



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**November 17, 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. Michele Morek, OSU*

Chiaroscuro: The painting technique involving dramatic contrasts of light and shadow. That came to my mind when I read the scriptures for the 33rd Sunday of the year. Perhaps fitting as we approach the end of the Church Year and the beginning of Advent. Perhaps fitting for us as we recover from a stressful election?

Look at the contrasts in the readings: "A time unsurpassed in distress"—but with a promise that "God's people will escape." Will it be an awakening to eternal life, or to "horror and disgrace?" But Jesus assures us that—even though the sun will be darkened—somehow life will persist, as seen in the budding of the fig tree. This is a painful time, but it is not the end.

All the scary events are signs that we will see Jesus coming in glory, that his words will not pass away, and that we will be gathered together again. In fact, that

The wise shall shine brightly...and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

That really caught my eye—not only because this quotation from Daniel is on our Ursuline coat of arms, but because it is how I will remember Saint James and you. As I leave this beloved parish to return to my motherhouse in Kentucky, I have been reflecting on the light you have been for me these past six years. Thank you for who you are, for all those whom you have led to justice, and for letting your light shine!



## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **ST. JAMES FAITH FORMATION**

We are excited to offer the opportunity to visit the Nelson Art Gallery on SUNDAY, DEC. 15 at 1:00pm.

This tour will focus on Christian/Catholic Art, particularly Mary and the Christ Child. The tour will also include the "Gates of Paradise," copied from the bronze doors of the Baptistery of the Cathedral in Florence, Italy. In order to secure docents to lead the tour, we need to know the number of people who will be going.

Please meet Bonnie after Mass to sign up for this opportunity. We need to confirm the number of participants ASAP. .

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

As it misted/lightly rained last Saturday morning, a start was made on cleaning out the garage. This Saturday starting at 9:30 am, we will try again to take down the trellises, pick, and finish up the garage clean out. Product to pick 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**

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

The Knitting and Crocheting Group will meet on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Office.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

November 24—STEWARDSHIP APPEAL COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 28—THANKSGIVING DAY

December 1—PANTRY SUNDAY

December 4—ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

December 8—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

December 9—SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- **STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**



**Next Sunday, November 24th, is Commitment Sunday for our Annual**

**Stewardship Appeal.** Every parish household should have received their Stewardship Packet in the mail by Sunday, November 17th. If you have not received your packet or if you have a question, please contact Bill Cordaro at 816-797-1114 or see Bill or Martha Belker after Mass.

St. James Family, you are being asked to pray about your financial commitment to the parish for 2025. **This exercise should be more of a spiritual exercise than a financial one, asking God how you should use your gifts to build God's Kingdom on earth.**



*~ Stewardship ~*

Week 11/04—11/10: **\$4,684**  
 Needed each week: **\$4,646**  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **101%**  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$82,260**  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$88,274**  
 Percent of Budget to Date: **93%**

*~ Mass Attendance ~*

**In-person Attendance**  
 11/10, 32nd Sunday in OT **137**  
**Livestream Attendance**  
 11/10, 32nd Sunday in OT **13**

*~ Next Sunday's Readings ~*

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, THE KING  
 Dn 7:13-14  
 Rv 1:5-8  
 Jn 18:33b-37

*~ We Hold in Prayer ~*

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