



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 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

Email parish@stjkc.org

Website stjkc.org

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Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

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Parable of the two sons

Andrey Mironov

“Which of the two did his father’s will?”

~ Matthew 21:31

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

If you have or know of teenagers and adults who are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, signup forms will be available in the back of church.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Garden Gang will be spreading mulched leaves on the raised beds this year. We welcome your donation of mulched leaves. Drop them off in yard waste bags off by the tall rain barrels. No walnut leaves, sticks, and branches please. The following is ready for picking:

South Garden

Beds 4 - 7: Sweet Potato Greens Beds 8 and 9: Peppers
 Bed 10: Eggplant Beds 11 - 13: Tomatoes Bed 16: Swiss Chard
 Beds 17 and 18: Kale Trellises: Long beans and green beans

East Garden

Green beans

• **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, October 3 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.

• **ST. JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY TRUNK OR TREAT**

The Youth Ministry would like to invite adults and parents to join our trunk or treat celebration by decorating car trunks and passing out candies to our youth parishioners. The trunk or treat will take place on October 29th this year in the parking lot of St. James Parish after Mass. We are inviting all those who might be interested to sign up to decorate their vehicles and hand out candies.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the back of the church after Mass.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 09/18—09/24: **\$3,898**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **87%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$53,483**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$58,253**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **92%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Is 5:1-7
 Phil 4:6-9
 Mt 21:33-43

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 09/24, 25th Sunday in OT **115**
Livestream Attendance
 09/24, 25th Sunday in OT **7**



Reflection from Fr. Garry Richmeier

My brother had a pawpaw tree close to where he lived, and he would pick the fruit to eat. I had never tasted pawpaw, so I asked him what it tasted like. He gave me a description and explanation of the taste, basically comparing its taste and texture to fruit I was familiar with. I went to visit him one day when the pawpaws were ripe and I tasted one. That's when I really knew what a pawpaw was. From there on, no one had to explain to me what a pawpaw was -- the experience of eating one was all the explanation I will ever need.

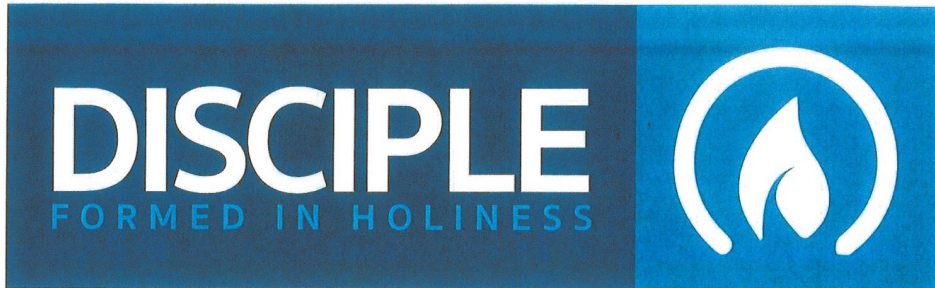
Our nation's bishops have declared this a year of Eucharistic Revival, and our diocese has given guidelines to those of us who preach for teaching and explaining the Eucharist. It continues our church's tradition of stressing explanation, teaching, and prescribing appropriate behavior as ways to help people in their relationship with God and with each other. There is nothing wrong with explanations and rules and teachings when trying to describe the Eucharist. But if one wants to really know what the Eucharist is, experiencing it is the ultimate teacher. Once Eucharist is experienced in its fullest sense, no more explanation is necessary, just like my experience of the pawpaw.

I suspect there is some unease and anxiety among church leaders regarding declining participation in Sunday mass among Catholics these days. The leaders may be "doubling down" on using extra explanation and teaching about the Eucharist as ways to get people back. The problem is probably not a lack of teaching and education, but a lack of providing a full, meaningful, and relatable experience of Eucharist. A fuller experience of Eucharist would include more than just performing the mass with the right prayers, the right posture, the right language, the right chalices, the right building, etc. It would also include emphasizing how participants are the Eucharist, the Body of Christ flowing out into the community and workplace. It would mean allowing the "one size fits all" Eucharistic liturgy to be adapted as appropriate to speak to different cultures and congregations. It would also mean being more inviting (rather than exclusionary) to those who don't fit the mold of the faithful Catholic.

I don't think people come to St. James because someone has explained to them the theology and importance of the Eucharist. I think people come to St. James because they have experienced a fuller sense of Eucharist than what has been offered in the official teachings. We experience belonging, connection, mission, purpose, support, diversity, social justice awareness and action, and many other things that aren't typically included in traditional explanations of the Eucharist. It is through that experience that we know what the Eucharist is.

Peace,

Fr. Garry



Parish Mission

Come join us for a parish mission and encounter the love of God in Christ Jesus!

October 16-19, 6-8pm

- Monday** | The Eternal Father
- Tuesday** | The Eternal Son of the Father
- Wednesday** | Sent by the Holy Spirit
- Thursday** | Our Lady and MISSION

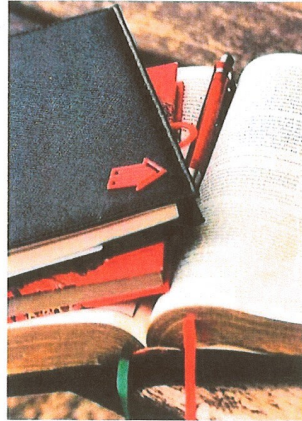
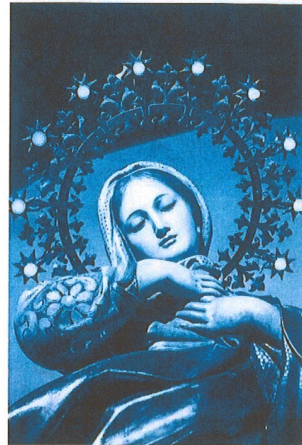
Guardian Angels Parish

1310 Westport Rd,
Kansas City, MO 64111

TO REGISTER OR ASK QUESTIONS:
Please see the table in the foyer at the end of Mass or contact the parish office at 816-931-4351.



Parish Mission Facilitator:
Fr. Peter Marsalek, SOLT, General Priest Servant
Fr. Peter earned his doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.



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| <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>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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