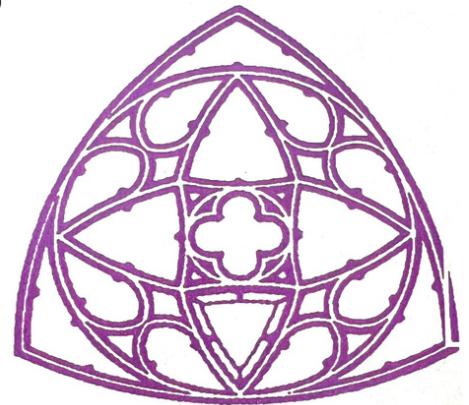


## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

## COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



### The Baptism of Christ

Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo (Italian, 1770-90)

#### 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 Haghrian,  
faithformation@stjkc.org

##### Rite of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church:

(Adult Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation) takes place as needed.

Contact Bonnie Haghrian 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

"We are a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this [St. Peter's] Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love." - Pope Leo XIV

## Offering Counters Needed After Mass

Looking for a small way to help St. James? We need money counters to help each Sunday right after Mass for about 45 minutes. We need 2-3 people each week, counting cash and checks and completing the collections form. You will be paired with experienced counter(s) so you can learn without pressure. We even provide calculators! With enough people, you only do it once every 4-6 weeks.

Interested? Talk to Anne Carlson or leadership team.



## Chili Daze Saturday, Feb 7th

Would you like to be a chili contestant?

Sign up begins this Sunday. Help is also needed for set up, bar serving, clean up and for cookie baking. You can donate Jimbo or Raffle prizes at the Chili Daze table in the back of church. Visit us after Mass.

Hot stuff coming soon !



## 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!



We are taking down the Christmas decorations after mass today, Sunday (January 11th). Please stay and help if you can.

## The End of the Christmas Season

Within the Catholic Church there is disagreement about when the Christmas season ends. Some will claim that it was last Sunday (Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>) when the Church celebrated Epiphany. Others will claim that it's Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, the traditional celebration of Epiphany or Little Christmas, the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas; and others argue that the end of the season is not until February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of the Presentation and Candlemas Day. (Abbot Benedict Neenan, OSB, of Conception Abbey has said this to me years ago.). So, it would seem you can choose when you decide to take down your decorations and finish celebrating the Christmas season.

-Bob Anderson

## MEETING

### PARISH-WIDE SYNOD MEETING ON 1/18 AFTER MASS

Please join us after Mass on January 18<sup>th</sup> for our monthly Synod Meeting.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



**First Reading - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6** This passage points to the coming of Christ. God has formed and called His servant, Israel, but that is not enough. Isaiah points to a greater Servant, Jesus Christ, who will not only restore Israel but will be a light to the nations, extending God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

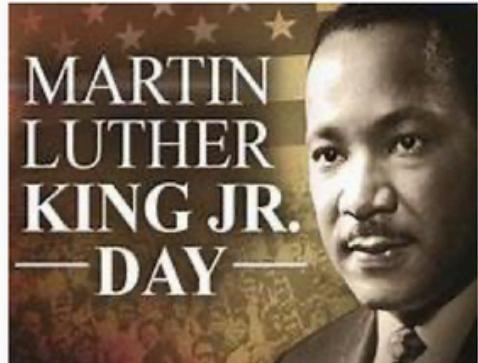
**Reflection Question:** Knowing that this is Christ's mission through His sacrifice and saving grace, how can we, being called to be Christ-like, serve not only those close to us but also to reflect His light more broadly to the world?

**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3** Paul, an apostle by God's will, offers grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to the church in Corinth.

**Reflection Question:** How does remembering that your calling and identity come from God shape the way you relate to others in your faith community?

**Gospel - John 1:29-34** John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the Son of God, revealed by the Spirit.

**Reflection Question:** What does recognizing Jesus as the Lamb of God mean for how you understand forgiveness and new life?



**St. Therese Little Flower Parish**  
**5814 Euclid Ave, KCMO 64130**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr**  
**Prayer Service and Day of Service**  
**January 19, 2026**  
**Prayer Service - 10:00 am**

## ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 1/11 Hospitality Sunday
- 1/11 Take Down Christmas Decor After Mass
- 1/11 Confirmation First Session
- 1/18 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass
- 1/19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Prayer and Service Day at St. Therese Little Flower - 10 am
- 1/25 Confirmation Class Two

### February

- 2/1 Pantry Sunday
- 2/3 Harvesters Volunteer Day
- 2/7 Chili Daze Fundraiser
- 2/8 Hospitality Sunday
- 2/8 Confirmation Class Three
- 2/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass
- 2/18 Ash Wednesday
- 2/22 Confirmation Class Four and Rite of Recognition at Mass



## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Cindy McKay Basolo, Barb Doak, Tom Dux, Cindy Etzel Swoboda, Fr. Don Farnan, Michael Heringer, June Johnson, 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)



## Traveling or Sick?

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

Tune in!

## Restore Your Marriage and Rebuild a Loving Relationship

Retrouvaille is very different than other marriage programs. Some spouses resist the idea of attending the program, out of concern that they will be required to expose their personal lives and their marital problems. None of this is true. In fact, the program is entirely unique, and most couples find that this is the very thing that worked when all else failed.



## Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Mondays by 10 PM

## 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.