

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

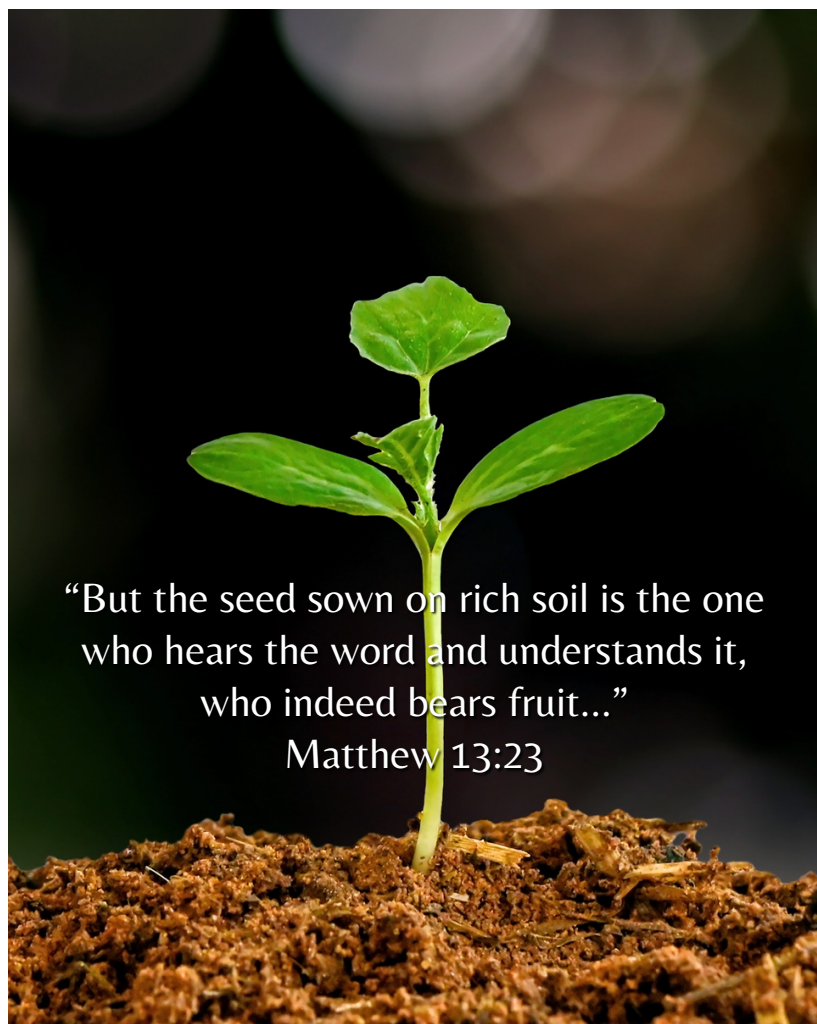
ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one
who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit...”
Matthew 13:23

The Mass intention for Sunday, July 12th is
for Thomas Sommerkamp.

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

Immediate Housing Need

A family in our parish is in immediate need of housing. The family is 2 adults and 3 children. They are on a very limited budget. If you know of a place, please contact Marilyn Mahoney at 816-405-9767 OR Bonnie Haghirian at faithformation@stjkc.org.

Volunteers Needed

We are searching for volunteers for our Bricks and Sticks Brigade!!! There are MANY loose sticks from storms scattered all over our property. We would love some volunteers to help collect them, maybe even bundle and remove them.

Additionally, we have a lot of individual loose bricks laying around from the 39th and Harrison corner all the way to the south edge of the property. We don't have a project in mind yet, but they might be excellent for garden trimming and/or pathways. We're open to suggestions about the bricks.



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!

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.

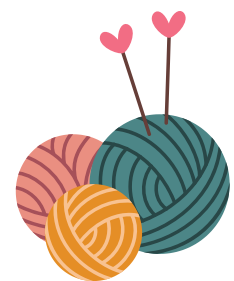
Everyone is welcome!

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!

NO PARISH-WIDE SYNOD MEETINGS FOR SUMMER

We will not be having any synod meetings for July and August. Instead, we are studying our synodal process this summer and we will be evolving to small groups in the fall. In the meantime, please complete a strengths and talents survey and return it to Diane.



Knitting & Crocheting Group Meets 7/21

If you enjoy fiber crafts, join us in the rectory Tuesday 7/21 at 6:30pm. Help create warm hats & scarves for those in need during the cold months of Kansas City.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, July 19, 2026



Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 God's supreme power is not used to exact ruthless vengeance, but rather to govern with absolute justice, leniency, and clemency.

Reflection Question: How can you model God's incredible patience and kindness when wronged by others?

Romans 8:26-27 When we do not know how or what to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with wordless groans, ensuring our prayers align with God's will.

Reflection Question: What moments in your life have you felt the Spirit praying on my behalf, even when I was at a complete loss for words?

Matthew 13:24-43 Jesus teaches that good and evil will coexist in the world until the final harvest, reminding us to trust God's ultimate justice rather than prematurely judging others.

Reflection Question: Where am I tempted to "pull the weeds" in the lives of the people around me, and how can I practice more patience and grace instead?

St. James Parish's 120th Anniversary

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

Food, Live Music, Lots of Fun!

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.

Tour Parish House Rehab Work

The Parish House is undergoing some serious renovation now thanks to the generosity of an anonymous sponsor outside of the parish.

We are inviting St. James' parishioners over to the parish house after 10:00 Mass on July 19th to see the work in progress and to socialize with one another.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Our parish families are busy this summer! We hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer break. During these hot months, don't forget to check-in on your parish friends, especially those who live alone.



JULY & AUGUST

7/12 Hospitality Sunday

8/2 Pantry Sunday

8/4 Harvesters Volunteer Day

8/9 Hospitality Sunday

8/22 St. James Parish's 120th Anniversary

~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang



Garden Gang Update

Despite the rain, the garlic was pulled and braided while having an enjoyable chat last Saturday.

Potato-lovers you are now up. Join us this Saturday, July 11th, from 10 am - 12:00 pm, to dig potatoes.

Other Produce available includes:

South Garden: Blackberries, Carrots, Potatoes

East Garden: Lettuce, Onions, Kale, Swiss Chard, Arugula, Mustard Greens, Beet Root*, Turnip Root*

*Require a bit of hunting.



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, Amie Miller, Mary O'Leary, Judith Reed, Eric Sitterley, Sean Shaughnessy, Karen Snedden, Sr. Fran Voivedich, & Steve Wallace.

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



The Mini-Pantry welcomes your donations of non-perishable food in mouse-proof packaging. Otherwise please use the designated plastic bins. For questions, please ask Parish Staff.

ST. JAMES CONTACTS

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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

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

KANSAS CITY CATHOLICS
ADDRESSING RACISM



Your Vote Matters! What's on the Ballot?

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT RACISM & OUR FAITH



Thursday
July 16, 2026

St. Monica Catholic Church
1616 Paseo Blvd. KCMO 64108

6:30 p.m.

Social

6:50 p.m.

Program



R.S.V.P.
(requested)

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Professor Emeritus, University of
Central Missouri and Volunteer



Jamie Johnson
Statewide Coalition Director of
People not Politics, Former
MO State Representative



Stephen Miller
Local Attorney, National Catholic
Reporter Board Chair