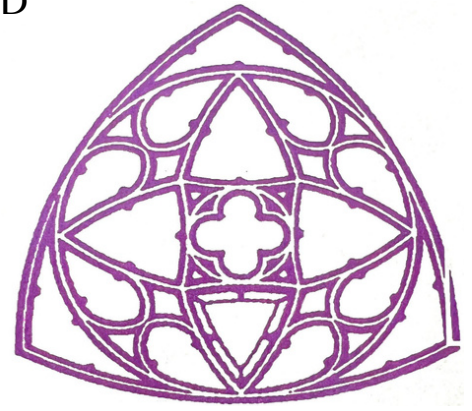


THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



By the Name of Mary
Sister Maresa Lilley, SND
Gracetopaint.org

Sister Maresa Lilley is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame, located in Chardon, Ohio. Her religious art is an approachable yet powerful witness of her faith.

*Bulletin print permission given by the artist

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

Family Fun Day

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, June 7th we will have our second annual Family Fun Day for all of our families. The festivities will be out on the south lawn. Games, picnic lunch, scavenger hunt, duck pond, bubbles and so much more! Find your picnic blankets and lawn chairs for this event. Fr. Garry will be our chef! And TEENS we will have some special activities for you too!

Watch the bulletin for more information!



Help Needed

We have a wonderful team of teachers and assistants for our Children's Liturgy of the Word program. We would like to have a couple more people to help us. Please let Bonnie Haghirian know if you're interested in helping minister to our children.



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!

May is Mary Month

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Blessed Mother. Please join Philomena Odu in the Family Room in the back of Church to pray the Rosary after Mass during the Sundays of May.

Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, May 24th, is Pentecost. Please wear red or flame colors to celebrate the Holy Spirit coming among us.



Mary, Mothers, and May

This week, we have the beautiful blessing of sharing art by Sr. Maresa Lilley on our bulletin cover. Her depiction of Mary is striking but so effortless. What speaks to you in this depiction of Mary? What do you see or think about when you look at this image of a young Mary?

In May, we celebrate Mary and also our own mothers. As we meditate on the Mother of Christ this month, let's pray for the mothers in our lives, those praying to become mothers, and those overwhelmed by the inevitable difficulties and stress of being a mother each day.

Fall Sacraments

We have celebrated several beautiful Baptisms at St. James this spring. If you have a child or an adult who needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Bonnie at faithformation@stjkc.org.

We will begin preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation in the Fall. Email Bonnie to get your name or your child's name on the list. Adults and teens, be sure that you have received these Sacraments as well. All are welcome.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 24, 2026, PENTECOST SUNDAY



Acts 2:1–11 The Holy Spirit comes to the disciples, empowering them to speak in many languages so people from every nation can hear the good news of God.

Reflection Question: How might the Holy Spirit be calling you to communicate God's love in ways others can truly understand?

First Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to each person, yet all believers are united together as one body in Christ.

Reflection Question: What gifts has God given you that could strengthen and serve others in our community?

John 20:19–23 The risen Jesus appears to the disciples, brings them peace, and sends them out with the Holy Spirit to continue his mission of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Reflection Question: Where in your life are you being invited to bring peace, forgiveness, or hope to others?

5th Sunday Parish Luncheon

After Mass on Sunday, May 31st
Located in Marian Hall, lower level.

Come celebrate the gift of community as we share a meal together! Marian Hall will be filled with good food, laughter, and the warmth of the St. James family. Whether you've been here for years or this is your first visit, your presence makes our table complete.

We can't wait to see you there!

Mental Health First Aid Training

We will have Mental Health First Aid Training on Friday, May 22 from 8:30 am - 5 pm in Wyandotte County. Let Diane know if you want to sign up or email her at dianeew72@gmail.com with any questions.

Peace Prayer

Join us for Wednesday evening Peace Prayer on Zoom at 6:30 pm. We take turns leading prayers and reflection. A link will be provided via email from parishstaff@stjkc.org.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

5/17 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
5/20 Peace Prayer on Zoom
5/22 Mental Health First Aid Training
5/24 Pentecost Sunday
5/27 Peace Prayer on Zoom
5/31 Fifth Sunday Parish Luncheon

JUNE

6/2 Harvesters Volunteer Day
6/7 Pantry Sunday
6/7 Family Fun Day
6/14 Hospitality Sunday
6/21 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass

~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang

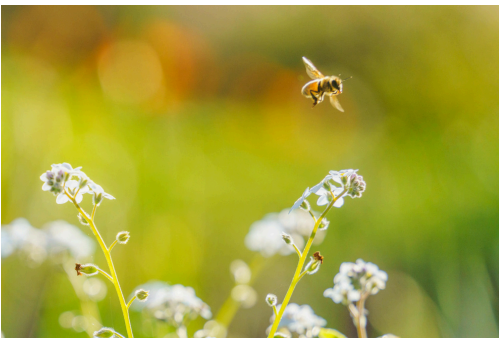
MEETING

PARISH-WIDE SYNOD MEETING TODAY AFTER MASS

Please join us today, Sunday, May 17th after Mass for our monthly Synod Meeting. All parishioners are welcome. This month we will look at Christ's call to serve, our individual talents, and ways to serve in our parish and community.

No Mow May Update

Early rain and warm weather have made our grounds very overgrown. We have decided to mow the general areas and leave a large portion of the South Lawn un-mown for 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, Reanna Broyle, Barb Doak, Tom Dux, Cindy Etzel Swoboda, Steven Hardie, Michael Heringer, June Johnson, Ric Kocher and family, 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.



5/3 Attendance:
In person - 137
Online - 12

5/10 Attendance:
In person - 132
Online - 9

ST. JAMES CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. Don Farnan,
frdon@stjkc.org

Sacramental Minister:
Fr. Garry Richmeier, C.P.P.S.
garrycpps@gmail.com

Synodal Parish Director:
Diane Etzel-Wise
parishstaff@stjkc.org

Director of Operations:
John Kraus - 816-381-9169
jkraus@sfx-kc.org

**Director of Stewardship and
Development:**
Jennifer Harris - 816-381-9168
jharris@sfx-kc.org

Parish Office:
816-561-8512

Hours: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Email: parishstaff@stjkc.org

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 30388,
Kansas City, MO 64112

Street Address:
3909 Harrison St.
Kansas City, MO 64110

Facebook
[@stjamesmidtown](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown)

St. James Website
stjkc.org

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.

Tri-Parish Triduum Appreciation Event

Friday, May 22, 2026

5pm—Prayer Service at Foyle Hall Chapel
(Avila University—11901 Wornall)

6pm—Dinner at Farnan Spirituality Center
301 Sante Fe Trail, KCMO 64145

(a short walk or drive over) - Plenty of parking on campus
and near both locations

COME CELEBRATE!

This year's Easter Triduum was a challenging (yet amazing) undertaking. Together our three parishes created holy, profound, and joyous services.

We want to offer thanks to those who helped make this possible. All who volunteered are invited to gather, give thanks for the gift of each other, and have a fun evening as well.

If you served on a committee to plan the Triduum, sang in the choir, served as lector, hospitality minister, altar server, helped decorate the church, helped with the Vigil reception, set-up/clean-up or other tasks that were needed, we want to thank you at this celebration.

Please mark your calendars and submit your RSVP by signing up on Sign Up Genius.

**The Tri-Parish Celebration Planning Team
St. Francis Xavier, St. James and St. Therese Little Flower**

**Please RSVP by May 20 using this
SignUp Genius QR Code**

**If you are unable to scan this code, look
for a sign up list at your parish.**

