

January 26, 2025, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

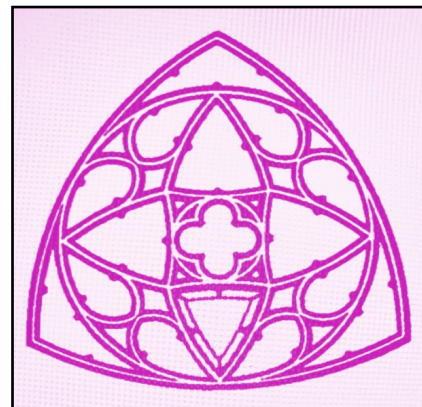
St. James Catholic Community in Midtown

**Small enough to know your name
Big enough to make a difference**

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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.

Bulletin Deadline: 10 pm Mondays
Email items to ***Bulletin@StJKC.org***.
For information/
events to be posted on
the St. James website,
email your items to:
website@StJKC.org.



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can post - <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown>

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION INFORMATION

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

If someone in your family has not celebrated their First Reconciliation and/or First, see Bonnie Haghirian in the back of the church on **Sunday, January 26th**. We need to start preparing for these Sacraments and ensure that everyone can celebrate and receive these gifts of our Faith. For more information, contact Bonnie at bhaghirian@StJKC.org.

Bonnie is the contact person for **Baptism**.

Confirmation preparation will start this fall.

Rite of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church (Adult Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) will take place as needed. Contact Bonnie at bhaghirian@StJKC.org.
Considering **Marriage**? Contact Ben Babaran at bbabaran@stjkc.org at least 9 months prior to your date.

Being a Caregiver

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 9. We will welcome Sr. Vicki Lichtenauer, SCL, to St. James to discuss the role of being caregivers. All of us are caregivers in some respect, within our partners and families, our communities, our friends, and perhaps in our parish. Vicki was one of her father's caregivers during his years with Alzheimer's, and she knows the struggles as well as the rewards of giving care. Sr. Vicki will discuss her experience after Mass on Feb 9. It's also Hospitality Sunday, so get a snack and come up front in Church to get to know Sr. Vicki. Her sense of humor and gentle compassion will be on full display.

**All are welcome to
join us for our Sunday Mass at 10 am.
No dress code required.**

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY JAN 26 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING — NEH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10 Ezra and Nehemiah (the religious and political leadership of the day) grounded their work in Scripture. How does Sacred Scripture guide your life?

SECOND READING — 1 COR 12:12-30 OR 12:12-14, 27 Paul uses the human body as an analogy for the many and varied parts of the Christian community. What role would you like to have in your parish?

GOSPEL— LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21 We hear how Jesus began to reveal his true identity as Israel's long-awaited Messiah in his hometown of Nazareth. Have you ever received news that you thought was unbelievable? What was it?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING — MAL 3:1-4 Malachi prophesied a coming messenger who will purify those making offerings to the Lord. How do you prepare for Sunday worship?

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14—18 teaches that Jesus was tested and suffered to be merciful and understand our struggles and challenges. What are you facing this week that Jesus could help you with?

GOSPEL— LK 2:22-40 Mary and Joseph received incredible news from Simeon and Anna about the infant Jesus at his presentation in the Temple. Who helps you process startling or unsettling information?



Martha Belker, a member of the Transition Team, addresses the over 60 members during the Jan. 19 Parish Community Meeting. To view the video, go to: <https://fb.watch/xjQBTt8Y2d/>

St. James Community Calendar

- 1/30 Choir practice at church 7pm
- 1/30 Transition team meeting 1pm
- 2/2 Pantry Sunday (For Bishop Sullivan Center)
- 2/2 Candlemas Celebration (See page 3)
- 2/5 Volunteers help at Harvesters
- 2/5 Faith and Grief Lunch - (See page 3)
- 2/6 Choir practice at church 7pm
- 2/6 Transition team meeting 1pm
- 2/9 Hospitality Sunday – Mingle & treats after Mass
- 2/9 Being a Caregiver Presentation - after Mass
- 2/16 **St. James Community Meeting after Mass**
- 2/18 Knitting/Crocheting Group meets 6:30 pm
- 2/22 Chili Contest - 5 pm
- 3/5 Ash Wednesday
- 3/6 Choir practice at church 7pm
- 3/9 Hospitality Sunday – Mingle & treats after Mass
- 3/16 **St. James Community Meeting after Mass**
- 4/18 Stations of the Cross along Troost 12pm
- 4/20 **EASTER**

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

We are starting a new prayer list. If you or someone you know needs prayers, please send their names to Bulletin@StJKC.org.

If you had a name of a family member or friend on the previous list and want it to remain, please resubmit it.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

NEW PARISHIONERS

All are welcome at St. James. We are an inclusive community of faith following the gospel of Jesus who never excluded anyone and who lived justly. If you want to learn more about St. James Community, please get in touch with staff (Parish@StJKC.org) or visit our website at www.StJKC.org to complete a registration form.

ANNUAL CHILI CONTEST AND JIMBO EXTRAVAGANZA

St. James's annual Chili contest and Jimbo Extravaganza is set for Saturday, February 22, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Chili and Jimbo chefs makers start your stoves. Many will try, but in the end, only one chef will remain standing. Come and enjoy the competition and enjoy the food. All are welcome.



CANDLEMAS DAY - February 2

Candlemas is a feast day celebrating Jesus's presentation in the Temple. It is generally celebrated with lit candles to represent Jesus as a "light to the world." Catholics used to refer to the day as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today, it is commonly called the Presentation of the Lord or the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ.

St. James will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and Candlemas Day, February 2, by blessing candles. If you use candles for your prayer at home, you can bring them to church to be blessed as part of that day's service. There will be a table at the front where you can put them on for the blessing and then return them home afterward. You may consider marking your candle to ensure you take your candle home.

SCAM EMAILS FROM FR. DON

Beware of emails that look like they are from Fr. Don Farnan and ask for money. **They are scams.** Fr. Don or St. James will not use **emails** or **texts** to ask for money.

2024 CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Annual Contribution Tax Letters reflecting your 2024 contributions to St. James Community are in the back of the church. Please pick up your letter. We will mail any remaining letters.

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH

Wed. Feb. 5, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Visitation Church, 5141 Main St. KCMO. Terry Sweeten will share her experience of losing her husband and finding a way to navigate intense grief, fear, emptiness, and numbness. Hear how Terry learned to find gratitude and love again. Lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations provide a safe place to listen, remember, and pray together. You may share (or not) as you are comfortable. There is no charge, but free-will offerings are appreciated. Complimentary lunch is provided for those who pre-register. To access ighe Hall, go to the north side of the church on 51st Terrace. To learn more or to register, email faithandgrief.org/events or call 469-616-7995.

"Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?"

1 Corinthians 12:27-28

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH!

God, help us see that human trafficking affects all of us. Show us what is ours to do to increase awareness of human trafficking so that people do not become victims. Help us become more aware of how social media, poverty, homelessness or immigration status may make children and others vulnerable to exploitation. Enlighten us on how our obsession with consumerism serves to feed the demand for cheap labor. Help us to commit to incorporate one action in our lives that will serve to stop the demand and help people not become victims of human trafficking.

To learn more about this issue, go to www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign or the US Catholic Sisters webpage

www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org. Also, you can download the ILAB Sweat and Toil application which was created by the US Department of Labor. With the click of a button you can learn about the products you purchase which may be made using child labor, forced labor and human trafficking around the world. Alliance to End Human Trafficking



YOUR CONTACT INFO IS NEEDED

Communication is critical for the success of a Community-Led Parish. To communicate effectively, we need the parishioner's current contact information. If you are not receiving parish weekly emails or didn't receive the November Stewardship Appeal Packet in the mail, we don't have your correct contact information. Email your correct name, phone, email and street address to Parish@StJKC.org. If you prefer, you can call the office at 816-561-8512.

The parish will not sell your contact information at any time.

THE TRANSITION TEAM

The Team continues to meet every Thursday at 1 pm. Our task is to assist in redefining our parish as a parishioner-led community and direct the search for our Parish Organizer. The potential Parish Organizer will be brought before the parish before a contract is offered. **This week we welcome Pat Marrin to the team.**

If you have a question or concern, feel free to contact anyone of the Transition Team.

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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty
to captives and recovery of sight to
the blind, to let the oppressed go
free, and to proclaim a year
acceptable to the Lord."*

Luke 4:18

VETERANS SUPPORT THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH

Do you know of a veteran needing any of the following?

• Housing • Emergency assistance • Health Care
Navigation • Employment services • One-on-one
counseling • Social Security benefit assistance •
Assistance with other resources/ referrals.

Catholic Charities can help with Veteran Services;
contact them at 816-659-8263 or email
veterans@ccharities.com.

CREATING SPACE FOR A MEANINGFUL LENT

February 28 (9 am)— March 2 (Noon) Marillac
Retreat & Spirituality Center (4200 S 4th St.
Leavenworth, KS) Lent offers us the opportunity to
journey more intimately with Jesus. Join us for a
Spirit-filled weekend retreat designed especially for
women as we prepare our hearts and minds for the
Lenten season. Through reflection, prayer, and
fellowship, we will explore ways to create space in
our daily lives for more profound spiritual growth
and renewal. Led by Sue Robb, this retreat includes: •
Guided devotions and meditations; • Contemplative
workshops and group discussions; • Opportunities for
quiet reflection and shared prayer; • Connection and
community with other women of faith.

The cost is \$200, with partial scholarships available.
The payment deadline is February 14, 2025. Space is
limited to 25 women, so reserve your spot today! For
more info or to register, contact Christine Rankin at
christinerankin1504@gmail.com.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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 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 If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.