



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 1, 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 Fr. Garry Richmeier

When you are watching a movie in a theater, you probably aren't consciously aware of the screen upon which the movie is being projected. But it is there, and the movie could not be seen without it. When you look at a painting, you probably don't notice the canvas upon which the picture is painted. But it is there, and the picture could not exist without it. When you are reading from a book, you probably focus only on the printed words and the story they tell. You probably don't focus on the paper page, without which the words could not be printed and the story could not be told.

As quantum theory scientists study how things work at the subatomic level, they are theorizing that there is something that underlies everything we see, from supernovas, to planets, to trees, to microbes. On one level, you could call it space, or emptiness. After all, everything needs space in which to be or exist. But these scientists are calling this "something" Dark Matter, or Dark Energy. They theorize that this dark energy pervades everything and is everywhere, even in empty space. They say it is this invisible energy that holds everything together, and keeps atoms and molecules from spinning out of control and tearing everything apart. Some have compared dark energy to a canvas upon which everything in the universe is painted. Without it, the picture of reality could not hold together or be seen. Or like the paper pages in a book, without which the story of reality could not be written.

It strikes me that this is a pretty good description of God. We have always said that God is love, and that God is everywhere. Love is another word for relationship, or connection. It is what binds us to each other, and keeps us from flying out of control and destroying each other. Maybe what scientists are calling dark energy, the glue that is everywhere and holds everything together, is really love/God. And whenever we choose to cooperate with this uniting force, like when we recognize our connections and join together for the greater good, we are joining in the work of that life-giving force.

Maybe quantum theory and Spirituality are not that far apart in describing how things work, in describing how God works.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, September 3 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**

FAITH FORMATION DATES:

September 22

October 13

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Begins next Sunday, September 8

FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

Sign ups continue

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Pantry Sunday is this Sunday, September 1. Bishop Sullivan Center requests items for folks with NO cooking, refrigeration, or housing available:

- ◆ Single serve tuna and/or chicken salad, cookies, chips
- ◆ Poptop: Vienna sausage, Chef Boyardee entrees, Spaghettios
- ◆ Fruit cups, pudding, cheese & crackers, peanut butter, and granola bars
- ◆ Hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The Garden Gang thanks the Rockhurst students for helping plant lettuce last Saturday. Despite the heat, we already have newly planted kale and arugula ready to pick. Produce ready for harvest include the following:

East Garden

Kale

Wire Cages - Long Beans

South Garden

Bed 9 - Arugula Beds 14 and 15 - Peppers

Wire Cages - Tomatoes Trellises - Beans Raspberries

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

September 1—PANTRY SUNDAY

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

September 8—ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT MASS

September 14—CELE BREEN'S MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE, 10AM

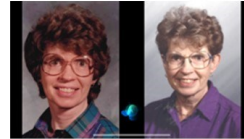
September 22—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - Justice Project on Human Trafficking

September 29—5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION

September 29—GOLDENBERG DUO CONCERT, 7PM

CELE BREEN, SCL (MARY CECILE)

August 25, 1936 - July 18, 2024



Memorial Prayer Service

September 14, 2024 - 10AM

St. James Catholic Church

3901 Harrison Street, KCMO 64110

*There is a parking lot off Troost Ave.

~ Stewardship ~

Week 8/19—8/25: **\$3,794**
Needed each week: **\$4,646**
Percent of Weekly Budget: **82%**
Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$30,528**
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$37,168**
Percent of Budget to Date: **82%**

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

8/25, 21st Sunday in OT **162**

Livestream Attendance

8/25, 21st Sunday in OT **11**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

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.