

THE SEVENTEENTH 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:
We know that all things
work for good
for those who love God...
Romans 8:28**

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

Pantry SUNDAY

Our pantry Sunday is next Sunday, August 2nd. 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.

- Toilet paper
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Feminine hygiene products
- Bar soap

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



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.



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!

Virtus Training

Anyone who is involved with children (Religious Ed., Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Preparation) or vulnerable adults (Communion to the homebound) must participate in the Diocesan Virtus Training.

Contact Chris Dewberry, chdewbe@stjkc.org, for more information. Thank you for your involvement in our ministries.



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.



Please Pray for Oliver

Patrick Mitchell, a STJ parishioner, asks for special prayers for his 1 year old nephew, Oliver Mitchell, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, July 26, 2026



Isaiah 55:1–3 God freely invites everyone to receive the life, satisfaction, and everlasting covenant that only He can provide.

Reflection Question: Where is God inviting you to seek lasting fulfillment instead of temporary satisfaction?

Romans 8:35, 37–39 Nothing in all creation can separate us from the unshakable love of God revealed in Christ Jesus.

Reflection Question: How does the promise of God's inseparable love give you strength during difficult times?

Matthew 14:13–21 Jesus compassionately feeds the hungry multitude, demonstrating that God's abundance is more than enough for every need.

Reflection Question: How can you trust Jesus to multiply the gifts and resources you offer Him?



St. James Parish's 120th Anniversary

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

Admission is only \$1.20 but larger donations are welcomed.

Join us on the South Lawn for dinner, desserts and drinks, Raffle, Door Prizes, Children's activities, and more! The picnic area opens at 5:30pm. Dinner begins at 6pm, featuring food from around the world!

Raffle tickets available now! Volunteer sign up on the table at the back of church every Sunday until the picnic.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

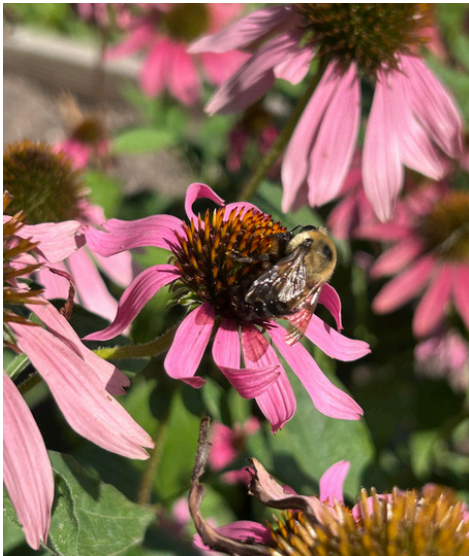
Our parish families are busy this summer! We hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer break. During these hot months, don't forget to check-in on your parish friends, especially those who live alone.



JULY & AUGUST

8/2 Pantry Sunday
8/4 Harvesters Volunteer Day
8/9 Hospitality Sunday
8/22 St. James Parish's 120th Anniversary
9/1 Harvesters Volunteer Day

~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang



Garden Gang Update

The bees are enjoying our Purple Cone Flowers and helping pollinate the peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, beans, and tomatillos. With fall plants scheduled to be picked up in early August, this Saturday, July 25th, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, we are weeding and preparing beds for the fall planting.

Produce available for picking includes:

South Garden

- Carrots
- Peppers
- Tomatoes

East Garden

- 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, Oliver Mitchell, 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.



St. James' parish pantry is located in the live stream media room at the back of the church.

Bulletin Additions Email:
Bulletin@StJKC.org

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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 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.