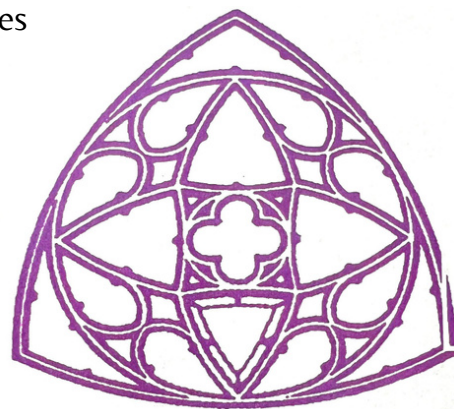


Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Times

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



The Pilgrim of the Cross at the End of His Journey

Thomas Cole (American, 1801-1848)
(study for series, The Cross and the World)
(ca. 1846-1848)



“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.” - Luke 13:24

Join Us for Mass

Every Sunday at 10 AM

Sacraments

Sacramental Minister:

Fr. Garry Richmeier C.PP.S.
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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
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Marriage:

Contact Phyllis McCarty,
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(at least 9 months prior to wedding date)

Confession: Upon request

Email Fr. Don Farnan - FrDon@stjkc.org
OR Fr. Garry Richmeier -
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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 31, 2025, THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



First Reading - Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29: God will gather a global, multi-ethnic people to Himself, bring His scattered people home, and include even outsiders in His priestly service.

Reflection Question: How have I experienced healing, strength, or renewal through humility and openness to God?

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a: Believers no longer approach God in fear through the old covenant, but in joy and confidence through Christ, who brings reconciliation and life.

Reflection Question: How do I sometimes approach God more like the Israelites at Mount Sinai –with fear, distance, or hesitation—rather than with the joy of Mount Zion?

Gospel - Luke 14:1, 7-14: True humility and generosity seeks no self-advantage but reflects God's kingdom values.

Reflection Question: When have I been tempted to seek recognition, status, or the "best seat" in life? What does choosing the lowest place look like in my daily relationships and work?

Manos Amigas Update

We are excited to announce that VBS returned to Anapra. Manos Amigas held a one week VBS the first week of August as a test to see if they were ready for VBS again after Covid. The answer is a resounding YES!



VBS was a new experience for the younger kids. The older kids had fond memories of VBS and were happy to serve as helpers. There was a lot of joy, learning, and full hearts.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

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
8/31 Blessing of items for Bus Stop during Mass
8/31 Fifth Sunday Parish Lunch

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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
10/5 Parish Pantry Sunday
10/12 Hospitality Sunday

Synod Meeting Today! BASKET RAFFLE CONTINUES

After Mass today, please join us for the Parish-Wide Synod Meeting. We will also be celebrating the parish's birthday. Grab a treat at the back of the nave before our Synod Meeting begins.



Bus Stop Ministry Needs Your Help

Bus Stop items will be blessed at Mass on August 31st. We need parishioners to help!

Set up: Saturday, August 30th at 10 am

- Get the items from the rectory to church and help display them in baskets. We will carry them up to the altar as part of the Offertory Procession.

Returning: Sunday, August 31st after Mass

- Return the hats, scarves, and gloves back to the rectory and prep for distribution.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Talk to Mary Vincent for sign up and questions.

Raffle Baskets are at the back after church. The August baskets will be raffled off on Sunday, August 31st. Tickets are available now for \$1.00 each.

Basket themes for August: wine, Chiefs and Everyday items.

September basket themes: dogs, cats, and garden bulbs.

Raffle proceeds are split between Community Garden and summer cooling costs for church/rectory.

Thank you for your participation.



Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Mondays by 10 PM

Email: Bulletin@StJkc.org
Send website info to website@StJkc.org.



Welcome to St. James

We are a warm, inviting 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 registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!

Trouble Getting the Friday Email?

Don't worry, you're not alone.

We have had some technical difficulties with the Friday email but we are working on a solution that should solve the pesky email issues. Be sure to add the bulletin email to your email address book so it does not get marked as junk. Feel free to email the bulletin ministry with questions.

Bulletin@stjkc.org



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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

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

Marillac Retreat and Spirituality Center

Marillac has some wonderful retreats coming for autumn!

- September, Sister Susan Chase will lead a 6 session focus titled "The Spirituality of Trees" to celebrate the Season of Creation.

- Father Kevin Cullen will lead a Good Conversation session titled "Enjoying Our Pilgrimage" on September 11th
- Sister Mary Pat Johnson will lead a look into "The Transformative Power of Prayer" September 12-14.
- October 9th Sister Judith Jackson will lead a gathering titled "Letting Mary matter: Lessons in Compassion and Contemplation".
- The Fall Retreat will be October 13-18 led by Scripture Scholar Kathy Coffey, titled "The Genius of Jesus, The World of Women".
- Directed individual retreats are offered the last week of October into the first of November.

Go to www.scls.org/marillac-center/retreats/ for more info and to sign up.



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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 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. 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.