



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 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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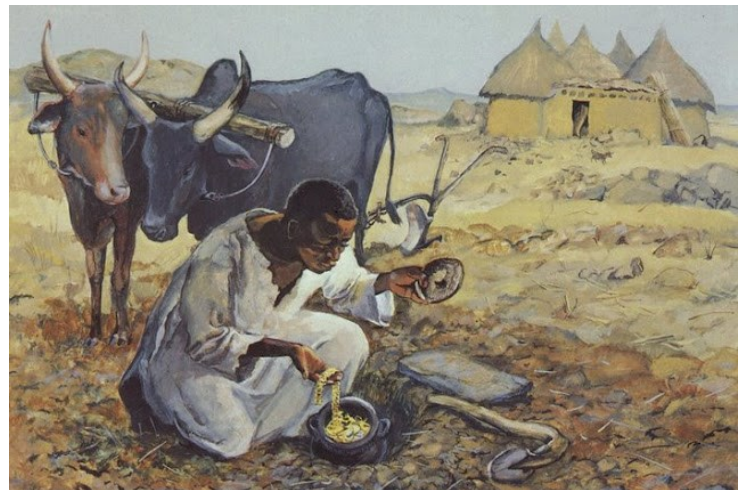
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The Hidden Treasure

Jesus MAFA project

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

~ Matthew 13:44

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

The thrift store will be open next Sunday, August 6, after Mass.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The kale is beautiful this year. Grab yourself a handful or a bagful for smoothies, salads, quiches, omelets, soups, and more. In addition, the following are available for picking this week:

South Garden

Beds 8 and 9: Peppers Bed 10: Eggplant
 Bed 16: Swiss Chard Beds 17 and 18: Kale
 South Bed: Blackberries

• **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, August 1 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. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item. Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend.

• **117th ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE TICKETS**

Raffle tickets for the St. James 117th Anniversary are now for sale in the back of the church.



<p>Office of Child and Youth Protection</p> <p>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 <i>observe or suspect</i> sexual abuse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult</i> 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. <p>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.</p>	<p align="center">SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES</p> <p>1st Sunday - TROOST39 OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY</p> <p>2nd Sunday - FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>3rd Sunday - HOSPITALITY SUNDAY</p> <p>4th Sunday - PANTRY SUNDAY</p> <p>5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION</p>
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Reflection from Marcia Nicely

TRIP TO GUATEMALA

I loved our week in Guatemala working with the amazing team from Nativity Parish, the 24 Mayan sisters (Hermanas) of the Carmelite Convent in San Andres Itzapa, the translators and cement masons and, of course, my family, Steve and our son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Sharon, and four teenage grandchildren, John, Donovan, Grant and Kate.

We were there to improve physical living conditions in some way and to show that we were walking in solidarity with them on their journey. Building something with our hands (even though I was just soaking firebricks and sifting sand for cement) is such a SATISFYING thing to do. We looked at the stove, or chicken coop, or cement floor, and felt a rush of pride because wow, I just helped build that. One of the biggest thrills was waiting for the smoke to rise from the chimney of a just-finished cook stove. It meant that no longer would the wood smoke from cooking at ground level fill up the house and turn the walls black. We wished we could build a stove for everyone who needs one (We built 17 of them), but we had to remind ourselves of the Starfish story. "If we can't save them all, start with one."

Two special experiences stood out to me on this third trip to Guatemala. One was watching our grandchildren grow spiritually and emotionally on this trip. It was a joy to see them recognize the goodness of the Guatemalan people and how much they appreciated even the small things we gave them, like a jar of bubbles for their children. The experience sharpened the appreciation of our grandchildren for all the privileges they enjoy in the United States. They could see that the Guatemalan people were more appreciative of their "little" than we are of our "plenty." The truth is, the families we served gave us more with their joyful expressions of thanks and blessing than they received from us.

The second experience was the seeing the progress of Condalaria and her family. We first met her in 2018 in dire straits as a recent widow with three small children. Lesly, 9, her oldest, was in school but thinking of dropping out to help her mother work in the fields. With the help of a scholarship, Lesly, now 14, has remained in school and is excelling. Her younger brother is also in school. Condalaria is participating in women's groups sponsored by the convent. She told her story to our group of 21 without notes and with great pose and vulnerability. When we visited her home to install a tin roof on one of her rooms, her home was well-kept.

Both experiences brought tears to my eyes.

~ *Around Kansas City* ~

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance

Please join PeaceWorks KC in the annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance. We'll hold our free event on Sunday, Aug. 6, with vegetarian potluck at 6pm and our speakers at 7pm, including Hiroko Komiya, principal of the Kansas City Japanese School; poet artist Erika Sakata; and Analisa Colom-Todd, whose mother did Japanese flower arranging, Ikebana. For info, see pwkc.org.

Missouri death row inmate granted stay of execution following Catholic advocacy

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on Tuesday evening granted a stay of execution for Johnny Johnson, a St. Louis-area man who had been scheduled to die Aug. 1. Catholics in St. Louis and across Missouri had advocated for a stay of Johnson's execution, citing the Church's teaching on the admissibility of the death penalty as well as arguments from Johnson's attorneys that he is not mentally fit to understand his punishment. Click the link to get more information: [CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY](#)

~ *Stewardship* ~

Week 07/17—07/23: \$3,502

Needed each week: TBD

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023—2024

IS BEING PUT TOGETHER

~ *We Hold in Prayer* ~

- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Artice Cann
- Matthew Cann, Jr.
- Steven Cann, Sr.
- Sarita Cann
- Patricia Cann
- Beverly Johnson
- Bill Pickett
- Leah Babaran

~ *Next Sunday's Readings* ~

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

~ *Mass Attendance* ~

In-person Attendance	
07/23, 16th Sunday in OT	132
Livestream Attendance	
07/23, 16th Sunday in OT	8