

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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

Exult greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem!
Behold: your king is coming to you,
a just savior is he...
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His dominion will be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the
ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:9-10

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

Thank You Renee

Thank you to Renee Roosa-Cook for her presentation on "Living as a Monastic on Troost Avenue."

Thank you for sharing your stories and faith with all of us. Thanks also to Markus for setting everything up and being our tech guru!

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."

PARISH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED

We need a little help with the hedges on Harrison Street sidewalk and the entrance to church. Pat Wise and Diane trimmed the "ground cover" along the corner of 39th and Harrison a couple of weeks ago. We are looking for someone to finish the job on the south side of the stairs leading up to church. Pat Wise would be very appreciative!

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



Zechariah 9:9-10 The prophet foretells the arrival of a triumphant, yet humble and righteous, king who will ultimately banish the weapons of war and establish a universal, peaceful reign across the earth.

Reflection Question: How does welcoming Jesus as the "humble King" into your daily life change the way you handle conflict and pursue peace in your own community?

Romans 8:9, 11-13 Paul explains that true believers are empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit, giving them both the promise of eternal life and the obligation to put to death the desires of the flesh.

Reflection Question: Where in your current daily routine are you relying on your own strength (the flesh), and how can you lean on the Holy Spirit to guide your actions instead?

Matthew 11:25-30 Jesus invites the weary and burdened to come to Him, offering rest and relief for their souls by way of a gentle, humble, and manageable discipleship.

Reflection Question: What specific heaviness, anxiety, or "yoke" is wearing you out right now, and what does it look like to accept Jesus' invitation to let Him lighten your burden?

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 House Rehab Work

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

You may not find us working in our offices due to the work being done, but you can call us at 816-561-8512 and leave a message. Someone will return your call or the individual you're trying to reach.



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

7/5 Pantry Sunday
7/7 Harvesters Volunteer Day
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



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 today, Sunday, 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, Sr. Fran Voivedich, & 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.



Sunday, June 21st

In person: 148

Online: 10

Sunday, June 28th

In person: 105

Online: 9

ST. JAMES CONTACTS

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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

MOI's 2026 Freedom Walk



Participants in MOI's 2nd Annual Freedom Walk, 2025

The Greater Kansas City 3rd annual Freedom Walk hosted by Miracle of Innocence is a powerful event dedicated to raising awareness about the wrongful conviction of innocent individuals due to systemic injustices and corruption in the criminal justice system. This less than 1-mile walk serves as a collective call to action, amplifying the voices of those who have endured wrongful convictions imprisonment by the urgent need for reform.

DATE Saturday, July 25, 2026

PLACE MOI Office 6520 W. 110th St. Overland Park, KS 66211

TIME 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.



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