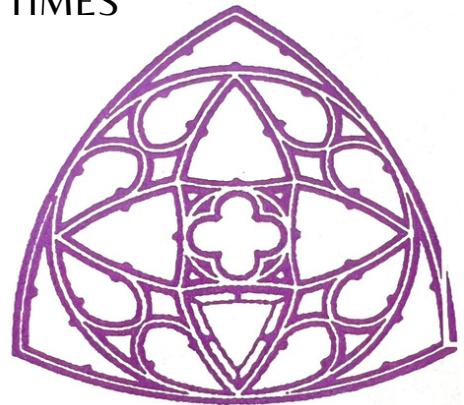


THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

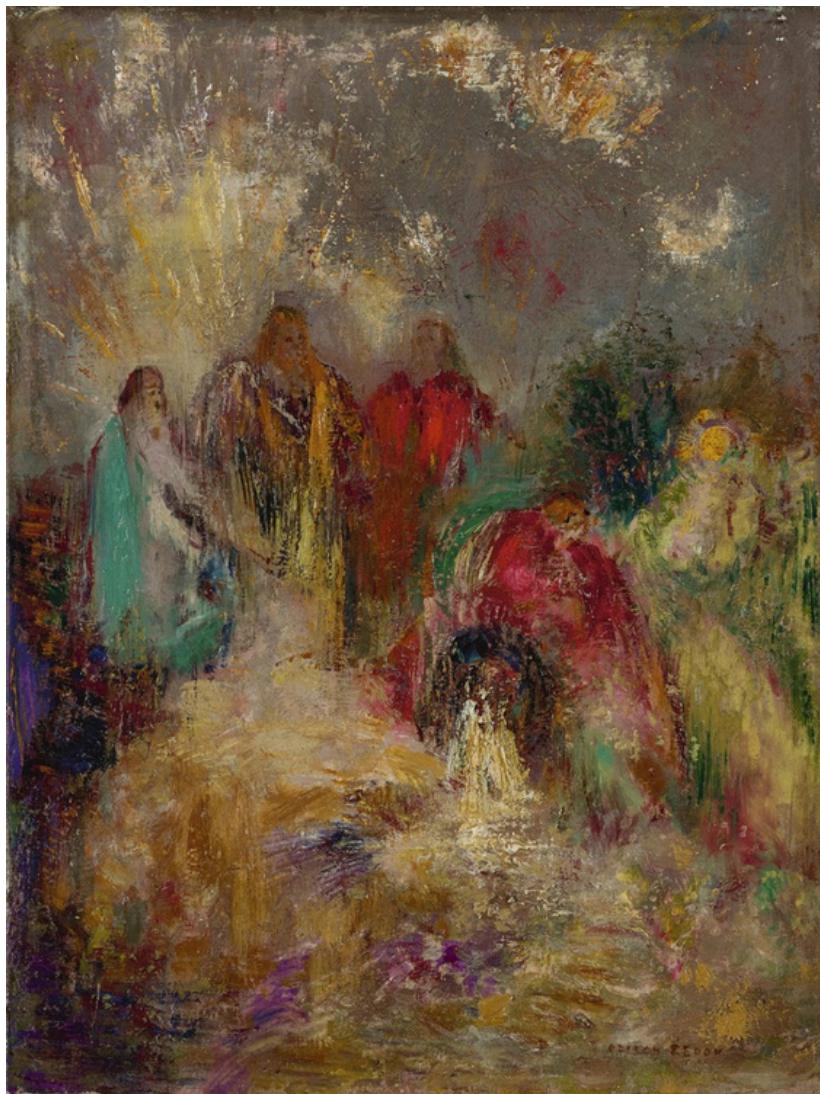
ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Le Christ et ses disciples ~ Odilon Redon

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



Chili Daze

Saturday, Feb 7th

Our winter fundraiser is in two weeks on Sat Feb 7, 2026, 5:30-8 pm.

We are raising money to pay for the upgrades to our live streaming equipment.

Chili Daze Tickets:

- Adults \$5
- Children 12 and under \$3

Dinner includes chili, salad, and cookies. Drinks are available for purchase. Raffle tickets are \$3 a piece or 2 for \$5. Prizes are a lovely set of colored glass dishes, 3 pies and a fork, and a \$50 gift card.

More chili chefs are welcomed!

Jimbo prizes are always welcomed!

Come enjoy the food, play a rousing game of Jimbo, select one of the fabulous prizes, and enter the raffle.

If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation.



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!



Financial Corner

Information regarding the finances for the first 6 months of our fiscal year (July-Dec. 2025) are on the tables near each entrance to church and attached to the weekly email. Thank you for your support of St. James.

Pantry Sunday Needs

Pantry Sunday is next week. In these cold months, your donations mean so much to the people receiving them. Please bring some of the following items:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Ravioli
- Hand Warmers

HARVESTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Tuesday, February 3rd

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Harvesters

3801 Topping Ave, KCMO

Why volunteer?

- Be part of a team
- Tackle hunger in our community
- Service hours (ages 8+)
- Leave knowing you've made a real difference

What to bring & wear:

- Close-toed shoes & long pants
- Optional canned or non-perishable donation

Contact Barbara Schepers 816-810-8809 to help. Let's pack hope together.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



First Reading - **Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13** Humbly seek the Lord and live righteously. God will preserve a humble, faithful remnant who trusts in Him and lives with integrity.

Reflection Question: What would it look like in your life right now to truly seek God with humility and trust rather than self-reliance?

Second Reading - **1 Corinthians 1:26-31** Paul reminds believers that God chooses what the world considers weak and insignificant so that no one can boast, and all confidence and wisdom are found in Christ alone.

Reflection Question: Where might you be tempted to boast in your own strength or status instead of relying fully on what God has done for you in Christ?

Gospel - **Matthew 5:1-12a** Jesus teaches that true blessing belongs not to the powerful or successful, but to those who are humble, merciful, pure in heart, and faithful to God—even in suffering.

Reflection Question: How does Jesus' description of blessing in the Beatitudes differ from the way the world defines success or happiness?

Summary of the January 18 Synod Meeting

Nearly 30 parishioners gathered on January 18 as we continued shaping our long-term parish plan. Our primary focus was advancing the four priority areas we first identified in November. Each area now has a designated leader and the work is beginning to take shape. If you feel called to contribute to any of these teams, we warmly invite you to reach out to the group leader:

- Building & Grounds – Mary Vincent (mpv3@swbell.net)
- Financial Stability – Dan Nash (finance@stjkc.org)
- Communications – Noella McCray (noellmc@gmail.com)
- Outreach & Christian Ministry – Mary Ann Riesco (riescoma@gmail.com)

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Matthew 4:19



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- 1/25 Confirmation Class After Mass in Marion Hall
- 2/1 Pantry Sunday
- 2/3 Harvesters Volunteer Day
- 2/7 Chili Daze Fundraiser
- 2/8 Hospitality Sunday
- 2/8 Confirmation Class After Mass
- 2/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass
- 2/18 Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 2/22 First Sunday of Lent
- 2/22 Rite of Recognition during Mass and Confirmation Class after Mass
- 3/7 Confirmation Liturgy at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 3/29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
(No Luncheon this month)



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



Seasonal flu and respiratory illnesses are on the rise. Remember, if you or someone near to you is sick, consider

Generous Donor, 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 so we can properly credit your donation to you.

Because of a glitch in running the annual donation report, some donations did not appear on a number of parishioner's reports. This has been fixed and corrected reports will be available on the back table at Mass. If not picked up, they will be mailed.

Questions? See Dan Nash or email finance@stjkc.org. Thank you for understanding.

watching Mass online or wearing a mask to church.

January has also brought us some intense temperatures and snow! Check on your neighbors, elderly friends, and family this week. Anyone with food needs is welcome to utilize our food pantry in the livestream media room.

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Diane Etzel-Wise
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Monday-Friday

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FACEBOOK
[@stjamesmidtown](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown)

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.