

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Pray for our Country and our people this Week

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

Prayer for the United States of America

By Melannie Svoboda SND
June 22, 2026

This year we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America—for many of us, our cherished country. But anniversaries are not merely a time for nostalgia and celebration. As Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore wrote: an anniversary “calls us to consider not only who we have been, but who we are becoming and by God’s grace, who we are called to be.”

Good and gracious God, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we offer you this prayer for our country, a country that is good, beautiful, and beloved... and a country that is wounded, flawed, and always in need of your help.

We are grateful for the ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that all people are created equal, that they are endowed by You, our Creator, with certain rights. Among these rights are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. May we never take these rights for granted or forget the responsibilities



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!

these rights bestowed upon all of us, especially the need for our vigilance and our participation to preserve these sacred rights into the future.

We thank you, Creator God, for the countless natural gifts of this land we call home: for rivers and lakes, mountains and valleys, forests and farmlands, oceans and grasslands and the wide diversity of animal life these resources support and sustain.

We thank you for the people who were here long before most of our direct ancestors set foot on this land. We are grateful for their rich spiritual traditions and their deep respect for the land. And we ask forgiveness for the grave injustices these people endured—and in some

places, still endure—from those of us who came much later to this land.

We thank you for the wide diversity of peoples who immigrated to this country throughout our 250 years and who continue to come today. They came here fleeing religious persecution, wars, famine, and violence of all kinds. They came here seeking a better life for themselves and their families. And sadly, we remember those who were brought here in shackles, enduring brutal and inhumane conditions. We ask forgiveness for what some have called our country’s “national original sin,” the sin of slavery. And we ask your help to continue to remove barriers that prevent some of us from enjoying the rights our Constitution assures for all of us. May we as a nation incarnate more and more that word “United” in the official name of our country, the United States of America.

We thank you for the unique gift of our republic, our democracy, whereby the leaders of government derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. We are justly proud of all those leaders throughout our history who served our country with personal integrity, courage, wisdom, justice, (continued on next page...)

Continued... Prayer for the United States of America

compassion and with a cooperative spirit. We ask for these same qualities in those who serve us in leadership today.

We thank you for the so-called “common man,” that is, for the countless ordinary men and women throughout our history who displayed qualities we like to say define “the American spirit,” qualities such as diligence, resilience, courage, hopefulness, generosity, and care and concern for one another. May we who follow them in time, follow them in spirit by continuing the hard work of insuring the rights of all.

We pray also for all other nations today. May we always remember that our nation is part of a world community, a global community. We are grateful for the ways our country in the past has worked hand-in-hand with other countries to preserve peace, to build beneficial partnerships, to care for our common planet, and to provide aid to those nations plagued by poverty, illness, food shortages and violence. May we continue our tradition of reaching out and sharing our wealth with our

global community.

And finally, God, we pray that we may become the nation we pledge our allegiance to: “The United States of America: one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” Amen.

St. Therese Little Flower Parish Senior Center

The St. Therese Little Flower Parish Senior Center is filled with fun, learning, and fellowship every week. The Center is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Lunch is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weekly activities may include: Monday (Gift Card Monday and Arts and Crafts), Tuesday (Random Raffle and Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.), and Wednesday (Bingo and Bid Whist Games).

Questions? Please contact us at (816) 444-3514.

Everyone is welcome!

PARISH-WIDE SYNOD MEETING ON 7/19 AFTER MASS

Please join us Sunday, July 19th after Mass for our monthly Synod Meeting.

HARVESTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Tuesday, July 7th

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Harvesters

3801 Topping Ave, KCMO

Why volunteer?

- Be part of a team
- Tackle hunger in our community
- Service hours (ages 8+)
- Make new friends
- Leave knowing you've made a real difference

What to bring & wear:

- Close-toed shoes & long pants (safety first!)
- A canned or non-perishable donation (optional)

Ready to lend a hand?

Contact Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 to save your spot! Let's pack hope together. See you there!

Update: Pop Top Tabs for Ronald

McDonald House

A large clear plastic teddy bear jar is on the long table with the white table cloth in the back of church. Please bring your tabs to church and drop them in the jar to support the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you!

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, July 5, 2026, THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



Zechariah 9:9-10 This passage is a Messianic prophecy that speaks of a righteous and victorious, yet famously humble king arriving on a donkey to establish global peace.

Reflection Question: How does the gentle and peaceful nature of Jesus Christ challenge the ways you seek power and control in your own life?

Romans 8:9, 11-13 Paul explains that believers are empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit, who guarantees our future resurrection and enables us to overcome the sinful nature.

Reflection Question: In what specific area of your life do you need to rely on the Holy Spirit today to choose the path of life over the flesh?

Matthew 11:25-30 Jesus invites the weary and burdened to find rest for their souls by embracing his gentle and humble leadership rather than relying on worldly intellect.

Reflection Question: What heavy burden or self-reliance are you carrying right now that you need to surrender in order to accept Jesus' offer of an easy yoke?

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 Today!

Renee Roosa - Cook will share her faith formation presentation with us after Mass today.

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

6/28 Faith Formation after Mass with Renee Roosa
7/4 Independence Day
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



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.

Pantry SUNDAY

Our pantry Sunday is next week, July 5th. We need items to help Bishop Sullivan Center. Please consider bringing a few things from the list to bless those in need in our community.

- Hygiene Items
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brushes
- Shampoo
- Toilet paper
- Baby wipes

Bishop Sullivan is so grateful for St. James' continual dedication to helping serve our neighbors.



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.

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

ST. JAMES CONTACTS

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

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

Synodal Parish Director:
Diane Etsel-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.

STRENGTHS AND TALENTS SURVEY, 2026-2027

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, KCMO.

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