



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 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

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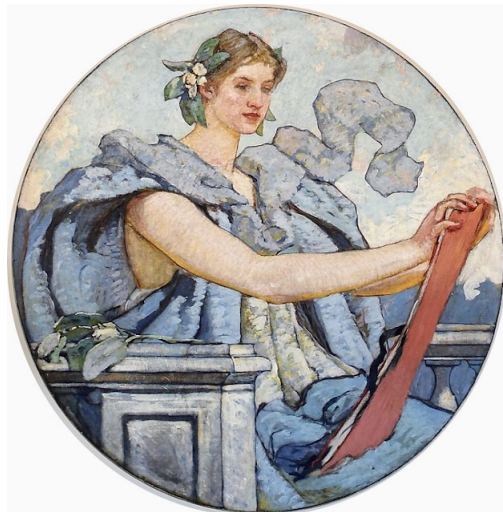
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Wisdom as a strong, lovely young woman

Robert Lewis Reid (1862–1929)

"The wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps."

~ Matthew 25:4

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• HELP WANTED FOR ST. JAMES CHILDREN

Children's Liturgy is up and running but we need your help in three ways:

(1) Have your kids (up to 6th grade) attend the sessions in Marian Hall during Mass.

(2) Adults to teach. It's not hard - really! If your child is participating, please consider being a teacher. But anyone can help. The more people, the less often you are needed.

(3) Pray for this ministry, the kids and teachers.

Let Dan Nash (dlmsmh98@gmail) know by email or at Mass to get you on our list! Or contact the parish office.

• ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN

The 2023 garden production season has officially ended. The remaining sweet potatoes, onions, and garlic can be found in the back of church. Continue to check the East, South and T39 back door gardens for the surviving greens (kale, collards, mustard and turnip greens, lettuce, beets, and arugula).

Work in the garden will continue, as we tidy it up, mend raised beds, mulch trees and beds, water, and plant garlic. Contact Sarah Hirsch (816.728.6115) if you are interested in helping either Saturdays or during the week.

• NEW FOUR PAINTINGS

The new four paintings that adorn the south and north doors of the church will be blessed during Mass on Sunday, November 19.



~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 10/30—11/05: **\$4,737**

Needed each week: **\$4,481**

Percent of Weekly Budget: **106%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$71,732**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$80,658**

Percent of Budget to Date: **89%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thes 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

11/05, 31st Sunday in OT **320**

Livestream Attendance

11/05, 31st Sunday in OT **10**



Reflection from Joan DeMerchant

Wisdom in A Brutalizing Time

There she is, the text tells us, sitting at the gate: Lady Wisdom, waiting eagerly to be found by those who seek her. She makes her rounds looking for those who are “worthy of her.” It sounds like discovering wisdom is easy...all you have to do is search (and be prudent).

I haven't had an easy time of it. I've prayed for wisdom in difficult circumstances, and sometimes made wise choices. But not consistently. As an elder, you'd think I'd cemented our relationship long ago...that wisdom would be there whenever needed. But, no. And when I look at the world around me, I wonder how much wisdom is actually ever at play out there: in families, in the workplace, in the church, in politics (local, national or international). David Brooks wrote recently in a New York Times article that “We're living in a brutalizing time.” “...the crust of civilization is thin.” We understand and feel this. We could sure use wisdom now....

Today's Gospel is also about the wisdom of preparedness. The story is a metaphor for being ready for Christ's return and the need to be awake, on the alert for the unexpected. The work isn't easy. How do we do this without living in fear? Without losing hope? Without being cynical? How long do we wait for this? Haven't people been doing that for a couple of thousand years now? Is it actually going to happen, and how in the heck can we prepare for it?

In the meantime, there are so many other things--that seem more immediate--to be prepared for. They're all connected to what we've called the Kingdom, the Reign of God and Jesus' Second Coming, in the sense of creating an environment of peace, justice, love and preservation of this precious planet. These require a kind of preparedness that isn't about anxiety or nail-biting or unbending control. These take new, different ways of thinking that only wisdom can bring.

I think we know intuitively what wisdom isn't, from current events. It isn't “safe rooms”, locks and bolts, Iron Domes, razor-wire fences, floodlights, border walls, elaborate security systems, refugee camps, ignoring climate change signs. Wisdom requires a kind of vulnerability that seems counter-intuitive, feminine and even un-American. To get there, we need to approach Wisdom like an old friend and say to her: “Are you there? It's me/us again. I/we need you.” To which I'm sure she will reply, “Ah...I've missed you. I thought you'd never ask.”

To the search,

Joan

~ Around Kansas City ~



Several events and discounts headline **Veterans Day weekend** at the **National WWI Museum and Memorial**:

- Free admission for veterans and active duty military personnel; half-price admission for the general public (Friday-Sunday, Nov. 10-12)
- Free public ceremony featuring several notable guests (Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.)
- Plenty of other exhibits and experiences.

There are more events celebrating Veterans Day around the metropolitan Kansas City. Please click [VISIT KC](#).

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