

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

## COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



“By faith Abraham obeyed”

Hebrews 11:1

### 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

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 17, 2025, THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10:** Jeremiah is persecuted for faithfully delivering God's message, but God uses a courageous outsider, Ebed-Melek, to save him—highlighting both injustice and God's provision.

**Reflection Question:** When have you felt pressure to stay silent about what is right or true, and how can you find the courage—like Ebed-Melek—to speak up or take action, even when it's risky?

**Second Reading - Hebrews 12:1-4:** Stay strong in your faith, remove distractions, and look to Jesus as your example of endurance and victory.

**Reflection Question:** What distractions in your life are hindering your spiritual growth, and how can you fix your eyes more fully on Jesus to run your race with endurance?

**Gospel - Luke 12:49-53:** Jesus' message will not always bring peace but will often cause division, even among close relationships, due to the radical commitment God requests of us.

**Reflection Question:** How do you respond when your faith in Jesus causes tension or division in your relationships, and what does it look like to remain faithful to Him in those moments?

## The Golden Wedding Anniversary

Is your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary soon? Come celebrate on Sunday, September 28th. The event is for couples whose 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary falls between 1/1/25 and 12/31/25. The event is open to couples and their immediate family. The celebration will begin with Mass at the Cathedral of the

Immaculate Conception in Kansas City at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in the new event space – Donnelly Hall. You can complete the form by going to <https://forms.office.com/r/EjvxEJnux0>. Complete by September 15.

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Mondays by 10 PM**

Email: [Bulletin@StJkc.org](mailto:Bulletin@StJkc.org)  
Send website info to [website@StJkc.org](mailto:website@StJkc.org).

**Parish Picnic Postponed**

We will celebrate our parish birthday in the nave after Mass on August 24<sup>th</sup> and save the picnic for cooler weather.

# ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## AUGUST

8/10 Hospitality Sunday  
8/11 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm  
8/17 Sign-ups for family-based "Seeking God" program  
8/19 Knitting and Crocheting 6:30 pm Rectory  
8/24 Parish-wide Synod after Mass  
8/24 Parish Cake and Ice Cream Birthday Celebration in the Nave  
8/25 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm

## SEPTEMBER & October

8/31 Blessing of items for Bus Stop during Mass  
9/7 Parish Pantry Sunday  
9/7 Sign ups for Confirmation after Mass  
9/14 Hospitality Sunday  
9/14 First session for "Seeking God" families  
9/21 Celebration of Catechetical Sunday  
9/21 Parish-wide Synod after Mass  
10/5 Goldenberg Duo Concert and Reception 7 pm

## Associate Synodal Parish Director

St. James Catholic Church is seeking to hire a part-time associate to work with the Parish Director.

We seek expertise in conducting efficient meetings on sometimes controversial issues to get consensus.

The role of synodal leadership includes the practical running of the parish, including its day-to-day operations. The Associate Synodal Parish Director will work closely with the Finance Committee, Leadership Team, and Bookkeeper to ensure the smooth operation of the business office and to help grow the parish's financial stability. The synodal associate will focus on communications, fostering and supporting volunteers, designing ways for a diverse community to engage one another and build unity.

A candidate needs a Bachelor's Degree in areas related to community organization and problem solving. A Catholic background, familiarity with Catholic Social Justice values, commitment to social

development, human dignity and the principles of diversity, equality and inclusiveness are all required. See the full job description as posted on the diocesan website.

Contact Pat Marrin  
parishstaff@stjkc.org  
816-561-8512

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for your  
support

## Miracle of Innocence Fundraiser Gala

Register today for the gala fundraiser on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Help rebuild lives and dignity for those incarcerated for crimes not committed. Help them reclaim their freedom.

Learn more at  
miracleofinnocence.org  
Call 913-717-5080 ext. 102



## 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](http://www.StJKC.org) to fill out a registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!



## Financial Corner

Every second Sunday, check here for information about our parish finances. The second Sunday of the month we summarize the collections for the previous month.

Total Mass Collections (envelopes, plate, mail and online):

- July 2025 - \$18,048.26 (\$4,512 per week)
- July 2024 - \$16,761.00 (\$4,190 per week)

This is a 7.7% increase over July of last year.

Thank you for your generosity!



## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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

If you or someone you know needs prayers please send their names to [Bulletin@St.JKC.org](mailto:Bulletin@St.JKC.org)

## 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](mailto:chdewbe@stjkc.org), for more information. Thank you for your involvement in our ministries.



## ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

**Pastor:** Fr. Don Farnan,  
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**Synodal Parish Director:**  
Patrick Marrin,  
[parishstaff@stjkc.org](mailto:parishstaff@stjkc.org)

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816-561-8512

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
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**FACEBOOK**  
[@stjamesmidtown](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown)

## Free Eye Screening & Eye Glasses Clinic



**WHERE: CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVE&LIFT CENTER**

8001 LONGVIEW RD, KCMO 64134  
Parking at the back of the building.

**WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2025**

**TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**TO ATTEND, REGISTER HERE:**

[CATHOLICCHARITIES-KCSJ.ORG/EYECLINIC/](http://CATHOLICCHARITIES-KCSJ.ORG/EYECLINIC/)



In addition to the Eye Screening and Glasses Clinic, Catholic Charities will be offering free Color Blindness Tests, Hearing Tests, and Blood Sugar Tests. See the website for more info.

## 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 a minor), 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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.