

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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

On this mountain the LORD of
hosts will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food and choice
wines, juicy, rich food and
pure, choice wines.

On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
the web that is woven over all
nations; he will destroy
death forever.

Isaiah 25:6-7

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

Fall Synod Meeting Wednesday 10/21

Our community at St. James has been engaging in a synodal process for almost 2 years now. Yes, it is evolving as all Spirit-led proceedings do! For a while, we were holding monthly meetings and engaging in lively discussions, collecting information, and trying to make decisions within the group of community members who were able to attend. During the past summer, we collected MORE information and focused on planning quarterly full community meetings.

In the new year, we will continue the quarterly meetings with a January retreat. We are bringing small faith groups together to embrace the spiritual process of synodality: communion, participation, and mission.

While all of these opportunities are options, we strongly encourage you to come hear more about them and engage in a small group discussion on October 21, Wednesday evening from 6-8 at St. James. We are trying a weeknight because all community members, (adults and youth) are important to our discernment.

If you have a need for child care in order to attend, please contact me asap so we can arrange it in the family room or in Marian Hall.

We will be serving sandwiches and chips for all in an effort to feed you and streamline your evening. Cookie donations are welcome!



Anapra and Manos Amigas Update:

Below is an update from Manos Amigas, a nonprofit that many of our parishioners support. Estela from Anapra is coming to Kansas City October 18-25, and is planning to be at St. James for Mass on October 18. We will have a chance to hear from her at the end of Mass and during hospitality time.

“School started and Manos Amigas is sponsoring 44 students from 1st grade through college. So far 33 have sponsors. We also provide internet support for the 24 families of these 44 students. Both cost \$30 per month or \$360 per year.

Right now it is rainy and wet in Anapra but soon the winter cold will set in. Winter heat for 20+ elderly people starts in November. \$40 per month provides propane gas or firewood to keep one of the elderly warm. A group from Kansas City is visiting Anapra November 4-10. They will



host a graduation party for last year's graduates and provide a women's wellness workshop. In addition, they will visit people helped by the mission and participate in regularly scheduled mission activities.

Go to ManosAmigasKC.org for more details on our programs. Thank you for all your support and blessings. It is appreciated!"



- MANOS AMIGAS

“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



Saint Packets for Kids

Next Sunday, October 18, families will be invited to pick up packets for children to take home and learn about the Saints! This is in preparation for our "Calling All Saints" Sunday Funday on November 1.



SAVE THE DATE

November 1st we are having a Sunday Funday for all parishioners to celebrate All Saints Day! We will learn about Saints who worked magic and card tricks, Saints who juggled, and Saints who helped the poor.

Plan to enjoy the celebration with a taco bar, a real live juggler and card trickster!

Everyone is invited!



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!

Confirmation Round Up!

Confirmation Roundup is THIS Sunday, October 11! Bishop Johnston will confirm our candidates on February 20 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This session is early, because we have paperwork to submit to the Diocese very soon.

Parents and young people grade 6 and up are asked to attend this session. We will learn about the expectations, the program, and the Sacrament. Come ready to play BINGO in Marian Hall after Mass. It's also Hospitality Sunday, so pick up a snack on your way to the session.



Candy Donations Needed

Teens and confirmation candidates need your help with candy donations for Trunk or Treat. Baskets will be at the church entrances to collect donations of candy. Trunk or Treat at the Ronald McDonald House is Sunday afternoon, October 25th. Please consider donating a bag of candy for this event.



Youth Group Gatherings

St. James youth group welcomes youth from 6th-12th grade to participate in our fall and winter youth events:

- October 18th after Mass for a 1 hour gathering
- October 25th - Trunk or Treat at the Ronald McDonald House (service opportunity)
- November 8th after Mass for a 1 hour gathering
- November 15th - Friendsgiving lunch after Mass (with the tri-parish youth)
- December 5th Saturday On service opportunity with tri-parish youth at St. Therese Little Flower

Contact Chris Dewberry at chdewbe@stjkc.org for information.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, October 18th, 2026



Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 God empowers the pagan king Cyrus to free Israel, showing He is the one true Lord over all nations.

Reflection Question: In what unexpected ways or through what unlikely people might God be working in your life right now?

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Paul thanks God for the Thessalonians because their active faith, love, and hope prove they are chosen by the Holy Spirit.

Reflection Question: How does your daily life reflect a genuine balance of faith, love, and enduring hope?

Matthew 22:15-21 Jesus teaches that while we have civic duties to earthly authorities, our ultimate and total allegiance belongs to God.

Reflection Question: What does it look like for you to give back to God? In your daily decisions, what bears his image?

Weekly Events

- Mass every Thursday at Alvin Brooks Center on Rockhurst Campus at 12:15 pm
- Peace Prayer on Zoom, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm
- Volunteer at Bishop Sullivan serving Dinner every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next one is October 13th.
- Choir Practice Thursdays at 7PM
- Rosary with Philomena in the family room after Mass in October

Parish House Books

As many of you are aware, the Parish House is undergoing a transition as it is being repaired, repainted and refurbished. As we went through each room, we identified many items we no longer needed. They have been donated to Troost39. Among these was an extensive library of books which will be displayed on a table at the back of church for the next three weeks. You are welcome to take what you would like for your personal library. Books not reclaimed will be donated if possible.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

10/11 Confirmation Round Up TODAY after Mass
 10/11 Hospitality Sunday
 10/11 Rosary after Mass in the family room
 10/18 All Saints Kids Packet Pick Up at Mass
 10/18 Youth Gathering after Mass
 10/18 Rosary after Mass in the family room
 10/18 Goldenberg Duo Concert at 7pm
 10/21 Fall Synod Meeting from 6-8 pm
 All Parish Meeting

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

10/25 Youth Trunk or Treat at the Ronald McDonald House
 10/25 Rosary after Mass in the family room
 11/1 Family Fun Day
 11/8 Youth Gathering After Mass
 11/15 Youth Friendsgiving After Mass





**FREE
EVENT!**

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

How can you access care?
When should you access care?
What services can you expect?
Why do I need a health care directive?

GET THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS!!

Tuesday, October 20

10:00 am – Noon*

**St. Therese Senior Center
58th & Euclid, KCMO**

***Lunch served at 11 am in church
basement**



**Entrance is on the South side of the Church
building where there is ample parking.**

PRESENTERS:

Dr. Nancy Seabolt, Retired hospice and palliative care physician
Dr. Gary Doolittle, oncologist at KU Medical Center



**FREE
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FINANCIAL ISSUES AND PLANNING

How can you transfer real estate or property, without going through probate?

How can you avoid fraud?

How to recognize elder abuse?

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PRESENTERS:

**Thomas Bradshaw, Attorney with the Neighborhood Justice Center
Joe O'Flaherty, Senior Vice President, First National Bank Of Omaha
(formerly Country Club Bank)**



Together We Are More

St. James Catholic Parish is proud to be a part of the Cathedral of the Streets. Our Cathedral is a collaboration of three parishes dedicated to serving the Midtown area of Kansas City: St. James, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Therese Little Flower

Our parishes are dedicated to using observation of need, awareness of our location in the city and unique community members to help guide our goals and efforts. We seek to welcome and care for people who are marginalized because of who they are, what they don't have, or because of their home country. We hope to empower our neighbors and young people to join us in our faith. We embrace with gratitude the people among us with a history of following Catholic Social Teaching, as they lead by example.

Community and collaboration are how we intend to foster this mission we have been given through our unified Catholic witness in Midtown KC.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/ Cardio- pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and First Aid (FA) Training

Saturday, October 17 at 9am (4 hours) to learn how to operate new AED units, plus CPR and First Aid at St. Francis Church. If you are available to attend this session, please email: parishstaff@stjkc.org with your information so that we can prepare accordingly.



Come Back Sunday on 10/25

Once a year, St. Therese Little Flower Parish has a "Come Back Sunday" to invite former parishioners, alumni of the school and friends to worship and fellowship with our community. We will have a morning of worship, fellowship, tours of the church and school and sharing experiences of our connection with St. Therese Little Flower. We invite all to join us!

Annual Catholic Appeal

ACA updates are coming in. The goal for Saint James is 41 households to contribute \$9,454. Thus far, ten Saint James families have contributed \$3,600. Fr. Don will offer monthly reports to us in hopes that each parish reaches its goal before the end of the year.

We are blessed to have this diocesan aid. Simply put, it would be much more difficult to offer services to parishioners and neighbors without our diocesan ACA partnership.

Please consider helping us reach our goals this year by participating in this annual appeal. If you have lost your ACA contribution packet that was mailed to you earlier this month, or if you did not receive one, please contact our parish office (816-561-8512) to let us help you help us reach our goals.

*Thank You,
Fr. Don*



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Reanna Broyle, Yvonne Cann, 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, Norma and Phil Thayer, Sr. Fran Voivedich, & Steve Wallace

If you or someone you know needs prayers please send their names to Bulletin@StJKC.org



During these fall months think non-perishable kids foods:

- proteins
- fruits
- healthy snacks

Bless you all.

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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.