



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2024

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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Office Hours: 9:00 --3:00, Monday-Friday

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The Calling of Peter and Andrew
Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449 – 1494)

Jesus said to them,
"Come after me, and I will make you
fishers of men."

~ Mark 1:17

**Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays**

For information/events to be posted on the website:
Martha Belker at website@stjkc.org

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• CONFIRMATION

Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled on February 12, Monday, 7PM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The rehearsal will be on February 4, Sunday at Noon in St. Francis Xavier.

• CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

After Mass this Sunday, (Jan. 21), we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Please stay and help.

• LITURGY COMMITTEE

Liturgy Committee is meeting on January 23rd.

• PARISH GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Parish Growth Committee would like to invite you to our next meeting to discern your interest in its membership. We are meeting at Denise Simeone's house on Thursday, Feb 1, 2024 at 6PM. Her address is 28 West 58th St, KCMO. We will provide the dinner; no need to bring anything. Please RSVP to Martha Belker by text, 913-515-5789.

• FUNDRAISING

The next fundraising event is CHILI DAZE. It is scheduled on February 24, Saturday, at 6PM in the Marian Hall of St. James. We will have Chili, Raffle, Jimbo with fabulous prizes.

• FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The statements are now available in the folders in the back of the church. If you have questions or would rather have your statement sent electronically, please contact the parish office.

• PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 28, is the 4th Sunday of the month. It is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan Center needs toilet paper, cereal, and canned fruit.

• ST. JAMES PARKING LOT

While the parking lot's condition is better because of help from many parishioners and non-parishioners as well, it may not be an easy walk for many. PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

~ Stewardship ~

Week 1/08—1/14: **\$1,796(NO Mass)**

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

Percent of Weekly Budget: **40%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$118,307**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$125,468**

Percent of Budget to Date: **94%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Carole Gary |
| • Amie Miller | • Paul DeMerchant |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Ross Beaudoin |
| • Sarita Cann | • Helen Toney Cann |
| • Bill Pickett | |

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

1/14, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **NO Mass**

Livestream Attendance

1/14, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **NO Mass**



Reflection from Bonnie Haghirian

A few weeks ago we celebrated the Feast of Epiphany, in the cold and ice. At that time, I gave my students an assignment entitled, "Matthew, Taylor and Me," to give them an opportunity to reflect on what an epiphany is, and how it can be a moment in time when the darkness clears and we can truly see. (I was also thinking it was pretty cool to have them work with Taylor Swift's song "Epiphany.") The assignment gave them a chance to read Matthew's Gospel, Taylor's lyrics, and then reflect on their own experience of an epiphany moment. I shared the story that I am writing to you now, as an example.

I have often called my personal little epiphanies "God moments," and that is what I would like to share with you.

After Christmas, I was in Alexandria, Kentucky, across the river from Cincinnati, with a friend of mine while visiting her and my sister. A trip to Meijer's is always part of the experience. We wandered the aisles looking at sales and seeing bare shelves and empty clothing racks due to the Christmas rush. We picked up a few things and went up to the register - the one with a real person, not a self checkout.

There was a woman ahead of us, and she was buying several cans of Skyline Chili. Several cans! You need to know that Cincinnati chili is a Greek cuisine, made with cinnamon and served on little hot dogs called coneys, with mounds of cheese on top. And you can buy it in cans and make it at home. Seeing the cans, I said to Joni, "Oh! That's what we haven't done - we haven't had chili and coneys!"

The lady in line laughed and asked if we were from Cincinnati. She said she had lived there in the past, she was in town for the holidays, and she was buying up those Cincinnati treats you can't get anywhere else. And then, she asked if we were from the area. Joni was raised in Kentucky, but I said I was from Kansas City. And now the lady told us her name was Kim. Kim told us that she was born in Blue Springs and grew up there so we had a bit of common territory. At that point, I told her that I live in Kansas City now, but grew up in Atchison, Kansas.

Most people haven't heard of Atchison, but some know it as the home of Amelia Earhart. Kim stopped and said, "Atchison? Have you heard of the Mount there?" I shared that I had gone to the Academy there, and that I go to the Mount to visit the Sisters from time to time.

By this time, the young woman cashier was getting excited as she overheard everything.

And then, Kim told me her story. Her mother had gone to Lillis High School in Kansas City, graduated in 1961, and felt called to religious life with the Benedictine Sisters in Atchison, immediately after graduation. She had been in the community for several years of formation, then decided she was called to marriage. So she left the Benedictines, fell in love, was married and had three daughters. Kim's mother died of cancer, far too young, in 1979, at the age of 39, while Kim was still very young.

Kim had always wanted to write a book about her mom, to share her story, but there were those "convent years" that she knew nothing about. She asked if I knew any of the Sisters at the Mount, but my mind was already in "Rolodex mode," thinking of the women I know in that Community who would be a few years older than me, who might have been in her mother's class. We exchanged phone numbers and I think, a hug. The young woman at the checkout said, "I just love it when God does things like this! God really does!" I promised Kim that I would work on finding information for her as soon as I got back home.

Within a few days, with the help of Sr. Molly Brockwell, several Sisters who had been in her mother's formation class had shared emails with Kim, and their memories of those wonderful years with her mom. Blue eyes, blonde hair, always a smile, a beautiful voice. And they remembered going to her Wake and Funeral and seeing little Kim and her sisters.

Kim was completely blissful with the exchanges. Last week, she texted me that she was traveling to Fort Leavenworth as part of her job with the military, and I told her that she would be only about 30 minutes from Mount St. Scholastica while in Leavenworth, and I encouraged her to meet the Sisters her mother had known. (They are truly an incredible group of women!)

So, about three weeks after the chili episode in Kentucky, Kim met and embraced her mother's friends in Atchison, Kansas and they had an evening of stories, laughter, memories and tears. And now Kim knows about those years of her mother's life and she is sharing them with her siblings and her children.

For me, this has become an epiphany moment, a God moment. It was a time when all of the heavens, the spinning of the earth on its axis, the aisles at Meijers and some cans of chili in Kentucky, all worked together to uncover stories of a mother taken too soon from her children.

When have you experienced a God moment? An epiphany?

Never go the self checkouts. Nothing happens there!

Peace - Bonnie

~ Around Kansas City ~

HEALING THE HURT: A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY

JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO OFFER
SUPPORT, PROMOTE HEALING,
AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR THOSE
WHOM THE CHURCH HAS HURT,
EXCLUDED, OR ABANDONED.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

2024

7:00PM - 8:00PM

SPONSORED BY CATHOLICS
SEEKING SOLIDARITY
AND JUSTICE

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
3736 S LEE'S SUMMIT ROAD
INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055

For further information, email kccssj2023@gmail.com

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

2nd Sunday - FAITH
FORMATION SUNDAY

3rd Sunday - HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY

4th Sunday - PANTRY
SUNDAY

5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY
CELEBRATION