



**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.

