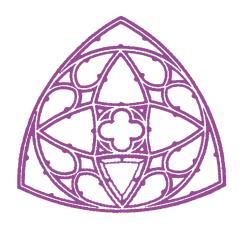
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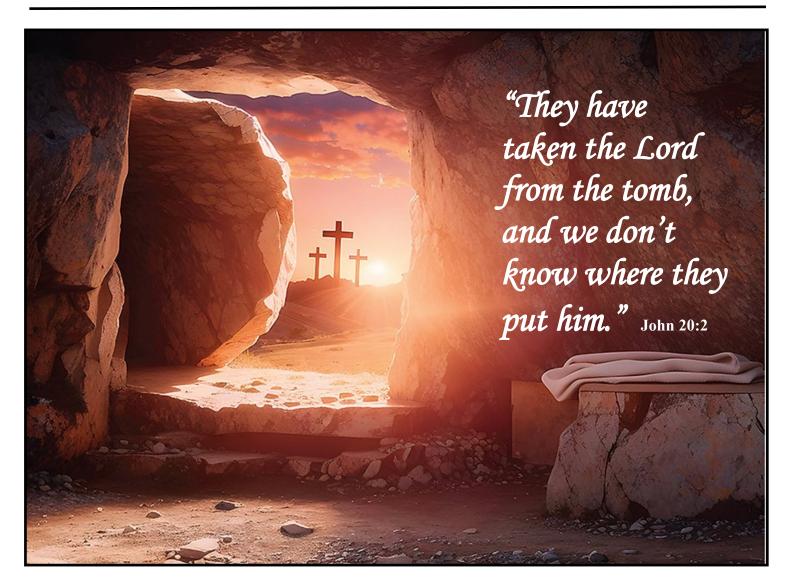
Big enough to make a difference

Join us for Mass every Sunday at 10:00 am



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.



Welcome to Kansas City's Synodal Parish

Sacramental Preparation Information

Sacramental Minister: Fr. Garry Richmeier C.PP.S: Garry CPPS@gmail.com

For information on preparation for the Sacraments of **Baptism**, **First Reconciliation**, **First Eucharist and Confirmation**, please contact Bonnie Haghirian, our Faith Formation Coordinator at *FaithFormation@StJKC.org*.

Rite of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church (Adult Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation) will take place as needed. Contact Bonnie Haghirian at *FaithFormation@StJKC.org*.

Considering **Marriage**? Contact Phyllis McCarty, Marriage Coordinator at *PhyllisAMcCarty@gmail.com* at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

Confessions arranged upon request. Email Fr. Don Farnan FrDon@StJKC.org or Fr. Garry Richmeier GarryCPPS@gmail.com.

ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Don Farnan, FrDon@StJKC.org

Parish Office Phone: 816-561-8512

Office Hours: 10:00A-3:00P, Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Staffed by volunteers. Call for an appointment.)

Email: Parish@StJKC.org Website: www.StJKC.org

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30388, Kansas City, MO

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ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

4/20 EASTER Mass 10 am

- 4/20 Children's Easter Egg Hunt after Mass
- 4/26 Appreciation Mass for BSC volunteers 10-11:30 am
- 4/27 St. James Celebrates 1st Communion Sunday Mass!
- 4/27 Parish Community/Synod Meeting after Mass
- 5/1 Missouri March for Life—Jefferson City
- 5/4 Celebration of Baptism with newest members
- 5/4 Class for new candidates for First Communion
- 5/4 First Reconciliation for new candidates

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.

We are excited to have you as part of our faith journey!

ST. JAMES IS LOOKING FOR A FULL-TIME SYNODAL PARISH DIRECTOR

St. James is a parish with a rich history of living the Catholic Social Teachings at the corner of 39th and Troost in Kansas City, MO. We have a very active community comprising approximately 200 families spread over 72 zip codes in the metro area. Our members represent all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds, and many members have years of experience volunteering or working for the Catholic Church.

St. James is looking for a leader to take us into the next phase of our parish life. This is a bold move since no Catholic Church in our diocese uses this leadership model. We want to make Pope Francis' call to be a "Synodal Church" a reality at St. James. He calls the way of synodality "what God expects of the church in the third millennium," stressing that "the synodal process should be not an occasional experience, but one of structural change, 'where all can feel at home and participate."

A qualified person must be Catholic and able to:

- 1. Be passionate about leading the parish from a layled parish to a community-led, synodal parish.
- 2. Identify gifts in each parishioner and invite them to use their gifts to fulfill the parish mission.
- 3. Engage all parishioners in the decision-making process on major parish topics.
- 4. Provide training and support to parishioners at all levels of the parish ministry.
- 5. Represent the interest of the parish to the diocese and broader community.

For more information or a complete job description, contact Bill Cordaro at *bulletin@StJKC.org* or call the parish at 816-561-8512.

Thank You!!

Thank you to all of our members who gave of their time and talent to make our liturgies so wonderful during Holy Week. May God continue to bless all of you throughout the Easter season.



The Liturgy Committee

Thank you to all of our parishioners who donated the candy and plastic eggs, and to the teens who filled and hid the eggs for the children Easter egg hunt after Mass. The teens had fun preparing for the hunt. If it is raining on Easter morning, we will have Easter Eggs available after Mass at the back of church. Bring your basket to collect the eggs, rain or shine!

Bonnie Haghirian, Faith Formation Director

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, April 27 - Celebration of First Communion for several of our parishioners.

Sunday, May 4 - Celebration of Baptism with our newest community members.

Sunday, May 4 - Those who are newly baptized and preparing for First Communion will meet in Marian Hall after Mass. We will discuss the meaning of the Eucharist.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK, EVERY SATURDAY THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON, 10-NOON, PRODUCE IS

SHARED WITH OUR NEIGHBORS THROUGH THE BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER'S FOOD PANATRY AND ST. JAMES BETWEEN THE CRACKS MINISTRY.

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Psalm 118:24

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER



Ross Beaudoin, Paul DeMerchant, Michael Heringer, Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Amie Miller, Nancy Moylan, Bill Moylan, Eric Sitterley, Steve Wallace If you or someone you know needs prayers, please send their names to Bulletin@StJKC.org.

WHAT IS A SYNODAL PARISH?

St. James has been a lay-led parish for over 20 years, utilizing lay administrators to lead us. After prayerful discernment and discussion, St. James parishioners have decided to move to the next chapter of our faith journey toward a community-led or synodal model of being church. We want to make Pope Francis' call to be a "Synodal Church" a reality at St. James.

Pope Francis' concept of a synodal Church emphasizes the importance of "journeying together" as a community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit. Synodality, as envisioned by the Pope, is not merely a structural or procedural approach but a spiritual and communal process reflecting the Church's communion, participation, and mission. It calls for active listening, dialogue, and discernment among all members of the Church, including laypeople.

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PARISH SYNOD MEETING – APRIL 27

We will discuss the parish **budget** and provide an update on our search for our **Synodal Parish Director**. Parish Synods generally meet on the third Sunday of the month; however, in April, the third Sunday is Easter. **All parishioners are encouraged to attend and participate in this synodal process.**

READINGS FOR APRIL 27, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING - Acts 5:12-16: The apostles' miraculous signs and wonders at Solomon's Portico—where crowds gathered to witness the healing of the sick and deliverance from unclean spirits, to an ever-growing community of believers. How does this powerful illustration of communal faith and divine intervention challenge or inspire your understanding of healing and community today?

SECOND READING - Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19: John receives a vision in which a majestic figure amid seven golden lampstands reassures him and charges him to record the unfolding divine events. How does this vision of divine reassurance and prophetic commissioning speak to your own experiences in moments of isolation or challenge?

GOSPEL - John 20:19-31: When the resurrected Jesus appears to his locked disciples—commissioning them with the Holy Spirit—he demonstrates that divine reassurance transforms fear into faith. How does this profound act of trust resonate with your own experiences of overcoming uncertainty?

ASSISTED LISTENING

Assisted listening devices are available at the back of church for those who need them. Ask one of the greeters for help. Please return the devices to the back of church at the end of Mass. Thank you.

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We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers, and your money – in this work to which God has called us. Fr. Henri Nouwen

COMMUNION TO THE HOME-BOUND

Contact the parish at Parish@StJKC.org or call 816-561-8512 if you or someone you know is confined to their home and would like to receive communion. We have Eucharistic Ministers who visit the homebound.

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), 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.

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St. James seeks to foster inclusivity and coresponsibility, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. Pope Francis has highlighted the need for greater lay participation in decision-making processes. He views synodality as a way to renew the Church's missionary zeal and adapt to the diverse cultural and social contexts in which it operates. This vision of synodality challenges St. James to move away from hierarchical and centralized governance models and embrace a more collaborative and participatory approach. By doing so, the parish can better respond to the needs of its members and the world at large. Pope Francis' synodal vision underscores the importance of unity, humility, and openness to the Spirit in building a Church that genuinely reflects the Gospel's message of love and service.

St. James Community invites you to join us on this journey to be a Synodal Parish. This journey is not only renewing our parish but has the potential to renew how parishes across our diocese exercise the central role of lay women and men in reshaping our church and communities.

Do you have a question or concern? Send it to *Bulletin@StJKC.org*. St. James is always looking for ways to better minister to our faith community.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CAMPING TRIP AUGUST 1-3

St. James is getting excited to go camping on August 1-3, 2025 at Big Rock Candy Mountain Retreat in Jadwin, Missouri. This Retreat Center has lodging options for everyone (serious tent campers and "I need a cabin with beds and electricity please" campers!) and is located on the Ozark Scenic Riverways. There is an outdoor pool and restaurant on site and plenty of recreational options including horseback riding, kayaking, fly fishing, hiking, biking and more. Please fill out the form below if you are interested in coming. Filling out the form now helps with planning but is not an ironclad commitment. Our deposit is due by June 1, so we'll be collecting money in May. https://forms.gle/fMVvDC3bmAHF2LtY6 Feel free to share with other St. James folk. Contact Rachael to register or for more information. Rachael Coffman - 816) 885-7718