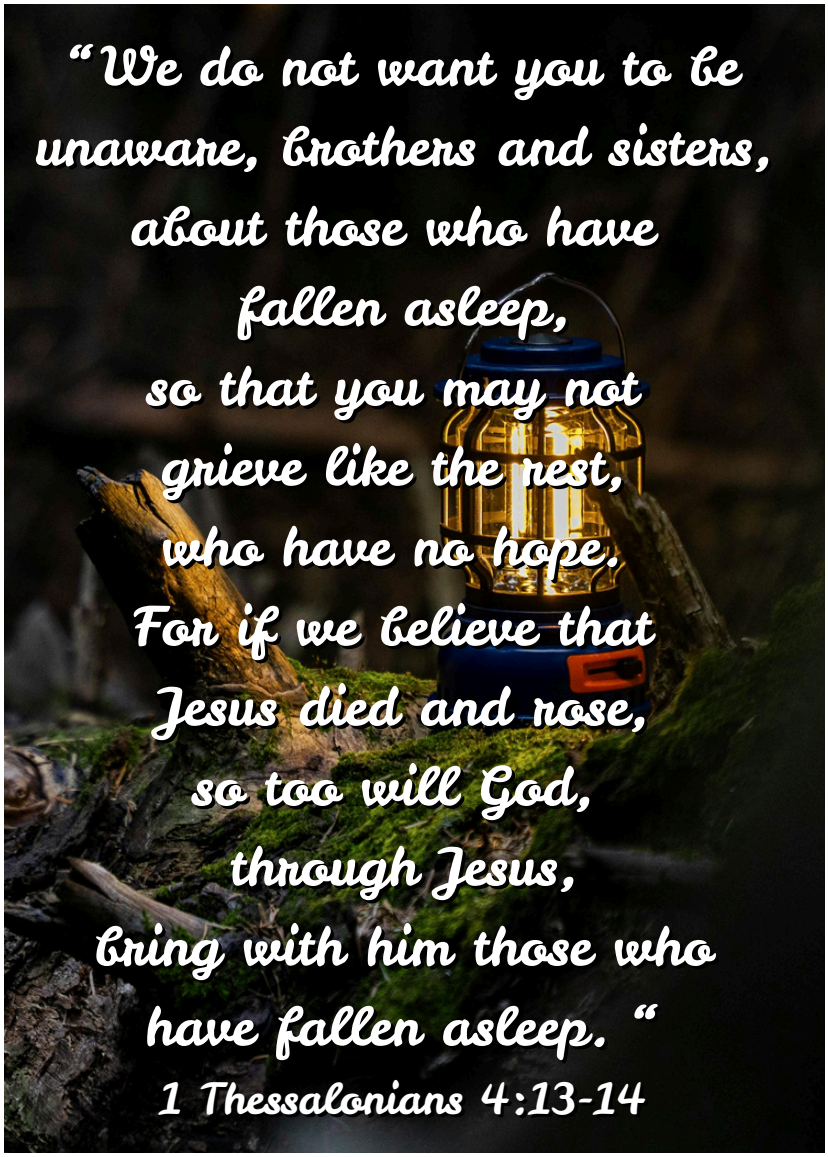
THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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.PP.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

St. James Catholic Church Mission: 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, Kansas City.

Reflection by Chris Dewberry
Positive Vibes



One of the best things about our St. James youth is the positive vibes or energy that they exude. It is delightful to witness them in action. Our teens recently spent several hours at the Ronald McDonald House Trunk or Treat providing candy to all of the 500 trick or treaters that enjoyed the community event. Our younger kids spent time after mass last week enjoying tacos and fun activities while learning about the Saints during Sunday Funday - Calling All Saints. The teens and the younger kids are, also, willing participants in the Mass as evidenced by their participation in the various liturgical roles and in the group of newly trained altar servers.



I invite you to get involved and get to know our St. James youth. Your involvement and support would be welcome. Your commitment to them requires that you spend a few hours completing the Virtus certification for the safety of all. Contact me, Chris Dewberry if you would like to know more about getting involved with St. James youth.

We Are Gifted, We Are Called Annual Stewardship Appeal

In November, St. James begins our annual “We Are Gifted, We Are Called” Stewardship Appeal, a time to reflect on how God has blessed us and how we are called to use our gifts to build God’s Kingdom here at 39th and Troost.

Later this month, you will receive your 2027 We Are Gifted, We Are Called Stewardship Appeal packet in the mail. You will also be able to find the info on our website. On Sunday, December 6, we invite all parish households to return their commitment card and make a one year financial commitment to support the mission and ministries of St. James.

As we prepare for Commitment Sunday, we ask each parishioner to:

- Pray for guidance in discerning your financial gift.
- Read the appeal materials when they arrive.
- Discuss the appeal with your family and fellow parishioners.
- Prepare your pledge for December 6.
- Pray for parish leadership as they steward our shared resources.



Thank you for the time, talent, and treasure you continue to share. Your generosity keeps St. James a beacon of hospitality, hope, and justice in our neighborhood.

“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

Remembrance in November

For the month of November, St. James will remember our beloved dead through our entrance procession of the Book of the Dead and a Remembrance Table. If you would like to bring a photo, card, or remembrance object, you can put it on the table in the front of church by the Easter candle and the Book of the Dead. In the book, please, write the names of your family and friends who have died, especially those who died in the last year.

No Thrift Donations at the Parish

The cleaning and organizing of our parish buildings is an ongoing and needed process. Currently, the narthex of church is being organized with a more purposeful use of space. Please do not leave donations in the narthex at this time. Troost39 is open Tues.-Sat. 10am - 4pm.

If you are unable to get your small to medium size donations to Troost39 Thrift Store during the week, parishioner Martha Belker can help! Please bring your donations to Mass on Sundays and leave them in your car. After Mass, Martha will help transfer your items to Troost39. Contact Martha ahead of time to coordinate: martha.belker@sbcglobal.net or talk to her at Mass.

We appreciate your understanding and continual support of Troost39.



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!



A huge thank you to Paul and Sarah for all of their work this week. We had a massive brush pile of limbs and debris that needed cut and bound to be taken by brush disposal. Paul and Sarah dedicated many hours and a lot of effort to dismantle this pile. Thank you so much for stepping up and caring for our grounds so diligently.

Sign up for the 5th Sunday Luncheon at the back of church today!

Youth Group Gatherings

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

- **November 8th- youth group gathers today after Mass for 1 hour**
- November 15th - youth group celebrates Friendsgiving after Mass

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

All Saints Thank You!

Thanks to our "sainted" parishioners for sharing their time and talent with our young parishioners for "Calling All Saints!"

Thanks to Greg who juggled, to Brian who mesmerized with slight of hand, to Philomena for sharing her love of Mary and the Rosary, to Kim who helped with matching Saints, and to Katie who helped children learn more about feeding the poor. Thanks to Sarah for her hat making skills and to Loan for all of our posters and graphics. Chris was the chef, server and transporter of every box and every tub up and down those stairs. And a special thank you to our parishioners who came and enjoyed lunch and watching our children have fun while learning.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, November 15th, 2026

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 This passage celebrates a woman of valor whose worth, industriousness, care for the poor, and deep reverence for God far surpass superficial beauty.
Reflection Question: In what ways do your daily actions and priorities reflect a lasting dedication to character and faith rather than temporary appearances?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Paul urges believers to stay awake, sober, and spiritually alert because the day of the Lord will arrive unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.
Reflection Question: What distractions in your life might be lulling you into spiritual complacency, and how can you remain watchful today?

Matthew 25:14-30 In the parable of the talents, a master rewards the servants who faithfully invest and multiply the resources he entrusted to them, while chastising the one who buried his share out of fear.
Reflection Question: What unique gifts or blessings has God given you, and are you actively using them or holding back out of hesitation?

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. **Volunteers needed for 11/10.** Contact parishstaff@STJKC.org to sign up!
- Choir Practice Thursdays at 7PM
- Wednesdays at 9am, make sack lunches at Bishop Sullivan Center. Call the parish office for more information.
- Bus Stop Ministry - Weekly Ministry - Call the parish office to get the schedule or to choose a time that fits your schedule.

Pray for Blessings on the Students of Gambia

Pray for Farafenni Town, Farato and the villages in the North Bank region of Gambia. This week, St. James was able to donate loads of our unused chairs to a local group taking necessary items to Gambia for their schools.

Pray for the people transporting these items and for the students in Gambia as they learn and grow.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

11/8 Youth Gathering After Mass
11/8 Hospitality Sunday
11/10 STJ Serving Dinner at Bishop Sullivan
11/15 Youth Friendsgiving After Mass
11/26 Thanksgiving Day
11/29 Fifth Sunday All Parish Luncheon after Mass

DECEMBER

12/1 Harvesters Volunteer Night
12/5 Church Cleaning Saturday
12/6 Pantry Sunday
12/13 Hospitality Sunday
12/13 Confirmation Session
12/24 Christmas Eve
12/25 Christmas Day

Cathedral of the Streets

"Where the vibe is alive!"

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.

St. Therese Senior Center Presents—Are You Ready Lunch and Learn Workshops?

11/10/26 from 10-Noon "Financial Issues and Planning: Transferring Real Estate or Personal Property to your beneficiaries. Tips for avoiding financial scams and the purpose of Financial Powers of Attorney"

11/17/26 from 10-Noon "Putting the Fun in funeral planning and Social Security Death Benefits"

Young Adult Social at SFX



St. Therese Bake Sale & Jewelry Sale 11/15

Come do some early Christmas shopping that will benefit the Christmas Basket Program at St. Therese Little Flower!



SAVE THE date

December Feast Days Celebration

We will have a "pop up" Saints' Sunday on Dec. 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas. We'll have a brief story time and crafts to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicolas (Dec.6), the Feast of Juan Diego (Dec. 9) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12). Story time, a take home craft, Mexican cookies and hot chocolate and candy canes!

Confirmation Class Nov. 29th

Confirmation candidates and families: November 29 we will have a session and celebrate "5th Sunday" with our parishioners. We'll have lunch and then a session on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Save the Date!

Spiritual Growth Opportunities with Fr. Don

Fr. Don will offer mini retreats about **Saints & the Way of Perfection,** on Wednesday, November 11th, 9-11AM. Reserve your spot by emailing frdon@stjkc.org.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Reanna Broyle, Yvonne Cann, Barb Doak, Tom Dux, Steven Hardie, Michael Heringer, June Johnson, 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

ST. JAMES MINI FOOD PANTRY

Give as you can
Take what you need

Thank you, Everyone, for sharing your bounty. Please consider donating hot-meal nonperishable foods like hamburger helper. Please take what you need and give what you can. Let us know if you have any specific food needs. Blessings!

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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.