



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 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

As we get closer to the end of the liturgical Church year, which ends with Christ the King Sunday on Nov. 24, the scripture readings at Mass start to focus on the end times and the coming of the Reign of God. It coincides with the season of Fall, when the growing season ends and things appear to die. This is a depressing time for many people because we really don't like good things to end, and we really don't like death. And yet we have these scriptures that seem to haunt us with the less-than-desirable prospect of the end.

We tend to have this deep, down feeling that there is something wrong when pleasant things end, but there is something right when unpleasant things end. In reality, all things end no matter what they are -- there is nothing right or wrong about it. And we tend to feel uneasy or even fearful when something ends and we don't know what will take its place. If it's one thing that most of us dislike, it is uncertainty. But that is also par for the course regarding reality.

So how do we manage these sometimes unpleasant feelings? Hindsight is often helpful. How many endings and beginnings have each of us been through in our life? More than we can count. Some have been unpleasant, even traumatic. Some have been pleasant. And yet we are still here to talk about them all. We've survived, albeit with all the accompanying scars and blessings we've collected along the way. Endings and beginnings are continuous and normal if we are alive. To be uncomfortable with them may be human, but we don't have to fear them. That is what the scriptures may be trying to tell us at the end of the Church year. God has created this reality to work this way, complete with the constant beginnings and endings. And if God has designed it, we can trust it. We may never fully understand it, but that is why it is called "faith." So we embrace this ending of another season and another Church year, turning yet another page in life, trusting that it is another step toward the full reign of God.



~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **FALL BACK DATE**

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

- **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.

- **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Want to take your mind off the election? Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, November 5 from 6-8 pm.

It's a lot of fun, good company and can be a great workout if you want one; We're easy.

Also, Lisa Looy won't be joining us this time because she will be recovering from a surgery that day. Keep her in your thoughts.

Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave.

Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item.

Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend.

- **PANTRY SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY**

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, pick, and do a little more to prepare the garden for winter. Come by any time before noon to help out, even if you just have a little time. If you've got bags of leaves we can use for mulch, bring them! (We just need to be sure there aren't any walnut tree leaves).

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**

November 03—PANTRY SUNDAY

November 10—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

November 17—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY

November 28—THANKSGIVING DAY

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~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• STATE OF THE PARISH

At our October 27th Sunday Mass, Martha Belker and Bill Cordaro presented the **STATE of the PARISH address**. It included the challenges we face and how we plan to address them. It was proposed that we conduct an annual Stewardship Appeal to help better manage our finances. The parish voted 94 to 19 in favor of conducting an appeal. We can't do everything at once, but we can begin some things now.

A Stewardship Appeal is an opportunity for the parish and individual members to reflect on how God has gifted us and how we are called to use our gifts to continue to build the Reign of God. On Sunday, November 24th, we will request parishioners make a 12-month financial commitment to St. James.

All of us are asked to do our part:

1. Pray for guidance as you discern how God wants you to use your resources of time, talent and treasure to support the ministry of the parish.
2. Read all of the Stewardship Appeal communications.
3. Speak with fellow parishioners and family about the appeal.
4. Plan to make a one-year financial commitment to St. James on November 24th.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to guide our parish leadership in their decision-making process.

The presentation is available on the parish Facebook page.

An expanded copy of the presentation is enclosed in the bulletin.

~ Stewardship ~

Week 10/21—10/27: **\$3,806**

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

Percent of Weekly Budget: **82%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$71,955**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$78,982**

Percent of Budget to Date: **91%**

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

10/27, 30th Sunday in OT **125**

Livestream Attendance

10/27, 30th Sunday in OT **14**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN OT

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

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.