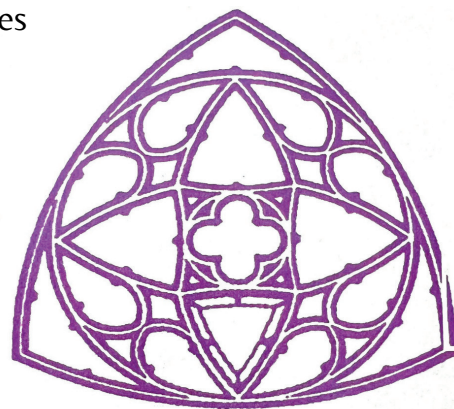


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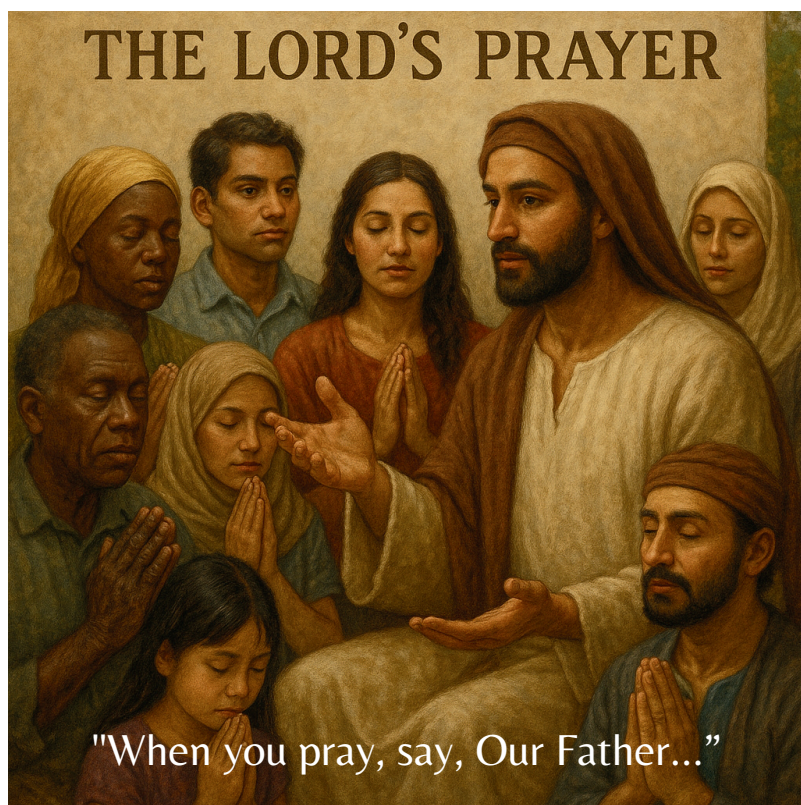
ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Join Us for Mass

Every Sunday at 10 AM

Sacraments

Sacramental Minister:

Fr. Garry Richmeier C.PP.S
garrycpps@gmail.com

Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:

Contact Bonnie Haghirian,
Faith Formation Coordinator
faithformation@stjkc.org

Rite of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church:

(Adult Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation) takes place as needed.

Contact Bonnie Haghirian at
faithformation@stjkc.org.

Marriage:

Contact Phyllis McCarty,
Marriage Coordinator
phyllisamccarty@gmail.com
(at least 9 months prior to wedding date)

Confession: Upon request

Email Fr. Don Farnan - FrDon@stjkc.org
OR Fr. Garry Richmeier -
garrycpps@gmail.com

REMINDER: Weekly Bulletin
Deadline is Mondays by 10 PM

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

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025, THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23: Life and all human endeavors are ultimately meaningless or futile without God.

Reflection Question: What do you chase after in life? How could including God in your plans and efforts make them more worthwhile?

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11: Christians should live with a heavenly focus, putting to death sinful earthly desires as part of their new life in Christ.

Reflection Question: Are there things you could give to God this week? What heavenly focuses do you find yourself thinking about week to week?

Gospel - Luke 12:13-21: The Parable of the Rich Fool- Storing up earthly riches without being "rich toward God" is foolish. Life is short and material possessions cannot save or satisfy in the end.

Reflection Question: Do you feel rich in God? If so, how could you encourage others? If not, what could you change about daily life that would let you to see the richness of Christ more?

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PARISH PICNIC!

Come celebrate 119 years of St. James Parish on **Saturday, August 23** on the south lawn of St. James.



Mark your calendar for this fun-filled family event. Stay tuned for more information on food, activities, and how you can help make this milestone celebration extra special.

Next week, Sunday August 3, Children's Liturgy of the Word will welcome back all of our children!



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY & AUGUST

7/28 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm
8/3 Parish Pantry Sunday
8/3 Children's Liturgy of the Word restarts
8/5 Volunteer at Harvesters 6:00-8:00 pm
8/7 Transition Team Meeting—1:00 pm
8/10 Hospitality Sunday
8/11 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

8/17 Sign-ups for family-based "Seeking God" program
8/17 Parish-wide Synod after Mass
8/23 Parish Anniversary Picnic
8/25 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm
9/7 Parish Pantry Sunday
9/14 Hospitality Sunday
9/14 First session for "Seeking God" families

Help With Hospitality Sundays



Would you like to help with one of our monthly Hospitality Sundays? We could use additional help during the Fall dates:
Oct 12, Nov 9 or Dec 14.

- Provide a snack for the table: Donuts, cookies, fruit/nut breads, muffins, pretzels, bag of fruit, snacks, gluten free items, etc. (homemade/store bought)
- Help set up and serve on Sunday

Contact Denise Simeone for more information:
denisesimeone@hotmail.com or call/text 816-686-3612.
Thanks for considering being a part of this ministry for our parishioners and guests!

Summary of Synod Meeting Discussion

On July 20th, about 60–70 parishioners explored how we should respond if ICE raids a Sunday service. Participants agreed to broaden the dialogue via online forums and the parish bulletin. We suggested forming a committee to draft policy which the Leadership Team can review and parish can approve.

Background

- Federal funding increases: \$30 billion for 10,000 new ICE agents and \$45 billion for detention facilities, with

Next Pantry Sunday August 3

Join us in making snack bags for our unhoused neighbors. Every small gift brings comfort and hope.

Requested Items

- Tuna salad cups
- Chicken salad cups
- Vienna sausages
- Fruit cups & pudding cups
- Cheese & crackers
- PB packets & crackers
- Chips, Pretzels & cookies
- Granola bars
- Fruit snacks & Juice boxes

Please put donations on the back table before or after mass.

Bishop Sullivan and our outreach team are deeply grateful for your generosity and continued support. Together, we can share God's love in tangible ways.

quotas of 7,000 daily apprehensions.

- Churches are probable targets for unannounced, masked ICE operations.
- Media reports document indiscriminate arrests, due-process violations, profiling, and policy changes stripping protections from long-term immigrants and asylum seekers.

Parish Response and Solidarity

- Consensus that the Gospel calls for welcoming immigrants, resisting unjust deportations, and standing in solidarity with “illegal” long-term residents.

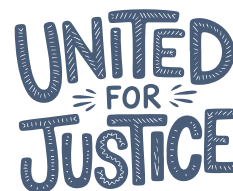
- Parish affirmation taped to church doors; coordination with St. Therese Little Flower and St. Francis Xavier parishes.
- Plans to engage diocesan leadership and the broader Kansas City Catholic community.

Key Elements of a Response Plan

- Legal clarity: ICE must present a judicial warrant naming sought individuals; sanctuary claims have limited protection.
- Define public versus private areas within the church.
- During any ICE visit, the assembly's prayer and song serve as a unified backdrop for collective action.
- Trained spokespersons stationed at each entrance to:
 - Request and verify agent identification and authorization
 - Photograph agents and record vehicle/license information
 - Alert media and neighboring parishes
 - Maintain nonviolent, civil engagement without physical resistance

Next Steps

A draft plan is being composed. Parishioners are invited to suggest additional topics and join the effort by emailing Pat Marrin, our Synodal Parish Director at ParishStaff@StJKC.org





WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Ross Beaudoin, Cindy McKay Basolo, Paul DeMerchant, Barb Doak, Michael Heringer, Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Amie Miller, Judith Reed, Edward Earl Scott, Eric Sitterley, Sean Shaughnessy, and Steve Wallace

If you or someone you know needs prayers please send their names to Bulletin@St.JKC.org

Parish Financial Report

Copies of a narrative summary and annual report are available for anyone wishing to review. Please see a greeter or Dan Nash. A copy was also attached to Friday's email containing the bulletin. Thank you for your support of St. James.

Welcome to St. James

We are a warm, welcoming community rooted in the inclusive love of Jesus—who broke down barriers, showed compassion, and invited everyone to the table. Here, you'll find open hearts, meaningful worship, and opportunities to live out justice & kindness.

Reach out to our friendly staff at ParishStaff@StJKC.org, or head to www.StJKC.org to fill out a quick registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!

Called to the Silence: 3 Day Directed Ignatian Retreat Opportunities

God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away, just "to be", to listen, to pray? Retreats at Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA includes room and meals for \$400.

Call (712) 778-2466 for reservation information.

Retreat Dates:

- Thurs-Sun Oct 23 - 26, 2025
- Thurs-Sun Dec 4 - 7, 2025

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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.