

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



**As a father has compassion
for his children,
so the Lord has compassion
for those who fear him.**
Psalm 103:13

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

HAPPY Father's DAY

Today, we have a tribute to St. Joseph on Fathers' Day, just as we honored Mary on Mothers' Day. Children are invited to participate in the entrance procession. We will have items representing carpentry and holy cards honoring Joseph, husband of Mary.

We also honor our own fathers today. Take time this morning to pray a prayer of gratitude and God's blessing for your biological fathers, adopted fathers, role-models who were like fathers, Fr. Garry, Fr. Don, and anyone who has guided and cared for you as a father.

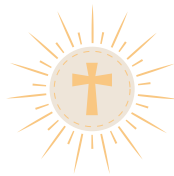
If any of these roles apply to you today, take a moment to remind yourself what a blessing it is to be a father, take time to rest knowing that it is sometimes a tough and tiring role, and remember that your parish prays for you too.



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!



Serve Together

Our young people who have made their First Holy Communion are now eligible to serve at St. James. Please contact Mike Art and he will train the boys and girls who would like to serve.

Friends with Catholic Interest?

If you or someone you know would like to know more about the Catholic Church, we will begin classes in september!

Pop Top Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Please save tabs from pop top cans. St James will have a collection point at church soon. These aluminum tabs are recycled, and the funds raised go directly to RMH operations, helping provide a home-away-from-home for families with sick children. Aluminum tabs from soda, soup, and canned goods are all accepted.



Help Needed

Faith Formation for our children at St. James needs some additional teachers. This year we will have three groups of children meeting for Children's Liturgy of the Word. We'll have preK - grade 1, grades 2-3, and grades 4-6. All materials will be supplied. Please contact Bonnie or Chris Dewberry to get started on this wonderful ministry!

faithformation@stjkc.org

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, June 28, 2026, THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a: A devout Shunammite woman shows generous hospitality to the prophet Elisha, and is miraculously rewarded with the gift of a son.

Reflection: How can I recognize and meet the hidden needs of others in my own community without expecting anything in return?

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11: Through baptism, believers symbolically die to their old ways of sin and are resurrected to walk in a new, grace-filled life united with Christ.

Reflection: In what specific areas of my daily life do I need to let my old habits "die" so I can actively embrace the new life Christ has won for me?

Matthew 10:37-42: Jesus challenges His followers to prioritize their relationship with Him above all else, promising that even the smallest acts of kindness done in His name will be deeply rewarded.

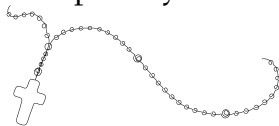
Reflection: What practical step can I take today to put Christ first in my relationships, and how can I offer a "cup of cold water" to someone in need?

St. James Parish's 120th Anniversary

Save the date for August 22nd, 2026 to celebrate our parish's 120th anniversary!

More details coming soon. Keep an eye out!

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.

Parish Faith Formation

Renee Roosa - Cook will share her faith formation presentation with us on Sunday, June 28, following our 10am Mass.

Her presentation, *A Midtown Kansas City Oblate-Living the Rule of St. Benedict* promises to help look at our own faith journeys. Please plan to stay and learn and share.

Light refreshments will be served.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE/JULY

- 6/21 Father's Day
- 6/21 St. Pius X Mass to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima at 3pm
- 6/28 Faith Formation after Mass with Renee Roosa
- 7/5 Pantry Sunday
- 7/7 Harvesters Volunteer Day
- 7/12 Hospitality Sunday
- 7/19 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass

AUGUST

- 8/2 Pantry Sunday
- 8/4 Harvesters Volunteer Day
- 8/9 Hospitality Sunday
- 8/16 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
- 8/22 St. James Parish's 120th Anniversary
- ~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang

St. Pius X News

Join us at St. Pius X to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima.

Sunday, June 21st 3-4:15 pm
St. Pius X Parish
5500 Woodson Ave
Mission, KS 66202

We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Cindy McKay Basolo, Reanna Broyle, Barb Doak, Tom Dux, Steven Hardie, Michael Heringer, June Johnson, Ric Kocher and family, Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Noella Cole, Amie Miller, Mary O'Leary, Judith Reed, Eric Sitterley, Sean Shaughnessy, Karen Snedden, & Steve Wallace.

We pray also for the family and soul of Cindy (Etsel) Swoboda, sister to Diane Etsel-Wise

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



Recent Mass Attendance:

May 31st
 164 - In person
 8 - Online

June 7th
 137 - In person
 10 - Online

June 14th
 122 - In person
 8 - Online

ST. JAMES WEEKLY BULLETIN

If you have parish news, you can submit items for the bulletin to Lauren Clinton at the bulletin email below.

Bulletin@STJKC.org

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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.

STRENGTHS AND TALENTS SURVEY, 2026-2027

Our Mission

We, the people of the St. James community in faith, commit ourselves to building the Reign of God for all people, serving especially our neighbors in Midtown, Kansas City.

Our Vision

St. James Parish will be a vital Catholic Christian presence at the crossroads of Kansas City, meeting the spiritual needs of our members and impacting both the midtown neighborhood and the larger community. We will be a growing and diverse community where worship and sacramental life are joyful and vibrant; where people are empowered to live the Gospel; and where, especially, the needs of the poor and disenfranchised are lovingly and humbly addressed.

We are in a discernment mode this summer and would like each parishioner from every part of the metro area, from every age, racial, ethnic, and gender group to join in discernment and our synodal process by completing this survey for the good of the St. James community. I would love to answer any questions or concerns you might have to the best of my ability. This will not be offered electronically, as it is a method for engagement with one another and an opportunity to reflect on your commitment to St. James Catholic Community Midtown. I would be happy to help you fill the survey out over the phone if that would help you! Because we are focused on our mission, we ask that you prayerfully reflect on the survey and respond fully, adding specifics as needed or inspired!

You can reach Diane by email at parishstaff@stjkc.org OR dianeew72@gmail.com OR by phone at (816) 561-8512 OR (913) 484-3953

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Please place a “+” next to the areas you view as your strengths, talents or interests in serving our St. James’ mission. Feel free to name your special interest!

_____ Music (vocals or instruments): _____

_____ Liturgy (reader, Eucharistic minister, server, sacristan): _____

_____ Faith Formation programming (children, youth, adults): _____

_____ Sacramental Preparation (Baptism, First Communion / Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage, OCIA): _____

_____ Hospitality (greeter, usher, food prep, clean up): _____

_____ Social Event (Planning): _____

_____ Social Justice Advocacy and Activity: _____

_____ Financial (money counter): _____

_____ Outreach and Service (to fellow parishioners and / or visitors e.g. Communal Garden, Bus Stop Ministry, Home or phone visits, Bishop Sullivan, Troost39):

_____ Facilities (grounds cleanup, landscaping, church & hall): _____

_____ Office / Parish House (phone, resource referral, general): _____

_____ Leadership (various opportunities in each of the above-mentioned ministries):

_____ Communications (bulletin, website, social media, directory, live stream): _____

_____ Other talents not listed above: _____

THANK YOU!!!

Please return to Diane Etzel-Wise or call her with questions! (913)484-3953