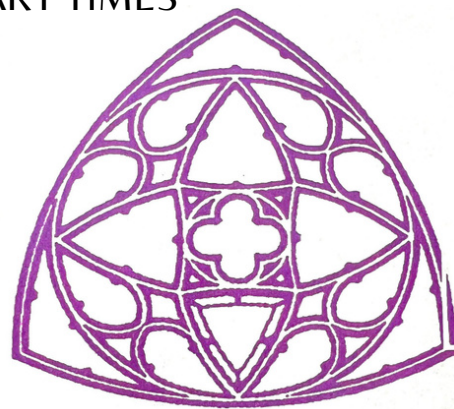


THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



**“At once Jesus spoke to
them, ‘Take courage, it is I;
do not be afraid.’”
Matthew 14:27**

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

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick or Sacrament of the Sick will be offered on next Sunday, August 16th at St. James toward the end of Mass. Anyone who is ill, has a chronic illness, or is elderly is invited to come forward and receive the anointing. The sacrament asks God to give us healing in body and/or mind. We pray for this in ourselves and in the other members of our community.



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!

No Knitting Group for August

Tuesday, August 28th
No knitting/crocheting session. Blessing of the Bus Stop winter items is scheduled for September 27th at Sunday Mass.



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!

Thank You!

A big thank you to Margo, Ann Amy, Pat and Peter for their help in keeping our grounds tidy and welcoming.

Mass on 8/22

Bishop Johnston will preside at Mass at St. James on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 4:00 pm as part of our 120th Anniversary celebration.

We need lectors, greeters, and others to assist with this special occasion! Please contact Bob Anderson or Diane Etzel-Wise if you are available to serve.

banderson49@yahoo.com
parishstaff@stjkc.org

Faith Formation Has Plans!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be back in mid-August! Sacramental Preparation dates for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are coming soon! Parish wide Faith Formation sessions are finding places on the calendar 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!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin soon. We would really like to open the opportunity to more parishioners to be leaders for our children in this ministry which is celebrated during Mass. We have two groups of children, with younger children meeting in the Family Room and older children (after First Communion) meeting in Marian Hall. All materials are provided, and we will mentor new volunteers.

Our faith formation groups are growing, so we have more opportunities to serve! Please contact Bonnie and let us know that you are interested.

faithformation@stjkc.org

**SENIOR ROUNDUP
ALL COWGIRLS & COWBOYS
WELCOME**

**ST. THERESE SENIOR CENTER
5814 EUCLID
AUGUST 26, 10AM-2PM**

10AM - BINGO

**ROUNDUP LUNCH SERVED AFTER
BINGO (ROASTED PIG, BRISKET,
CHICKEN, SIDES & DESSERT)**

RSVP TO 816-444-3514

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 16, 2026



Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 God tells His people to do what is right and fair because His salvation is near. He welcomes foreigners who keep His Sabbath and hold fast to His covenant, promising to make them joyful in His house of prayer.

Reflection Question: How can you better welcome and include outsiders in your community of faith?

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 God's mercy and faithful promises extend to both Jews and Gentiles, showing that He desires to offer salvation and compassion to all people.

Reflection Question: How does knowing the depth of God's mercy toward you change the way you view others?

Matthew 15:21-28 A Canaanite woman begs Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus tests her faith by saying His mission is for Israel, but because of her persistent faith, He heals her daughter instantly.

Reflection Question: When you face obstacles in prayer, what helps you persist in asking God for help?



St. James Parish's 120th Anniversary

August 22nd, 2026 come celebrate our parish's 120th anniversary!

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

Join us on the South Lawn as we celebrate 120 years of Saint James! The fun begins at 5:30pm and dinner buffet is served at 6pm. The schedule includes time to buy a raffle ticket, enter the drawings for door prizes, place a bid on an auction item, and observe or participate in the kids' activities.

Bryson Thomas, the talented guitarist who frequently performs at Cliff's Taphouse, will be with us for the evening. More activities and a few surprises will round out the evening.



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

8/9 Hospitality Sunday

8/16 Anointing of the Sick at Mass

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

8/26 Senior Roundup Fundraiser at St. Therese Senior Center

9/1 Harvesters Volunteer Day

9/6 Pantry Sunday

9/13 Hospitality Sunday

~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang



Garden Gang Update

Fall vegetable planting starts this Saturday, August 8th, 10-2pm. Come join in the fun.

Produce ready to be picked:

South Garden: Carrots, Peppers, Tomatoes, Eggplants, Beans, Elderberries (up against Troost39)

East Garden: Kale, Swiss Chard

Keep Our Fridge Clean

If you put food in the refrigerator in the livestream room, please put your name or ministry name on it and the date that you put it in the fridge. Items will be discarded after 2 weeks based on the date. Please note: This refrigerator will be used for the parish picnic on 8/22. Please do not use it for storage on 8/21 and 8/22. Thank you.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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.