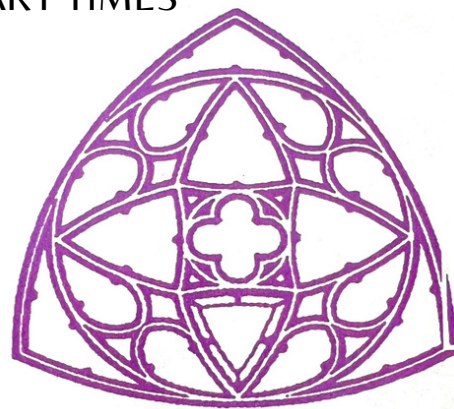


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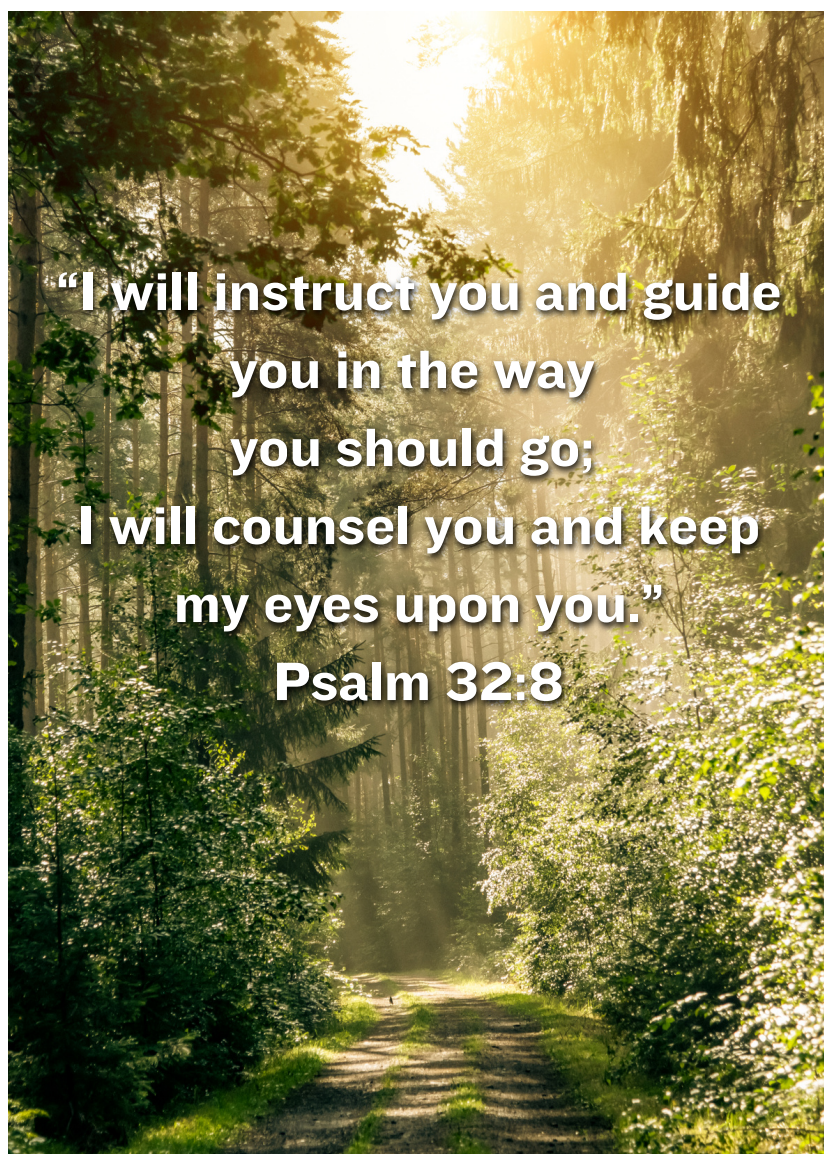
ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



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

A Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit, and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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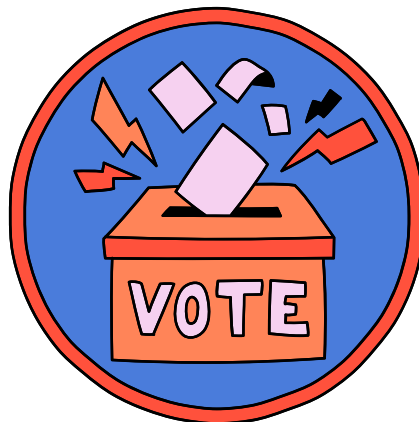
We are a warm, inviting community rooted in the inclusive love of Jesus—who broke down barriers, showed compassion, and invited everyone to the table. Here you'll find open hearts, meaningful worship, and opportunities to live out justice and kindness.

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!

Remember to Vote

Remember that Tuesday, August 4th is an election day!

Visit: vote411.org/ballot for more info regarding this election day.



Help at Our Parish's 120th Anniversary Celebration. August 22 is coming soon!

The parish celebration still needs lots of help. Sign up in the back of church this weekend or call the church office during the week. We need people to set up, sell raffle tickets, serve food, and help clean up.

Thank you!

Faith Formations Update

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be back in mid-August!

Sacramental Preparation dates are coming soon!

Parish wide Faith Formation sessions are being scheduled with some wonderful topics: Walking the El Camino, Pope Leo's newest encyclical, Serving in Guatemala, and more!

Watch the bulletin for the official dates for all of these!

Peace Prayer

Pray for peace, as requested by Pope Leo, Wednesdays at 6:30pm for 30 short minutes. A Zoom link will be provided via email from parishstaff@stjkc.org.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 9, 2026



1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a God meets Elijah not in a loud storm or a fire, but in a quiet whisper on the mountain.

Reflection Question: When was a time you heard God in a quiet moment instead of a loud event?

Romans 9:1-5 Paul shares his deep sadness and great pain for his own Jewish people who do not yet follow Christ.

Reflection Question: Are there people in your life who do not follow Christ? People who you, like Paul, pray and care for deeply.

Matthew 14:22-33 Peter walks on water toward Jesus, but when he looks at the wind and waves, he begins to sink and Jesus saves him.

Reflection Question: What worry or fear makes you feel like you are sinking right now?



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, Pinatas and Pops, sidewalk chalk, a teen scavenger hunt for gift cards, bubbles 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.



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

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

There are a plethora of tomatoes in the garden. Help yourself. If you don't find any ripe ones, pick the ones that are beginning to turn. They will be red before you know it.

This Saturday, August 1, we are again weeding and preparing for the Fall plants which will begin to arrive next week. Please join us from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Produce ready to be picked include:

South Garden: Carrots, Peppers, Tomatoes, Eggplants, and Beans (on the trellises)

East Garden: Kale and 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.

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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.