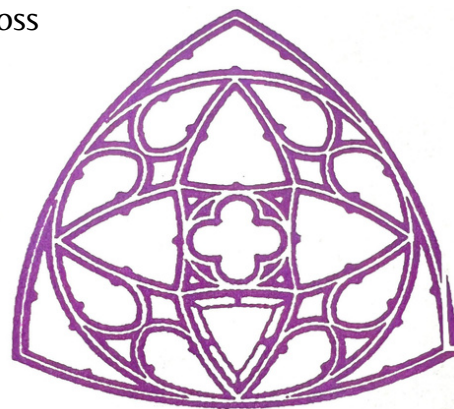


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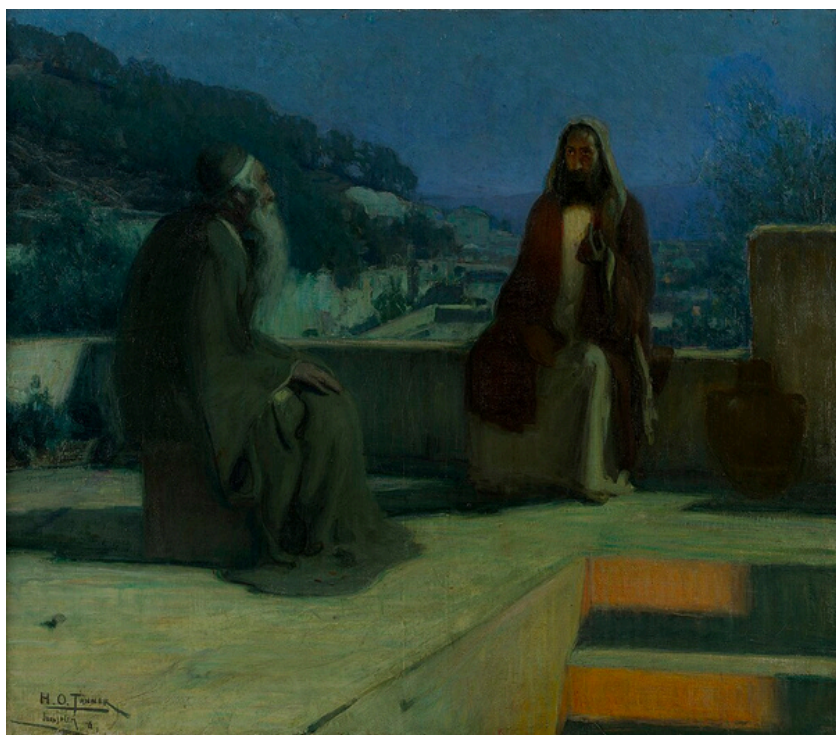
ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



NICODEMUS VISITING JESUS (CA. 1899)

HENRY OSSAWA TANNER (AMERICAN, 1859-1937)

Henry Ossawa Tanner was an American artist and one of the very first African-American painters to gain international acclaim. He was known for his religious and nocturnal light paintings. In the painting above, which depicts John 3, he uses moonlight to give a lighter halo effect on Christ.

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.



Please Take St James' Synodal Survey

Your voice matters! St. James is conducting a very important survey this week. The survey will help us better understand the goals of our synodal community and facilitate discussion at our next Synodal Meeting.

St. James' location at 39th & Troost puts us at the heart of great ministry opportunities and real challenges. A small number of people on our grounds (3-5%) exhibit disrespectful behaviors which are raising questions about safety, hospitality, and growth.

The link to fill out the survey is in Friday's (9/12) email. We also have paper surveys in the back of church. We would love as many parishioners as possible to provide their thoughts and join the discussion after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 21.



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 and 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!

SEPTEMBER BASKET RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are available at the back of the nave for \$1 each.

September basket themes:

- Dogs
- Cats
- Garden bulbs

Raffle proceeds go to Community Garden and summer cooling costs for the church/rectory.

The September raffle drawing will be held on 9/28 just after Mass.



Pantry Sunday Gifts for Bishop Sullivan and our Neighbors in Need

Last week we had many wonderful products donated for Pantry Sunday. These items go to Bishop Sullivan to help our community and neighbors in need. Keep an eye out in your bulletin for Pantry Sunday needs next month.



Financial Corner

August giving totals are coming soon. Check here soon for those numbers.

Did you know you can donate online anytime by using the **Giving Portal** on the St. James website!

STJKC.org/online-giving

Thanks for your generosity!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



First Reading - Amos 8:4-7: The prophet Amos delivers God's warning that God will not forget or overlook the greedy oppression of the poor and dishonest business practices of the wealthy.

Reflection Question: How might this passage challenge the way we view fairness, honesty, and compassion in how we treat others—especially the vulnerable—in our daily lives?

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8: Paul urges believers to pray for all people, so that they may live godly lives, reminding them that God desires everyone to be saved through Christ and calling men to pray with pure hearts.

Reflection Question: In what ways can you pray for others—including leaders and those you may struggle to respect?

Gospel - Luke 16:1-13: Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest manager to teach that while worldly people can be shrewd with resources, God's people should use their wealth wisely for eternal purposes, remembering that no one can serve both God and money.

Reflection Question: How are you using the resources God has entrusted to you—time, money, and influence—in ways that reflect loyalty to God rather than to wealth or self-interest?

Knitting & Crocheting Postponed til October

Please note the knitting and crocheting group will not be meeting on 9/16 due to some scheduling conflicts. We hope to see everyone in October and hopefully some new faces! With the cold seasons coming, our efforts mean the world to many without warm clothes.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Mondays by 10 PM

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

Witness on Troost Sept 30 from 4:30-6pm

Join Witness on Troost to stand united for democracy & justice. Our vision is a human witness where we will peacefully raise our SIGNS, VOICES, & PRAYERS in solidarity with the marginalized & vulnerable.

See the **Friday Email** for info.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

9/14 Hospitality Sunday
9/14 Sign Up for "Seeking God" families
9/18 Bus Stop Ministry at 11 am
9/18 Parish Growth Meeting 6pm on Zoom
9/21 Celebration of Catechetical Sunday
9/21 Parish-wide Synod after Mass
9/22 Leadership Meeting at 6:30pm
9/28 Parish Wide Faith Formation Event

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

10/5 Parish Pantry Sunday
10/5 Goldenberg Duo Concert and Reception 7 pm
10/6 Leadership Meeting at 6:30pm
10/12 Sacrament of the Sick
10/12 Hospitality Sunday
10/19 Parish-wide Synod Meeting after Mass

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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

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



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CELEBRATE ST. PHOEBE & WOMEN OF DIAKONIA

St. Phoebe, a deacon of the early Church who carried St. Paul's letter to the Romans, is remembered for her life of *diakonia*: bridge-building, humble service in liturgy, the Word, and social action, especially with those on the margins of our communities. Join us at SFX as we honor her legacy by lifting up the many women who embody this call today in our parish and throughout the Church.

At our mass celebrations, you will be invited to take part in our stars of inspiration display by adding the name or small photo of a woman who has shaped our church through faith, service, and leadership. We will also hear a special reflection from a female leader in our parish, offering wisdom and inspiration for our shared journey of faith today.



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SFX Masses:

Sat. Sept 20th at 4:00pm
Sun. Sept 21st at 8:00am
Sun. Sept 21st at 10:30am

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

1001 E. 52nd Street
Kansas City, MO 64110

This celebration is both gratitude for women's gifts and a call to live out the Synod's invitation: to discern together how diakonia and women's leadership continue to shape the future of our Church. Come celebrate with us!

For more information contact Aiden Bondurant at abondurant@sfx-kc.org

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.