



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 27, 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. Francis Voivedich*

#### **BE ALERT!**

"Then the eyes of the blind will see, and the ears of the deaf be opened; then the lame shall leap like a stag and the mute tongue sing for joy" Isiah 35:6

This passage is from today, Sunday's, Morning Prayer scripture; it reminds me of all the promises God used to remind the chosen people that they were a very special people and a wonderful savior would be sent for them at the proper time.

However God needed to have them stay alert, to live with eyes open to 'what if's' because the promise would come true, but it would take time. What are the signs they looked for?

So how alert are we? Are our eyes open, half open or closed so that we already miss some of the messages God may be trying to give us?

The Chosen people had so many promises from God for so long that they must have gotten tired of waiting. We know the scripture stories of how they lost their faith, their remembering, and their alertness.

Finally, the promise arrived, but many who knew the law and the expectations of the Promise had lost their alertness, their faith, and the real message. So is that how they missed the Messiah, the Promise of all the prophets?

Many ordinary and faithful people had stayed alert, not lost their memory of the promises; there we find Bartimaeus, blind but alert. He knew Jesus to be the Healer, the fulfillment of the promise that "the blind will see..." and he shouts. Even though rebuked, he knew his healing was at hand and he shouted louder. "Jesus, Son of David have pity on me". "Master I want to see". The Healer, the Promise, the Lord heals him and truly the Blind Did See.

Bartimaeus then with continued alertness and eyes full of expectations followed Jesus. Can we each claim the same?



## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PROCESSION OF THE BOOK OF THE DEAD**

During November, we remember our relatives and friends who have passed on. We do this through our Entrance procession where the priest carries our Book of the Dead following incense. You are encouraged to add the names of those family members and friends who have died in this last year. This book will be in the front of church. You may also bring pictures or mementos of them to put on our Table of Remembrance located also in the front of church.

- **ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES, NOVEMBER 1, FRIDAY**

ST. Francis Xavier—1PM

St. Peter's—7:15AM & 6PM

Visitation—6:45AM & 8:15AM

- **FALL BACK DATE**

Daylight saving time will end for the year at 2 AM local time next Sunday, Nov. 3.

- **PANTRY SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 3**

Bishop Sullivan Center needs single serve items for emergency bags. Plastic bags and brown paper bags from grocery stores are also needed.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

This Saturday starting at 9:30 am, we are going to weed, water, pick, and do a little to prepare the garden for winter. Come by any time before noon to help out, even if you just have a little time. The weather has been beautiful and there's still lots to pick to take home. Sunny skies are still helping ripen tomatoes and they are delicious.

***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 27—SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE EDUCATION EVENT ON VOTING

November 03—PANTRY SUNDAY

November 10—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

- **STATE OF THE PARISH**

This Sunday, October 24th, we will have a special presentation at Mass on "The State of Parish". We will highlight this year at St. James our successes and our shortcomings. We will present to the parish some plans for the coming year. Even with the challenges we face, St. James has a great deal to be proud for this year. When we work together, we can approach this coming year with the assurances that there is little that can stop our parish which is small but has a big heart.

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

After Mass this 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 10/14—10/20: **\$6,329**

Needed each week: **\$4,646**

Percent of Weekly Budget: **136%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$68,149**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$74,336**

Percent of Budget to Date: **92%**

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

#### In-person Attendance

10/20, 29th Sunday in OT **122**

#### Livestream Attendance

10/20, 29th Sunday in OT **9**

### ~ Next Sunday’s Readings ~

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN OT

Dt 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

### ~ 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.