

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



The Holy Spirit Surrounded by a Wreath of Flowers Held up by Infant Angels
(1632–98) Giovanni Battista Merano

In Catholicism, the dove is a primary symbol of the Holy Spirit, representing purity, peace, and divine inspiration, stemming from its appearance at Jesus' baptism, but it also symbolizes the Church, martyrdom, and has even served historically as a Eucharistic vessel for the Blessed Sacrament, seen above altars.

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)

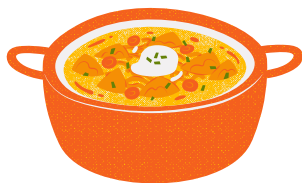
Confession: Upon request

Email Fr. Don Farnan - FrDon@stjkc.org
OR Fr. Garry Richmeier -
garrycpps@gmail.com

“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

Money 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

Raffle tickets are available for Chili Daze.

Tickets are \$3 a piece or 2 for \$5.00. This year's prizes are: \$50.00 Costco card, lovely glass dishes (4 place settings), and 3 Pies and a fork.

The proceeds from the raffle will help pay for the upgrade of the live streaming equipment.

We appreciate your support.



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!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parishioners who stayed to take down the Christmas decorations last Sunday. It went very quickly and everything was taken down. Hopefully we put it away where it can be found for next year's celebrations!

Volunteers Needed: Immigration Court Observers

Advocates for Immigration Reform and Reconciliation (AIRR) invites parishioners and friends to join a local effort promoting transparency, fairness, and human dignity in our immigration system. Volunteers serve as Immigration Court Observers in Kansas City, witnessing hearings, recording observations, and helping document patterns that support meaningful reform. No legal experience is required, training is provided, and volunteer shifts are flexible.

Training will be held online via ZOOM on January 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM OR In Person at St. Francis Xavier (room TBD) on January 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM. The sign up link is in your Friday Email.

MEETING

PARISH-WIDE SYNOD MEETING TODAY AFTER MASS

Please join us after Mass today, January 18th, for our monthly Synod Meeting.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



First Reading - Isaiah 8:23—9:3 God will turn deep darkness and oppression into radiant light and joy, restoring honor and hope to those who were once humbled.

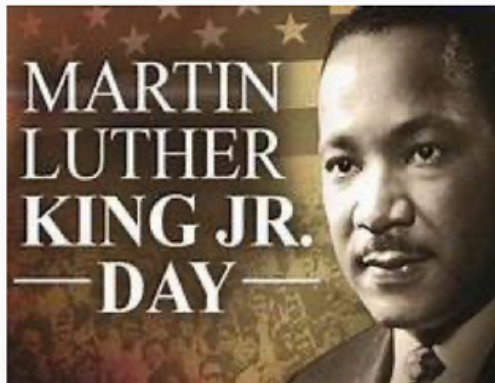
Reflection Question: Where in your life might God be inviting you to trust that light and joy can emerge from a season of darkness?

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Paul urges believers to reject divisions and allegiance to human leaders, calling them instead to unity centered on the cross of Christ rather than human wisdom.

Reflection Question: In what ways might personal preferences, leaders, or traditions be pulling your focus away from unity in Christ?

Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus began his public ministry by proclaiming the kingdom of heaven, calling his first disciples, and bringing light, healing, and hope to the people of Galilee.

Reflection Question: How might Jesus be calling you to follow him more fully in your everyday work and relationships?



St. Therese Little Flower Parish
5814 Euclid Ave, KCMO 64130
4th 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/FEBRUARY

1/18 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass TODAY
 1/19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Prayer and Service
 Day at St. Therese Little Flower - 10 am
 1/25 Confirmation Class Two
 2/1 Pantry Sunday
 2/3 Harvesters Volunteer Day
 2/7 Chili Daze Fundraiser

FEBRUARY/MARCH

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
 3/7 Confirmation Liturgy at Cathedral of the
 Immaculate Conception
 3/29 Fifth Sunday Parish Luncheon



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.

The Benedictine Sisters have sent us a donation of knitted things for our bus stop ministry. The person who made them is Martha Agnew, one of their employees. She is requesting prayers for her husband and family.

If you or someone you know needs prayers please send their names to Bulletin@StJKC.org

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline is
Mondays by 10 PM**

Is this you?

We are looking to identify an ongoing monthly donor who donates via check from LPL Financial with a note "Normal Retirement Dist." Please contact Dan Nash (816-225-9781 or finance@stjkc.org) so we can properly credit your donation to you after confirming details. Thanks for your support of St. James.



Seasonal flu and respiratory illnesses are on the rise. Stay warm and, remember, if you or someone near to you is sick, consider watching Mass online or wearing a mask to church when necessary. Help keep our children and elderly healthy during these winter months.

Thank you all!

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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.