



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 6, 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

Attaining any new wisdom, or any voluntary growth for that matter, begins with doubt. It is not a "lack of faith" kind of doubt. It is a doubt that where I am now -- my present level of knowledge, awareness, virtue, understanding, etc. -- is the whole story. This doubt is actually an admission or a knowing that there is more "out there" than I am presently aware of. This belief results in a natural curiosity which moves us to explore new territory so we might discover something we haven't so far. That journey leads us to new and sometimes unexpected places from which we look back and say "I'm glad I'm not in that same place today."

Our society usually looks at this kind of doubt negatively. We like to proclaim that our religion, our political party, our country has it all together, and any member who expresses doubt about that is considered unpatriotic, a heretic, or a turn-coat to the party. Constructive criticism tends to be met with a "love it or leave it" response, or something similar. This ideological rigidity prevents healthy growth and improvement.

We do the same thing as individuals. We like to appear perfectly put together, confident, and sure of ourselves. We see examples of this in how politicians present themselves. Any change of attitude on an issue, or any openness to considering other ways of looking at things is considered waffling, wishy-washy, or some other negative descriptor. The problem is that if we maintain this kind of thinking and attitude, we stay stuck where we are and unable to find the way out of our present problems.

My eighth grade teacher said "The more you know, the more you know you don't know." It's one of the wisest sayings I've heard. "I don't know" is not an admission of weakness. It is a statement of fact, and the necessary foundation for moving into new realms of possibility.



~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, October 6, is Pantry Sunday. The following are the items requested:

- ◆ Pudding or fruit cups; single serving tuna or chicken salad; cheese and crackers; peanut butter and crackers; Vienna sausage or potted meat; pop top Chef Boyardee entrees; individually packaged Rice Krispies; treats or cookies; granola bars.
- ◆ Bishop Sullivan Center distributes approximately 200 emergency snack bags per month. All of the items in the bags are from the food collection on Pantry Sundays at St. James.

- **PRAYERS SUSIE ROLING**

Our parishioner Susie Roling Menifee has a meningioma tumor in her brain and will be having craniotomy surgery to remove the tumor on October 8. This is not cancerous. Hooray! She is feeling positive and upbeat as the recovery will be challenging. She and her husband Charles ask for prayers as she heads into surgery and recovers.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

Half of the sweet potatoes are dug. Come join us Saturday starting at 9:30 am to help dig the rest. Pitching in gives you dibs on best ones. Produce available to be picked include the following:

East Garden

Turnip and Mustard Greens Kale Wire Cages - Long Beans

South Garden

Bed 5 Tubs - **Basil** Bed 7 - **Swiss Chard** Bed 8 - **Arugula and Beets** Bed 10 - **Radishes**
Beds 12 and 13 - **Head Lettuce** Beds 14 and 15 - **Peppers** Bed 17 - **Eggplant**
Wire Cages - **Tomatoes** Trellises - **Beans**

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

October 6—PANTRY SUNDAY

October 6—GUNS TO GARDENS MINUTE FOR MISSION

October 13—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

October 13—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - Human Trafficking

October 27—STATE OF THE PARISH

- **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT**

The Kickoff for the 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) for the Diocese is scheduled next weekend, October 12th-13th, 2024.

- **KCUR VOTER GUIDE**

PLEASE click or go to this link—<https://www.kcur.org/kcvoterguide2024>



GUNS TO GARDENS SAFE SURRENDER EVENT

An opportunity to surrender unwanted firearms safely, responsibly and anonymously.
Grocery store gift cards offered in appreciation for surrendered firearms.

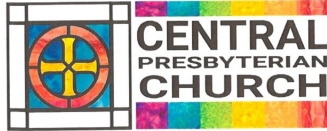
WHEN, WHERE & HOW

10 a.m.–2 p.m. | Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024
Central Presbyterian Church | 3501 Campbell St. | Kansas City, Missouri

Bring unwanted, **UNLOADED** firearm(s) stored in your vehicle's **trunk or back seat** to the church parking lot. A Guns to Gardens volunteer will remove and dismantle it. Following the Safe Surrender event, the dismantled firearms will be repurposed into garden tools.

ABOUT GUNS TO GARDENS

Guns to Gardens is a national movement based on Isaiah 2:4, "...Beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks." It shares the vision of making communities safer and more richly connected.



Where Love and Justice are Central

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



~ Stewardship ~

Week 9/23—9/29: **\$3,763**
 Needed each week: **\$4,646**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **81%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$50,113**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$60,398**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **83%**

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 9/29, 26th Sunday in OT **136**
Livestream Attendance
 9/29, 26th Sunday in OT **11**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Wis 7:7-11
 Heb 4:12-13
 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Amie Miller | • Pat Marrin |
| • Sarita Cann | • Oscar Shelby |
| • Carole Gary | • Beverly Johnson |
| • Paul DeMerchant | • Jeronn Cann |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Punch Tuggle |
| • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe | • Mark Cann, Sr. |
| • 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 |

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.