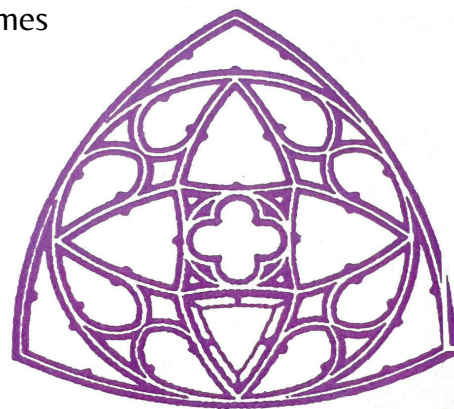


Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times

# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

## COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



### Feed The Hungry

(1831)

John Flaxman



“But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

- Luke 14:13-14

### Join Us for Mass

Every Sunday at 10 AM

### Sacraments

#### Sacramental Minister:

Fr. Garry Richmeier C.P.P.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.

## A Bountiful Harvest for our Parish Birthday

This past Sunday the garden Ministry blessed parishioners with a lovely bounty of potatoes, onions, garlic, and more! Their hard work and busy hands were greatly appreciated by so many of our people.

It was a beautiful Sunday to highlight the Garden Ministry while we also celebrated our parish birthday. We thank God for cultivating our parish over the years and pray for the hearts and growth of our church for years to come.



**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).



## 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](mailto: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!

## Pantry Sunday Next Week

Join us in making snack bags for our unhoused neighbors. Every small gift brings comfort and hope. Please bring pantry donations next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss
- Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner
- Moisturizer, lip balm, hand sanitizer

## BASKET RAFFLE TODAY

The August baskets will be raffled off today!

September basket themes: -

- Dogs
- Cats
- Garden bulbs

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

Thank you for your participation.

## Current Events: Catholic Roundtable Livestream 9/11

Georgetown University has an Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. Next week they are hosting a roundtable on *Deportations & Assaults on Human Dignity: Catholic Principles, Human Costs, Pastoral Challenges*. Join the livestream Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 6pm EDT. The dialogue will also be recorded and posted online for later viewing. Find more info in our recent Friday email or online at [catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/](http://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/)

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025, THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading - Wisdom 9:13-18b:** Humans cannot know God's ways by themselves; only divine wisdom and the Spirit reveal the right path.

**Reflection Question:** In what areas of my life am I relying too heavily on my own understanding, and how can I invite God's wisdom and Spirit to guide me instead?

**Second Reading - Philemon 9-10, 12-17:** Paul pleads with Philemon to receive Onesimus not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ, equal in love.

**Reflection Question:** How do I view and treat others in my life — especially those I may see as 'less than' me? What would it mean to welcome them as a true brother or sister in Christ?

**Gospel - Luke 14:25-33:** Discipleship means total commitment to Jesus, even above family, comfort, or possessions, and requires "counting the cost."

**Reflection Question:** "What attachments or comforts in my life make it hard for me to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, and how might I begin to 'count the cost' of true discipleship?"

### Next 5th Sunday Luncheon in November

Because we celebrated our parish birthday last week, we will not be having the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday luncheon today. Our next church lunch will be in November.

### Labor Day Solidarity Concert & Variety Show

Cross Border Network is hosting a concert and performing arts fundraiser. Proceeds will go to support The Cross Border Network's Bienvenido Bail Fund & Advocates for Immigrant Rights & Reconciliation (AIRR)'s Emergency Fund for immigrants.

There will be bands, performing artists, food, and drink!

Monday, Sept 1, 2-5PM  
All Souls UU Church,  
4501 Walnut St,  
Kansas City, MO 64111

Scan the QR Code Below for Tickets!



## ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

8/31 Blessing of items for Bus Stop during Mass  
9/2 Bus Stop Ministry at 2 pm  
9/7 Parish Pantry Sunday  
9/7 Sign ups for Confirmation after Mass  
9/8 Leadership Meeting at 6:30pm  
9/14 Hospitality Sunday  
9/14 First session for "Seeking God" families  
9/16 Knitting Ministry in the rectory at 6:30 pm  
9/18 Parish Growth Meeting 6pm on Zoom

### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

9/21 Celebration of Catechetical Sunday  
9/21 Parish-wide Synod after Mass  
9/22 Leadership Meeting at 6:30pm  
10/5 Goldenberg Duo Concert and Reception 7 pm  
10/5 Parish Pantry Sunday  
10/6 Leadership Meeting at 6:30pm  
10/12 Hospitality Sunday  
10/20 Leadership Meeting at 6:30pm





## 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@StJKC.org](mailto:Bulletin@StJKC.org)

## HARVESTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Harvesters

3801 Topping Ave, KCMO

Why volunteer?

- Tackle hunger in our community
- Service hours (ages 8+)
- Make new friends
- Leave knowing you've made a real difference

What to bring & wear:

- Close-toed shoes & long pants
- A canned or non-perishable donation (optional)

Ready to lend a hand?

Contact Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 to save your spot!

## ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

**Pastor:** Fr. Don Farnan,  
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[garrycpps@gmail.com](mailto:garrycpps@gmail.com)

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

**Parish Office:**

816-561-8512

Hours: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Monday-Friday

Email: [parishstaff@stjkc.org](mailto:parishstaff@stjkc.org)

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[@stjamesmidtown](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown)

### RESTORE

A Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat may be just what your marriage needs!

**Upcoming Kansas City Weekend**  
**September 26-28**

Retrouvaille is a marriage program that teaches a technique to communicate with your spouse in a meaningful way. The weekend will provide encouragement, hope, and practical tools to help rebuild a disconnected marriage.

[HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
800.470.2230

### RECONNECT

### RENEW

What we will learn?

- A communication technique that will be marriage changing.
- Discover Insights into yourself as an individual and as a couple to improve your relationship.
- Work to resolve conflict in healthier, more productive ways.
- To forgive freely and completely by rebuilding trust.
- Increase your commitment - and your closeness to each other.

Kansas City  
**RETROUVAILLE**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

## 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.