

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



“The Rich Fool” by Jesus Mafa’ project in Cameroon

Luke 12 has often been depicted in art. If you wish to see more art on this subject, look up “The Rich Fool” by the



following artists:
Rembrandt,
James B. Janknegt,
Adriaen Collaert
(working after Hans Bol).

“The Rich Fool” by
Artist Nelly Bube
(left)

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 10, 2025, THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



First Reading - Wisdom 18:6-9: This passage emphasizes the faith, unity, and hope of God's people as they prepared for deliverance, trusting in God's promises and justice.

Reflection Question: It is hard seeing all the injustice in the world right now. Let God comfort your heart today by remembering that God promises true deliverance and justice. Are there ways you can remind yourself this week of God's faithfulness and promises?

Second Reading - Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19: This passage shows that true faith involves trusting God's promises even without visible proof, as exemplified by Abraham and his family's obedience.

Reflection Question: Do you need to trust God with something today? Have faith and trust that God will guide you diligently just as God guided the people of Israel and Abraham.

Gospel - Luke 12:32-48: Do not be afraid. Give to others and build true riches in God's treasure. Where your treasure is, your heart will be also.

Reflection Question: What do you treasure? Does this treasure reflect your heart and God?

The Golden Wedding Anniversary

Is your 50th Anniversary soon? Come celebrate on Sunday, September 28th. The event is for couples whose 50th 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@StJJC.org
Send website info to website@StJJC.org.

Parish Picnic Postponed

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

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

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

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

8/24 Parish-wide Synod after Mass
8/24 Parish Birthday Celebration in the Nave
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
9/21 Parish-wide Synod after Mass

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 Brett Nieman, HR
nieman@dioceseKCSJ.org
816 714 2339



Garden Gang

This little friend joined the Garden Gang last Saturday. You can join the garden gang too. Contact Sarah Hirsch at archathomekc@gmail.com

Tech Support Volunteers Needed

Help keep St. James running smoothly!

- Assist with printer hookups
- Gmail setup
- Windows/Microsoft troubleshooting

Ready to lend a hand? Email parishstaff@stjkc.org or speak with Pat Marrin before or after Mass.



Children's Liturgy Today

We are celebrating with Children's Liturgy of the Word today as our summer break ends!

Come learn about Jesus with your friends!

Parents: we will soon have two groups for Children's Liturgy, with a new group for our children who have made their First Communion. We are looking for people to assist, so please send Bonnie an email if you can help.



Miracle of Innocence Fundraiser Gala

Register today for the gala fundraiser on September 6th 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



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

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 registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!

Charlotte St Art Exhibit Tour August 9th

Last minute invitation to an amazing exhibit at the Nelson Atkins Museum on Saturday.

The exhibit contains the works of three KC artists, the winners of the Charlotte Street Visual Artist Award. It focuses on justice issues, immigration, and racism. Docent Alan Lubert will guide viewers. Meet near the Bloch Lobby information desk of the newer wing by 10:45 to begin at 11 AM. If interested, email Brother Louis Rodemann at holyfamilycw@hotmail.com or call 816 877 6677.

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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.