



**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 20, 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 Phyllis McCarty*

In the readings this Sunday, we are asked to help one another to the best of our abilities. There are various ways to do that. Here are some examples from my everyday life.

A friend emailed me asking for help with a financial problem. I was surprised because I was pretty sure she didn't need help with money. I called my friend to tell her I would be glad to help any way I could. Her response was that her email had been hacked, and money wasn't the issue. I listened to her explain how she was working through the problem. Some people have more than others; but everyone, no matter how rich or poor, has something they can do to help.

In another situation, a young man I work with is looking for a new apartment closer to work. Right now his commute is an hour each way. He doesn't want to give up his job and move back to his home town. I offered to help look for an apartment in my neighborhood. Nothing is available for him now, but we keep talking and searching. Giving isn't always monetary. Often it is just taking the time to listen and trying to understand with no judgements.

When I am working as the Parish Wedding Coordinator, I have to deal with several people: the families of the bride and groom, the priest, the church personnel, the florist etc., I often take a few minutes to reflect and ask God for the patience to deal with so many personalities. I know that although life gets in the way, at the end of the day things will be fine and everyone will be happy.



## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **FAITH FORMATION**

Remember: Sunday, October 20, after Mass, our Families in Faith group will meet in the church to receive their materials and begin this journey together. I think the Family Room is a bit small for all of us, and the Rosary will be prayed in there at the same time. So, let's meet in the Church, up front. We'll also have snacks.

Sign ups for Trunk or Treat, our "pop up" youth event are continuing on Sunday, October 20. We need signed permission slips for this event, and also information on how the youth are going to the event, and who is picking them up. Please see Bonnie quickly after Mass, in the back of church.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

This Saturday starting at 9:30 am, we are going to weed, water, pick, and prepare the garden for winter. Produce available for picking include the following:

**East Garden**

Greens, kale and spinach                      Wire Cages - Long Beans

**South Garden**

Bed 7 - **Swiss Chard**    Bed 8 - **Arugula and Beets**    Bed 10 - **Radishes**

Beds 12 and 13 - **Lettuce**    Beds 14 and 15 - **Peppers**    Bed 17 - **Eggplant**

Wire Cages - **Red and Green Tomatoes**    Trellises - **Beans**

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

October 20—MISSION SUNDAY

October 27—SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE EDUCATION EVENT ON VOTING

November 03—PANTRY SUNDAY

November 10—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

- **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

The 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) for the Diocese has started. There are envelopes in the back of church if you did not receive Bishop Johnston's letter at home.

- **KCUR VOTER GUIDE**

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



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• **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

After Mass on Sunday, October 27th the Social Justice Committee is sponsoring an educational event:

“Does your faith inform your vote? A video presentation in preparation for voting based on Catholic Social Teaching by Fr. Mark Miller CPPS will be shown. Bill Cordaro and Theresa Torres will facilitate the faith sharing groups that follow the presentation. We ask for a free will offering for Fr. Mark’s presentation.

“Pope Francis makes it clear: In our participation in public life, we are called to be multi-issue voters, not single-issue voters, with the ultimate aim of supporting the common good. This workshop will provide you with resources to educate yourself as a faithful voter on the issues and concerns that are “equally sacred.” We will walk through the most pressing issues of the upcoming election, looking at them through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. The workshop focuses on issues, not political parties or candidates. Catholic Social Teaching arises out of the long and rich tradition that includes the written teachings of the Church and the witness of Christians and people of good will, committed to proclaiming the love of the Gospel and the justice of God’s kingdom. Catholic Social Teaching is not a theory or an intellectual exercise, but rather how people of faith are called to live the Gospel in a broken and suffering world. This election season, justice-seekers are coming together to consider the many issues that serve the common good, so all of us have what we need to thrive and help us move closer to a multiracial, multi- faith, inclusive democracy.” (Taken from Precious Blood Renewal Center website.)

*~ Stewardship ~*

Week 10/07—10/13: **\$3,796**  
 Needed each week: **\$4,646**  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **82%**  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$61,820**  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$69,690**  
 Percent of Budget to Date: **89%**

*~ Mass Attendance ~*

**In-person Attendance**  
 10/13, 28th Sunday in OT **147**  
**Livestream Attendance**  
 10/13, 28th Sunday in OT **14**

*~ Next Sunday’s Readings ~*

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN OT  
 Jer 31:7-9  
 Heb 5:1-6  
 Mk 10:46-52

*~ 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](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.