



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 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

**(816) 561-8512**

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

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### Parish Staff

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### Parish Leadership Team

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Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

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Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



**The Three Wise Men**

ESUS MAFA

“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.”

~ Matthew 2:10-11

**Bulletin Deadline:  
Mondays**

For information/events to be posted on the website:  
Martha Belker at [website@stjkc.org](mailto:website@stjkc.org)

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME

After the Christmas Holidays, the Confirmation candidates resume their preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday after Mass. Confirmation is scheduled on February 12, 7PM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

### • MLK DAY OBSERVANCE & PRAYER SERVICE

Please join the Community of St. Therese Little Flower for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance with a Prayer Service and Day of Caring, January 15, 2024. The Prayer Service will be at 10 am.

### • FRENCH CLASSES

French classes presented by Deacon candidate Andre Fontcha will resume next week. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### • KNITTING AND CROCHETING

There will be a knitting and crocheting session on January 16, Tuesday, at 6PM in the rectory.

### • SAVE-THE-DATE

The next fundraising event is CHILI DAZE. It is scheduled on February 24, Saturday, at 6PM. We will have Chili, Raffle, Jimbo with fabulous prizes.



### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 12/25—12/31: **\$6,560**

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

Percent of Weekly Budget: **146%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$107,891**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$116,506**

Percent of Budget to Date: **93%**

### ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

### ~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

#### In-person Attendance

12/31, Feast of the Holy Family **186**

#### Livestream Attendance

12/31, Feast of the Holy Family **13**



## *Reflection from Fr. Garry Richmeier*

I recently saw a meme on Facebook that caught my attention. It was a photograph of a rather evil-looking clown pointing out something to another, less evil-looking clown. The caption read "2023 showing 2024 around the workplace." That meme would fit under the motto "It's better to laugh at troubles than to cry."

At the beginning of each new year, people usually envision all the wonderful possibilities that the new year might have in store. It's a time for outlining our hopes and dreams for the future, and making commitments (resolutions) to make things better. It may just be me, but this year seems different. I hear people (and the media) talking about things getting worse rather than better. For example, people talk about the upcoming election as being crazier and even more divisive than the last two elections. And there is no one suggesting that the political parties in Congress will even come close to working together in the coming year. Most commentators discussing the wars going on in the Ukraine and the Middle East conclude that it will only get worse, drawing other countries into the wars. And of course the dire predictions regarding climate change and the refusal of many countries to effectively address it does not bode well for our future. Hope for the future seems hard to come by these days.

We who call ourselves Christian are supposed to be people of hope, trusting that God's plan is at work in our world. So how are we to hold on to hope when we are inundated with so much chaos, violence, hate, suffering, and general apathy? One strategy is to once in a while remind ourselves of the big picture. There has always been hate, suffering, and war as long as humans have been on this planet, yet we are still here and God is at work. There are no guarantees of course, but we will probably still be here in the future. The big picture includes recognizing that although many things are pretty awful, some things are better today than they used to be. One example is racism. It still exists, but today we can talk about it openly, point it out when we see it, and we have passed some laws outlawing discrimination in some areas. Something else we can do to hold on to hope is highlight the many voices calling for change. One such person who comes to mind for me is Greta Thunberg, the young Swedish activist who calls for action in reducing global warming. And maybe the most effective way to cultivate hope for the future is by doing something(s) that will make the future more like what we want it to be. This reminds me of another Facebook meme I ran across. One character looks like he's working in the garden, while another character asks "Aren't you terrified of what 2024 could be like? Everything is so messed up!" The gardener says "I think it will bring flowers." "YES? WHY?" the other one asks. "Because I'm planting flowers" responds the gardener.

Whether we are in the worst of times or the best of times, our job remains the same -- planting the seeds of peace, respect, compassion, and love, trusting that God will allow those seeds to flower in God's own time.

*Peace,*

*Fr. Garry*

~ Around Kansas City ~

2nd Quarter 2023 - 2024 REPORT		
Ordinary Budget	2023-2024 Fiscal Budget	2023-2024 Fiscal Actual
<b>INCOME</b>		
Weekly Collections	\$ 52,000	\$ 48,249
Gifts from St. James Friends	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,750
Other Income		
>Diocesan ministry grant	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750
>Facility donations	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,846
>Fundraisers	\$ 3,700	\$ 4,270
>Religious Education Income	\$ 125	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 64,475</b>	<b>\$ 62,865</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel	\$ 28,100	\$ 27,977
Facilities & Maintenance	\$ 7,350	\$ 7,319
Operational	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,115
Insurance	\$ 18,350	\$ 18,350
Diocesan assessment	\$ 5,475	\$ 5,475
Ministries		
>Prayer & Worship	\$ 900	\$ 965
>Religious Education	\$ 475	\$ 450
>Pastoral Ministry	\$ 825	\$ 811
Extraordinary Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 64,475</b>	<b>\$ 64,462</b>
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -1,597</b>

**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