



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 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 Theo and Oliver Goss

What Jesus tells the disciples after they were arguing about who is greatest, says a lot about humility and the importance of humbling yourself before others. As many people want to be number one or the most important; hearing about being a "servant to all" reminded me of when He had also said to deny yourself. "You will achieve the greatest things when you become the least of all." Serving people with any sort of need and putting others first will always be greater than anything you could ever achieve for yourself. - **Theo Goss**

The Gospel Mark 9:30-37 shows Jesus' focus on preparing his disciples for the events that were to unfold; His death and then resurrection. He foretells his death and resurrection which confuses His disciples but they are afraid of questioning. This confusion reminds us that faith sometimes involves grappling with uncertainty yet Jesus invites us to trust his plan, and I like to remind myself of that on my journey of faith. Also in this Gospel, Jesus calls upon the mission of Christian service when He says "Whoever welcomes one of my children in my name welcomes me." This reminds us that love should guide our interactions with others. This Gospel in my opinion is a well-rounded way to remind us that our faith and love for others should guide us in our lives just as Jesus taught. - **Oliver Goss**



~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **THOMAS & SALLY DUX**

Congratulations to Tom and Sally Dux who are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 22. The wedding was at St. James. Please see photo.



- **FAITH FORMATION**

Please attend our Faith Formation this Sunday, Sept. 22. We will meet Rev. Darryl Burton and Susie Roling who will present the Miracle of Innocence Foundation. We will learn about mass incarceration, wrongful convictions and the death penalty. Darryl's story is a call to justice. Invite your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be offered after Mass, before the presentation begins.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

Pesto Lovers...Help yourself to the basil in the two blue tubs at the south end bed 5 and in one of the beds by Troost 39's back door. Weather permitting we are going to start picking and weeding Saturday morning at 9:30. Other produce ready to be picked include:

East Garden

Kale

Wire Cages - Long Beans

South Garden

Bed 9 - Arugula

Beds 14 and 15 - Peppers

Bed 17 - Eggplant

Wire Cages - Tomatoes

Trellises - Beans

- **JOIN A VIGIL AND PRAYER**

Join a vigil and pray that the execution of Marcellus Williams be overturned. Meet at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Sept 24 on the corners of 39th and Troost. In the meantime call Governor Parsons (573) 751 3222 demanding that he commute Williams' death sentence.

- **BUS STOP ITEMS BLESSING**

Bus Stop items will be blessed this Sunday, September 22 during the 10AM Mass.

- **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. 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 22—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - The Miracle of Innocence Foundation
 September 29—5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION
 September 29—GOLDENBERG DUO CONCERT, 7PM
 October 6—PANTRY SUNDAY
 October 13—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
 October 13—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - Human Trafficking

- **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

Join us after Mass on September 29 in the Marian Hall for our traditional 5th Sunday celebration.

- **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT**

Congratulations St. James! The 2023 ACA goal for the parish was \$7,355. There were 33 Gifts/Pledges with the total of \$10,400. That is 141% of the goal!
 Kickoff for the 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) for the Diocese is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, October 12th-13th, 2024.

- **VOTING INFORMATION**

- ◆ Please see attached file or bulletin insert.

~ Stewardship ~

Week 9/9—9/15: **\$3,413**
 Needed each week: **\$4,646**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **73%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$42,424**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$51,106**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **83%**

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 9/15, 24th Sunday in OT **128**
Livestream Attendance
 9/15, 24th Sunday in OT **11**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Nm 11:25-29
 Jas 5:1-6
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

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 on the pamphlet rack in the church narthex. 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.