

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

Thoughts by Father Davis: This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, in which we glorify the mercy of God. The message of Divine Mercy was entrusted to a girl named Helena Kowalska who was born in Poland on August 23, 1905. Her family was very poor, but they were very religious. From the age of seven, Helena wanted to enter the convent and become a religious sister, but her parents didn't approve. So, Helena tried to ignore Jesus calling her to become a religious sister. One day when she was twenty one year old, she went to a dance. While she was dancing she saw a miraculous vision of Jesus suffering with so many wounds on his body. Jesus asked her, "When are you going to stop ignoring me?" Immediately she ran to a nearby cathedral to pray before the tabernacle. She said, "Oh my Jesus, forgive me for neglecting You! Please tell me what You want me to do!" Jesus then told her to go to the city of Warsaw and enter a convent there. The next morning she left her home. She went to Warsaw and joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She took the religious name Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament. While in the convent, Sister Faustina received many miraculous visions. Jesus told her to tell the whole world about His Mercy. He told her that He wanted to make the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus said, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners." Jesus said, "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." This requirement can be fulfilled if one goes to confession sometime before Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus said, "On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity." Jesus said that today we can ask Him of anything, and that it will be granted if it be in accord with his Holy will, for today all of the Divine Floodgates are opened. In one vision, Sister Faustina saw Jesus with two rays of blood and water coming from His Heart. He told her that He wished that this image be painted with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom of the image. When Jesus' Heart was pierced on Good Friday, blood and water flowed upon the earth at 3 o'clock. Jesus chose Sister Faustina to be His apostle of Divine Mercy. Sister Faustina died at the age of thirty three years old in the year 1938. When St. John Paul II was a young man, on his way to school he used to stop and pray at her grave. Little did he know that he would someday become the Pope to canonize her as the first saint of the new millennium in the year 2000 and establish the Sunday after Easter Sunday to be Divine Mercy Sunday as our Lord had wished. The Message of Divine Mercy is for our world today. Let us pray to the Lord that He may have mercy on us and on the whole world.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Easter Saturday, April 11

4:30: † Russel and Evelyn Stevenson

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

9:00: † Paul Helfery Sr, Matthew Selecman, Skyler Allen

12:45: Zachary Ziglinski

Monday, April 13 (St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr)

8:00: † Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac

Wednesday, April 15

8:00: † Cathy Baker

Thursday, April 16

8:00: † Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac

Friday, April 17

8:00: All Souls Away from the Catholic Faith

Saturday, April 18

4:30: For the People

Sunday, April 19

9:00: † Mike and Frances Hernandez, Mary Ann Ellis

12:45: † John Masson Jr

ATTENTION ST. JAMES FAMILIES:

The office is updating the list of active parishioners. Please contact us if you are receiving tithing envelopes you do not use, or if you are not receiving them and would like to. Additionally, if you have not registered as a parishioner yet, please email us at office@saintjamescatholic.church so we can send you a form. We want to make sure no one is excluded from official parishioner rosters or communications. Thank you!

GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 4/5	Month of April
General:	\$6,699.50	\$6,699.50
Building/Repair:	\$673.00	\$673.00

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Prayers for the Sick and Homebound

Gina Smith, Justine Schroff, Joyce Thomas, Dianne Pully, Vanessa Dozier, Judith Reed, Josie Gilbert, Ezra Penney, Steve Steiner, Susan Zuptich, Karen Unzicker, Richard Coleman, Denice Weinmann, Henry Saulan, Patricia Saulan, Ron McDaniels, Rex Smith, Melissa Riches

Mass Date	4/18	4/19
Lector	Monica Purdy	Altar Society
MC	Josh Green	Matthew Cline
Acolyte 1	Brian Daughterty	Peter Bartulica
Acolyte 2	Ben Allison	Jude Welchert
Thurifer		John Welchert

Parish News and Upcoming Events

St. James Youth Group and Bible Course

When: Every Tuesday 6:30-8 pm

Where: St. James Church basement

Who: 12-17-year-olds

OR

When: Every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday 2:30-3:45

Where: Casper Erk/Gym

Bring a Bible, notebook, and an open heart!



Bible Study

Sister Catalina and Sister Elizabeth offer Bible Studies on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 and 6:30, and Sundays at 4. Please email hmspstjoseph@gmail.com for more information.

Societies of St. James

Holy Name: Meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 8AM. Any practicing Catholic man, who is a St. James parishioner, is welcome.

The Legion of Mary: For the welfare of the one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, doing every form of social service and Catholic action with the guidance of the parish priest. Join our meetings on Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk Room.

Knights of Columbus: An organization of Catholic men, 18 years of age and older who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church and enhancing your own faith and family life. Meets first Monday of every month at 7 pm, Casper Erk Room

Altar Society: Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month. April's meeting will be the 19th from 10am-12pm in the Church basement.

St. James Vocations Team: If you're interested in joining our team to actively and prayerfully work towards increasing priestly and religious vocations from our parish, please contact the office!

Congratulations to our 18 new Catholics, who joined the Church on Easter Vigil this year!

Welcome Home!



School and Community News

2026-2027 MoScholars Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2026-2027 school year are now open for grades K-12. **New Applicants:** If you want your child to get a Catholic education at no cost please visit brightfuturesfund.org **Current Recipients (2025-2026):** You do not need to reapply.

***Applications for the Leblond Scholarship are due by May 1**

***The St. Serra Apostolate for Vocations will meet April 15th, 6pm at OLG Parish.** The evening starts off with prayer led by Dcn. Carl Johnson as the speaker, followed by the regular business meeting. All are welcome to attend and witness how the group promotes, supports, and encourages Vocations to the Ordained Ministries and Religious Life.

Saint Monica Club:

Founded in 2021 to pray for priests, vocations, and those away from the Church. Join us in praying the Rosary and Litany of the Saints on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 6:20-6:45pm at St. James Church.

Monday Adoration

***We are in need of adorers for the 9-10am, 10-11am, 11am-12pm and 1-2pm.** Please call the office to set that up. The need is fairly urgent!

***On the first Monday of every month, the Holy Hour from 6-7pm is dedicated to Priestly Vocations.** Please join us! St. Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!

