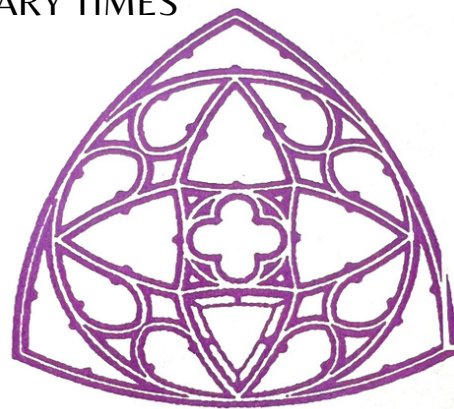


THE THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

## COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



### Happy Thanksgiving Week!

We have so much to be grateful for at St. James. This week we thank the people who work together diligently to make Mass go smoothly each Sunday. Thank you to Father Garry, Robert, the choir, the readers and cantors, the greeters and ushers, the Eucharistic Ministers, the bell ringer and petition book bearer, the servers and the offertory gift presenters. We will thank other ministry members in the coming weeks.

### Join Us for Mass

Every Sunday at 10 AM

### Sacraments

#### Sacramental Minister:

Fr. Garry Richmeier C.P.P.S.  
garrycpss@gmail.com

#### Baptism, First Reconciliation, First

#### Eucharist & Confirmation:

Contact Bonnie Haghirian,  
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 -  
garrycpss@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.

## Stewardship Sunday Postponed Until December 7

On December 7th we invite all parishioners to return their Stewardship Appeal Commitment Card either by placing in the collection basket in Mass or mailing it to the parish office by 12/7. Your commitment helps sustain the ministries we carry out in God's name. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayerful generosity. Our parishioners are the heart and soul of what makes St. James so special. Thank you for sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with the parish.

## Christmas Concert at St. Therese Little Flower

On Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 2:00 pm, St. Therese Little Flower will present its Third Annual Christmas Concert and Sing-A-Long.

Admission is free. A voluntary "love offering" will be taken that will benefit the Food Pantry. This is a perfect opportunity to welcome the Christmas Season.

St. Therese Little Flower  
5814 Euclid Ave,  
KCMO 64130



## 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!

## The Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree is set up for this season! We partner with Bishop Sullivan Center to provide gifts for children in need this Christmas. The tree will be up 11/23-12/7. Gifts are due back to church by Sunday, December 7th. With Advent so early this year, gifts are due back sooner!

We will also donate to Manos Amigos, for families in Anapra. There are tree ornaments with QR codes to donate directly to Manos Amigos.

Spread the Christmas joy!



## Advent Procession

There's a sign-up sheet in the back of church for volunteers to carry the Advent candles in the Entrance Procession on the Sundays of Advent. We need 1 person for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 2 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, etc. Please sign up only once. Especially for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, it would be nice to have a family for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.



## Advent Decorators Needed Today!

After Mass we will be taking down the harvest decorations and putting up the Advent decorations. Please join us after Mass if you can. We especially need people good at pitching a baseball to get the fabric streamers on the overhead wires.



## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**First Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5:** This passage envisions a future where all nations seek God's guidance, leading to peace, justice, and a world transformed by God's instruction.

**Reflection Question:** What is one practical way you can "walk in the light of the Lord" to promote peace in your daily relationships?

**Second Reading - Romans 13:11-14:** Believers are called to wake up spiritually, cast off behaviors of darkness, and live honorably by clothing themselves with Christ.

**Reflection Question:** What "works of darkness" might you need to let go of in order to live more fully in the light of Christ today?

**Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44:** Jesus' return will come unexpectedly, like the days of Noah, and urges believers to stay alert and ready.

**Reflection Question:** What does "being ready" for Christ's return look like in your everyday life right now?

## We Did It! The Tomb Will Stay Dry!

Thanks to our parish's incredible generosity, St. James has met the "Keep the Tomb Dry Challenge!" Together, we contributed nearly \$7,000, and with the \$5,000 matching gift from our anonymous donor, we've not only reached our goal of \$11,000 to repair the roof, we've surpassed it!

This was a major lift for our parish, and we rose to the occasion with faith and love. Everyone's support ensures that this sacred space remains protected for generations to come. Thank you St. James, for your spirit of stewardship and your unwavering commitment to our parish mission.



## 5th Sunday Luncheon

We need help! Sign up sheets are available after Mass this Sunday. Lots of options to help are available, BUT you have to sign up.

- Saturday Food Prep 10-11:30
- Sunday Cooking at 9am
- Serving after Mass
- Clean up after lunch

We have lots of ways to help out. Come sign up!

# ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

11/23 Faith Formation Outing at  
The Nelson Art Gallery  
11/23 Advent Decorating After Mass  
11/26 Bus Stop Ministry at 9:30 am  
11/27 Thanksgiving Day  
11/30 First Sunday of Advent  
11/30 Fifth Sunday Parish Family Lunch after  
Mass

## DECEMBER

12/7 Stewardship Sunday  
12/7 Saint Therese Little Flower Advent Concert at 2pm  
12/7 Last Day to Bring Giving Tree Gifts  
12/13 Penance Service at St. James at 10am  
12/14 Family Fun Day in Marian Hall: games, projects,  
lunch, and learning about Advent.  
12/24 Christmas Eve  
12/25 Christmas Day  
12/31 New Years Eve





## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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



## Give and Take

In light of recent changes to food support, St. James has a Give and Take style food pantry for our parishioners located in the live-stream room for those in need or wishing to donate.



## Troost39 Thrift Store Needs Cold Weather Clothing Donations!

It is getting colder and our community needs to keep warm.

Troost39 Thrift Store welcomes donations of clothing items that are new or gently worn and in good condition.

- Sweaters, sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts
- Jackets
- Pants
- Scarves
- Gloves/mittens
- Coats
- Men's clothing is always in demand.



## ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

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Monday-Friday

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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](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.