



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 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

Email parish@stjkc.org

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## Parish Staff

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Joe Crayon, Ombudsman 816-812-2500

Victim Advocate victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org

## Parish Leadership Team LT@stjkc.org

Sr. Francis Voivedich Dan Nash

Reba Burgess Presly Silbanuz

Philomena Odu Bob Anderson

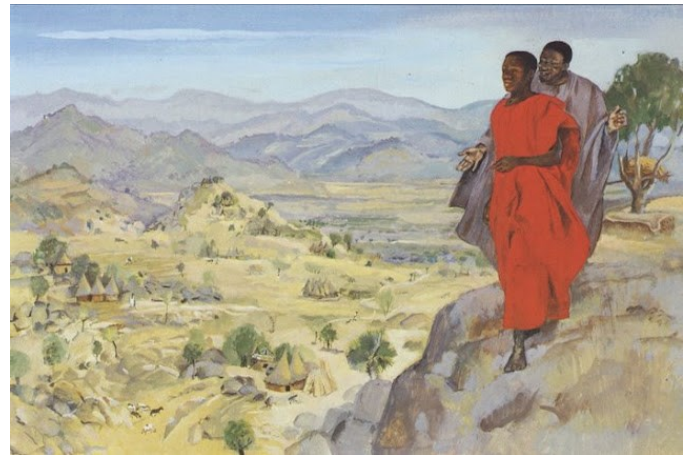
Fr. Don Farnan Ben Babaran

## Parish Finance Council Finance@stjkc.org

Ben Babaran Peter Hughes

Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan



## Jesus is tempted

JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa - 1973

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

~ Mark 1:12-13

**Bulletin Deadline:  
Mondays**

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

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • **KNITTING & CROCHETING**

There is a Knitting & Crocheting session scheduled on Tuesday, February 20, at 6pm in the rectory.

### • **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, February 25, is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan Center needs single serving items for the homeless bags—example: cheese/crackers, peanut butter/crackers, tuna, Vienna sausage, pudding cups, fruit cups, etc.

### • **VERONICA OKOLO**

The funeral Mass for Veronica will be on Saturday, February 24, at 10am here in St. James.

### • **CHILI DAZE**

Great fun awaits you!

Festivities begin at 6 pm with the chili contest. We get to eat and vote! There will be chili, cornbread and brownies. Drinks are available for purchase. The fun continues as we play St. James's favorite game-JIMBO with its fabulous prizes! All of this for \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 children. Raffle tickets are also available. One ticket \$3.00; 2 tickets \$5.00. Raffle tickets are still available—take a chance now!

We look forward to seeing you on the 24th for delicious food, fabulous prizes and fun, fun, fun.

### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 2/5—2/11: **\$4,391**

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

Percent of Weekly Budget: **98%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$149,137**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$143,392**

Percent of Budget to Date: **104%**

### ~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

### ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| • Ed Pailer         | • Ross Beaudoin              |
| • Amie Miller       | • Helen Toney Cann           |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe   |
| • Sarita Cann       | • Phoebe Moore & her parents |
| • Bill Pickett      |                              |
| • Carole Gary       |                              |
| • Paul DeMerchant   |                              |

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

#### In-person Attendance

2/11, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time **181**

#### Livestream Attendance

2/11, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time **16**



## *Reflection from Bro. Louis Rodemann*

World Day of Social Justice, celebrated annually on Feb 20, was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007. The goal is "to strengthen the social contract that has been fractured by rising inequalities, conflicts and weakened institutions meant to protect human rights."

The UN lists 10 specific areas:


- 1) equal pay
- 2) civil rights
- 3) affordable housing
- 4) healthcare access
- 5) criminal justice reform
- 6) LGBTQ+ rights
- 7) environmental justice
- 8) education equity
- 9) worker rights
- 10) immigrant rights

Some of the most pressing social justice issues impacting us locally are: poverty, homelessness, climate change, proliferation of nuclear weapons, mass incarceration (especially poor persons of color), immigration, gender inequality, access to health care, education, nutrition.

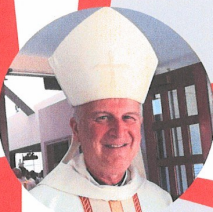
The goal of St. James Social Justice Committee is to announce, inform, educate and invite participation of St. James parishioners to monthly activities addressing these issues. We welcome you to join our committee and/or offer your reflections and suggestions.

*Peace,*  
*Bro. Louis*

~ Around the Kansas City ~



YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
**BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH MASS  
CELEBRATION**



*Featured celebrant James V. Johnston, Jr.,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph*

Discover the richness of Black history through a soulful journey at our Black History Month Mass Celebration led by the Black Catholic Implementation Team. Join us after service for food and fellowship hosted by Kansas City Catholics Addressing Racism. Program includes:

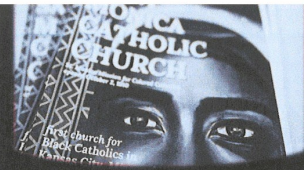




**Historic Narrative: Significance of Worship Among Enslaved Africans in America**

**Interpretive Dance: Praise in Motion Liturgical Dancers**

**Celebrant/Homilist: Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., DD, Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph**

**Inspiring Message: Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman's "Address to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops"**

**Sunday, February 25**  
Celebration begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Reception immediately following  
**St. Monica Catholic Church**  
1616 Paseo Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64108

<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 <a href="mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org">true.francis@diocesekcsj.org</a> for more information.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES</b></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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