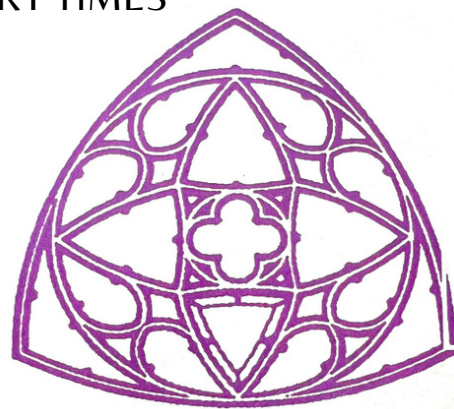


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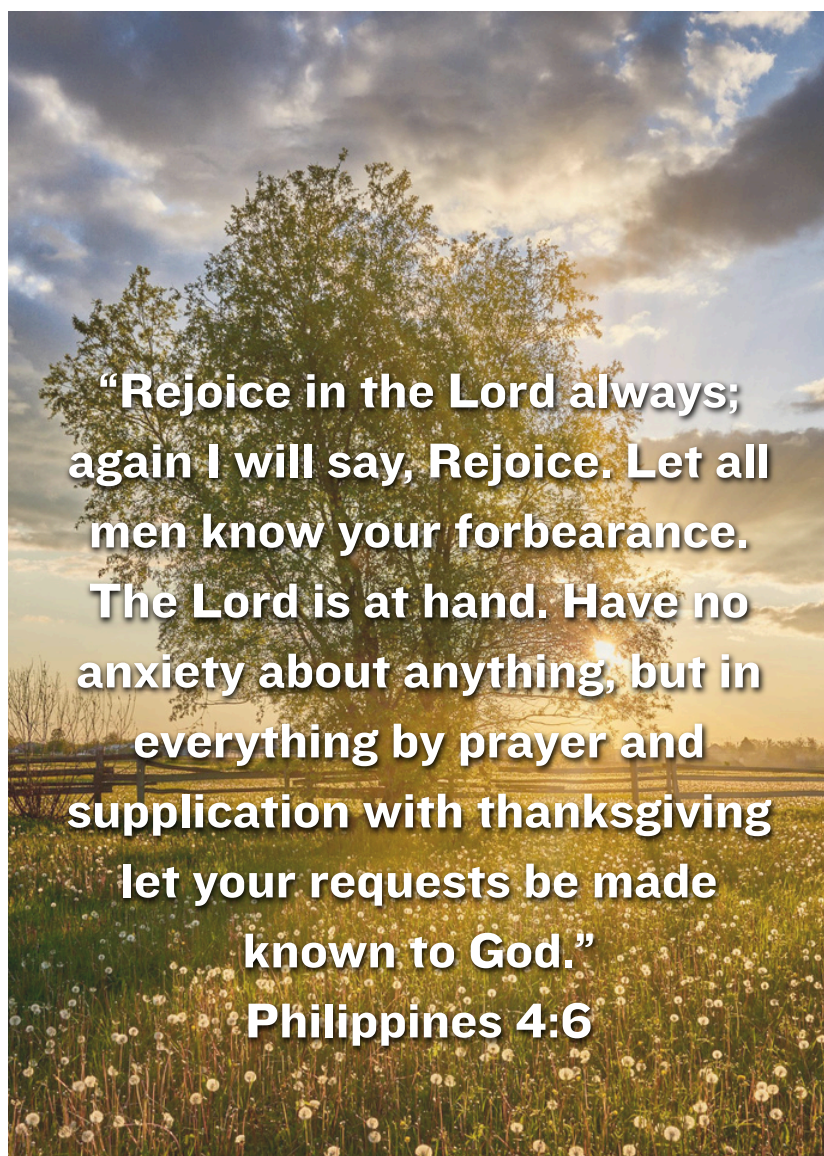
ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



**“Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice. Let all
men know your forbearance.
The Lord is at hand. Have no
anxiety about anything, but in
everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made
known to God.”
Philippines 4:6**

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 today, 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 or call the church office during the week. We need people to set up, sell raffle tickets, serve food, and clean up. Thank you!

Collection This Week

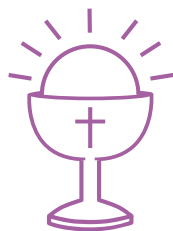
There will be a second collection this weekend for the Diocesan Life and Justice Office, which supports parish-based Respect Life and Human Rights ministries, provides guidance and support and hosts diocesan-level activities and events. Thank you for your support.



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!



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! Contact Bob Anderson or Diane Etzel-Wise if you are available to serve.

banderson49@yahoo.com
parishstaff@stjkc.org

Faith Formation Updates!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is up and running again! We encourage all parents to bring their children to church. If your child is preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion, or Confirmation, please bring them to church and we'll get them involved in parish life! A schedule for Sacrament Preparation will be announced soon. It's exciting to see our Faith Formation sessions increasing!

If you would like more jewels in your heavenly crown, we have a way to help that happen! Let Bonnie know that you would like to be a leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Chris Dewberry will help you get started! All materials are provided, and we have fabulous mentors to help you along the way!

Mike Art will soon begin sessions to train servers! YES! We need to add to our servers' list. If your child has made their First Communion, we are hoping they would like to serve Mass here at St. James. Boys and girls are welcome! Let Bonnie know, and we'll get Mike's email up and running! We need to know who's willing to do this, so we can make sure that we get albs (white servers' garment) sized and ready!

Parish Fiscal Year Financial Report 2025-2026

August 9, 2026

We are pleased to report to the parish the end-of-fiscal-year financial report for 2025-2026 plus the approved budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. St. James' fiscal year runs July 1-June 30. If you would like more detailed information, please contact Director of Operations John Kraus at jkraus@sfx-kc.org. St. James remains committed to financial transparency in all matters. The St. James Finance Council meets quarterly to review financial reports.

Items of Note: During FY25/26, St. James received the first part of a significant estate gift. The second part of this gift is included in the new budget and has already been received. During FY25/26 also, St. James began renovations to the Parish House which continues in the new budget. The new budget is conservative, reducing reliance on external fund raising, but does increase funds to support youth ministry. St. James Parish pays 10% of the cost of Fr. Don's salary and benefits, with STLF and SFX funding the remainder.

St. James also maintains funds at the Diocesan Deposit & Loan Fund. These savings funds accrue interest at 3.5%. Total balance of these funds as of June 30 was \$196,098.32.

INCOME	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027
Contributions / Weekly Giving	272,690.86	279,508.13
Development/Fund Raising	83,950.29	70,000.00
Operational	24,291.54	33,930.71
Ministry & Programs	36,249.97	19,750.00
Diocesan/Parish Allocations	12,000.00	9,000.00
Other including wills/bequests	108,300.34	150,000.00
TOTAL OPERATION INCOME	537,483.00	562,188.84

EXPENSES	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027
Personnel	83,907.92	116,151.00
Facilities	72,231.86	73,423.00
General Operations	7,123.91	12,350.00
Diocesan Obligations	100,524.00	115,430.00
Fundraising Expense	602.62	2,500.00
Prayer & Worship	5,769.64	12,337.00
Pastoral Ministry	9,935.78	15,700.00
Extraordinary Building Repairs	11,500.92	70,000.00
TOTAL OPERATION EXPENSE	291,596.65	417,891.00
Net Surplus	245,886.35	144,297.84

Thank you for your continuing support for St. James.
Together, we are more!

120th Anniversary of St. James Midtown 3909 Harrison South Lawn

August 22, 2026

Saturday 5:30pm to 8:00PM



JOIN US for



Food, Music, Raffle,
Silent Auction,
Door Prizes and
Children's Activities!!

RSVP at parishstaff@stjkc.org

or (816) 561-8512

Grandparents Sunday

Coming up: Grandparents day on Sunday, September 13. Make plans to celebrate Mass with grandparents and grandchildren on this day. Find out more about the grandparents of Jesus - Sts. Anne and Joachim.

Let your grandparents and grandchildren know about this special Sunday. We will have yummy hospitality treats!

The El Camino Journey

WHOLE PARISH INVITATION - We are offering an afternoon trip to SPAIN! We're going to share in the experiences of those who have walked "The El Camino." It's a journey, a faith journey!

Plan to attend this intergenerational presentation. Appropriate Spanish themed snacks will be provided! Watch the bulletin for further details!

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 23, 2026



Isaiah 22:19-23 God removes the unfaithful steward Shebna and replaces him with Eliakim, placing the key of the house of David on his shoulder as a symbol of lasting authority.

Reflection Question: How do you use the influence or authority God gives you to help others?

Romans 11:33-36 Paul praises the unfathomable depth of God's wisdom, knowledge, and judgments, declaring that all things come from Him, through Him, and for His glory.

Reflection Question: In what area of your life do you need to surrender your need for answers and instead worship God's wisdom?

Matthew 16:13-20 Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus declares that He will build His church on this revelation, giving Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Reflection Question: Who do you say Jesus is in your daily choices and actions?

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you or a friend interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? St. James is working with St. Francis Xavier and Visitation Parishes to begin the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) formerly known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Sessions begin on Tuesday, September 15, at Visitation Parish from 6:30-8:00. We currently have 3 folks from St. James, which is exciting! The actual celebration occurs on Easter Vigil and it's beautiful! Sponsors are invited to attend the sessions as well. Please talk to Bonnie or email her at faithformation@stkc.org

If you would like to help with "simple hospitality" for the OCIA folks, please let Bonnie know. Cookies, muffins, veggie trays, etc. would be greatly appreciated.



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

- 8/16 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
- 9/17 Grandparent's Sunday
- ~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang



Garden Gang Update

We made great progress on fall vegetable planting last Saturday.

Produce ready to be picked includes:

South Garden:

- Carrots
- Peppers
- Tomatoes
- Eggplants
- Beans (green and long on the trellises)
- Elderberries (up against Troost 39)

East Garden:

- Kale
- Swiss Chard
- Beets



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.



If you will be sharing at the mini-pantry soon please keep our children and teens in mind as school starts. Healthy foods and snacks are welcome and so appreciated.

Bulletin Additions Email:
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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.