



TRINITY SUNDAY

May 26, 2024

*St. James Catholic Church*  
*3909 Harrison \* Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

### *Reflection from Steve Nicely*

Tomorrow is Memorial Day, a federal holiday when we are supposed to pause and remember our 1.3 million American war dead in 10 wars. That's a lot of dead people. Almost half of them, 620,000, were casualties of our own Civil War when both sides were Americans. World War II had 405,000, World War I, 117,000 and Vietnam, 58,000.

I managed to survive nine years in the Navy, four on active duty and five as a "weekend warrior" spending one weekend a month plus a two-week "summer cruise" each year practicing our military skills. Mine was that of an aviation navigator during 3,000 hours of flying mostly from Midway Island north to the Aleutians and back in radar-equipped planes. We were looking for Russian bombers from Siberia headed toward our west coast. We would alert our defenses to intercept them, but we never saw one, thank God.

There were a few situations when it was questionable whether our flight crew would survive and once whether Marcia and our infant son would survive. That was the Cuban missile Crisis in October, 1962, when our squadron, based at Barber's Point, Hawaii, was alerted to be ready to evacuate to another island in case of a likely nuclear attack. Those orders did not include dependents. Marcia's reaction was, "What about us?" My answer, in effect, was, "I don't know, honey, but I'll have to go." Thank God, it didn't happen.

Then there was the time that I became a Veteran of Foreign Wars during one of those two-week summer cruises. We took a load of tires to Vietnam in a hand-me-down C-118, landed at Da Nang, unloaded quickly and took off six hours later. At our next stop we discovered bullet hole in the tail section. "See there?" I proclaimed. "We are combat veterans." I have friends with Purple Hearts from Vietnam who don't think that's very funny. We did receive hazardous duty pay and Vietnam War service medals.

Fast forward to the present state of our human condition. Are we any closer to peace? Our troops are not involved in the Russia-Ukrainian or Israeli-Hamas wars but still, we are heavily involved with technology and weaponry. More atomic bombs are stockpiled around the world than ever before. It's not hard to imagine Armageddon, that final biblical battle between the forces of good and evil. Pray God, it doesn't happen.

Some of us at St. James went to hear pacifist Fr. John Dear speak when he was in town recently and bought his book, "The Gospel of Peace," highlighting how Jesus was nonviolent to the core. Don't fight. Lay down your arms. And if the Ukrainians did that, would Russia do the same?

I don't know the solution. I suspect it's beyond our capacity at this stage, but it's not beyond us to pray for help. Last Sunday's gathering hymn was a good one when we sang, "Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth...Fill us with the fire of your love, burn in us now, bring us together. Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, oh Lord. Come to us Spirit of God." Yes, pray it happens.

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all the parishioners who shared their languages with us last Sunday. Antonio Ruiz proclaimed the 2nd reading in Spanish. During the response to the first reading of Pentecost, these people shared their languages: Gladys Nwachukwu – Ibo, Bill Moylan – Gallic, Jess Ortradovec– Spanish, Marcus Liddell – German, Emmanuel Kangni Soukpe - French, Edouard Nzambimana – Swahili, Rashan Paiva – Tamil, and Sharon Wallace – American Sign Language. You enhanced our celebration of the coming of the Spirit and of our world-wide church.

- **MINISTRY FAIR/FAITH FORMATION**

Thank you to our fabulous parishioners who lead a wide variety of ministries at St. James! Their displays and encouragement to all of us to find ways to carry the Spirit of Pentecost into the community made our Ministry Fair fabulous! Thanks to everyone who stayed, signed up for more information, volunteered and shared snacks after Mass. This is another way that we have to really get to know the people we pray with every Sunday!

It looks like we'll have another Ministry Fair in the Fall, but now is the time we hope to connect with parishioners who signed up in various areas of parish life.

In June, Faith Formation Sunday is Father's Day, so we will not have an official gathering. In July, Faith Formation Sunday is July 21. We have an opportunity to visit the Nelson Museum with a docent to look at religious art in various cultures. We will have sign ups soon!

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Pantry Sunday is next Sunday, June 2. Bishop Sullivan needs tuna, Mac and cheese, canned soups, peanut butter, toilet paper, bar soap and toothpaste.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

Who knew that potato blossoms were so beautiful. Swing by the garden to see them in person and join us Saturday, May 23rd, at 9:30 am to plant sweet potatoes and tend the garden or pick some veggies:

***East Garden***

Kale

Green Onions

***South Garden***

Bed 2 - Lettuce

Bed 6 - Swiss Chard, Mustard and Turnip Greens

Beds 12 and 13 - Garlic Scapes

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

June 2—PANTRY SUNDAY

June 9—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

June 16—FATHER'S DAY - NO FAITH FORMATION SESSION

June 30—FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION

• **AROUND KANSAS CITY**

Journey to New Life Annual Event is on June 5, 2025. We want to pack the house and speak our truth about JTNL [Annual Fundraiser - Journey to New Life, Inc.](#)

There is unfortunately an execution on June 11. Please join in and sign the petition. [Clemency For David Hosier \(salsalabs.org\)](#)

**Memorial Day: pray, meditate, reflect.**  
**When: Monday, 5/27, 10-11 am**  
**Where: National Security Campus**  
**a nuclear weapon production plant**  
**14510 Botts Rd., KC MO**



<https://peaceworkskc.org/memorial-day-pray-meditate-reflect-at-nuclear-weapon-plant/>

Contact: Henry Stoever, [henrystoever@sbcglobal.net](mailto:henrystoever@sbcglobal.net),  
 913-375-0045



*~ We Hold in Prayer ~*

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| • Ed Pailer                | • Clare Duffy Laramie |
| • Amie Miller              | • Jarron Cann         |
| • Sarita Cann              | • Beverly Johnson     |
| • Carole Gary              | • Oscar Sherlby, Sr.  |
| • Paul DeMerchant          | • Kate Miller         |
| • Ross Beaudoin            | • Matthew Cann, Jr.   |
| • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe | • Brenda Chapman      |
| • George Sitterly          | • Helen McDonald      |
| • Wanda Decker             | • Punch Tuggle        |
| • Cele Breen               | • Wilson Olter        |
|                            | • Andy Bylinowski     |

*~ Stewardship ~*

Week 5/13—5/19: **\$3,948**  
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **88%**  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$207,775**  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$206,126**  
 Percent of Budget to Date: **101%**

*~ Next Sunday's Readings ~*

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY  
 Ex 24:3-8  
 Heb 9:11-15  
 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

*~ Mass Attendance ~*

**In-person Attendance**  
 5/19, Pentecost Sunday **152**  
**Livestream Attendance**  
 5/19, Pentecost Sunday **7**

## St. James Catholic Church 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.

## St. James Catholic Church 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

### Weddings

Contact the Parish Office at least 9 months prior to the wedding date

### 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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### St James on Facebook

Public, only St James admin team can post - <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown>

Private, must request to join, members can post - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/157616239340>

### Bulletin Deadline: Mondays—Email to [parish@stjkc.org](mailto:parish@stjkc.org)

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

### 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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.