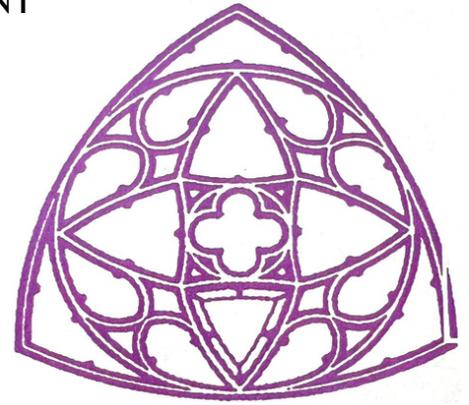


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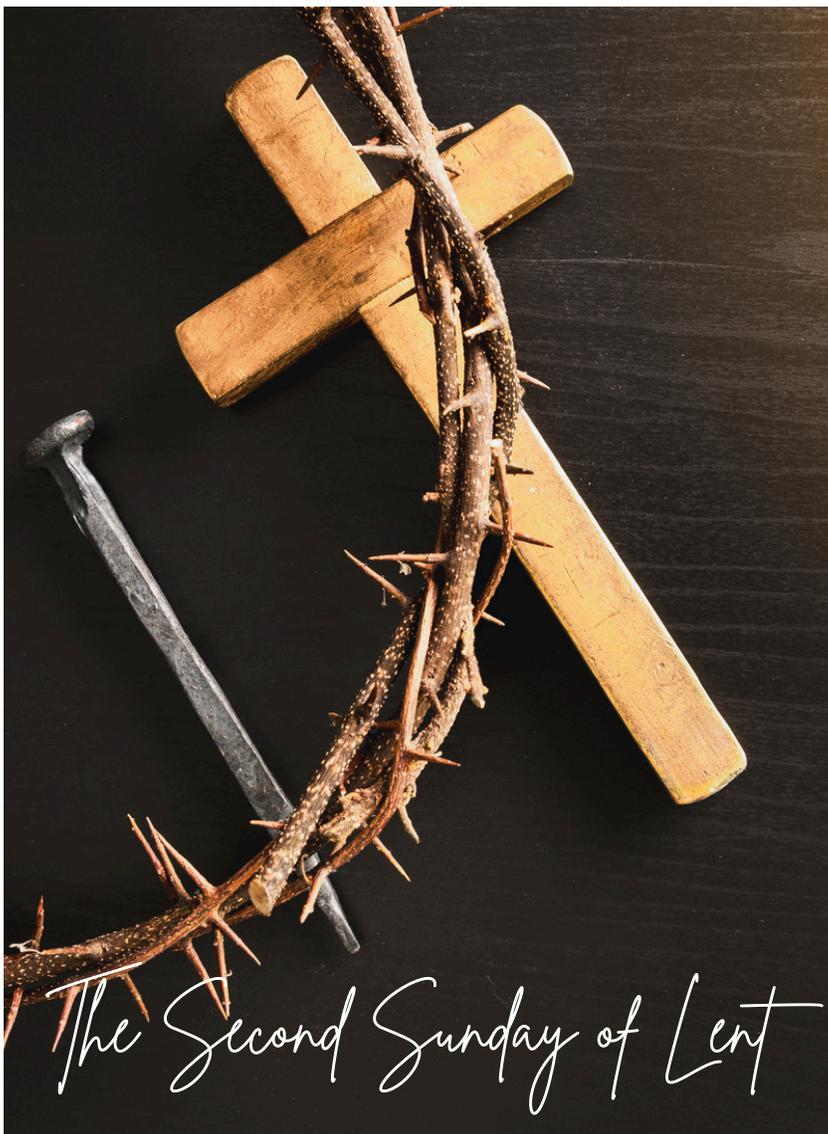
# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

### COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



*The Second Sunday of Lent*

#### 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



## Easter Candy Donations Needed

St. James teens need your help with donations of bags of small wrapped candy and plastic eggs for the Easter Egg hunt.

Donations accepted through March 22nd. Baskets for donations will be available at the doors of church.

## Lent Fish Fries

Here are some local fish fries happening during Lent. Get some friends together and go enjoy some fellowship this season. Check your Friday email for more.

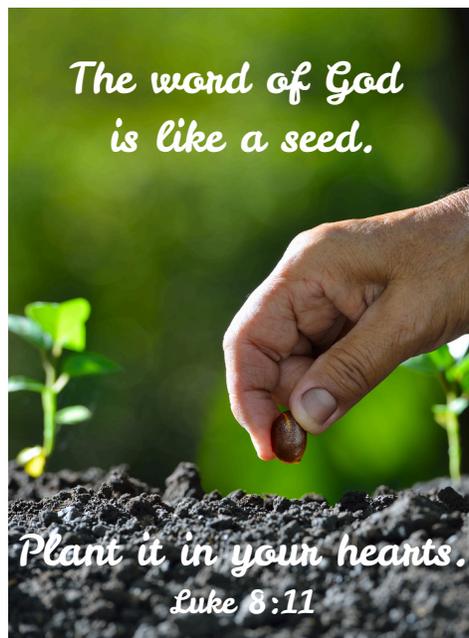
- St. Therese Little Flower March 6, 13 & 20 from 11am-6pm
- Holy Spirit, Lee's Summit: March 13 & 20 from 5-7pm
- St. Elizabeth, Kansas City: March 6 from 5-8pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City: Fridays, February 20 – March 27 from 5-7:30pm
- Curé of Ars, Leawood, KS: Every Friday, until March 27 from 5-7pm



## 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](mailto: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!



## Meal Train and Driving to Pantry for the Dinh Family

If you have time to provide one dinner for Dzung, Loan, and their two children Keily (6 yo) and Tony (2 yo) after their baby is born, please send an email to [parishgrowth@stjkc.org](mailto:parishgrowth@stjkc.org). The due date is March 5, and we want to help them during the first week or so after Loan and baby return home. They live at 39th and Roanoke, KCMO.

We also are hoping that a few more folks would volunteer to drive Loan to pantries once a week for groceries. This would be on Tuesdays or Thursdays each week. We hope to get enough people to make your commitment once every 6-8 weeks. Dzung and Loan do not have a car. Please send an email to [parishgrowth@stjkc.org](mailto:parishgrowth@stjkc.org) if you can help or if you need more information. Thank you!

## Our Sympathy

The parish offers prayers and sympathy to Melinda Henneberger and Bill Turque on the death of Melinda's mother Freida Lawrence Henneberger on February 12, 2026. Please remember their family in your prayers.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026,

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**First Reading - Exodus 17:3-7** The Israelites complain to Moses about their lack of water in the wilderness, and God instructs Moses to strike the rock at Horeb, bringing forth water and naming the place Massah and Meribah because of their testing and quarreling.

**Reflection Question:** When you face moments of need or frustration, do you respond with trust in God's provision or with doubt and complaint like the Israelites?

**Second Reading - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8** Paul teaches that through justification by faith we have peace with God and hope through the Holy Spirit, and that God demonstrates His love by Christ dying for us while we were still sinners.

**Reflection Question:** How does knowing that Christ died for you at your worst shape the way you live in hope, peace, and love today?

**Gospel - John 4:5-42** Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well, reveals Himself as the Messiah, offers living water, and through her testimony leads many in her town to believe in Him.

**Reflection Question:** Where might Jesus be inviting you to receive His "living water" and to share your story so others can come to believe?

## Putting Our Best Foot Forward!

Our own Ann Bode has been quietly doing superhero work every Sunday morning to make sure our campus looks clean, cared for, and welcoming before Mass. Now, she's looking for one or two friendly helpers to join her! A tidy campus doesn't just look nice – it sends a message to our neighbors and



to potential new parishioners: "We take pride in this place, and we're glad you're here."

If you can spare a little time on Sunday mornings and

want to make a big impact, Ann would love your help. The goal is simple: Campus clean by 9:45 AM. To volunteer, contact Ann at:

☎ 816-561-1730 (home) 📱  
816-405-0770 (cell)

And a huge shout-out to Ann for her dedication and joyful service. She's been keeping our grounds looking great week after week!

# ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MARCH

- 3/1 Pantry Sunday
- 3/1 First Reconciliation lesson and practice
- 3/3 Harvesters Volunteer Day
- 3/7 Confirmation Lit. at Immaculate Conception
- 3/8 Hospitality Sunday
- 3/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass
- 3/22 Youth Easter Prep Activity
- 3/28 No Kings Rally

## MARCH/APRIL

- 3/29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- 3/29 St. Carlo Acutis exhibit at Sion Lower School
- 4/5 Easter & Easter Egg hunt after Mass
- 4/5 Pantry Sunday
- 4/7 Harvesters Volunteer Tuesday
- 4/12 First Communion celebration and cookie reception after Mass
- 4/19 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass



## 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, JoAnne Somerville, & Steve Wallace.

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

## Holy Thursday Help at STLF

For our Holy Thursday service, there will be an Altar of Repose in the basement hall of St. Therese Little Flower. We would like to have a couple of people from St. James help put this altar together. The assembly will be at 1pm on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can help with this, please let Bob Anderson know – [banderson49@yahoo.com](mailto:banderson49@yahoo.com) or 913-205-8024.

## Tri-Parish News

St. Therese Little Flower has a Dance Ministry which will be assisting in the liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. They will assist with the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, the unveiling of the cross on Good Friday, and help provide a communion meditation on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

If you are wanting to join St. Therese Little Flower's Dance Ministry for the Holy Week services, please contact Estelle Tunley ([etunley@stlflkc.org](mailto:etunley@stlflkc.org)). The group rehearses on 3/1, 3/15, and as needed. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes that you can easily move in for the rehearsals.

## Our first meeting of children and parents to learn about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist is TODAY 3/1 in Marian Hall.

## ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

**Pastor:** Fr. Don Farnan,  
[frdon@stjkc.org](mailto:frdon@stjkc.org)

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Fr. Garry Richmeier, C.P.P.S.  
[garrycpps@gmail.com](mailto:garrycpps@gmail.com)

**Synodal Parish Director:**  
Diane Etzel-Wise  
[parishstaff@stjkc.org](mailto:parishstaff@stjkc.org)

**Parish Office:**  
816-561-8512

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Monday-Friday

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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.