Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God." Things were not going well for the people. But Ahaz would not ask a sign. God himself gave a sign: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son..." Hope was alive for a hurting people.

Early this week God gave a sign. A people assembled and brought love and new life – to each other. There is reason to feel hope and find in this Christmas season new life for ourselves and to share with one another.

*Blessings,
Deacon Ross*

GREAT THANKS from "Missing in Action"

I need to express my deep gratitude and ongoing support to our parishioner **Bill Cordaro**. Bill stepped up and offered to help with preparations for the bus of immigrants that was going to arrive in mid-December. Little did he or I know at the time that I would end up in the hospital in early December. Bill took the reigns and *did a magnificent job of organizing, developing and coordinating the event* and shaping the KC WELCOME ALLIANCE. *Kudos, Bill, and a thousand -THANKS. — Ross Beaudoin*

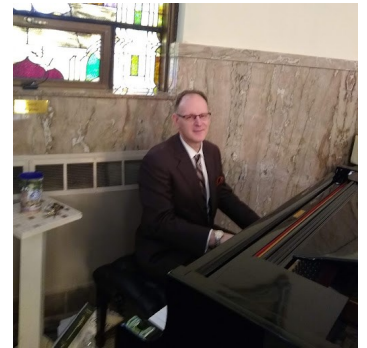
~ End of the Year Giving ~



FIRST STATION

The calendar year 2022 is ending. Thank you very much for your generosity. Meanwhile, as the plastering of the church walls continues, severe damage of the north wall by the First Station of the Cross was discovered. We are thankful that disaster did not happen considering the extent of the damage. The damage is where our beloved Robert Basolo sits and plays the piano during Mass times and rehearsals. He has done that for 33 years!

As you ponder updating your St. James contributions, please consider helping with the cost of the plastering which doubled because of the issue. May we all keep Robert safe for another 33 years!



♦ Suggested donations—\$33 😊

~ Readings ~

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

~ Stewardship ~

Week 12/05—12/11: \$3,857

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 90%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$96,127

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$99,084

Percent of Budget to Date: 97%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
12/11, Third Sunday of Advent	165

Livestream Attendance	
12/11, Third Sunday of Advent	12