

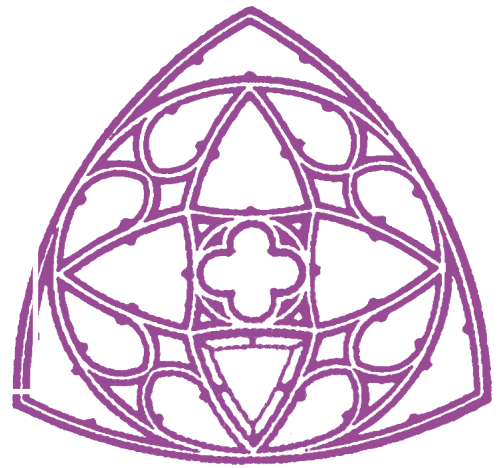
The Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, June 22, 2025

St. James Synodal Catholic Community in Midtown

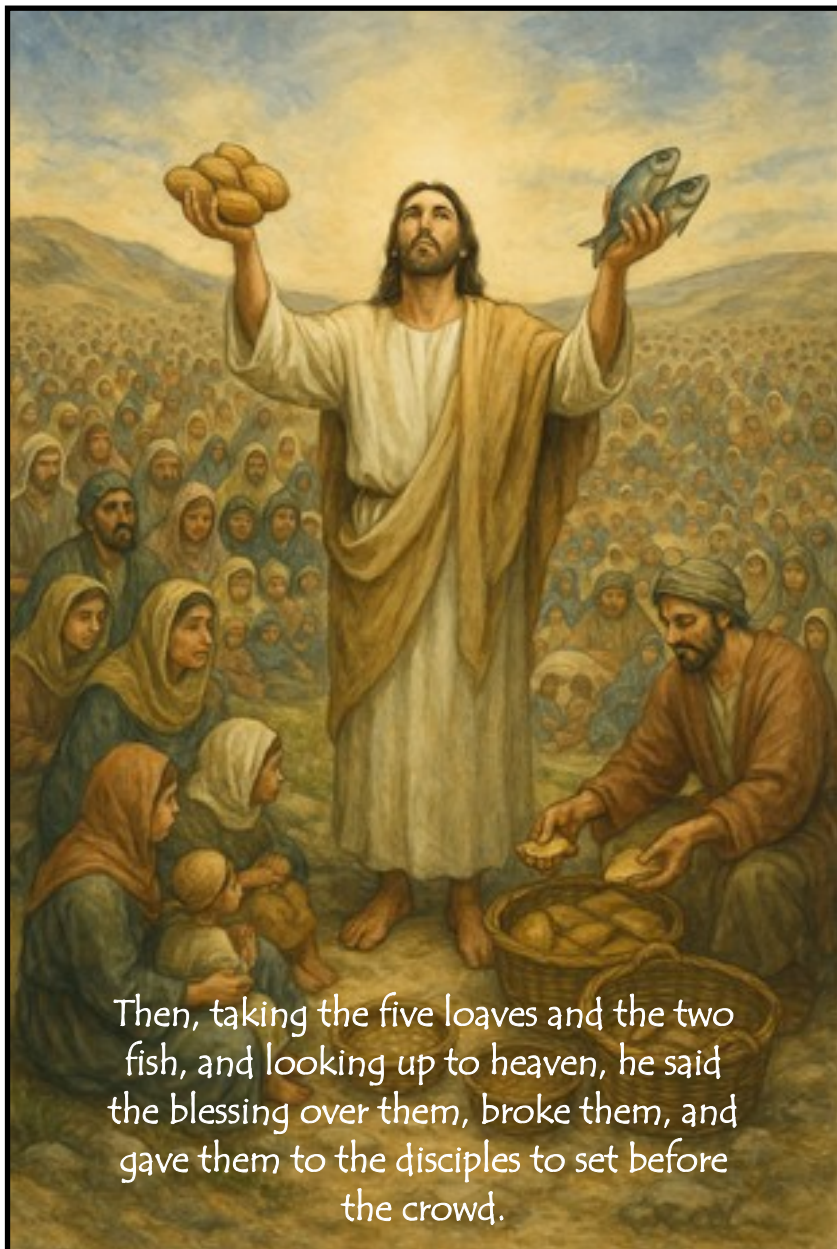
Small enough to know your name
Big enough to make a difference

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.



Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

Sacramental Preparation Information

Sacramental Minister: Fr. Garry Richmeier

C.P.P.S: GarryCPPS@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.

Bulletin Deadline: 10 pm Mondays. Email items to Bulletin@StJKC.org.

For information to be posted on the St. James website, email your items to: website@StJKC.org.



ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

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Parish Office Phone: 816-561-8512

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

Email: ParishStaff@StJKC.org

Website: www.StJKC.org

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30388, Kansas City, MO 64112

St James Facebook Public Page: Only St James admin team can post to- <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown>

PARISH SECURITY

Peter Hughes arranged for the KCMO Police Department to conduct a security assessment of our parish campus, and they provided several suggestions to enhance our campus security.



Some of the tips included increasing fencing, removing obstacles that provide cover for people to hide behind, and keeping our grounds well-maintained. We recently hired Envision to maintain our lawn. They quoted us a very reasonable charge (\$65 per cut) to cut all the grass on our campus, complete with trimming and blowing off our sidewalks.

JUNE 15 SYNOD MEETING SUMMARY



Pat Marrin was introduced to the Synod, and the Synod confirmed the Transition Team's choice of Pat as Parish Synodal Director. Pat is planning to start on June 23. Pat will be working part-time (up to 29 hours a week) with the possibility that, once he gets settled and has a handle on all the work that needs to be done, he could hire an assistant.

The Transition Team has been transferring more of its tasks to the Parish Leadership Team and will continue to support Pat until Pat is fully integrated into the leadership role.

Keep Pat and the entire parish in your prayers as we continue to discover what it means to be a Synodal Parish.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

6/22 First Communion Sunday, reception following Mass

6/29 Fifth Sunday Luncheon after Mass—All are invited

6/29 Sign-ups for children seeking the sacraments

6/30 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30

7/6 Parish Pantry Sunday

7/8 Volunteer at Harvesters—6:00 –8:00 pm

7/7 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30

7/20 Parish-wide Synod Meeting after Mass

7/21 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30

8/3 Parish Pantry Sunday

8/5 Volunteer at Harvesters—6:00-8:00 pm

8/17 Sign-ups for family-based "Seeking God" program

8/17 Parish-wide Synod after Mass

9/14 First session for "Seeking God" families

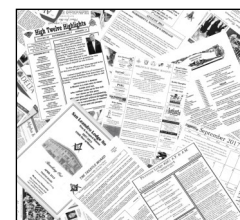
ST. JAMES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



Faith Formation needs adults who would like to work with our children in grades 2, 3, and 4 for an intermediate Children's Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of Mass.

All materials will be provided, and sessions will occur during the first part of Mass in Marian Hall. Please contact Bonnie Haghirian at FaithFormation@StJKC.org if you would like to participate in this ministry.

ST. JAMES IS SEEKING ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPOSING AND DESIGNING THE PARISH BULLETIN AND FRIDAY EMAIL.



If you have questions or are interested, please contact Bill Cordaro at Bulletin@StJKC.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 IS ST. JAMES' FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCHEON. ALL ARE INVITED!

June 29th is the 5th Sunday at St. James. It is our custom to gather after Mass for a parish family lunch. Please join us in Marian Hall for food, family, and friendship.

FOOD

FAMILY

FRIENDSHIP

FAITH FORMATION

June 22: First Communion Sunday - It is very important that our candidates for First Reconciliation and First Communion attend Mass.

June 29: Sign-ups for parishioners who want to prepare their family members for Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Communion. Classes begin in August.

For information about any of the offerings above, contact Bonnie Haghirian at FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER



Cindy McKay Basolo, Ross Beaudoin, Rick Cordaro, Paul DeMerchant, Michael Heringer, Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Amie Miller, Denise Simeone, Eric Sitterley, Sean Shaughnessy, and Steve Wallace
If you or someone you know needs prayers, please send their names to Bulletin@StJKC.org.

Jesus never required success in
what we do, just faithfulness.



Father Don, the Transition Team and the entire parish bless Patrick Marrin, our new Parish Synodal Director.

You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.” Thus, Abraham became the first recorded person to tithe in Scripture. **He didn’t just give 10% of his income, he gave 10% of EVERYTHING!** For some tithing is very difficult, especially when trying to make ends meet. For others, tithing 10% might be less of an obstacle. What about the other 90%? We can have little doubt that Abraham would give up all 100% if God asked him to do so. He was willing to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac as proof of his faithfulness. What are we—as faithful stewards—doing with our other 90%?

READING FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025, SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL THE APOSTLES

First Reading - Acts 12:1-11: This passage recounts how, amid King Herod’s brutal persecution—marked by the martyrdom of James and the imprisonment of Peter—the Church’s fervent prayer led to a miraculous, divinely orchestrated escape for Peter.

Reflection Question: In what ways can you draw strength from prayer during difficult times, and how might divine intervention inspire you to persevere despite life’s challenges?

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18: Paul celebrates the completion of his ministry and his steadfast faith, affirming that his imminent departure will be rewarded with the crown of righteousness, not only for himself but for all who long for the Lord’s appearing.

Reflection Question: How can Paul’s unwavering trust in God’s rescue and promise of eternal reward inspire you to persist through personal challenges in your spiritual journey?

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-19: In Caesarea Philippi, Jesus challenges His disciples’ perceptions of His identity, and when Peter boldly declares Him as the Christ, Jesus affirms Peter as the rock of His Church and entrusts him with the keys to the kingdom, symbolizing divine authority that overcomes all earthly opposition.

Reflection Question: How does Peter’s confession and the authority entrusted to him inspire you to boldly affirm your own understanding of faith and actively shape your community?

ST. JAMES' VOTIVE CANDLES

Lighting a votive candle at church extends one's prayers and shows support for the person being prayed for. Additionally, people may light candles to express gratitude for answered prayers.



The suggested donation for lighting a votive candle at St. James has been updated to \$5.00, up from \$2.00, to cover the significantly higher costs for the candles. The votive candle envelopes now reflect the suggested donation increase. Everyone is invited to participate in this form of prayer.

Photo provided by
Chris Dewberry.



**Fr. Don
invited all
parishioners to
raise their arms
in blessing
all the
St. James'
dads on
Father's Day**

WHY CATHOLICS USE INCENSE?



Catholics use incense as a symbol of prayer rising to heaven, reflecting the sweetness of sacrifice and the presence of the divine during worship. Additionally, its use helps to sanctify the space, engaging the senses in the liturgical experience and deepening the spiritual atmosphere of the celebration.

"We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference." Elie Wiesel

Each Friday, St. James sends out an **all-parish email** with additional information for our St. James' Community.

If you are not receiving the Friday parish email, it is because we don't have your correct email address or you may not be officially registered with the parish.

Email Bulletin@StJKC.org to let us know that you are not receiving the email and we will add you to our email list and check to see if you are registered with the parish. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 (ParishStaff@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!

VIRTUS TRAINING

Anyone who is involved with children (Religious Ed., Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Preparation) **or vulnerable adults** (Communion to the homebound) **must participate in the Diocesan Virtus Training.** Contact Chris Dewberry, chdewbe@StJKC.org, for more information. **Thank you for your involvement in our ministries.**

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 at 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.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 Assistance Coordinator, at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.