



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 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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Christ gives the keys of the kingdom to Peter

Pietro Perugino (1448–1523)

“And so I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock

I will build my church.”

~ Matthew 16:18

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

● **2023 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Pictures will be taken September 8-9. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter MO243 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment, please call 816-501-8652.

● **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Currently in the South Garden, the following is ready to pick:

South Garden

Beds 4 - 7: Sweet Potato Greens At the end of Bed 5: Basil
 Beds 8 and 9: Peppers Bed 10: Eggplant Beds 11 - 13: Tomatoes Bed 12: Tomatillos
 Beds 14 and 15: Kohlrabi Bed 16: Swiss Chard Beds 17 and 18: Kale
 Trellises: Long beans Raspberries

● **SUMMER STITCHING CHALLENGE**

The group pictured below show off the results of the stitching challenge. Over 110 items for distribution at the bus stop were made! The group decided to continue meeting into the Fall. Everyone is welcomed to join us.

Photo---Diane Bach, Jill Clements, Pat Thomson, Mary Vincent, Nancy Moylan

Not pictured--Beaurina Olter, Linda Rehtin, Renee Rosseau, Sarah Hirsch



~ We Hold in Prayer ~

~ Stewardship ~

Week 08/14—08/20: **\$4,078**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **91%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$29,296**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$35,848**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **82%**

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| ● Ed Pailer | ● Beverly Johnson |
| ● Amie Miller | ● Bill Pickett |
| ● Artice Cann | ● Michael Becker |
| ● Matthew Cann, Jr. | ● Pat Marrin |
| ● Steven Cann, Sr. | ● Carole Gary |
| ● Sarita Cann | ● Carman Shelby |
| ● Patricia Cann | ● Punch Tuggle |

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN OT
 Jer 20:7-9
 Rom 12:1-2
 Mt 16:21-27

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 08/20, 20th Sunday in OT **154**
Livestream Attendance
 08/20, 20th Sunday in OT **10**



Reflection from Fr. Don Farnan

URBAN CONNECTION

I salute those who live, learn, work, worship, dine, or do volunteer activities in the inner city. Urban centers tend to get abandoned by sprawling populations, but we know that, just as with a human body, the core must be strengthened so that the rest of the body can stay strong. The more we stay connected to the heart of the city, the better our entire metropolitan area will be. Consider this an invitation to drive along the Troost corridor and stop in at some of the many places that are revitalizing our inner city.

Troost Avenue, site of Rockhurst University, is transforming from a line of division to a place of gathering. Along it are numerous minority-owned diners with delicious cuisine. Traveling north on the 7000 block you encounter Café Reflections which also has a culinary school (7016); in the 6000s is Niece's, known for its comforting soul food (6441); in the 5000s is one of the best bakeries in all of Kansas City (Blackhole at 5531); in the 4000s you'll find terrific coffee shops including Equal Minded Café (4327) and Anchor Island (4101); in the 3000s is One City Café (3936) and Thelma's Kitchen (3101) that serve hungry and homeless citizens as well as those who help them.

Coming back south, we might get overwhelmed by the many social agencies on Troost that provide opportunities to volunteer. A sampling includes Operation Breakthrough (3039), a children's center for learning that also invests in their families. Journey To New Life (3120) assists those who are reentering society after incarceration. Troost 39 Thrift Store (3922) sells to neighbors clothing, art, books, furniture, small appliances, and just about every household item imaginable; proceeds benefit the neighborhood, thanks to many donors throughout the metro area. Community LINC (4012) helps thousands of homeless families gain skills and support to achieve housing with a goal of ending homelessness in KC. Closer to Rockhurst (5200) and associated with the University through the Alivn Brooks Center for Faith Justice, are programs that assist urban residents maneuver through legal issues (Neighborhood Justice Center), gain financial literacy (Prosperity Center), strengthen academic skills (Hurtado Scholars), reduce crime (KC Common Good), and help teens gain life skills (Youth Ambassadors).

Not just UMKC and Rockhurst, but there are academic institutions along Troost for every level of learning from pre-school to technical training and graduate programs, as well as tremendous businesses like Pawsperity (5804), formerly The Grooming Project, that trains underprivileged women to become entrepreneurs, managers, administrators, and even business owners. The Catholic Churches on Troost, Saint James at 39th and Saint Francis Xavier at 52nd, like many other worship sites on the avenue, are lay-managed, justice-minded, praise-centered places that encourage congregants to put faith into action in meaningful ways through both practical works (from bus-stop and through-the-cracks ministries to community gardens) and systemic challenges (from immigration to racism to gun violence). Perhaps the most profound entity on the street or in the city is Reconciliation Services at 31st and Troost that helps citizens take one step closer to independence and interdependence through ID acquisitions to mental health services. Their mission to accept people as children of God and accompany them to become more self-sufficient and productive; it is an anchor for all else that happens in KC's core.

Sprinkled along the corridor are green spaces and beautification projects, strong neighborhood associations, historic buildings and sites, and people working together to make a better Kansas City at the heart. At 48th and Troost is the Gorman Conservation Center and Kaufmann Legacy Park that link the central city with more upscale districts. We are all linked; we are all one. I have, of course, only mentioned some of the many outstanding spots along Troost. If you haven't visited our city's center recently, I hope that you will do so, even get nourished at a church, restaurant, or volunteer site there. If I can aid you in connecting or reconnecting to the heart of the city, I would like to do so.

~ Around Kansas City ~



St. James 117th Anniversary

Saturday, August 26 at 6 PM



Celebrating our Founding Year – 117 and going strong!

Come. Eat. Celebrate. Donate*.
at 39th & Troost

*Admission: \$1.17 or MORE

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