



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2023

# 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.



**The Virgin in Prayer / La Vierge en prière**  
Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609–1685)

### Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

### Confessions

By appointment only

### Parish Office

**(816) 561-8512**

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

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### Parish Staff

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### Parish Leadership Team

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Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes

**Bulletin Deadline:**  
**Mondays**

"And Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart."

~Luke 2:19

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • ST. JAMES HARVESTERS OPPORTUNITY

St. James January Harvesters volunteer opportunity is Tuesday, January 3, from 6 - 8pm. 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.

### • UPCOMING EVENT—CHILI DAZE

Everyday in the past few weeks, the church had been heated as the crew worked on the walls. As a result, the latest gas bill was more than double that of last month. It is an unplanned expense but to the rescue comes the return of CHILI DAZE!

- ◆ Enter the Chili Contest
- ◆ Buy a raffle ticket
- ◆ Play JIMBO and win fabulous prizes

Proceeds will help pay gas bill. We are keeping Robert not only safe but also warm.

### • SUNDAYS OF JANUARY 2023

January 1, First Sunday of the month: NO Troost39 Thrift Store Open House

January 8, Second Sunday of the month: Hospitality Sunday hosted by St. James Youth Group

January 15, Third Sunday of the month: Faith Formation Sunday

January 22, Fourth Sunday of the month: Pantry Sunday

January 29, Fifth Sunday of the month: 5th Sunday Celebration hosted by Office Volunteers



#### 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](mailto: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*

Today we begin a new year. What will it be like? Unfortunately, we can't gaze into a crystal ball and know for sure. And none of us has the ability to control what will happen to us as individuals, or us as a human race. It's tempting to throw up our hands in helplessness and say "It's all a crap-shoot."

But our faith tells us that there is some rhyme and reason to whatever will happen this coming year because God is at work somehow. And since we are the Body of Christ in this world, we also have a role in providing some "rhyme and reason" to what will happen. We're in a partnership with God, as we and God work to allow God's love to take whatever happens this coming year and use it to create something that more closely resembles the reign of God. We not only have to deal with things that happen to us that are beyond our control, but we also make things happen that create the reign of God.

As co-creators of this reign, we can begin the new year imagining what we would like to create. This is not just wishing for "pie in the sky". Nothing gets created unless it first takes shape in the creator's heart and mind. Then we take stock of our abilities and resources, and decide what we can realistically accomplish toward what we imagined. We then trust that God will be working alongside us, bringing our efforts to fruition, even though we may not understand how.

We cannot be certain what will happen this coming year. But we can be certain that we and God can create something great if we follow the path Jesus took -- the path of love.

*Blessings,  
Fr. Garry*

~ NEW YEAR 2023 ~



~ Readings ~

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

~ Stewardship ~

Week 12/19—12/25: \$4,049

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 94%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$104,018

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$107,700

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 Rehtin
- Ross Beaudoin

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
12/24, Christmas Eve	202
Livestream Attendance	
12/24, Christmas Eve	12