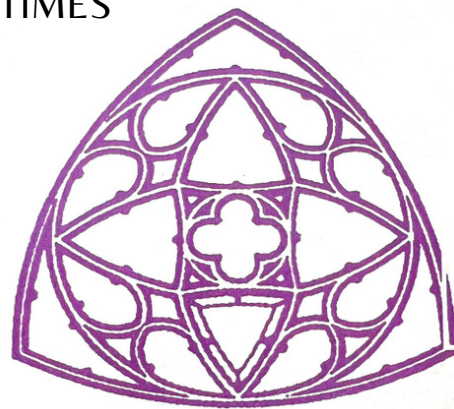


THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

## COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



### 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



## Sign Up for the Friday Email

If you want to receive the weekly Friday email and bulletin, you can sign up on the St James website anytime. If you think you should be receiving this email, but are not, you can add your email again by signing up.

- Go to stjkc.org
- Scroll to the bottom of the main page
- Find the section titled "Opt-in to our Email List"
- Click on Subscribe
- Enter your name and email address

This will get you added to the distribution list. Thank you!

### Weekly Bulletin Deadline is

**Mondays by 10 PM**

Email: Bulletin@StJkc.org

Send website info to  
website@StJkc.org.



## 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](http://www.StJkc.org) to fill out a registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!

## Men Under Construction

Join men from across the KC area for a day of spiritual renewal and fellowship.

- Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>
- 7:00am - 3:45pm
- Cost: \$45
- Church of the Ascension  
9510 W. 127th St., OP, KS

Brochures are on the tables by our church doors. More details at [MenUnderConstruction.org](http://MenUnderConstruction.org)

## Faith Formation opportunity

**Save the date: March 29th**

St. James parishioners have the opportunity to do a mini-pilgrimage to view the Carlo Acutis display at Notre Dame de Sion Lower School after our Palm Sunday Mass. This could be a wonderful, prayerful way to begin Holy Week. Carlo is the first Saint canonized by Pope Leo and he is our first "millennial" Saint.

Thanks to parishioner Margo Sheperd for her work to bring this display to us.

More Info to Come!



## Financial Corner

### January Collection

(Plate, Online, Mail)

- Offertory (\$20,640.42)
- Between the Cracks/Bus Stop (\$335.00)
- Votives (\$56.00)
- Donations to Maintenance/Utilities (\$25.00)

**Collection Total \$21,056.42**

**Monthly Budget \$26,244.00**

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026, THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



**First Reading - Sirach 15:15-20** God gives humans genuine freedom to choose between life and death, good and evil, and God holds us responsible for the choices we make.

**Reflection Question:** How does knowing that God sets life and death, good and evil, before you shape the way you make daily decisions?

**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10** God's true wisdom is hidden from worldly understanding and is made known only through the Spirit to those who love Him.

**Reflection Question:** In what ways might you be relying on human wisdom instead of remaining open to what God's Spirit wants to reveal to you?

**Gospel - Matthew 5:17-37** Jesus fulfills the Law by calling his followers beyond outward obedience to a deeper righteousness that transforms the heart, intentions, and relationships.

**Reflection Question:** Where might Jesus be inviting you to move from simply "following rules" to allowing your inner attitudes and actions to be reshaped by love and integrity?

## First Communion April 12th

Sessions will be in Marian Hall for those who will receive the Eucharist for the first time:

- March 1<sup>st</sup> - learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- March 8<sup>th</sup> - First Reconciliation Service after Mass, followed by a session on the Eucharist
- March 15<sup>th</sup> - First Communion session
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> - First Communion practice and making banners for First Communion Sunday. Parents needed to help children.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> - First Communion Sunday

## Confirmation Info

Confirmation will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, March 7th. St. James has one candidate for Confirmation : Ben Bautista. Ben is a sophomore at Rockhurst High School. You may have seen him assisting with the collection during Mass.

The next Confirmation session is Feb. 8th, followed by the Feb. 22nd session.



# ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY

2/8 Hospitality Sunday  
 2/8 Confirmation Class After Mass  
 2/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass  
 2/18 Ash Wednesday  
 2/21 Men Under Construction Gathering  
 2/22 First Sunday of Lent  
 2/22 Rite of Recognition during Mass and Confirmation Class after Mass

### MARCH

3/7 Confirmation Liturgy at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
 3/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass  
 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

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 husband and family of Martha Agnew.

If you or someone you know needs prayers please send their names to [Bulletin@StJKC.org](mailto:Bulletin@StJKC.org)

## Love from Sr. Angela

Dear Parishioners,

I arrived safely to Maple Mount, KY and am slowly settling in. Just today (Wednesday 1-28-26), I found cards of farewell from you. I pictured you as I read your note and gave thanks to God in remembrance of you. Sorry they got lost in the shuffle but am glad I found them and found St. James! May God keep you strong in faith and in action. You are loved and missed. My love and prayers.

Sr. Angela

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month (Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup>).

## ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

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Diane Etzel-Wise  
[parishstaff@stjkc.org](mailto:parishstaff@stjkc.org)

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[@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](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.