



Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Sunday
Sunday, June 29, 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.

A beacon of hope and justice,
our nation shines brightest when
every voice is heard and every life
is honored. This Fourth of July,
let us celebrate our shared freedom
in Christ, commit to seeking justice
for all, and welcome our neighbors
with open arms and open hearts.



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

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St James Facebook Public Page: Only St James admin
team can post to- [https://www.facebook.com/
stjamesmidtown](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown)

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!**

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER



Cindy McKay Basolo, Ross Beaudoin,
Paul DeMerchant, Michael Heringer, Theresa Maly,
Caroline Martin, Amie Miller, Eric Sitterley,
Sean Shaughnessy, and Steve Wallace

**If you or someone you know needs prayers, please send
their names to Bulletin@StJKC.org.**

FAITH FORMATION NEEDS YOU!



**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 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 pm

7/1 Volunteer at Harvesters—6:00 –8:00 pm

7/6 Parish Pantry Sunday– See note in bulletin

7/7 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm

7/20 Parish-wide Synod Meeting after Mass

7/21 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm

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

You're Invited: 5th Sunday Family Lunch

Date: After Mass TODAY, Sunday, June 29th

Where: Marian Hall, lower level.

Come celebrate the gift of community as we share a meal together! Marian Hall will be filled with good food, laughter, and the warmth of the St. James family. Whether you've been here for years or this is your first visit, your presence makes our table complete.

What to expect:

- ◆ A buffet of home-style favorites
- ◆ Warm conversation with old friends—and new ones
- ◆ A relaxed, kid-friendly atmosphere.

Bring your appetite, and join us for an afternoon of food, family, and friendship. **We can't wait to see you there!**

FAITH FORMATION



Congratulations to our April 27, 2025 First Communicants



Congratulations to our June 22, 2025 First Communicants

The May group of First Communicants were pictured in an earlier bulletin. Special note of appreciation goes to Bonnie Haghirian, St. James' Faith Formation Director. She is responsible for preparing the children and parents for the Sacrament.

You may have noticed the bulletin is in black and white—we're restocking ink and expect to resume color printing by next week.

PUT YOUR CREATIVITY TO WORK FOR ST. JAMES!

We're looking for one or two passionate volunteers to lead the weekly heartbeat of our parish: the Sunday bulletin and Friday email. This is your chance to:

- ♦ Shape our message—blend inspiring reflections, news, and events into a compelling layout
- ♦ Build community—keep 200+ parish households and friends informed, connected, and engaged
- ♦ Flex your design skills—experiment with graphics, typography, and storytelling

We'll provide templates and the training you need. **Ready to make an impact? Contact Bill Cordaro at Bulletin@StJKC.org today—and become the creative force behind our parish's voice!**



Stay Connected to St. James

Never Miss What's Happening at St. James—Sign Up for Our Friday Email and Sunday Bulletin!

Each Friday, we share a carefully curated roundup of:

- Inspiring reflections and prayer opportunities
- Upcoming events and volunteer needs
- Important announcements and community highlights

If you haven't been getting these updates, we simply don't have your current email address. To get connected, just send your preferred address to Bulletin@StJKC.org and we'll add you to the list right away.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025, FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

First Reading - Isaiah 66:10-14c: God promises to lavish Jerusalem with comfort and prosperity—like a mother nursing and nurturing her child—so that all who love her may rejoice, flourish, and know His power.

Reflection Question: In what areas of my life am I still grieving, and how might I open myself to receive God's tender, mother-like comfort and overflowing provision today?

Second Reading - Galatians 6:14-18: Paul declares that his only boast is in Christ's cross—which has crucified the world to him and made him a new creation—rather than in any ritual or fleshly identity.

Reflection Question: What identities or achievements do you find yourself boasting in, and how might embracing the cross as your sole boast reshape your sense of worth and purpose?

Gospel - Luke 10:1-12, 17-20: Jesus commissions seventy-two followers to depend wholly on God's provision and protection as they proclaim the nearness of His kingdom—offering peace, healing the sick, and facing acceptance or rejection—while reminding them that true joy lies in their names being written in heaven.

Reflection Question: When you've felt God send you beyond your comfort zone, how did you learn to trust His provision and protection, and where do you find your deepest joy—in what you accomplish or in your assurance of belonging to Him?

ST. JAMES' VOTIVE CANDLES



Lighting a votive candle at church extends one's prayers, expresses gratitude, and offers support for others. At St. James, the suggested donation has increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00 due to rising costs, and envelopes now reflect this update—all are welcome to take part in this prayerful tradition.

Pantry Sunday • July 6th

Help us bring nourishment and hope to our unhoused and underfed neighbors by contributing to Bishop Sullivan's Snack Pack drive. Every small item you share—cheese & crackers, peanut butter & crackers, tuna or chicken salad & crackers, granola bars, fruit or pudding cups, single-serve chips, Vienna sausages, and juice boxes—becomes a simple act of compassion and dignity.

How to participate:

- ♦ Pick up one or more of the requested items.
- ♦ Drop them in the collection bin in the back of church on or before July 6th.

Your generosity turns a hungry moment into a reminder that someone cares. Bishop Sullivan and our entire St. James family are deeply grateful for your ongoing support—and for the love you pour into every package. Let's show our community the power of kindness in action!

HARVESTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

When: Tuesday, July 1st
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Where: Harvesters, 3801 Topping Ave, KCMO



Why volunteer? • Be part of a team tackling hunger in our community • Earn service hours (ages 8+) • Make new friends • Leave knowing you've made a real difference

What to bring & wear: • Closed-toe shoes & long pants (safety first!) • A canned or non-perishable donation (optional, but appreciated)

Ready to lend a hand? Contact Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 to save your spot! Let's pack hope together—see you there!

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

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 Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Embark on a life-changing journey drawn from Ignatius's own quest for deeper union with God. He poured his heart into a journal of prayers, meditations, and insights—refining them as he led others—and wove them into a powerful retreat experience known simply as the Spiritual Exercises.



Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

- September 2025 – May 2026
- Applications due by July 31, 2025

Are you ready to discover how this centuries-proven practice can renew your faith and transform your daily walk with God?

For more information, contact Regina Santana at rsantana@ignatiancenterkc.org.

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.