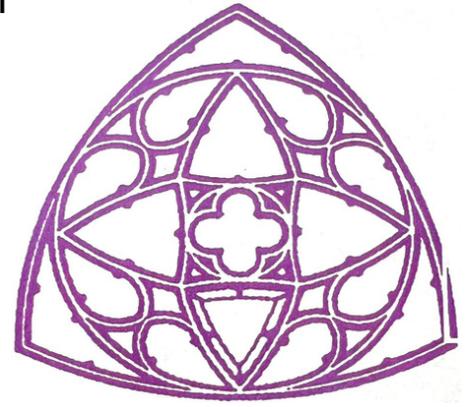
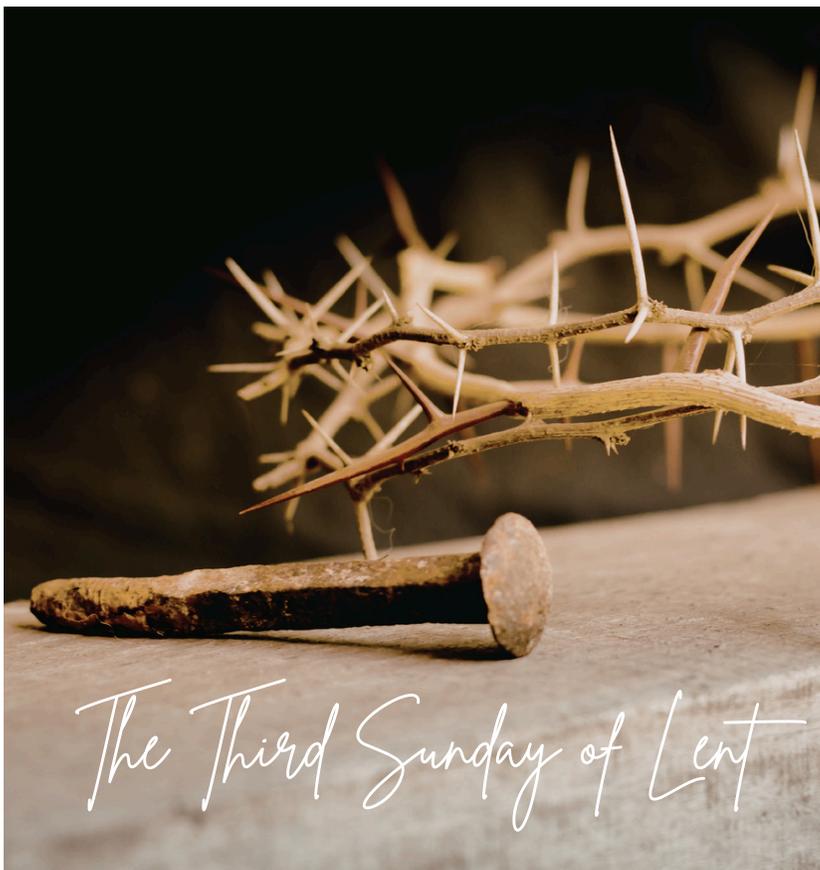


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. JAMES SYNODAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



“For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:5-8

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
- Holy Cross, KC: March 6 & 20 4:30-7:30pm
- 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, or head to www.StJKC.org to fill out a registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!



Join us Palm Sunday,
March 29th, after
Mass for a Tour of
the St. Carlo Acutis
exhibit at Notre
Dame de Sion Lower
School

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 talk to Martha Belker, Michaela Meckel or Marilyn Mahoney after Mass. The baby is due any day now, and we want to help them during the first week or so after Loan and baby return home. They live near 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 if you can help or if you need more information. Thank you!



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a God sends Samuel to anoint a new king from Jesse's sons and chooses David, the youngest, reminding Samuel that the Lord looks at the heart rather than outward appearance.

Reflection Question: How might God be calling you to look beyond outward appearances—both in yourself and others—and value the heart as He does?

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14 Paul urges believers to live as children of light—producing goodness, righteousness, and truth—exposing darkness, and awakening to Christ's transforming light.

Reflection Question: What areas of your life might need Christ's light to awaken and transform you so you can more clearly reflect His goodness and truth?

Gospel - John 9:1-41 Jesus heals a man born blind, revealing God's works through him, while the Pharisees' refusal to believe exposes their spiritual blindness.

Reflection Question: In what ways might you need to acknowledge your own blind spots so that Christ can open your eyes to deeper faith and understanding?

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

- 3/8 Hospitality Sunday
- 3/15 Parish Wide Synod Meeting After Mass
- 3/15 Banner Making for First Communion
- 3/22 Youth Easter Prep Activity
- 3/22 First Reconciliation and practice for First Communion
- 3/28 No Kings Rally
- 3/29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

APRIL

- 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
- 4/12 Hospitality Sunday
- 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, & Steve Wallace.

If you or someone you know needs prayers please send their names to 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 1st. If you can help with this, please let Bob Anderson know – banderson49@yahoo.com or 913-205-8024.

Lenten Rice Bowls

There are rice bowls available on the tables near the doors to church. Each year at Lent, these bowls are provided for parishioners to collect loose change and donations for CRS projects worldwide. The donations this year make a huge difference in light of recent program cuts to USAID funding. Take home a rice bowl after church and help support the poor and vulnerable in our world.



Today, March 8, is the Learning Lesson after Mass for children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.



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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.