

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



The Rich Man and Lazarus (1864)

Sir John Everett Millais

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.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick or Sacrament of the Sick will be offered on Sunday, October 12th at St. James. Anyone who is ill, has a chronic illness, or is elderly is invited to come forward and receive the anointing. The sacrament asks God to give us healing in body and/or mind. We pray for this in ourselves and in the other members of our community.

Guns to Gardens Event

The annual Guns to Gardens event will be held on October 25th. At this event, people are invited to surrender unused firearms which will be dismantled and turned into gardening tools. They are looking for volunteers to help the day of the event.

Call or text Jess Popescu at 402-326-2067.

Additionally, a free self defense class is being offered on 10/4. For more info, please see your Friday Email.



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!

Children's Liturgy Leaders Needed

We are looking for adults to assist with our Children's Liturgy of the Word. All materials are supplied for you. There are assistant roles and lead roles available. Please consider this opportunity to teach faith to our children.

First Communion & Confirmation Sessions start after Christmas to prepare children. We also need adults to assist with these sessions.

Please contact Bonnie at faithformation@stjkc.org

Bulletin Additions

It's autumn! A very busy season is upon us and our calendars will be filling with events for fall and the coming holidays. As a reminder, please send bulletin additions ASAP. The deadline is the Monday before you want them to appear in the bulletin or email. Thanks!

Bulletin@STJKC.org



Financial Corner

August Collections (Sunday, mail, online): \$17,851

Bequest: \$12,000

Monthly Budget: \$28,432

Average in-person Mass

Attendance: 121 (down 10% from Aug. 2024)

- Thank you for your generosity that allows us to fulfill our mission in Midtown.
- September ends the first quarter of the Church's fiscal year. We will share information on our financial position through the quarter in mid-October.
- If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, please see a member of the Finance council or email Finance@stjkc.org

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



First Reading - Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4: Habakkuk wrestles with God's silence in the face of injustice. God answers that justice will come in His timing. The proud will fall. The faithful will endure.

Reflection Question: When God's justice feels delayed, how can I choose to live by faith and trust His timing instead of becoming discouraged?

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14: Paul exhorts Timothy to be bold, unashamed, and faithful—using God's Spirit to endure hardship and to guard the truth of the gospel.

Reflection Question: What gifts or responsibilities has God entrusted to me, and how am I guarding and using them with courage, love, and faithfulness?

Gospel - Luke 17:5-10: Even a little faith has great power, and true discipleship means humble obedience without seeking recognition.

Reflection Question: How can I practice humble obedience in my daily life, trusting that even small acts of faith can have a powerful impact?

Faith Formation Announcements

Sunday, September 28

Conflict Resolution:

What is it and how to use it?

Presenter: Sr. Rose McClarney

Sunday, October 5: Youth sign ups for Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 5:

Parents/family sign up for the Seeking God program

Sunday, October 12:

Faith Formation Session:

The Death Penalty: Susie Roling and Joe Amrine of Miracle of Innocence

Sunday, October 26:

Trunk or Treat at Ronald McDonald House



Catechetical Sunday

Left to Right: Faith Formation, Bonnie Hagharian, Guitarist, Clink Thomson

Teachers: Linda Art, Sarah Forgey, Vivian Nwachukwu, Patrick Kastor, Sally Dux, and Oliver representing his mom, Jill Clements

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

9/28 Conflict Resolution with Sr. Rose McClarney
10/5 Parish Pantry Sunday
10/5 Youth Sign Up for Trunk or Treat with RMDH
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
10/12 Where We Stand with Miracle of Innocence

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

10/19 Parish-wide Synod Meeting after Mass
10/22 Legacy of Faith Grandparents' Seminar at St Peter's
10/26 Youth Trunk or Treat Event at RMDH after Mass
11/01 All Saints Day
11/23 Faith Formation Offering at The Nelson Art Gallery

9/21 Synodal Meeting Summary

Last Sunday the parish was invited to stay after Mass for our Synodal Meeting. The main topic of our meeting this month was St. James' Colonnade, security, and hospitality to our unhoused community.

A security survey was sent out earlier that week to get a feel for how safe parishioners felt. The results of this survey are attached in the Friday Email.

After viewing the results of the survey, Diane Etzel-Wise interviewed Katrina Renee from the community of people using the colonnade. She spoke about how Pat had made her feel welcome and how having the colonnade as shelter was a much safer option for her than many other places. She also highlighted bathroom use as a main issue for the houseless population.

The parishioners spent the last part of the meeting discussing the main issues, voicing concerns, and considering ideas.

The main concerns raised were related to safety, sanitation, liability, children, and drug use.

The main humanitarian goals...

discussed were restroom needs, ministry opportunities, and the church's responsibility to serve the community around us.

It was decided that there will be a larger discussion including the thoughts of the houseless peoples and experts in this field.

The Leadership Team will create short term goals and begin steps to address immediate issues.

A Task Force will be formed specifically for Colonnade Ministry to help research, address long term goals, and implement community-led solutions.



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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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.