

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



“Where is the newborn King
of the Jews? We saw the
rising of His star, and we have
come to worship Him.”

Matthew 2:2

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

Faith Formation

Confirmation Classes

We are offering preparation classes for Confirmation on the dates below. Bonnie will have forms for the Bishop's Office available after Mass on January 4th.

On January 11, parents and candidates for Confirmation will meet for our first session and for a Circle of Grace class as well. Confirmation is available for all those who are in Grade 6 and above. Please contact Bonnie at Faithformation@stjkc.org

January 11: Lessons 1 and 2

January 25: Lessons 3 and 4

February 8: Lessons 5 and 6

February 22: Lessons 7 and 8
Rite of Recognition at Mass, with sponsors.

March 7: Confirmation
Liturgy at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



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!



Next Sunday, January 11th, after mass, we need to take down the Christmas decorations and put them away. Please stay and help if you can. Many helpers make the job go quickly.



Winter Shovelers Still Needed

To keep our church safe and welcoming this winter, we are looking for volunteers willing to shovel sidewalks before Sunday Mass, when needed.

Troost39 staff will handle shoveling on Sunday afternoons through Friday afternoons. Parish volunteer shovelers are needed if snow falls Friday evening through Sunday morning, so sidewalks are clear before Mass begins.

If you're willing to help, please email Bill Cordaro at LT@StJKC.org

HARVESTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Tuesday, January 6th
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Ready to lend a hand?
Contact Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 to save your spot! Let's pack hope together. See you there!

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



First Reading - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Speaks of God's chosen servant who is empowered by His Spirit to bring gentle yet steadfast justice, restore hope to the nations, and bring light and freedom to those living in darkness and captivity.

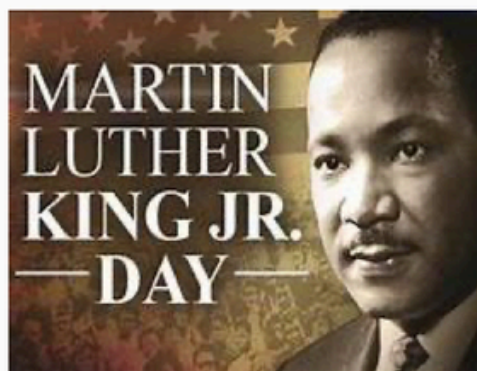
Reflection Question: How might I reflect this example of gentle, faithful pursuit for justice and healing in the way I treat others today?

Second Reading - Acts 10:34-38 God shows no favoritism and Jesus, anointed by the Holy Spirit, brings peace, healing, and freedom to all people through His life and ministry.

Reflection Question: Are there ways I unconsciously show favoritism that God is calling me to let go of so I can reflect His inclusive love?

Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus humbly identifies with humanity and is affirmed by the Father as God's beloved Son when the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus.

Reflection Question: What does Jesus' humility and obedience in this moment invite me to embrace in my own walk of faith?



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

1/4 Pantry Sunday
 1/6 Harvesters Volunteer Day
 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

February

2/1 Pantry Sunday
 2/3 Harvesters Volunteer Day
 2/7 Chili Daze Fundraiser
 2/8 Hospitality Sunday
 2/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass
 2/18 Ash Wednesday





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



Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Mondays by 10 PM

Email parish news and info to Bulletin@StJKC.org

Send website info to website@StJKC.org

Friendly Reminder: Stewardship Appeal Commitment Card

Please return your "We Are Gifted; We Are Called" commitment card today. Your participation sustains our parish mission and ministries. If you've already sent in your card, thank you for your generosity.

If you haven't, cards are available in the church pews or can be printed from our website: StJKC.org

Your commitment is deeply appreciated and helps us plan for the year ahead.

Questions: Contact Bill Cordaro at: LT@StJKC.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.