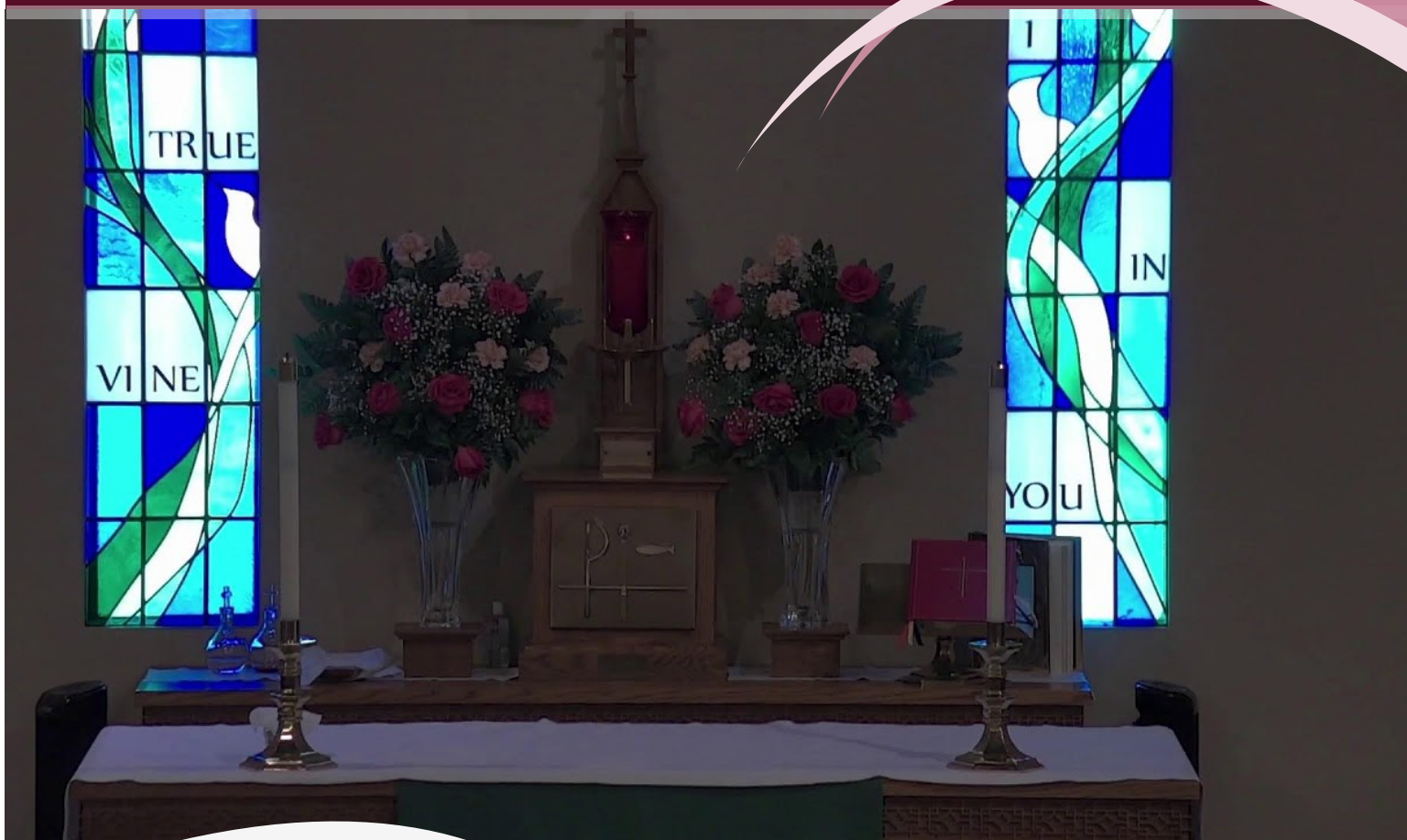


PARISH PROFILE



THE
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Our Mission

The Church of the Resurrection is a Christian community cultivating a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, each other, and our neighbors by promoting justice, peace and love through worship, ministry and outreach.

Our Vision

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection exists to spread God's love into the world. We envision a world in which baptismal vows are made real by the expression of these core values:

- *We welcome all to join us in worship and ministry*
- *We respect the dignity and unique gifts of every human being*
- *We seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves*
- *We desire to grow as a community of God's people by reaching out to others*
- *We strive for justice and peace among all people*
- *We desire to be active in the world as witnesses of God's love*
- *We pledge ourselves to compassion and service, supporting one another*

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Welcome to Resurrection

WE, the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, thank you for considering our parish in response to our call for a new rector.

WE have been looking for a pastor, a leader, a friend. Is it you?

WE believe God has already chosen who will be our next rector, and that individual is simply discerning the call. We pray that person will hear God's voice and be lead to Resurrection. Together, we will bring the Good News of Christ to the world and to the Blue Springs community.

WE pray and wait for our new rector's guiding hand and wisdom to lead us forward and grow together in faith and service in the tradition of the Anglican communion.

WE hope this parish profile is informative and conveys the strengths, weaknesses, and more importantly, the joy in our parish, seeking and serving Christ together.



Search Committee Prayer

Almighty and ever living God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, send forth your Holy Spirit to guide us, the Search Committee of the Church of the Resurrection, to be of one heart and mind in our search for a rector who will be your faithful servant and who will minister to your flock. Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Next Rector

Resurrection seeks a full-time experienced parish priest who can take our congregation to the next level. Our church is strong financially and is planning to expand the church building to make it handicap accessible and provide a more welcoming narthex with extra space and a communications center.

But attendance has declined after the pandemic. Many choose to worship from home watching on-line services. The congregation is aging and younger faces seem few and far between. The strongest wish by members is to grow the congregation while keeping our traditional Anglican liturgy.

Outreach to others and pastoral care to members is of major importance. A Rector who possesses excellent communication and empathetic listening skills is needed, as well as someone compassionate and understanding of people from all walks of life. We really want a pastor who will be involved in parish life and someone who can gently guide the congregation to a higher level of spiritual and parish involvement that will attract new members to our church.



Preaching

Ability to preach with clarity and to make the Gospel relevant in people's lives.

Pastoral Care

Ability to care for people and respond to people at significant points in their lives; such as death, dying, sickness, birth, trauma and success.

Liturgical Leader

Ability to plan and conduct spiritual liturgical services of public worship.

- **Excellent communication and listening skills**
- **Compassionate**
- **Involved in our parish**



Our Church

Church of the Resurrection has many positive attributes. We have a long history of tradition and stability. We are the furthest east suburban church in Jackson County, in close proximity to the growing cities of Grain Valley and Oak Grove. Yet our congregation has not grown in recent years, with new members only replacing those lost through attrition.

We installed a new streaming video system immediately prior to the pandemic, which has shifted some parishioners to virtual attendance, but has also provided visibility of our parish to searchers, with some of those joining our parish.

Our church is filled with parishioners who have had, or continue to have, professional experience in many areas, including education, construction, finance, and health care, and are willing to share those talents.

At this point we fund only one full-time position, our rector. The only other paid employee is our part-time music director and organist. Our lay volunteers handle all office duties, finances, and facility management. Cleaning, mowing and snow removal are outsourced to contractors.

Strengths

- Robust outreach programs
- Strong lay leadership committed to success
- A working family church with many volunteers willing to share their professional experience
- A welcoming and friendly congregation engaged in warm hospitality
- A location that supports growth from Eastern Jackson County's growing communities
- Firm financial footing with no parish debt
- Technologically advanced and looking to the future

Challenges

- Attracting new members
- Christian Education
- Youth Programs
- Aging building with maintenance requirements and remodeling needs



- ◆ Organized in 1964
- ◆ Building dedicated in 1965
- ◆ Classrooms and offices added in 1982
- ◆ Parish status in 1994
- ◆ Nave and sanctuary remodeled in 2012
- ◆ New organ in 2019
- ◆ Video streaming added in 2020
- ◆ Planned addition to the Narthex in 2023/2024

History of the Parish

The Church of the Resurrection was organized in 1964 under the direction of Bishop Edward Welles, the fourth bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri. Ten families formed the nucleus for the new church and the first service was held in the current building on March 21, 1965.

The Church was dedicated on Palm Sunday (April 11, 1965) as a mission church of the Diocese. The nave and sanctuary of the present church structure were built -- the "front door" was where the Holy Spirit window is today.

From 1966 to 1970, Resurrection grew slowly but steadily, and shared a priest with another mission congregation, Trinity Mission, better known today as Saint Michael's of Independence. Church of the Resurrection had its first licensed lay readers commissioned by the bishop in 1970, and began to develop its own lay ministry.

During the 70's the mission had a boy scout troop, developed a widowed person's service, and organized a group of Episcopal Church Workers. Sunday attendance doubled in the late seventies under the leadership of Father Robert Hutcherson, and doubled again in the early eighties under Father Seay. In 1982, offices and schoolrooms were built to the east of the original church.

Father Bob Terrill inherited an expanded church building and a slowly growing congregation in 1984, as the last Vicar to serve Resurrection before it became a self-supporting parish.

Under the leadership of Father "Chip" Gilman, the congregation obtained parish status in November 1994 at the annual Diocesan Convention held at the Lake of the Ozarks. Bishop Arthur Vogel was present when the mortgage was burned in April 1995.

The parish celebrated its first ordination on February 4, 1995 when Joan Zoller was ordained to the diaconate.

In 1997, Resurrection called Mother Holly Hutchens to be its 2nd Rector. An art history professor prior to becoming a priest, she designed and gave Resurrection its parish banner, which is still used today.

With Holly's encouragement and support, we sent our first parishioner, John Spicer, to seminary in 1999. John was ordained to the Priesthood in 2002 and currently serves as Rector of St. Andrew's in Kansas City, Mo. Another member of the parish, Jon Egger, was ordained to the diaconate in February, 2004. Jon later became the deacon at Trinity in Independence, MO. He passed away in December, 2017.

The Rev. Ron Keel was named the 3rd Rector of the Church of the Resurrection in 2005. The parish grew significantly in numbers and giving. In addition to growth in membership, the church's physical plant was improved with a remodeling of the Church offices and undercroft, as well as a new roof and HVAC system.



The congregation grew spiritually with the organization of a chapter of the Daughters of the King in 2008 and a weekly Bible Study class, still going strong in 2023.

In 2014, the church celebrated 50-years of service with several memorial events, including the completion of Resurrection's remodel of the sanctuary and renovation of the church grounds and parking lot. A 40-niche columbarium and outdoor Memorial Garden were also added.

Following Father Keel's retirement in August, 2015, the Vestry called Father David Lynch as the 4th Rector of the Church of the Resurrection. Father Lynch began his ministry at Resurrection on January 1, 2016. Fr. Lynch's love of music and formal training as a vocalist, gently moved the parish to significantly improve its music program. The choir was bolstered with additional voices and the congregation raised money to replace its aging organ with a \$60,000 Johannus Ecclesia D-470 Digital Organ. The new instrument was first played in church services on January 20, 2019.

Resurrection installed a live-streaming video system in the Church in early 2020, right before the COVID-19 pandemic. The video is broadcast on YouTube and FaceBook. Parishioners were able to stay connected and attend services in the safety of their homes during the pandemic's worst time. Now, many members and non-members alike take advantage of the live-streaming option to attend church whenever they desire. The video system also allows the broadcast of weddings and funerals.

In the summer of 2021, Resurrection undertook a follow-up capital campaign to raise money to construct an addition to the church that would allow for the relocation of a set of steep stairs between the floors as well as a wheelchair lift. The project would have the secondary benefit of enlarging the narthex by 50 square feet. Parishioners responded generously, pledging approximately \$225,000 with a majority of the money given upfront. The Vestry of the Church of the Resurrection has since approved construction of the project. Bids are currently being solicited with completion of the addition estimated for late 2023 or early 2024.

In April of 2022, Father David Lynch announced his intention to retire from active ministry on September 30, 2022. In response, the Vestry authorized the creation of a Search Committee for Resurrection to find its next leader and 5th Rector.

The Rev. Dr. Douglas P. Johnson, an experienced and gifted retired priest, is serving our congregation until Resurrection makes its call for our next rector.

Clergy:

1965-1967

Shared Duties:

The Rev. Edward R. Sims

The Rev. Richard E. Mason

The Rev. Warren H. Sapp

1967-1969

The Rev. Carroll C. Barbour, Vicar

1969-1974

The Rev. Robert Temple, Vicar

1974-1976

The Rev. Llewellyn M. Heigham, Jr., Vicar

1976-1978

The Rev. Robert M. Hutcherson, Vicar

1978-1983

The Rev. Donald R. Seay, Vicar

1984-1988

The Rev. Father Robert A. Terrill, Vicar

1988-1996

The Rev. Charles S. Gilman, 1st Rector

1996

The Rev. William Lusk, Interim

1997-2003

The Rev. Holly B. Hutchens, 2nd Rector

2004

The Rev. David F. With, Interim

2005-2015

The Rev. Ronald D. Keel, 3rd Rector

2016-2022

The Rev. David R. Lynch; 4th Rector

2022-2023

The Rev. Dr. Douglas P. Johnson, Interim

Music

PROGRAM

Music is a central part of our worship, especially at the 10:30 am service. We believe music is an integral part of the prayer experience. From ancient hymns to modern compositions, it helps people focus on their faith and connect with God.

OUR ORGAN

The congregation undertook a fund raising campaign to replace its aging organ in 2018. In support, members responded with donations to allow the purchase of a new \$60,000 Johannus Ecclesia D-470 Digital Church Organ. With three manuals, 65 voices and a special vox humana tremulant, this organ offers a wealth of options for variation. The new instrument was first played in church services on January 20, 2019.

OUR CHOIR

Our choir leads our 10:30 am Sunday service and is comprised of both volunteers and paid members, the latter who are primarily recruited from the music program at local colleges. Musical offerings include hymns, anthems, solos, duets, psalms, and service music as well as Anglican chant. Music selections are typically based on weekly scripture readings.



Worship

Resurrection offers two distinct traditional services each Sunday. Our 8:00 am service liturgy is a spoken Rite I with the organist playing music during parts of the service, but no congregational singing. The service is conducted with only the priest and one server.

Our 10:30 am service liturgy is Rite II with the choir processing at the beginning and end of the service, singing the psalm and an anthem during the collection of the offering. The congregation participates in the singing of hymns. Most hymns are taken from the 1982 Hymnal, supplemented by hymns from the Gather Hymnal and inserts in the weekly bulletin for special hymns.



Outreach Ministries

BACKSNACK



A program at a local elementary school in partnership with Harvesters Food Network to provide a backpack filled with nutritious food for schoolchildren to take home each weekend.

ST. MICHAEL'S NECESSITY PANTRY



Support for a necessity pantry operated out of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Independence, Missouri with cash, in-kind donations and volunteers.

BLUE SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICES LEAGUE



Participation in CSL's annual Christmas Store, food collections, school supply drive, mitten tree as well as giving cash donations.

BLESSING BAGS



Support for the homeless by distributing *Blessing Bags*, stocked with items beneficial to someone in need, including easily opened food and seasonal clothing such as socks and gloves.

UPLIFT

In-kind work and donations, which provides support to the homeless. We prepare 60 meals twice each month for delivery to those in need.

HILLCREST TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Volunteer and financial support for needy individuals and families in transition because of life's challenges.

MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY

Meals during Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas to residents of Friendship Manor and Woods Chapel Lodge in Blue Springs.

PRIMERO AQUA



Financial support for a humanitarian aid organization founded in 2010 to help bring clean water to the people of Honduras.

OTHER PROGRAMS

We partnered with other Episcopal churches in the Kansas City area to help support Afghan refugees in their relocation to our area. Our previous Rector volunteered as a chaplain for local police and fire departments.



CASH ON HAND (12/31/2022)

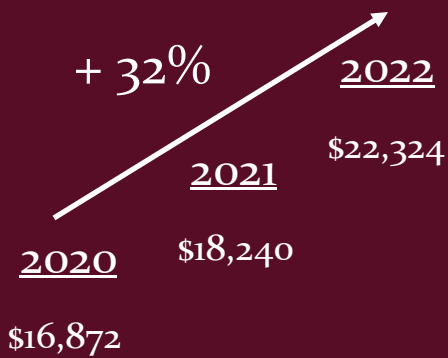
\$439,612

Unrestricted	\$144,459
Temporarily Restricted	\$268,506
Permanently Restricted	\$ 26,647

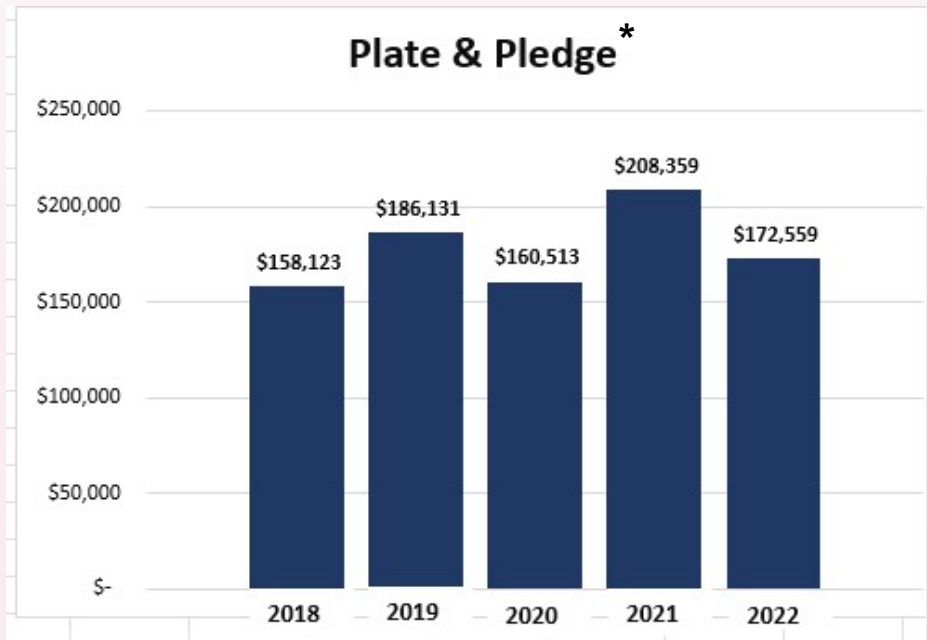
STEWARDSHIP

Total Pledges for 2023:	\$165,581
Number of Pledges:	44
Average Pledge:	\$3,763

3-YEAR PLATE OFFERING TREND

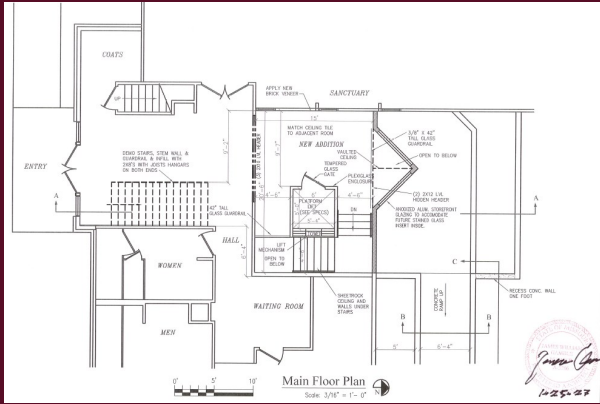


The Church of the Resurrection is fortunate to be on firm financial footing and has a strong financial outlook. Although a small congregation, the parish has no debt and parishioners respond generously in annual giving and to capital campaigns or special need requests.



** Pledge income typically varies annually due to larger givers timing their contributions to maximize tax benefits.*





Construction Plans

ADDITION TO THE NARTHEX

The Vestry conducted a feasibility study in April 2021 to determine the congregation’s interest in supporting a capital campaign to raise funds to construct an addition to the narthex. The addition would allow the church to relocate an existing set of stairs located immediately inside the front door and install a wheelchair lift for access between the main church and the lower level of the building. The relocation of the stairs would resolve a safety hazard and also add 50 square feet of space for gathering and a new communication center. The congregation responded enthusiastically and a subsequent capital campaign garnered \$235,000 in pledges. The Vestry pledged another \$50,000 from restricted funds and the Diocese provided a \$15,000 grant. To date approximately 75% of the pledges have been paid. The Vestry is actively soliciting construction bids and hopes to have the building addition under contract in 2023.



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

In 2020, we learned that St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in downtown Kansas City was going to remove their professional playground and replace it with additional parking. Resurrection acquired the playground in exchange for a monetary gift to St. Mary’s. We disassembled the playground equipment and placed it in storage until the completion of our narthex addition. Following completion of the narthex building project, we intend to install the playground on our grounds for use by the congregation and community.



NEW COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

When the narthex addition is completed, it will open up an area that will be used partially to house a new communication center for the church. Envisioned is a large screen TV that will showcase announcements and feature church news. The parish has already secured a \$1,500 grant from our Deanery to help purchase the equipment.

The Diocese of West Missouri

HISTORY

From its founding in 1889, The Diocese of West Missouri has been a diverse mix of urban, town and rural Episcopal churches.

The roots of the diocese lie in the work of Bishop Jackson Kemper, a missionary who established Episcopal Church congregations in Indiana and Missouri between 1836 and 1845. At that time, the entire state of Missouri was one diocese. That changed in 1889 when a line was drawn from north to south through the state and The Diocese of West Missouri was established.

Episcopal Church ministries within the diocese include health care institutions, a retirement community and a social services organization with joint sponsorship from the Diocese of Kansas. West Missouri shares the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry with the Dioceses of Kansas, Western Kansas and Nebraska. The school offers local training for the priesthood and the diaconate along with training for specialized lay ministries.

In our diocese the Episcopal Church has a distinctively midwestern flavor. Many historic church buildings dating from the late 19th century are still in use with many of their original furnishings. Our churches vary in their style of worship from Anglo-catholic liturgy to informal spoken services with praise bands. What they have in common is a commitment to the gospel message and engagement with their local communities.

OUR BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce was elected Bishop Provisional of West Missouri at the 132nd Annual Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri, on November 6, 2021.

Bishop Bruce was the seventh bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles from December 2009 until October 2021. She previously served for 10 years as rector of St. Clement's by-the-Sea Church in San Clemente, California. Bishop Bruce's areas of specialization include multicultural ministries, stewardship, and congregational development.

A provisional bishop has the same ecclesiastical authority and status as a diocesan bishop but serves for a limited time. Bishop Bruce is expected to serve until the ninth bishop of West Missouri assumes their episcopacy. A period of 3 years is anticipated.





Year of Incorporation: 1880

Form of Government:
Mayor-Council-Administrator

Location:
20 miles east of Kansas City, Mo.

Total Land Size:
14,211 acres (22.2 square miles)

Population of Blue Springs:
58,603 (2020 Census)

History of Population Growth:

Decade Growth Rate	
1970-1980:	160.70%
1980-1990:	43.34%
1990-2000:	19.4%
2000-2010:	9.2%
2010-2020:	11.47%

\$75,767
Median Household
Income

35.9 years
Median Age of
Residents

Blue Springs, Missouri

Blue Springs' history is tied to the migration of settlers on their westward journey. Pioneers found the area to be an ideal stopover due to the abundance of cool, clean water from a spring of the Little Blue River - hence the name Blue Springs. The presence of water and a need for pioneer supplies led to the construction of a grist mill and permanent settlement at the site of the City's Burrus Old Mill Park on Woods Chapel Road. The Jackson County Court granted the incorporation of Blue Springs on September 7, 1880, making the City the fourth settlement in the county, predating Kansas City, Missouri. In 1970, Blue Springs had a population of 6,779. Today, the city continues to grow with a population of more than 58,600 residents.

Quality Life Style

Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Kansas City on Interstate 70, Blue Springs offers its residents a quality life-style with affordable homes and living costs.

Top Ranked Schools



Excellent Parks and Recreation Programs

The City of Blue Springs Parks system is made up of 18 public parks including 4 undeveloped parks and an 18-hole golf course. In total, the parks system has 678 acres of park land located throughout the community. The Blue Springs Parks & Recreation Department offers programs for all ages, and a wide variety of classes, including creative arts, dance, special interest, fitness and sports. The city also offers a state-of-the-art recreation center and has a new indoor/outdoor waterpark, called Blue Surf Bay, under construction.



Fieldhouse
BLUE SPRINGS

**FITNESS &
RECREATION
FOR ALL**

Eastern Jackson County

Blue Springs is considered part of Eastern Jackson County, essentially the eastern suburbs of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Together with sister cities Independence, Lee's Summit and Grain Valley this region has seen tremendous growth over the last few decades. With affordable housing, award-winning schools, well-funded police and fire protection, excellent healthcare, abundant recreational opportunities, plentiful jobs and a large variety of shopping and entertainment choices, this area continues to attract new residents.





Kansas City Metropolitan Area

The Metropolitan Kansas City area encompasses 5 counties, 3 in Missouri and 2 in Kansas. Included are professional sports teams, cultural venues, transportation, shopping districts and great restaurants.

Sports

Kansas City is home to several professional sports franchises; the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, MLB's Kansas City Royals, and professional soccer teams Sporting Kansas City of the MLS and the Kansas City Current of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL.) In addition, Independence (next door to Blue Springs) is the home of the Kansas City Mavericks, a minor league hockey team.

Each team has its own venue with the KC Current's new facility under construction and the Royal's exploring building a new stadium in downtown Kansas City.

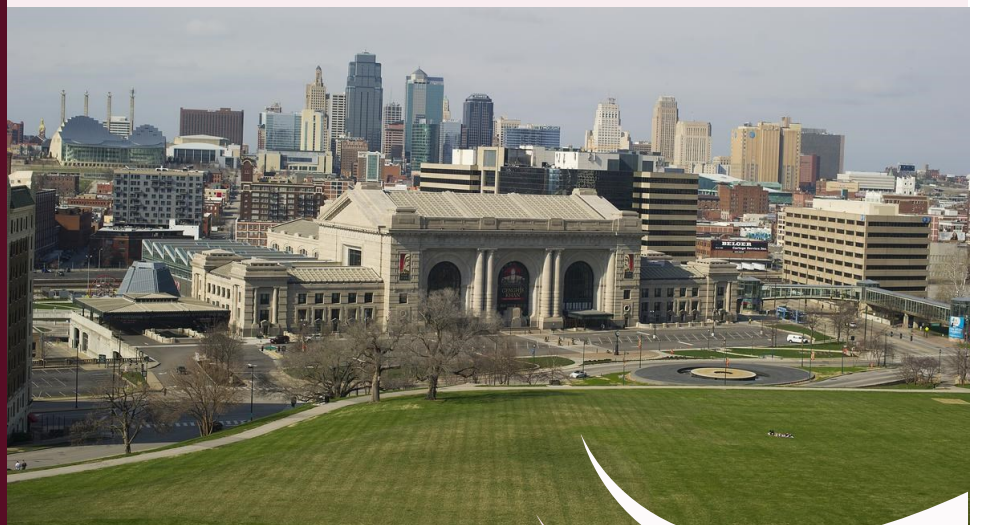
Kansas City, KS is also home to the Kansas Speedway, a 1.5-mile tri-oval race track in the Village West area. Built in 2001, it currently hosts two annual NASCAR race weekends.



Population (2020 census)

Jackson County, MO	717,204
Johnson County, KS	609,863
Clay County, MO	253,335
Wyandotte County, KS	169,245
Platte County, MO	106,718
TOTAL	1,856,365

Source: MARC (www.marc.org)



Fine Arts and Cultural Venues

KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, a center for music, opera, theater, and dance, opened in downtown Kansas City, Missouri in September 2011.

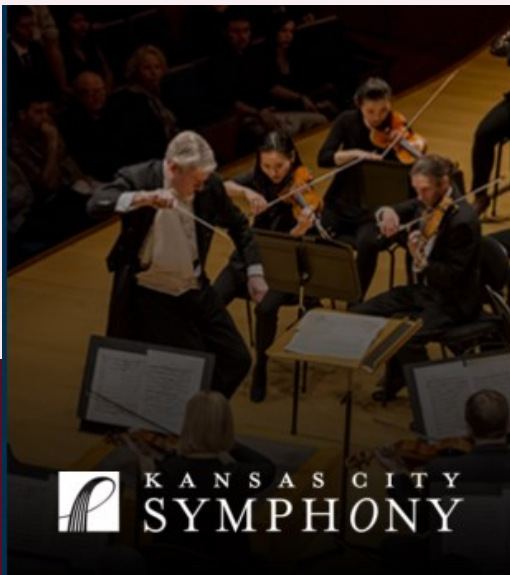
What began as a sketch on a napkin has become an architectural icon and home for the performing arts in Kansas City. The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts has changed Kansas City's skyline, as well as the experiences of artists and audiences throughout the region.

Designed by architect Moshe Safdie, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts presents a wide spectrum of entertainers and performances from around the world, including classical, pop, and jazz music, ballet and contemporary dance, Broadway productions, comedy shows and more. It is also the performance home to three of the region's leading performing arts organizations—Kansas City Ballet, Kansas City Symphony, and Lyric Opera of Kansas City.

The Kauffman Center is one of the most technically and architecturally advanced performing arts centers in the nation, allowing its resident companies and presenters to stage more sophisticated work, encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, and foster the cross-fertilization of the companies' audiences. The 285,000 square-foot facility includes two separate halls: the 1,600 seat Helzberg Hall and the 1,800 seat Muriel Kauffman Theatre— both housed within a dramatic overarching shell featuring a glass roof and glass walls. The Brandmeyer Great Hall provides sweeping views of Kansas City.



Kauffman Center
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



THE NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM

A virtual exhibition highlighting baseball's rich culture.

NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL

Designated by Congress as America's official World War I Museum and Memorial.

NELSON ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART

Recognized as one of America's finest art museums, with over 40,000 works of art.

KEMPER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Established in 1885 as Kansas City's first cultural institution, this museum houses a rich collection of modern art.

Attractions and Entertainment

KANSAS CITY ZOO

A world-class zoo, home to over 1,700 animals from around the globe, located on 200 acres in Swope Park.

STARLIGHT THEATRE

A 7,958-seat outdoor theatre in Kansas City that presents Broadway shows and concerts.

WORLDS OF FUN/OCEANS OF FUN

A dual theme park and water park with more than 235 acres of rides, shows, pools, restaurants, and lodging.

SEA LIFE KANSAS CITY AQUARIUM

Interactive aquarium with thousands of aquatic creatures.





Transportation

KANSAS CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CODE: MCI)

Kansas City opened a new \$1.5 billion single terminal airport in February, 2023 with just over one million square feet of space and 39 gates (with the ability to expand to 50 gates in the future.) The terminal also includes a 6,300-space adjacent parking garage.

Travelers enter through a massive check-in hall with floor-to-ceiling windows, modernized signage and plenty of space for airline check-in counters. Passengers have access to all gates and amenities after clearing a centralized security checkpoint with 16 lanes or using *Clear* expedited screening. Inside, there are over 50 dining and shopping spots to pass the time as well as 28 public art installations.

Airlines serving Kansas City

- Air Canada*
- Alaska*
- Allegiant*
- American*
- Delta*
- Frontier*
- Jet Blue*
- Spirit*
- Southwest*
- United*



Nonstop Destinations

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| <i>Albuquerque</i> | <i>Minneapolis</i> |
| <i>Atlanta</i> | <i>Myrtle Beach</i> |
| <i>Austin</i> | <i>Nashville</i> |
| <i>Baltimore</i> | <i>New Orleans</i> |
| <i>Boston</i> | <i>New York</i> |
| <i>Cancun</i> | <i>Newark</i> |
| <i>Charleston, SC</i> | <i>Oakland</i> |
| <i>Charlotte</i> | <i>Orlando</i> |
| <i>Chicago</i> | <i>Panama City</i> |
| <i>Dallas</i> | <i>Pensacola</i> |
| <i>Denver</i> | <i>Philadelphia</i> |
| <i>Destin, FL</i> | <i>Phoenix</i> |
| <i>Detroit</i> | <i>Portland, OR</i> |
| <i>Ft. Lauderdale</i> | <i>Salt Lake City</i> |
| <i>Ft. Myers</i> | <i>San Diego</i> |
| <i>Houston</i> | <i>San Francisco</i> |
| <i>Indianapolis</i> | <i>Seattle</i> |
| <i>Las Vegas</i> | <i>St. Louis</i> |
| <i>Los Angeles</i> | <i>Tampa</i> |
| <i>Miami</i> | <i>Toronto</i> |
| <i>Washington, DC</i> | |



KANSAS CITY STREETCAR SYSTEM

KC is on the move with its free 2-mile downtown street car system that is currently being extended to the plaza and UMKC to the south as well as the riverfront area to the north.



Shopping and Restaurants

DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY

Downtown features an area called the Power & Light District. Surrounding this are hotels, apartments, restaurants and the T-Mobile Center which is the home of the Big 12 Basketball Tournament and the College Basketball Hall of Fame. Many concerts are also a part of T-Mobile Center's features.



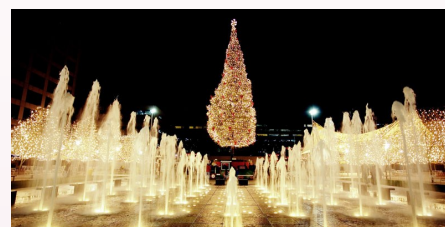
THE CROSSROADS ART DISTRICT

This area located between downtown Kansas City and Crown Center features First Fridays in which local galleries and art studios open their doors to the public. There is also a good selection of restaurants available for patrons to make an evening of this event.



CROWN CENTER

Located just south of downtown is Crown Center which was developed by the Hall family of Hallmark Cards. It includes shopping, restaurants and hotels. It is connected to Union Station by above ground walkways. In addition to a working train station, Union Station features exhibits and Science City. Just up the hill from there is the National World War I Museum and Memorial.



THE COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA

America's first outdoor shopping center, it features upscale shopping, restaurants and hotels. Home to over 120 Shops & Eateries with a one-of-a-kind curated mix of national and local retailers & restaurants, over 50 unique to Kansas City. Known for its annual Plaza Art Fair and Holiday Lights.



THE LEGENDS

This shopping district in western Wyandotte County, Kansas includes the home of the Sporting Kansas City professional men's soccer team and is the temporary home of the Kansas City Current Women's professional soccer team. Also located close by is the Kansas Speedway. And finally in the same area the Kansas City Monarchs Baseball Club which plays in the American Association of Independent Baseball teams.



Information for Applicants

The Diocese of West Missouri

Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce warmly invites all candidates to submit their names for consideration by contacting the **Transition Missioner, Fr. Chas Marks**, at transition@diowestmo.org at any time throughout the search process. You will be requested to send a cover letter expressing your interest in the position as well as provide your resume and OTM portfolio.

All potential candidates must apply through Father Chas Marks. Likewise, any referral of names of potential candidates must be made through Father Marks. The Diocese will perform any required initial screening and will forward names of qualified candidates to the Search Committee. The Search Committee will develop and implement a process for reviewing candidates through reference checks, telephone interviews, visits, and interviews with final candidates. The Search Committee will also develop a uniform system of rating and ranking candidates.

Once a final candidate has been selected by the Search Committee and interviewed by the Bishop of the Diocese, the name of that candidate will be recommended by the Search Committee to the Vestry for a further interview with them and the Vestry will make the final decision to accept the recommendation and the Bishop will issue the call to the new Rector.

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