

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

## COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Please add a photo  
of a St. James  
“angel” that has  
touched your life or  
the lives of others.

### Gratitude & Remembrance

In honor of our newly restored angel in the garden, we have posted a Gratitude and Remembrance Bulletin Board at the Harrison St. church entrance. Please feel free to post a photograph. We as a parish can take time to rejoice and thank God for the angels in our lives.

### 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.



### Today's Bulletin is Dedicated to our Beloved Deacon, Parishioner, and Friend, Philip Ross Beaudoin

It is with profound sorrow and tender gratitude that we share the passing of Deacon Ross Beaudoin, who faithfully served as St. James' Parish

Administrator from 2002 to 2013. Ordained a Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City—St. Joseph in 1978, Ross devoted his life to ministry, serving in many roles across the diocese with humility, wisdom, and grace.

In 2002, when St. James Parish stood on the brink of closure, Bishop Boland entrusted Ross—then living in Independence, MO—with the daunting task of leading us through crisis. Our numbers were dwindling, our bills unpaid, and our future uncertain. But Ross arrived with quiet strength and a resolute spirit. He rallied the faithful, restored hope, and helped us rebuild—not just our parish, but our sense of purpose and belonging.

Ross was never simply an administrator—he was the very heartbeat of St. James. His presence filled our parish with warmth, encouragement, and a steadfast commitment to the Gospel. Even after his retirement, Ross remained a guiding light, continuing to nurture the spirit of community, justice, and love that defined his ministry.

His reach extended far beyond our parish walls. Ross poured himself into the wider community through his work with Troost Alliance, Manos Amigas KC, Oglesby Apartments, and KC Welcome Alliance. Wherever there was need, Ross was there—showing up with compassion, courage, and a conviction that love knows no boundaries. He reminded us that one person's courage can spark transformation, and that true discipleship is measured not in words, but in the lives we touch.

Ross, we honor you. We thank you for your unwavering faith, your fearless heart, and the radiant light you leave behind. Your witness will continue to inspire every step we take at St. James and throughout the community. Truly, you have been a good and faithful servant of the Gospel—and we are forever grateful that you are a part of St. James' faith journey.

Ross leaves behind his wife of 56 years and fellow parishioner Nata and four children, Tom, Ann, John and Stephen. Please keep the entire Beaudoin Family in your prayers.



You can send your heartfelt messages to:

The Beaudoin Family  
C/O St. James Parish  
P.O. Box 30388  
Kansas City, MO 64112-4388



## 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](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!



## PARISH-WIDE SYNOD MEETING TODAY AFTER MASS

Please join us today after Mass for our monthly Synod Meeting.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



**First Reading -Sirach 35:12–14, 16–18:** God does not show partiality; He hears the cries of the poor and oppressed and delivers justice on their behalf.

**Reflection Question:** How can I make sure that my own actions reflect God's impartial love and concern for the poor and oppressed in my daily life?

**Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18:** Paul, nearing death, expresses confidence that God's faithfulness will reward his perseverance and deliver him into eternal life.

**Reflection Question:** How can I remain faithful and steadfast in my mission, trusting in God's strength and reward, even when I feel alone or face difficulties?

**Gospel -Luke 18:9–14:** God values humility and sincere repentance over pride and self-righteousness.

**Reflection Question:** In what ways can I cultivate greater humility in my relationship with God and others, recognizing my need for His mercy rather than relying on my own righteousness?

### October Basket Raffle

This is our final basket raffle for the year!

The baskets for October are:

- bird house basket
- baking basket
- beautiful fall decor basket

Tickets are \$1.00 and available before and after Mass. Drawing is the last Sunday of October.

### Keep the Tomb Dry

Last week St James began a challenge to raise \$10,830 to repair the roof above the 14<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross. Grab a flyer and envelope for more info and to donate funds.

A generous parishioner has pledged a \$5,000 matching gift so every dollar you give in Oct. and Nov. is doubled!

Join the challenge today.

- Place a check in the offertory basket or mail it to:  
P.O. Box 30388,  
Kansas City, MO 64112-4388  
(memo: Keep the Tomb Dry)
- Use the special fund envelopes available in the back of the church
- Give online at the St. James Giving Portal → Facility Fund - Maintenance



## ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

10/19 Parish Synod Meeting Today After Mass  
10/21 Knitting/Crocheting Group at 6:30 pm in the rectory  
10/22 Legacy of Faith Grandparents' Seminar at St Peter's Church  
10/24 Bus Stop Ministry at 1 pm  
10/26 Youth Trunk or Treat at RMDH after Mass  
10/28 Bus Stop Ministry at 10 am

### NOVEMBER

11/01 All Saints Day  
11/2 Pantry Sunday  
11/8 Hike for Reconciliation - [rs3101.org/events](https://rs3101.org/events)  
11/9 Hospitality Sunday  
11/9 Little Sisters of the Poor Spaghetti Dinner  
11/23 Faith Formation Offering at  
The Nelson Art Gallery



## Little Sisters of the Poor Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

Enjoy delicious homemade spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and a drink. Eat here or take it to go Sunday, November 9th from 11 am to 4 pm.

Adult meals \$15

Kid's meals (3-10 years) \$8.

While you're there, browse the bake sale and craft sale, then try your luck in our 50/50 Raffle or Silent Auction. All proceeds benefit our Home for the elderly. Call 816-761-4744 for more information.



## All Saints Eve Vespers

Celebrate the communion of Saints on the eve of their feast day as we offer the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, and a special Litany of the Saints. Experience a truly blessed All Hallows' Eve at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Redemptorist) Church - 3333 Broadway, KC, Mo.

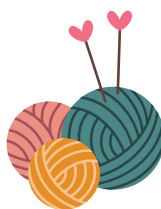
Friday, October 31 at 7:00 p.m.



## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The Family of 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](mailto:Bulletin@StJKC.org)



## Knitting & Crocheting Group Meets Tuesday

If you enjoy fiber crafts, join us in the rectory Tuesday 10/21 at 6:30pm. Parishioners create warm hats & scarves for those in need during the cold months of Kansas City. Help others, learn a new skill, or resurrect an old skill with good conversation and community.

## ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

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Monday-Friday

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

## 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 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), 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 [ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org) or 816-213-6024.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816-714-2357 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.