

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 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.

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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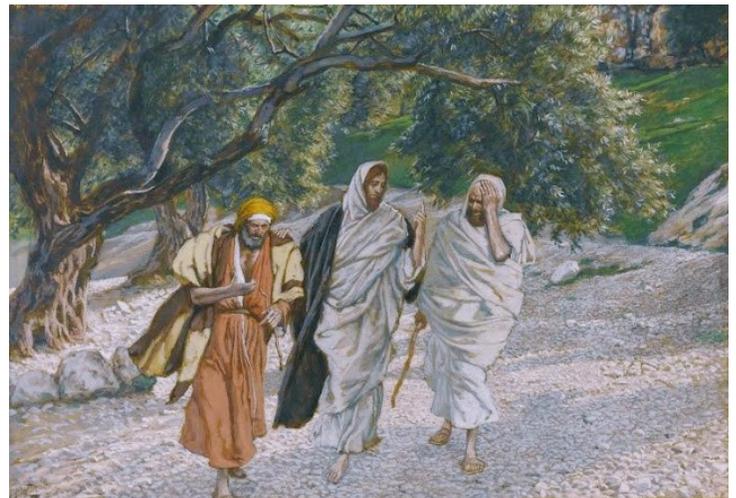
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The Pilgrims of Emmaus on the Road

James Tissot (1836–1902)

He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast.

~ Luke 24:17

**Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays**

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **BETWEEN THE CRACKS FUND**

Last quarter, five families were helped with prescriptions, transportation, utilities or housing. St. James is able to continue providing aid to parishioners and our neighbors due to your generous support. THANK YOU!

- **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

The traditional celebration of 5th Sunday is next Sunday, April 30, 2023.

- **WANT TO LEARN FRENCH?**

Parishioner, Andre Maurice Fontcha, deacon candidate, is organizing sessions of free French lessons for all those who want to learn this foreign language. For more information and registration, please contact the parish office at 816 561 8512 or parish@stjkc.org. The start of the courses will be on Tuesday, April 25, at 5PM.

- **SKETCHES OF PAINTINGS**



Sr. Thea Bowman



Fr. Augustine Tolton



Kateri Tekakwitha



Fr. Cyprian IweneTansi

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 - FAITH
FORMATION SUNDAY

3rd Sunday - HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY

4th Sunday - PANTRY
SUNDAY

5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY
CELEBRATION



Reflection from an excerpt of Pope Francis' message

Jesus' encounter with the two disciples of Emmaus is a fleeting one. But the entire destiny of the Church is contained within it. It tells us that the Christian community is not enclosed within a fortified citadel, but rather journeys along its most essential environment, which is the road. And there, it encounters people with their hopes and disappointments, burdensome at times. The Church listens to everyone's stories as they emerge from the treasure chest of personal conscience, in order to then offer the Word of Life, the witness of love, a love that is faithful until the end. And thus, the hearts of people reignite with hope.

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead". The secret of the road that leads to Emmaus is simply this: despite appearances to the contrary, we continue to be loved and God will never stop loving us. God will walk with us always, always, even in the most painful moments, even in the worst moments, even in moments of defeat. That is where the Lord is. And this is our hope. Let us go forward with this hope! Because he is beside us and walks with us. Always!

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH ON EARTH DAY

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

~ Around Kansas City ~

**St Sabina Zoom and In-Person Faith Formation Sessions
During the Month of May**

St. Sabina in Belton, MO is offering faith formation sessions during May titled, *Seven Events that Shaped the New Testament World*. To understand the New Testament, it is necessary to delve into the Greek, Jewish and Roman social and cultural world within which it was written. These four sessions provide a window into the world of Jesus and his followers, and the events that influenced their everyday lives and thought patterns. The sessions will explore these events so as to read the New Testament with greater clarity, understanding and awareness. All churches and faith traditions are most welcome.

The sessions will be held on via Zoom on Wednesday Evenings – May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2023 ~7-9 PM, Central Time. They will be repeated In-Person on Thursday Mornings – May 11, 18, 25, and June 1, 2023 ~10 AM-Noon, Central Time. For more information and to register, call (816-979-3153) or email Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org. In-person Thursday morning sessions will be held at the St. Sabina Education Wing.

~ Stewardship ~

Week 04/10—04/16: \$3,983
Needed each week: \$4,308
Percent of Weekly Budget: 92%
Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$162,569
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$172,320
Percent of Budget to Date: 94%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Tajuan Cann |
| • Amie Miller | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Oscar Shelby | • Jermont Cann, Sr. |
| • Beverly Johnson | • Patricia Cann |
| • Leonard Cann | • Steven Cann, Sr. |
| • Nancy Moylan | • Mark Cann |
| • Bill Moylan | • Dwayne Cann |
| • Artice Cann | • Regina Cann |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Daniel Cann |
| • Mae Ransom | • Madelyn Shackelford |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Jerisha Cann |
| • Punch Tuggle | • Rachel Mudong |
| • Carmen Shelby | |

~ Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
04/16, 2nd Sunday of Easter	133
Livestream Attendance	
04/16, 2nd Sunday of Easter	11