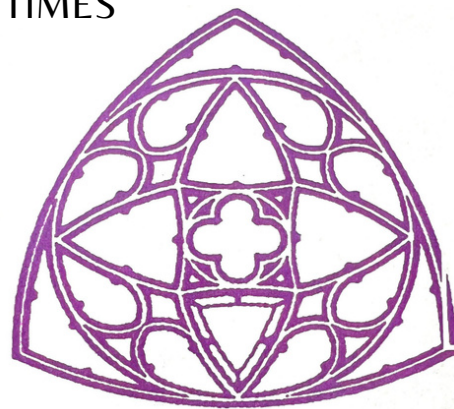


THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Matthew 5:16

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

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

Stewardship Appeal Update

Stewardship commitment cards for our 2026 appeal are still coming in, and we're grateful to everyone who has already returned theirs. If you didn't receive your packet in the mail, that included a commitment card, please email Bill Cordaro at LT@StJKC.org so we can get one to you.

We hope to have all cards returned by the end of February so the Finance Council can begin preparing the parish's budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

Your support not only keeps the lights on and the church warm, they also support the different ministries we provide like Faith Formation, outreach to our neighbors in need and our great prayer and worship experiences.

Thank you for your faithful support.

Save the Date

March 29 St. Carlo Acutis exhibit after Mass on Palm Sunday. More details to come.

April 26th Faith Formation Parish event date after Mass. More details to come!



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!



Pop Up Youth Activity

We need our teens and in-betweeners to help with stuffing Easter Eggs on March 22nd. We usually do this on Palm Sunday, but this year we have the St. Carlo Acutis exhibit on Palm Sunday. SO... Come help us stuff those Easter Eggs.

Bring a friend! MARCH 22!!

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist begins soon! Please put these dates on your calendar if you have a candidate for these Sacraments. Sessions are held in Marian Hall after Mass unless otherwise noted. Parents are encouraged to attend the sessions with their children. Snacks will be provided.

March 1: First Reconciliation lesson and practice

March 8: First Reconciliation Liturgy after Mass. Parents are invited to celebrate this Sacrament with their children, if they desire to do so.

March 15: First Eucharist lesson. BANNER MAKING Session in Marian Hall. All parents are encouraged to assist.

March 22: First Communion Session and practice receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus (using unconsecrated bread/grape juice).

March 29: Palm Sunday. All First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Families are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday procession.

April 5: Easter & Easter Egg hunt after Mass

April 12: First Communion celebration and cookie reception after Mass

More details to come.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading - Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 God creates man from the dust and places him in the Garden of Eden with access to the tree of life, but the serpent deceives Eve leading to human disobedience and shame.

Reflection Question: How does the choice to trust the serpent's words over God's command challenge the way I respond to temptation and authority in my own life?

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-19 Paul the Apostle explains that sin and death entered the world through Adam but through Jesus Christ righteousness and life are offered to all.

Reflection Question: How does understanding the contrast between Adam's disobedience and Christ's obedience shape the way I view grace and my own response to it?

Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus Christ is led into the wilderness where He resists the devil's temptations by relying on Scripture and remaining obedient to God.

Reflection Question: What can I learn from Jesus' response to temptation?

First Communion April 12th

If you have someone in your family that has not received the Sacrament of Baptism OR

If someone in your family, regardless of age, has not yet received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist, please let Bonnie know at faithformation@stjkc.org

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

Parish Synod Meeting After Mass • February 15

Our monthly Synod gathering is today, 2/15, and everyone is warmly invited. We'll keep building our parish strategic plan, big-picture work that shapes who we are and who we're becoming as a Synodal parish.

Your voice truly matters. Come, share, dream, and help us imagine the future of St. James together.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

2/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass
2/18 Ash Wednesday 7pm
2/21 Men Under Construction Gathering
2/22 First Sunday of Lent
2/22 Rite of Recognition during Mass and Confirmation Class after Mass
3/1 Pantry Sunday
3/3 Harvesters Volunteer Day

MARCH

3/7 Confirmation Lit. at Immaculate Conception
3/8 Hospitality Sunday
3/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass
3/22 Youth Easter Activity
3/28 No Kings Rally
3/29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
3/29 St. Carlo Acutis exhibit at Sion Lower School



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The husband and family of Martha Agnew, Cindy McKay Basolo, Barb Doak, Tom Dux, Cindy Etzel Swoboda, Fr. Don Farnan, Michael Heringer, June Johnson, Laverne Johnson, Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Amie Miller, Judith Reed, Eric Sitterley, Sean Shaughnessy, Karen Snedden & Steve Wallace.

Pray for the health of JoAnne Somerville. She has a return of her FND and an upcoming shoulder surgery.

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

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 18th.

St. James will have Mass and distribution of ashes at 7pm at the church.

St. Francis Xavier - 7:30am in the chapel and again at 6pm

St. Therese Little Flower - Noon

Tri-Parish News

Since St. James, St. Therese Little Flower, and St. Francis Xavier share a pastor, Fr. Don Farnan. He and some of the parish leaders have been meeting and looking for ways to have the three parishes share experiences and resources.

One of the ways that this is going to be done is to share more information about events at each parish and for all of us to share the liturgies of the Triduum during Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil).

An opportunity to participate in Holy Week is through the Liturgical Dance group at St. Therese Little Flower. This group will assist in the Washing of the Feet ritual on Holy Thursday, the Unveiling of the Cross on Good Friday, and in some way on Holy Saturday. If you would like to join them, they practice after the 9:30 am mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (Feb. 15th, March 1st, March 15th & March 29th).

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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.