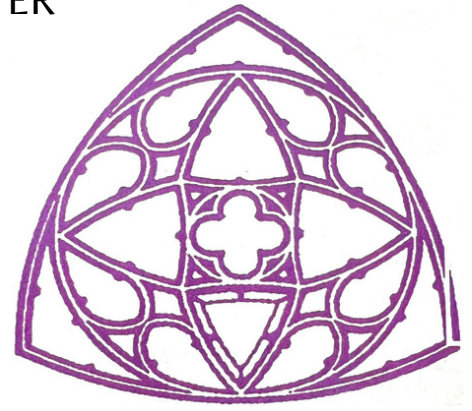
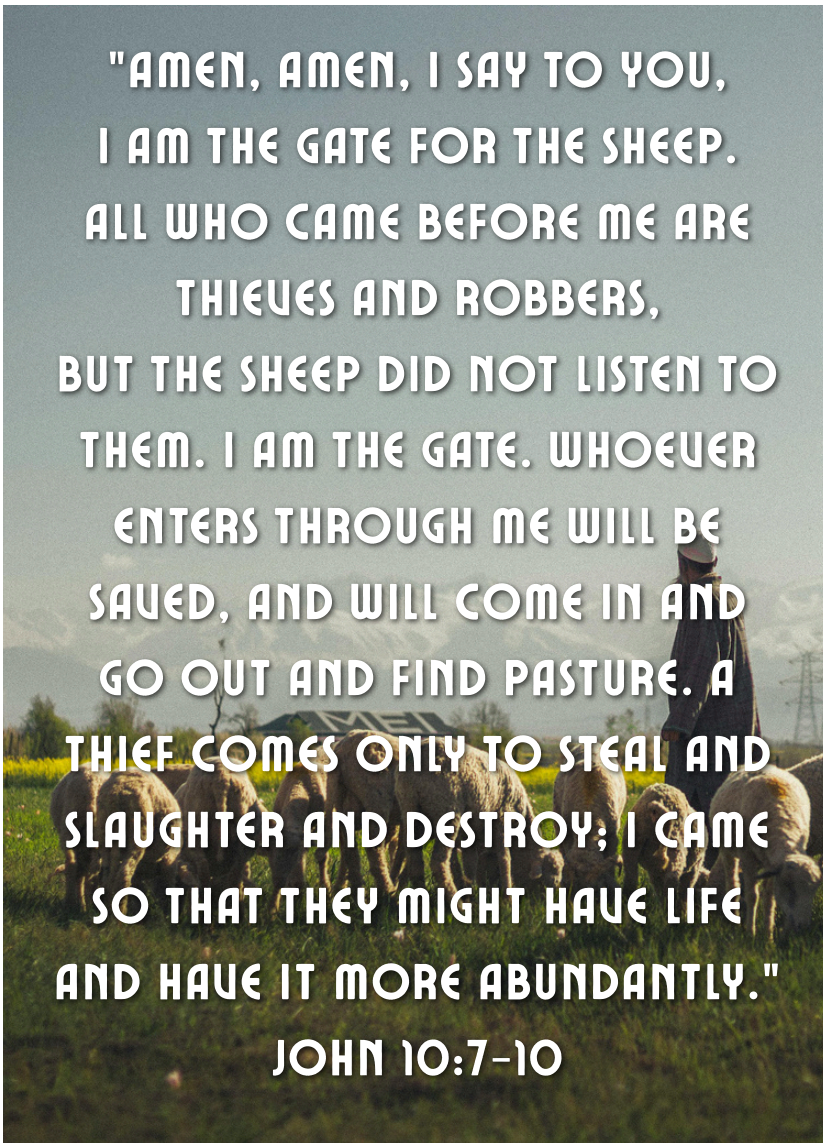


THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. JAMES SYNODAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MIDTOWN

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



**"AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP.
ALL WHO CAME BEFORE ME ARE
THIEVES AND ROBBERS,
BUT THE SHEEP DID NOT LISTEN TO
THEM. I AM THE GATE. WHOEVER
ENTERS THROUGH ME WILL BE
SAVED, AND WILL COME IN AND
GO OUT AND FIND PASTURE. A
THIEF COMES ONLY TO STEAL AND
SLAUGHTER AND DESTROY; I CAME
SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE
AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."
JOHN 10:7-10**

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

Our Moral Call: Voting Rights for All!

Join us at Visitation Catholic Community on May 7th for this important event, to continue conversations about racism and our faith. The topic will be Voting Rights for All.

Our Moral Call
May 7th at 6:30 pm
Visitation Catholic Community

Speakers:

- Rev. Dr. Bob Hill (Minister Emeritus of Community Christian Church)
- Melanie Busse (President of the League of Women Voters of Kansas City-Jackson, Clay, Platte Counties)
- M. Jenise Comer, LCSW (Professor Emeritus, University of Central Missouri and Volunteer)



How Do We Find You?

If you have moved, left the parish, changed your email address, or changed your phone number, but you'd like to stay connected, please send your new information to website@stjkc.org. Thank you.



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!

Pantry Sunday May 3rd

Pantry Sunday is May 3rd. All of our parish donations on pantry Sunday go to help Bishop Sullivan Center. Please bring donations with you to Mass next Sunday.

Pantry Needs this Month:

- Refried beans
- Shells
- Tortillas
- Diced tomatoes
- Rice
- Seasonings
- Salsa
- Canned Chilies
- Any other non-perishable Mexican food items

Welcome Children

St. James is so happy to welcome our newly baptized children and their parents:

- Naomi Oumallice Tran (age 1 year)
Parents: Christine (aka Natalie, Nathdalie) Martin & Ransom Tran
- Reza Eej Helgenberger (9 months)
Parents: Rachel Mudong & Ethan Helgenberger
- Osiana Rosedasia Ogo (5 months)
Parents: Chrstina (aka Rose) Ladore & Owen Ogo
- Onna Kanaila-Mae Hooker (1 year)
- Kaleah Aminimalice Hooker (3 years)
Parents: Nicole and Spencer Martin
- Riamari Yaromal
- Neo



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 3, 2026,
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Acts 6:1–7 As the early church grows, the apostles appoint seven Spirit-filled leaders to ensure fair care for widows, allowing them to stay focused on prayer and teaching.

Reflection Question: Where might I need to delegate or step into service to help meet the needs of my community more effectively?

1 Peter 2:4–9 Believers are called living stones, built into a spiritual house with Christ as the cornerstone, chosen to declare God’s praises.

Reflection Question: How am I actively living out my identity as part of God’s “spiritual house” in my daily life?

John 14:1–12 Jesus comforts His followers by assuring them He is the way to the Father and promises that those who believe in Him will continue His works.

Reflection Question: What does it look like for me to actively trust Jesus as “the way” in my current circumstances and choices?

Renee Roosa Talk Postponed

We are rescheduling so keep an eye out for a new date coming soon.

Harvesters Volunteer Tuesday

Tuesday, May 5th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Come be part of the Harvesters team and help tackle hunger in our community.

Please bring close-toed shoes & long pants (safety first!) and bring a canned or non-perishable donation if you can.

Contact Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 to save your spot!



Thank you to Thom Zoog for the amazing cinnamon rolls! He made our special Baptism Sunday extra special! Thanks to Chris Dewberry, too, for the adorable lamb cake.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL/MAY

- 5/3 Pantry Sunday
- 5/5 Harvesters Volunteer Tuesday
- 5/10 Hospitality Sunday
- 5/10 Mother’s Day
- 5/17 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
- 5/24 Pentecost Sunday
- 5/31 Fifth Sunday Parish Luncheon

JUNE

- 6/2 Harvesters Volunteer Day
- 6/7 Pantry Sunday
- 6/14 Hospitality Sunday
- 6/21 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
- ~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang

Prayer & Condolences

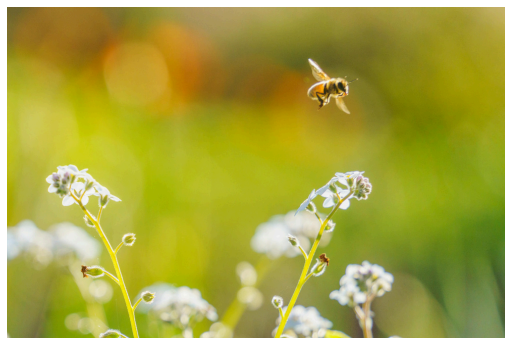
It is with deepest condolences that we share the news that Donna Arnone passed away. Donna was St James' bookkeeper for about 18 months and St. Therese Little Flower's Business Manager. She was an asset beyond measure to our parish. Donna loved STJ and STLF. She will be sorely missed as a beloved staff member, parishioner, coworker and friend.

Details regarding her funeral services are in our Friday Email.

Please continue to pray for the Arnone Family, Extended Family, and Friends.

No Mow May

April 22nd is Earth Day this year. St. James will again participate in No Mow May. This practice is great for nature (especially our pollinators) and helps our eco system flourish. More information is available at beecityusa.org



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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

The family and friends of Donna Arnone.

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



Attendance on 4/19

In person- 182

Online- 11

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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.