



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 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 Denise Simeone

My friend Cele was a procrastinator — a wonderful procrastinator, but nonetheless a master procrastinator. She waited to see what might come at the last minute, a new idea just around the corner. That way, she got it all in. But the truth be told - she always had a bunch of other things to do, usually that were more fun - than the project or the class or report that was due.

Cele loved the Scriptures. She was immersed in them. She read, studied and prayed with them exploring new insights into them and taught others to do the same. Over the last 25 years Cele and I used Scripture passages of Advent and Lent to offer retreats. Though they were familiar passages, it was the discussion or mind mapping we did to prepare that enabled us to be surprised by something fresh in them, like finding a buried treasure, a lost coin, a treasured pearl, or a beloved lost sheep. Maybe it was something that Cele even discovered at the last minute because she was open to that possibility.

She was a dreamer especially about how God was revealing the Spirit of God in the world. She was a team player, a collaborator doing whatever had to be done - from using her gift for calligraphy to hauling tables and chairs. She was a wonderful teacher and mentor. Often when speaking she hardly ever finished a sentence. She'd have so many thoughts in her head that she'd move on to another idea without completing the thought on the first idea. Her imagination ran far ahead of her speech ability!

My last visit with Cele was the Saturday night before she died. She was in bed and somewhat restless. I was pretty sure it would be my last visit since I was leaving town a couple days later (though given her tenacity I would not have put it past her to be still around when I got back in two weeks!) I sang her songs that we both knew and loved from retreats and celebrations. I reminded her of all the people waiting — family and friends among the communion of saints.

That last night I told her she had procrastinated many times before pulling off many wonderful things but this was one thing she could not keep procrastinating about forever. I said goodbye. (I was not surprised to hear that she rallied for a few more visits over the next couple of days for friends and family.) She savored every moment and every friendship to the last drop like fine wine and good bread, both of which she loved.

Her community quoted Daniel 12:3 for her obituary. "She used her insight and wisdom, both gifts given her by the Creator God to shine and lead and serve faithfully, bringing many to justice and righteousness."

Now may she shine as brightly as the stars forever and ever.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Please join us this Sunday right after Mass for some hospitality treats.

- **FAITH FORMATION**

FAITH FORMATION DATES:

August 18

September 22

October 13

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Begins on September 8

FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

Sign ups on August 11th, August 18th, and August 25th

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The reduced temperatures and rain have blessed the kale, arugula, and beets that were planted last Saturday. On top of watering and weed eating this Saturday starting at 9:30 am, we will be planting beans, kohlrabi, turnips, and mustard greens. Produce ready to pick include:

East Garden

Kale

Wire Cages - Long Beans

South Garden

Beds 14 and 15 - Peppers

Wire Cages - Tomatoes

Trellises - Beans

Raspberries

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

The Knitting and Crocheting group will meet on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30pm in the rectory.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

August 11—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

August 18—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY PRESENTATION - Pacific Islanders' Traditions

August 24—118TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES CHURCH

September 1—PANTRY SUNDAY

September 8—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY; CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD STARTS

September 22—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - Justice Project

• **118TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC**

The Anniversary Celebration begins at 5:30PM with The Garden of Games, karaoke, line dancing, raffle, dinner, drinks, a Parade of Cookies for dessert!

Admission is \$1.18. Moveable decimal point! \$1.18 or \$11.80 or \$118.0. Move the decimal for St. James! If you are not available to attend, please consider making a donation. THANK YOU!

PLEASE sign up to HELP at the 118th Anniversary Picnic.



~ Stewardship ~

THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 REPORT AND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND SUBMITTED. THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEKEND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN OT

Prv 9:1-6

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Join us for our anniversary picnic

SATURDAY AUG. 24

ADMISSION \$1.18

DINNER, KARAOKE, GAMES AND MORE!!!

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~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Kate Miller |
| • Amie Miller | • Helen McDonald |
| • Sarita Cann | • Andy Bylinowski |
| • Carole Gary | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Paul DeMerchant | • Pat Marrin |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Oscar Shelby |
| • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe | • Beverly Johnson |
| • George Sitterly | • Jeronn Cann |
| • Wanda Decker | • Punch Tuggle |
| • Clare Duffy Laramie | • Mark Cann, Sr. |

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
8/4, 18th Sunday in OT	147
Livestream Attendance	
8/4, 18th Sunday in OT	14

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

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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.