



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 8, 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*

When I was asked by my editor at Global Sisters Report if I wanted to join the 2018 tour of Nuns on the Bus, I needed the assurance of the Prophet Isaiah in Sunday's first reading "Be strong, fear not"—that God would come to save me and "the eyes of the blind will be opened." The theme of the 2018 tour was on tax justice, and I was not sure if I could help open the eyes of the blind or ears of the deaf on that topic!

But the tour—sponsored by Network Lobby, the Catholic social justice advocacy organization founded by Catholic sisters in 1972—was a great success, traveling from Los Angeles to Mar a Lago, with 54 events in 27 days. From the Network staff, the 9 other sisters on the bus, and the sites we visited, I learned a lot. As Saint James said in the second reading, "God chose the poor of the world to be rich in faith." Or in my case, God chose a retired biology professor to be schooled in tax justice.

I was on the bus for the first and last weeks. My favorite sites were Father Greg Boyle's Homeboy's Industries (a gang rehabilitation project in L.A.) and our visit with the Culinary Workers Union in Las Vegas, where we actually joined the workers in household canvassing for candidates. We lobbied with legislators along the way (some were glad to see us, others not so much!) and did town halls in churches and public buildings. The people we met were so diverse and interesting--What an amazing experience!

After some virtual bus tours (because of COVID) the Nuns on the Bus are hitting the road again in a real bus. The 2024 tour theme will be "Vote Our Future." This time, the Nuns will be joined by 15 interfaith and lay friends, and the tour will visit 20 cities from Philadelphia to San Francisco. (Sorry, no stops in Kansas City this time.) The tour will be from September 30 to October 18.

Why don't you take some time to go away from the crowd with Jesus to have your "ears opened" (see Mark's gospel 7:31-37) and follow them at [www.nunsonthebus.org](http://www.nunsonthebus.org) ?

## *~ St. James Parish Updates ~*

- **FAITH FORMATION**

FAITH FORMATION DATES:

September 22—The Miracle of Innocence Project by Darryl Burton and Susie Roling

October 13—Human Trafficking by The Justice Project

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Begins this Sunday, September 8

FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

Sign ups continue

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

Maintenance is the word for the next couple weeks as fall plants mature. Saturday, starting at 10:00 am, we will be watering, weeding, weed eating, and fertilizing. Produce ready to be picked 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

- **THANK YOU!**

Sharon Wallace, who had surgery recently, says THANK YOU for all your prayers. May we continue to keep her and all parishioners who are sick and homebound in our prayers?

- **PARKING DURING SR. CELE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE**

May we ask parishioners coming to attend the service to park in Harrison St? Let us welcome our guests and visitors parking in the St. James parking lot.

- **SEPTEMBER SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION**

**Unite with workers to build an economy that puts people, not profit, at the center.**

We unite with workers to build an economy where each person can find a job that provides for her or his family. No worker should have to choose between losing a job and caring for a sick child, and all workers should be afforded rest so that they can contribute to family and community life. We support the strengthening of unions since they allow people to advocate for work environments that recognize their essential human dignity.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

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

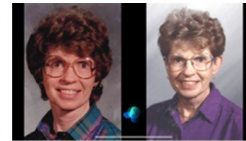
September 22—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY

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 8/26—9/1: **\$4,209**  
 Needed each week: **\$4,646**  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **91%**  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$34,737**  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$41,814**  
 Percent of Budget to Date: **83%**

*~ Mass Attendance ~*

**In-person Attendance**  
 9/1, 22nd Sunday in OT **131**  
**Livestream Attendance**  
 9/1, 22nd Sunday in OT **13**

*~ Next Sunday's Readings ~*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN OT  
 Is 50:5-9a  
 Jas 2:14-18  
 Mk 8:27-35

*~ 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](http://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.