



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 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

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Carrying the cross of Christ

Gabriel Loire (1904-1996)

"Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself, take up his cross,
and follow me."

~ Matthew 16:24

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, September 5 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.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

It was great to have so many visitors at the Garden table during the St. James 117th Anniversary picnic. If you want more fresh, fresh vegetables, stop by the South Garden and pick some more of the following:

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

• **FUNDRAISING**

The 117th Anniversary of the founding of St. James was well-attended, full of food, fun and absolutely cool! We raised over \$2,000. The Price Chopper card went to June Johnson and the Costco gift card was delivered to Sarah Hirsch. Thanks to everyone who attended, served, danced or made a donation. A special thank you goes to the Rockhurst College Freshman who participated in the Finucane Service Day Project at St. James. The hardy group of 13 helped set up for the anniversary by bringing up all of the tables and chairs from Marian Hall, taking them to the South Lawn and setting everything up! The group then continued on to work in the garden. We are so grateful for their help.

• **SAVE THE DATE**

The Goldenberg Duo returns to St. James on Sunday, October 1, 2023 in the church at 7 p.m.

• **FRENCH CLASS**

French class will resume on Tuesday, September 12, at 4:30pm in the rectory.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

~ Stewardship ~

Week 08/21—08/27: **\$3,898**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **87%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$33,194**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$40,329**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **82%**

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

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT
 Ez 33:7-9
 Rom 13:8-10
 Mt 18:15-20

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 08/27, 21st Sunday in OT **119**
Livestream Attendance
 08/27, 21st Sunday in OT **8**



Reflection from Fr. Garry Richmeier

In this polarized world, there are many ways to conceptualize the dichotomy among us. One way is to look at whether people focus on themselves or on others. When survival is at stake, human beings almost automatically focus on themselves -- how will I get food and shelter, how will I protect myself, etc. But people react that way even when the threat is merely imagined or manufactured by someone else. That is why groups (like political parties) will promote fear of others in order to get their members to defend against the threat, even though there may be no real threat. A famous example is when all people crossing our southern border were depicted as murderers and rapists. People in this spot might say "I have to take care of myself because no one else will." Even "religious" people, who purportedly trust God to protect them, will reflect this attitude. But their translation is "God helps those who help themselves." This fear-based view reflects a serious lack of faith in God, in others, and in creation as a whole.

Then there are people who tend to focus on others more often, rather than focusing on themselves. These people find ways to evaluate threats more realistically, and know that true threats to their well-being are relatively few and far between. They also have a deep sense of the connectedness of all creation, and believe that caring for others is really caring for themselves. People who approach life this way tend to have a deep trust in the notion that God created every person and every thing good. And they trust that, even in the face of realistic threat, if they give of themselves to others out of love, generosity, or compassion, God will take care of the rest. This is a trust-based view of life, rather than a fear-based view. It reflects Jesus' parable of the lilies of the field, who God protects just because.

In Lk. 8:50 Jesus says "Fear is useless; what is needed is trust." We get to choose whether fear or trust rules our lives.

Peace,

Fr. Garry

~ Around Kansas City ~



Labor Day Weekend in Kansas City: A Festival-Filled Guide

SOAK IN A FEW MORE SUMMER DAYS AND SEND OFF THE SEASON MEMORABLY WITH KANSAS CITY'S LABOR DAY CELEBRATIONS

CLICK THIS LINK: [LABOR DAY IN KC](#)

KANSAS CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

St. James received word that our application to adopt the southwest corner of 39th and Troost Bus Stop has been approved. We are responsible for keeping the trash and litter cleared from the bus stop. This project requires a minimum of an hour once a week. You can pick a day a week, once a month, work with a partner or select a time and day that works best for you. After Mass, see Mary Vincent in the back of church for more information or call the parish office. WE will get the bus stop cleaned up in no time with your help. Thank you!

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