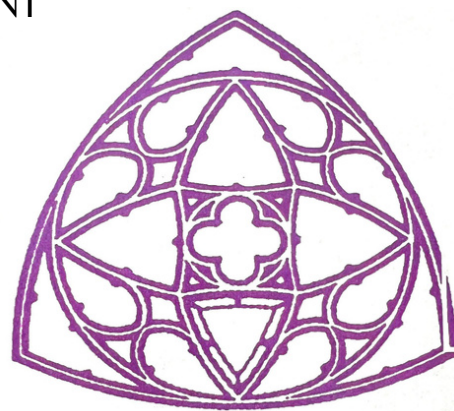


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



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,
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

"If we want to speak of a synodal Church, we cannot remain satisfied with appearances alone; we need content, means, and structures that facilitate dialogue and interaction within the People of God." - Pope Francis

The Month of Gratitude

Projects and events around the parish are on-going; sometimes we forget it takes lots of us to keep the parish moving along. For example, the church entered the season of Advent. Seemingly overnight, the Environment Committee took us into the purple/pink of Advent. Candles, wreath and banners all helping us wait. Thank you to all the people who facilitated that transition.

We are grateful to the people who pick up trash outside, remove snow and cut the grass in greener times. The flower gardens are lovely here and the vegetable gardens help feed us. Thank you to all the hard working gardeners.

Thank you to the Bus Stop Ministers who have been out in the cold, rain, and snow offering hospitality to the travelers at 39th and Troost. Thanks to the supporters of the Between the Cracks fund which has helped three families with emergency housing, rent, and referrals to other services. Also, our 5th Sunday Lunch happened thanks to great cooks, servers, and clean up crew members.

We are blessed to have such wonderful parishioners as a part of St. James.

Thank you !



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!



Advent Family Fun Day

Next Sunday, December 14th, is our St. James Family Fun Day for Advent. We hope all the kids can come create and learn about this beautiful season of Advent.

Thank You, St. James Family!

We did it! Thanks to your incredible generosity, the roof has been repaired, and our church is safe and dry. Because of you, St. James can continue to be a synodal parish where we worship, grow, and serve the community together.

As a result of your incredible generosity—and a \$5,000 matching gift—our parish raised over \$17,000 to repair the church roof! The total cost of the roof work was about \$11,000, which means we now have an additional \$6,000 to restore the south interior wall that was damaged by water from the compromised roof.

Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure make our mission possible—and this project is a shining example of what we can accomplish as one faith-filled, synodal community. May God bless you abundantly for your support and commitment to keeping St. James strong!

*Thank
You*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



First Reading - Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10 Promises that God will transform the barren places with joy, healing, and restoration as His redeemed people return home in everlasting gladness.

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life do you long for God's renewing joy and healing, and how might you open yourself to that restoration?

Second Reading - James 5:7–10 urges believers to be patient and steadfast as they await the Lord's coming, looking to the prophets as examples of endurance amid suffering.

Reflection Question: In what situations in your life do you find it hardest to practice patient endurance, and how might remembering God's timing change your response?

Gospel - Matthew 11:2–11 shows John the Baptist seeking confirmation about Jesus' identity, and Jesus affirming both His messianic works and John's unique role in preparing the way.

Reflection Question: When you experience doubt or uncertainty in your faith, how does John's example encourage you to bring your questions to Jesus and look for His work in your life?

Stewardship Sunday is Today!

This is your opportunity to make a meaningful financial commitment to St. James, empowering our vital ministries, community outreach, faith formation for all ages, and the maintenance of our cherished facilities.

Your support is crucial in sustaining our mission.

Please return your commitment card today.

If you haven't received yours, reach out to Bill Cordaro at LT@StJKC.org.

Thank you for generously sharing your time, talent, and treasure with our faith family.

Together, we can continue to make a difference!



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

12/7 Stewardship Sunday
12/7 Saint Therese Little Flower Advent Concert at 2pm
12/7 Last Day to Bring Giving Tree Gifts
12/12 Bus Stop Ministry at 2pm
12/12 Knitting Group Holiday Celebration
12/13 Penance Service at St. James at 10am
12/14 Hospitality Sunday

DECEMBER

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

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be next Saturday, Dec. 13th at 10am at St. James. Please join us for a short reflection and the opportunity for individual confessions.

Another chance for us to Listen for God this season.

Giving Tree Update

Thank you to everyone who helped 'adopt' a child's list this year! We are passing along the gifts this next week and are grateful to everyone who participated!

We will still have the Giving Tree up with our ornaments for Manos Amigas, an organization we have partnered with for many years to help our fellow neighbors in Anapra, Mexico. Any donation is wonderful. A guidance for amounts are as follows:

\$40 = Heating cost covered for 4 months

\$75 = Food baskets

Prison Ministry Update

The Office of Life and Justice in Kansas City sponsors the MAX Jail and Prison Ministry. This ministry seeks to ensure a pastoral and sacramental presence within Missouri correctional facilities and to provide continued support to offenders re-entering society. Volunteers provide spiritual counseling, sacramental services, Bible studies, devotions and evening prayers.

To learn more or get involved, call 816-756-1850 x544 or email lifeandjustice@diocesekcsj.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 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.