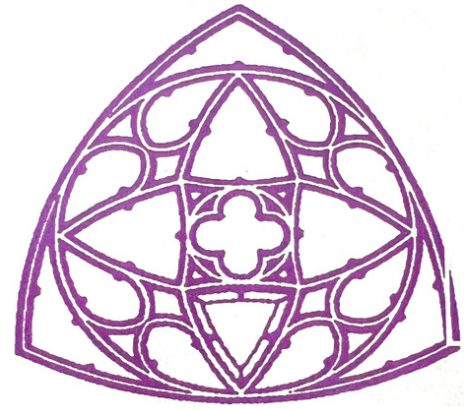


PENTECOST SUNDAY

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Pentecost Mosaic

Artist Unknown

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

Eucharist to the Home-Bound:

Contact Marcus Liddell
816-832-2478 (cell)

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 for Sunday June 7 for Family Funday! All children are asked to bring their parents for games, prizes, bubbles, piñatas and lunch! Bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs! Watch Fr. Garry flip burgers and hot dogs! We'll have a sign up sheet at Mass this Sunday, so we can feed everyone and have prizes for everyone!

There will be an activities for everyone from little kids to teens! Come to Mass, and stay for the Teddy Bear Picnic!



Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday is June 7th. Bishop Sullivan is in need of the following items.

- Granola bars
- Fruit snacks
- Cheese and crackers
- Peanut butter and crackers
- Fruit cups (pop top)
- Pudding cups
- Chef Boyardee spaghetti (pop top)

Bishop Sullivan is thankful for your continued generosity.



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!

Help Needed

Please consider helping our children learn more about our faith. We have a wonderful group of teachers for our Children's Liturgy of the Word, which will be starting again in the fall. There is an online program for teacher certification and a background check. We supply the materials every week. Please let Bonnie or Chris D. know if you would like more information.

*Note: Our Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions are on hold until the start of the school year. We have big plans for next year with some new groups and programs!

A Parishioner's Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am friendly.

It will be holy if I am holy.

Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.

It will do great work if I do my part.

It will be prayerful if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 31, 2026, THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9 God reveals Himself to Moses as compassionate, gracious, patient, and faithful, and Moses responds with worship and a plea for God's continued presence and forgiveness among His people.

Reflection Question: How does knowing God's mercy and patience change the way you approach your own failures and the failures of others?

Corinthians 13:11–13 Paul encourages believers to live in peace and unity while reminding them that the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit are with them all.

Reflection Question: What practical step can you take to strengthen peace and unity in your relationships or community?

John 3:16–18 God showed His love for the world by sending His Son so that those who believe in Him may receive eternal life instead of condemnation.

Reflection Question: How does believing that you are deeply loved by God influence the way you live each day?

5th Sunday Parish Luncheon

After Mass on Sunday, May 31st, lunch will be served in Marian Hall, lower level of the church.

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!

Peter's Pence Collection

There will be a Second Collection today, Sunday, May 24th for Peter's Pence. These donations are sent to the Holy See to support the Pope's philanthropic works, humanitarian aid for victims of war and natural disasters, and the administrative operations of the Vatican. Thank you for your generosity.

Peace Prayer

Join us for Wednesday evening's 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/JUNE

5/24 Pentecost Sunday
5/27 Peace Prayer on Zoom
5/31 Fifth Sunday Parish Luncheon
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

JULY

7/5 Pantry Sunday
7/7 Harvesters Volunteer Day
7/12 Hospitality Sunday
7/19 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang



Financial Corner

Sunday Collections April 2026

Offertory
In Church
\$6,819.00

Mail
\$3,225.00

Online
\$4,965.00

Directed Giving
Candles/Votives
\$20.00

Between the Cracks
\$312.00

Rice Bowls
\$245.00

Holy Land
\$170.00

TOTAL
\$15,756.00

Bequeathed from the estate of
Sharon Payne, parishioner:
\$75,000



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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, 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.

Our Sympathy

The parish offers prayers and sympathy to Linda Rehtin and her family on the death of her husband John on May 12, 2026. The funeral will be at St James on May 30, at 10:30am. Please remember Linda and her family in your prayers.

Attendance - 5/17/26
In person - 119
Online - 10

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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.

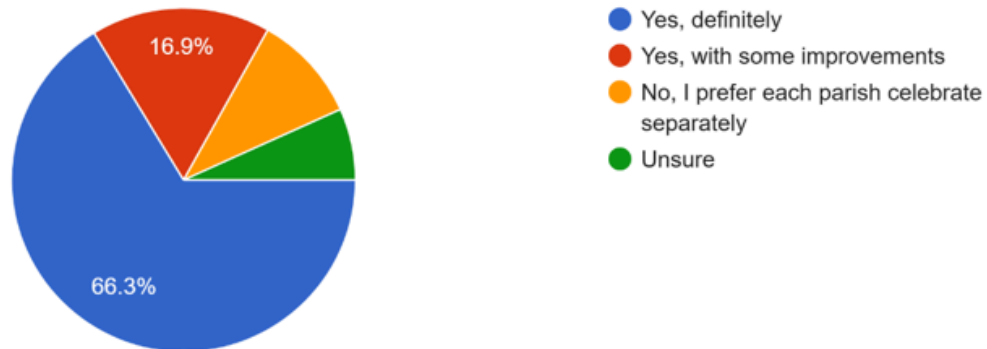
The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Holy Week Liturgies Survey Results

Thank you to the 89 parishioners from our tri-parish community who completed the Holy Week Liturgies Survey. The results are encouraging. **83.2% of respondents support continuing shared Holy Week liturgies in the future**, either as they are or with some improvements.

Would you support this shared Holy Week model in future years?

89 responses



Key Insights from Holy Week

- Participation from all 3 parishes, with the majority regularly attending Holy Week
- MOST important factors: Tri-parish Connection (46.7%) and Liturgy and Music (40%)
- 79.9% rated logistics as Excellent or Very Good
- 88.6% had a positive overall experience
- 75.3% felt a stronger tri-parish connection because of Holy Week Liturgies

This feedback affirms the value of coming together while also helping us identify areas to strengthen. Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to our tri-parish community!