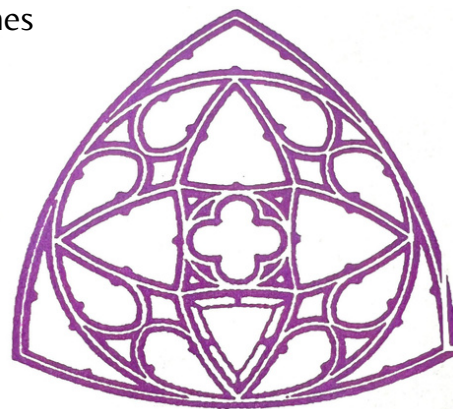


Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

## COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Last Sunday, Fr. Garry blessed all of the hats, scarves, and gloves for the Bus Stop Ministry. We pray that they are a blessing to everyone they keep warm.

### 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.

## SEPTEMBER BASKET RAFFLE

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

September basket themes:

- Dogs
- Cats
- Garden bulbs



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

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



## 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!

## Current Events: Catholic Roundtable Livestream 9/11

Georgetown University has an Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. This 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/)

## Phylis & Anne, Our Raffle Winners last Sunday!



"Fill us at daybreak  
with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and  
gladness all our days.  
And may the gracious care  
of the LORD our God be ours;  
Prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!  
In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge."  
Psalm 90



## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025, FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



**First Reading -Numbers 21:4b-9:** When the Israelites sinned and faced deadly consequences, God provided a way of healing and life through looking at the bronze serpent in faith.

**Reflection Question:** When I face the consequences of my own failures, do I turn in faith to God's provision for healing and life, or do I keep looking for solutions elsewhere?

**Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11:** Jesus humbled Himself in obedience, even to death, and God exalted Him as Lord over all.

**Reflection Question:** In what areas of my life is God inviting me to practice humility and obedience, trusting that true exaltation comes from God alone?

**Gospel -John 3:13-17:** God sent Jesus from heaven to be lifted up on the cross so that, out of love, all who believe can have salvation not condemnation.

**Reflection Question:** How does God's offer of love instead of condemnation effect your heart? Does it change how you view the world or how you treat others?

## Sacrament of the Sick October 12th

Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during mass on Sunday, October 12th this year. Fr. Garry will be away, but Fr. James Smith will preside and Fr. Al Ebach will help with the anointing.

"Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven."

James 5:14-15

**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).

**Seeking God Families  
Sign Up Next  
Sunday 9/14**

# ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

9/7 Parish Pantry Sunday  
9/7 Sign ups for Confirmation after Mass  
9/8 Leadership Meeting at 6:30 pm  
9/10 Bus Stop Ministry at 9:30 am  
9/14 Hospitality Sunday  
9/14 Sign Up for "Seeking God" families  
9/16 Knitting Ministry in the rectory at 6:30 pm  
9/18 Parish Growth Meeting 6pm on Zoom  
9/21 Celebration of Catechetical Sunday

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

9/21 Parish-wide Synod after Mass  
9/22 Leadership Meeting at 6:30pm  
9/28 Parish Wide Faith Formations Event  
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, and Steve Wallace.

If you or someone you know needs prayers please send their names to [Bulletin@StJKC.org](mailto:Bulletin@StJKC.org)



## Traveling or Sick?

Don't forget that St. James streams Mass each Sunday on our Facebook page, St. James Midtown, KC.

**Tune in!**

## Hyde Park Farmers Market

Our parish neighbors in Hyde Park are hosting a one-time farmers market in Gillham Park on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am - 1 pm. It looks to be a lovely, family-friendly, fall event to visit before or after Mass. Vendors include local produce, pastries, ceramics, and crafts.

## Virtus Training

Anyone who is involved with children (Religious Ed., Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Preparation) or vulnerable adults (Communion to the homebound) must complete the Diocesan Virtus Training.

Contact Chris Dewberry, [chdewbe@stjkc.org](mailto:chdewbe@stjkc.org), for more information. Thank you for your involvement in our ministries.



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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](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.