



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 30, 2024

St. James Catholic Church

*3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

"Small enough to know your name, big enough to make a difference."

Reflection from Sr. Michele Morek, OSU

WELCOME

Seven years ago, I went to my first Mass at my new parish in New York City—Saint Francis Xavier in Manhattan. A little elderly man, rather poorly dressed, slid into the pew next to me. I started to reach for my purse, thinking he was going to ask for money.

Surprise! Instead, he welcomed me to the parish, and handed me a free missalette. I loved many things about that parish, but my most vivid memory was of my first welcome.

First impressions are so important. My first impressions of Saint James were:

- The flags on the back wall (I was just coming from a job that involved work at the United Nations and I was looking for a parish with diversity)
- The diversity and friendliness of the congregation
- And—believe it or not—I was favorably impressed by the water damage on the walls. That indicated to me that the parish priorities were people, not “cosmetic”!

Saint James has lived up to its first impression for me, and is my favorite of all my 80 years’ worth of experiences in parishes. I was happy to be asked to be a Greeter, part of our parish Hospitality Ministry, and have met some wonderful people. When I meet a new person, I usually welcome them, point proudly to our flags, and tell them what a great parish we have here.

Recently it must have worked on a new lady I greeted; the next Sunday she came back and let me know that she brought her husband with her! And showed him the flags.

So wear your name tags proudly! They are a simple way to help newcomers feel welcome, (and a way to help old timers like me remember your name). I think our official song for Saint James should be “All are welcome in this place!” Choir, what do you think?

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS OPPORTUNITY DAY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, July 2 from 6-8 pm.

Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave.

Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item.

Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend.

- **FAITH FORMATION**

The Faith Formation field trip to the Nelson Art Museum is all set for Sunday, JULY 28.

Following Mass, we'll offer a sandwich lunch in the back of church on the hospitality tables.

Tours begin at 12:15. If you are a member, bring your card for free parking and invite some others to carpool with you. Tour is 1 hour 15 minutes long.

We have filled all of our spots. Contact Bonnie for a wait list.

bhaghirian@yahoo.com

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The early days of summer in June and July are days of impatient waiting; waiting for green tomatoes sitting green on the vine to turn red. This Saturday we will do another garlic test dig. If the garlic is not ready to dig, we will weed. Currently available for harvesting is the following:

East Garden

Kale

South Garden

Bed 6 - Swiss Chard

Beds 12 and 13 - Garlic

Raised Bed along Troost 39 - Clove Currants

South Raised Bed - Blackberries

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Pantry Sunday is July 7th. The pantry is asking for items to put in the homeless bags to give out. Items most helpful are: granola bars, single serve tuna, chicken salad with crackers, fruit cups, pudding cups, crackers and cheese, crackers and peanut butter, and single serve Chef Boyardi items.

- **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

Join us after Mass this Sunday for lunch in the Marian Hall.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

June 30—FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION

July 7—PANTRY SUNDAY

July 14—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

July 21—REDEMPTORIST MISSION APPEAL

• **IN COLLABORATION WITH ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

Migrant Farmworkers will arrive in late July. The peaches and apples are ripening and 500 pickers and their families will arrive to harvest acres of produce in Lafayette County. Migrant Farmworkers Fund relies on the generosity of our parishes to sustain them while they are here. They are asking for:

- ◆ Pinto beans (if you shop Walmart, you can get 20# for \$14.94)
- ◆ Socks - high top work socks

We will set up a place in church to drop off these items. You can start dropping the items off next Sunday.

• **BANNERS FOR THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME**

There are 4 new banners up for this season of Ordinary Time. The ends are cut to remind people of leaves since for us this is a time of growth in nature. The solid green banner is from material which was already here in church. We bought the material for the lighter green banners. The multi-colored material was given to us by St. Therese Little Flower Church from a parishioner there who brought it from Nigeria last summer. We thank them for the gift.

• **DOCUMENTARY ABOUT ALVIN BROOKS**

On July 11 at 7PM on KC PBS Channel 19.1, Kevin Willmott’s documentary, THE HEROIC TRUE-LIFE ADVENTURES OF ALVIN BROOKS, will be shown.

• **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**

The Parish Office will be closed on July 4, Thursday, and July 5, Friday.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Cele Breen |
| • Amie Miller | • Clare Duffy Laramie |
| • Sarita Cann | • Kate Miller |
| • Carole Gary | • Brenda Chapman |
| • Paul DeMerchant | • Helen McDonald |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Wilson Olter |
| • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe | • Andy Bylinowski |
| • George Sitterly | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Wanda Decker | • Pat Marrin |

~ Stewardship ~

Week 6/17—6/23: **\$2,745**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **61%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$226,979**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$228,531**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **99%**

~ Next Sunday’s Readings ~

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Ez 2:2-5
 2 Cor 12:7-10
 Mk 6:1-6

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 6/23, 12th Sunday in OT **116**
Livestream Attendance
 6/23, 12th Sunday in OT **12**

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

Email

parish@stjkc.org

Website

stjkc.org

Address

3909 Harrison St.

Kansas City, MO 64110

P.O. Box Number

P.O. Box 30388

Kansas City, MO 64112

If you would like to register as a parishioner, registration forms are in a folder tacked to the bulletin board by the live-stream window in the back of church. Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket during Mass. The form is also on our website STJKC.ORG under Contact Us.

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

For information/events to be posted on the website: Email to 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 for more information.