



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 10, 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. Rose McLarney

The elections results are not known as I write this, however, the basis for the message is the same no matter the results of the election.

There are two widows that are very generous, and the psalm calls us to trust in God alone. We need to do these two things no matter the situation.

If I want to be generous, I need to keep my Spirit open to what God is calling me to. It will not be the same for each of us. Therefore time with God is important. Openness is important. Trust in God and myself are important. Awareness of anything that is holding me back or getting in the way is important.

Remember God calls us to perfection, meaning on the way to wholeness, not flawless. When I read of the widow who gave all her flour and oil for Jesus, I'm not sure I could do that but I can be open. There are things I can do. Perhaps the message is that there is an endless supply of love. I can always be more loving.



~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **VETERANS DAY**

This Monday, November 11, 2024 is Veterans Day. May we honor and thank the active and former U.S. service members for their dedicated service to the country.

- **ST. JAMES FAITH FORMATION**

Our Families in Faith who are using the Loyola series, "Seeking God," will meet on Sunday, November 10 following Mass. We will meet for about 25 minutes to discuss the first unit of the books, the topic of Creation. Please bring the books with you. We will have a short session with prayer and sharing. It's Hospitality Sunday, so families can get a snack before we begin. The place for our meeting will be announced at Mass.

There will be NO Formation Sunday Presentation in November.

Sunday, December 15, we are offering a trip to the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum to view Catholic/Christian art focusing on Our Lady and the Christ Child. We will also view the magnificent Bronze Doors, replicas of the Baptistry doors of the Duomo (Cathedral) in Florence, Italy. The 17-foot-tall gilded doors, weighing 4 1/2 tons, are casts of the original doors created in the 15th-century workshop of sculptor Lorenzo Ghiberti for the east facade of the Baptistry of the Duomo (cathedral) in Florence, Italy.

The Gallery will be decorated for Christmas with a beautiful Nativity display. We will have docent led tours beginning at 1:00 on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Sign ups for the Dec. 15 tour at the Nelson Art Gallery will begin NEXT Sunday, November 17 after Mass.

- **YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Sunday, December 22 will be a youth opportunity to serve our parish by assisting in decorating for Christmas. Bonnie will be collecting names and information for this project. Students needing service hours for school are encouraged to assist with this, also.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The vining beans are done with the trellises for this year. This Saturday starting at 9:30 am until about 12:00 pm, we are going to put the trellises away, weed, and pick.

Produce available for picking include the following:

East Garden

Greens, kale and spinach

South Garden

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

Bed 11 - **Green Beans** Beds 12 and 13 - **Lettuce** Beds 14 and 15 - **Peppers**

Bed 17 - **Eggplant** Wire Cages - **Red and Green Tomatoes**

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

November 10—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

November 28—THANKSGIVING DAY

December 1—PANTRY SUNDAY

December 8—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

December 9—SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

~ 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.

• ST. JAMES GIVING TREE

Parishioners of St. James will again have the opportunity to help in our Giving Tree Ministry. Please stay tuned for more details in the coming bulletins.

~ Stewardship ~

Week 10/28—11/03: **\$5,621**

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

Percent of Weekly Budget: **121%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$77,576**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$83,628**

Percent of Budget to Date: **93%**

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

11/03, 31st Sunday in OT **144**

Livestream Attendance

11/03, 31st Sunday in OT **14**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

~ 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
- Pat Durkin

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.