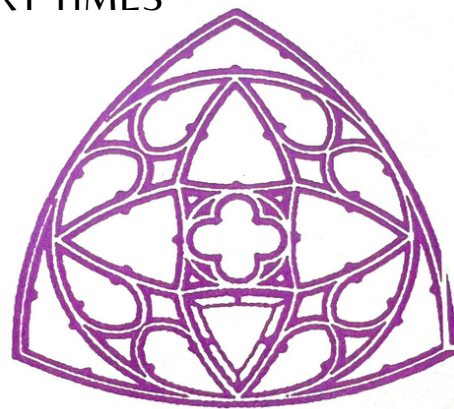


THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

# ST. JAMES

## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

## COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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

**“Brothers and sisters:  
The Spirit comes to the aid of  
our weakness; for we do not  
know how to pray as we  
ought, but the Spirit himself  
intercedes with  
inexpressible groanings. And  
the one who searches hearts  
knows what is the intention  
of the Spirit, because he  
intercedes for the holy ones  
according to God’s will.”  
Romans 8:26-27**

### 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

## Farewell to Sr. Fran and Sr. Rose

Today will be Sr Fran's last Mass at St James before she moves to her community, the Sisters of St Joseph, in St. Louis. Sr Rose will move back as well at the end of August. Join us after Mass to express our love for them and their devotion to St. James parish.

## 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 today, July 19<sup>th</sup>, after 10:00 Mass to see the work in progress and to socialize with one another.

## Peace Prayer

Pray for peace as requested by Pope Leo Wednesdays at 6:30 pm for 30 short minutes. This call to prayer has been a very calming and reflective experience for all those who have joined. A Zoom link will be provided via email from [parishstaff@stjkc.org](mailto:parishstaff@stjkc.org).



## 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](mailto:ParishStaff@StJKC.org), or head to [www.StJKC.org](http://www.StJKC.org) to fill out a registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!

Sister Fran and Sister Rose,

Our love and prayers go with you. Your care for our parish and love for this city are evident in all you do. We pray for peace, kindness, rest, and friends along the way for both of you on this next journey. We will miss you both deeply.

Love,  
St. James

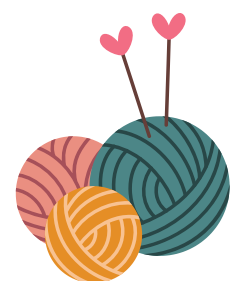


## Update: Pop Top Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

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 26, 2026



**1 Kings 3:5, 7–12** God honors Solomon's humble request for wisdom by granting him understanding to lead His people faithfully.

**Reflection Question:** Am I seeking God's wisdom above personal success or gain?

**Romans 8:28–30** God works through every circumstance to fulfill His loving purpose of shaping believers into the likeness of Christ.

**Reflection Question:** How can I trust God's purpose even in difficult situations?

**Matthew 13:44–52** Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is worth giving up everything for and calls His followers to recognize and share its priceless value.

**Reflection Question:** What am I willing to sacrifice in order to fully embrace God's Kingdom?

*celebrate!*



*Together*

## St. James Parish's 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

Join us on the South Lawn for dinner, desserts and drinks, Raffle, Door Prizes, Children's activities, and more!

Raffle tickets are available this Sunday. Sign up sheets to volunteer with the event will be on a table in the back of church every Sunday until the picnic.



## 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

7/19 Farewell Gathering for Sr. Rose and Sr. Fran  
after Mass

8/2 Pantry Sunday

8/4 Harvesters Volunteer Day

8/9 Hospitality Sunday

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

9/1 Harvesters Volunteer Day

~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang



## Garden Gang Update

Vegetable-wise, the switch from spring to summer has officially happened this week as we harvested the first ripe tomatoes. With the heat returning, it may be a while before we start seeing a steady stream of ripe large tomatoes but we anticipate the cherry tomatoes to keep ripening.

Join us each Saturday from 10am - 12 noon, as we finish digging potatoes, weed, and start preparing beds for the fall planting.

Produce available for picking includes:

South Garden: Blackberries, Carrots, Peppers, Tomatoes

East Garden: Onions, Kale, Swiss Chard



## 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](mailto: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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.