

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



What is a Synodal Parish?

Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV have described a synodal Church as one that “walks together”—listening, discerning, and acting in communion. Francis emphasized inclusion, dialogue, and listening to all the faithful, while Leo builds on that vision by stressing solidarity with the poor, grassroots participation, and synodality as a style of life rooted in tradition and service.

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.

Table of Remembrance

Next Sunday, Nov. 2nd, our Table of Remembrance will be up. You are invited to bring prayer cards, photos, or remembrances of your family members or friends who have passed away. The Table will be up for the first 4 Sundays of November.



Youth Trunk or Treat Today After Mass at the Ronald McDonald House

Please see Bonnie BEFORE Mass! Students must have signed permission slips ready to go. We will head to the Ronald McDonald House after Mass to hand out candy for the kids.

Youth can bring costumes to change into. The event ends at about 3 pm. If you have stuff to decorate with, bring it also!

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Mondays by 10 PM

Email: Bulletin@StJkc.org
Send website info to 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 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!

Rosary Rally

Please join us at the rosary rally in honor of Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima which will be held on Sunday November 16th from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm at Saint Mary's-Saint Anthony's, 615 N 7th Street Trafficway Kansas City, KS. 66101

We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org

Faith Formation at the Art Museum

The Faith Formation offering on November 23rd is a Nelson Atkins tour of the art focusing on the Saints, beginning with Caravaggio's "John the Baptist." We will have a sign up BEFORE Mass today, 10/26. You can also sign up online by emailing faithformation@stjkc.org

Final sign ups on Sunday, November 9.



Seeking God Families Homecoming Reunion

On November 9th we are having a Homecoming Reunion for our "Seeking God" families after Mass in Marian Hall. There will be treats and snacks! This is for returning families and new families, K-6.

"The unity of the Church is not uniformity, but an organic blending of legitimate diversities."

St John Paul II



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025, THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



First Reading - Wisdom 3:1-9: The souls of the righteous are in God's care and, despite suffering in life, they will be rewarded with peace, immortality, and honor because they trusted in Him.

Reflection Question: How does the promise of eternal peace for the faithful influence the way you face trials and challenges in your life today?

Second Reading - Romans 5:5-11: God proved His love by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners, reconciling us to Himself and giving us hope and salvation through Jesus.

Reflection Question: How does knowing that Christ died for you even while you were still a sinner affect the way you view God's grace and your relationship with Him today?

Gospel - John 6:37-40: Jesus will never reject anyone who comes to Him in faith, and it is God's will that all who believe receive eternal life and be raised up on the last day.

Reflection Question: What does Jesus' promise to "never cast out" those who come to Him mean for your understanding of God's love and security in your faith?

Pantry Sunday Next Week

November 2nd's pantry Sunday needs are:

- Canned tuna, chicken, Spam, & potted meats
- Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti and meatballs, chili and hearty soups
- Toilet paper is always appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support.

Keep the Tomb Dry

Last week St James began a challenge to raise \$10,830 to repair the roof above the 14th 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

10/26 Youth Trunk or Treat at RMDH after Mass
10/28 Bus Stop Ministry at 10 am
10/31 All Saints Eve Vespers at 7pm at
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Redemptorist)
11/01 All Saints Day
11/2 Pantry Sunday
11/8 Hike for Reconciliation - rs3101.org/events
11/9 Hospitality Sunday
11/9 Little Sisters of the Poor Spaghetti Dinner

NOVEMBER

11/9 Seeking God Families Homecoming Reunion
11/16 Parish Wide Synodal Meeting After Mass
11/27/2025 Thanksgiving Day
11/23 Faith Formation Offering at
The Nelson Art Gallery
11/30 First Day of Advent

October Synod Meeting Summary

Thirty people attended this month. The main topic “honoring ministry and securing safety at St James.” Bill Cordaro presented a proposal to

- explore further engagement based on a draft plan,
- secure the colonnade with gates and fencing which would be open for parish activities and day time parish outreach,
- recruit more volunteers and collaborate with existing housing, mental health, and support services through the work of the Task Force members.

Toward the end, the group was asked: “Is there anyone who cannot accept St. James securing the colonnade by installing fencing and gates?” By this time, attendance had dropped to about 20 people. Four individuals said they could not accept the fencing idea. A follow-up meeting was held October 24th to determine the next steps to be taken toward these three actions.

Updates will be shared in subsequent emails and announcements at church.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The Family of Ross Beaudoin, Cindy McKay Basolo, Barb Doak, Tom Dux, 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



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.

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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 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 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 for more information.