



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 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](mailto:parish@stjkc.org)

Website [stjkc.org](http://stjkc.org)

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Kansas City, MO 64110

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Kansas City, MO 64112

## Parish Staff

Fr. Don Farnan, Pastor [frdon@stjkc.org](mailto:frdon@stjkc.org)

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Fiona Odu Schulte, Youth Minister [fiona.odu@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.odu@gmail.com)

Joe Crayon, Ombudsman 816-812-2500

Victim Advocate [victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org)

## Parish Leadership Team

[LT@stjkc.org](mailto:LT@stjkc.org)

Sr. Francis Voivedich Dan Nash

Reba Burgess Presly Silbanuz

Philomena Odu Bob Anderson

Fr. Don Farnan Ben Babaran

## Parish Finance Council

[Finance@stjkc.org](mailto:Finance@stjkc.org)

Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



The parable of the wicked workers of the vineyard

Andrey Mironov (2013)

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.”

~ Matthew 21:42

**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**

Cooler weather and rain result in fall greens. Grab yourself greens for a salad or mess of cooked greens.

**South Garden**

Bed 1 - Lettuce      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**

Turnips, Mustard, and Green Beans

• **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.

• **SAVE-THE-DATE**

St. James will celebrate the Traditional Fifth Sunday Celebration on October 29, 2023.

~ *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   | • Gloryann David  |

~ *Stewardship* ~

Week 09/25—10/01: **\$4,167**  
Needed each week: **\$4,481**  
Percent of Weekly Budget: **93%**  
Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$57,650**  
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$62,734**  
Percent of Budget to Date: **92%**

~ *Next Sunday's Readings* ~

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN OT  
Is 25:6-10a  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
Mt 22:1-14

~ *Mass Attendance* ~

**In-person Attendance**  
10/01, 26th Sunday in OT      **128**  
**Livestream Attendance**  
10/01, 26th Sunday in OT      **11**



## *Reflection from Deacon Ross Beaudoin*

If you haven't found enough to think about, pray about or weigh-in on during the past couple of weeks, well, you haven't been paying attention....

The national news has brought us blow-by-blow reporting on the downfall of Kevin McCarthy as speaker of the House of Representatives and the scramble to find a replacement.

Thursday the report of a Russian missile strike on a small Ukrainian town - killing more than 50 civilians, young (6 years) and older – brought another shock in this unrelenting war.

Also on Thursday President Joe Biden announced the resumption of construction of the “border wall” that was begun by former President Donald Trump, while no action has emerged in Congress to address immigration reform.

In the U.S. West, healthcare workers (!) of Kaiser-Permanente went on strike... and elsewhere the United Auto Workers remain on strike for weeks

All the while, in Rome Pope Francis, cardinals, bishops, religious and lay delegates to the Synod are beginning the process of considering the direction that the Church needs to take in the coming years. All these are very complex issues in this fractured and suffering world...

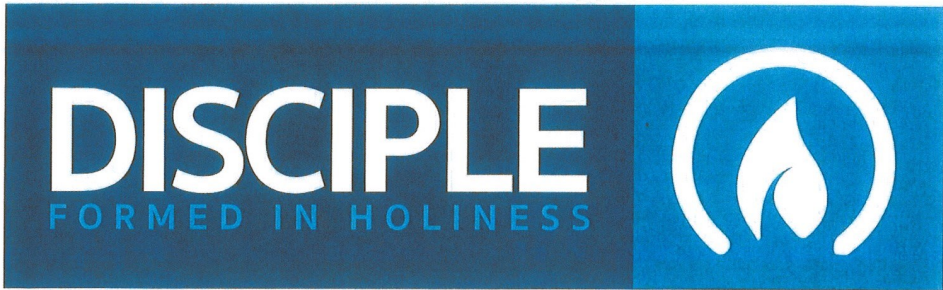
In this Sunday's second reading (Philippians 4:6-9) we are challenged: “Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude.” (Please read the full brief passage from Philippians.)

In today's gospel passage we read that a property owner built and fully equipped a vineyard and then leased it out to tenant farmers. When the owner returned to claim his share of the harvest the tenants beat and killed the owner's servants – and eventually the owner's own son! How could that be? Had the tenants completely forgotten all that had been provided for them to manage and develop?

You and I – and the members of the Synod in Rome – are the “tenant farmers” of the Church in the world. We all have a special responsibility to tend God's vineyard wherever we find ourselves and bring forth fruit in abundance. Let's not move on from where we are without taking stock of what we have been given and what needs to be done!

We can approach our task with open minds and hearts and full engagement... “Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude.” We are not alone in this endeavor! God provides us with all that we need, but sometimes we find it hard to comprehend or accept that...

*Peace,*  
*Deacon Ross*



### 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

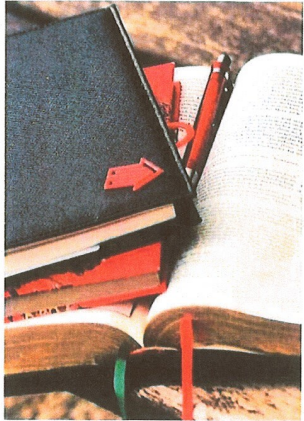
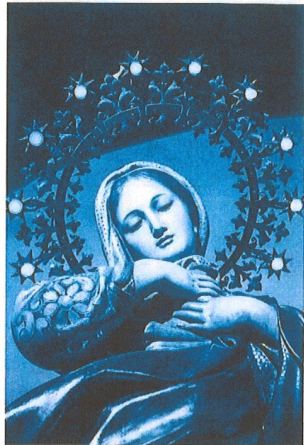
### Guardian Angels Parish

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.*



<p><b>Office of Child and Youth Protection</b></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"> <li>1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and</li> <li>2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and</li> <li>3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected <i>sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult</i> to the <b>Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon</b>, at 816-812-2500, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.</li> </ol> <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 <b>Victim Assistance Coordinator</b> at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES</b></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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