



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 11, 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

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Corpus Christi

BellatorDei of AngelQueen.org

"Amen, amen, I say to you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

~ John 6:53

**Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays**

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PARISH-WIDE MEETING WITH FR. DON**

All are invited to a meeting with Fr. Don right after Mass this Sunday, June 11, in church.

- **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

As we celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday, Fr. Don has written about Eucharistic Revival in his blog "Upon this Rock". Please click this link to read his article: [EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL](https://chargedwithstcharles.blog/2023/06/06/eucharistic-revival) (https://chargedwithstcharles.blog/2023/06/06/eucharistic-revival).

- **FR. GARRY RICHMEIER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

Next Sunday, June 18, is the 40th anniversary of Fr. Garry's priestly ordination. May God bless Fr. Garry and his ministry today and always.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

All are welcome to join the Garden Gang Saturdays at 9:30 am. This Saturday we will be pulling onions, planting sweet potatoes, weeding, and weed eating. This week the garden has the following ready for picking:

South Garden

Beds 14 and 15: Onions with bent stems

Bed 16: Swiss Chard Beds 17 and 18: Kale

- **PARISHIONERS FROM ROCKHILL MANOR NEED HELP**

Parishioners from Rockhill Manor need a parishioner or two who could pick them up to attend Mass on the following Sundays: June 18, June 25, and July 2. If you can provide rides for one or more dates, please contact Ben at the parish office or parishioner Sally Dux at sokensal@gmail.com, text at 816-462-7266 or call at 816-471-4632.



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 Joni Dugan

As I was getting ready to write this reflection, I was deluged with many memories. I had to get my head around all these thoughts and memories. Whoa --- I thought this was suppose to be a reflection on this Sunday's readings: Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Well, in thinking about this feast, I can and probably you as well do have memories of processions in the small town, gold vestments, a monstrance, processions around church and best Sunday clothes. And that's okay: Memories are great. And we are not alone.

We see in the first reading today how even Moses talked about memories --- He says "Remember this" and "Remember that" and all that journeying in the desert, all the affliction, all the manna and how the Lord fed his people. And then the liturgy in the Gospel jumps right into Jesus saying to the Jewish crowds "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." Okay, we see the comparison between Manna and Jesus saying he is the living bread. BUT he goes a step farther and says "whoever eats this bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." And to make matters worse: he goes on and says "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you". Wow! That is strong. But we so often miss the point. Jesus' life within us means Jesus' abiding presence. Jesus' abiding presence within each of us. Any act of love on our part stems from that inner presence. It's like Fr Garry said last week that we are all connected. We may look different, but we are all bound together. We all have been given that food and drink of the Lord --- we have all been given that gift of the divine abiding presence. We are all in relationship to God and with each other. We are all connected and that connection is Love.

God is being present to us in so many ways: in our own DNA rooted inside of us, in our life experiences, whether full of troubles and tribulations or not, in the loves of our lives – our parents, spouse, sibs, children, pets, in our work relationships, in our St James relationships and even in our enemies. This feast of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, (Corpus Christi) celebrates the presence of the Lord in our lives. It celebrates all those relationships. It celebrates that we are all in communion with each other. It may be at times hard to digest --- I may want out. Relationships can be messy. But that is the beauty of community. The community is here to support us and we are here to support the community. This feast calls us to live in solidarity with all. All? You gotta be kidding! All? Really?

Richard Rohr in his book *The Universal Christ*, says "Presence is always reciprocal, or it is not presence at all." May we all celebrate this presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in each other today and every day, remembering that Presence is indeed reciprocal.

*Peace,
Joni*

~ Around Kansas City ~

PRIDE MONTH—June 2023



UPCOMING MISSOURI ELECTION

Kansas City General Municipal Election

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

~ Stewardship ~

Week 05/29—06/04: \$3,821
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 89%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$187,461
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$202,476
 Percent of Budget to Date: 93%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Patricia Cann |
| • Amie Miller | • Beverly Johnson |
| • Artice Cann | • Bill Pickett |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | |
| • Marion Shaw | |
| • Sarita Cann | |

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Ex 19:2-6a
 Romans 5:6-11
 Matthew 9:36—10:8

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
06/04, Holy Trinity Sunday	127
Livestream Attendance	
06/04, Holy Trinity Sunday	13