

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

Thoughts by Father Davis:

The following is an account by St. Justin, martyr (90-165AD) about the celebration of Mass in his defense of Christians, from almost 1,900 years ago. In the Gospel for this Sunday we hear that the disciples of Emmaus had been walking with Jesus and finally at the moment when He breaks bread with them, that is the Eucharist, they recognize that it is Him, and so it is appropriate that we have 1st Communion this weekend. St. Justin writes, "We do not consume the Eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Saviour became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the Flesh and Blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of His own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving." * "The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that He took bread, gave thanks and said: Do this in memory of Me. This is My Body. In the same way He took the cup, He gave thanks and said: This is My Blood. The Lord gave this command to them alone." * "On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray. On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, 'Amen.' The Eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, April 20

8:00: † Esperanza Martinez

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23 (St. George, St. Adalbert)

8:00: Sean Callahan

Friday, April 24 (St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)

8:00: Murray Family, Living and Deceased

Saturday, April 25 (St. Mark the Evangelist)

4:30: † Patricia Belz-Hendrix

Sunday, April 26 (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

9:00: † Mary Ann Marshall

12:45: † Russ Myjak

Mass Date	4/25	4/26
Lector	Susan Przybylski	Mike Aberer
MC	Jack Short	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 1	Ben Allison	Evan Wohletz
Acolyte 2	Connor Pearce	Patrick Wohletz
Thurifer		Peter Bartulica

All servers are always welcome!

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 4/12	Month of April
General:	\$3,283.5	\$9,983.00
Building/Repair:	\$2,072.61	\$2,745.61

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or scan the QR code to securely donate from your phone! You may set up automatic recurring giving there as well.



Prayers for the Sick and Homebound

Gina Smith, Justine Schroff, Joyce Thomas, Dianne Pulley, 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

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.

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 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!

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 all of our
First Communicants!*

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**

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.

Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group which exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. **Coram Deo** is meeting on **Monday, April 27**, for *Mondays on the Bluff!* Meet at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at **6:10pm** for a walking rosary followed by pizza + drinks at River Bluff Brewing! All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com.

Coram Deo's Moms' Group is meeting this **Tuesday, April 21, at 10am**. We will meet at **Campus Family YMCA**, located at 3601 N. Village Dr. Hang out with fellow moms while your kids play! See you there!

Food Kitchen

The St. James community volunteers to serve the Southside Food Kitchen on the second Thursday of every month. For the month of May, the Knights of Columbus are donating their time. Thank you for serving your community!

For the Babies

In September, Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be beatified in St. Louis. He wrote a beautiful prayer to adopt an unborn baby in danger of abortion. Abortion is tragically on the rise, so this prayer is urgently needed. Please consider praying daily:

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child I have spiritually adopted, which is in danger of abortion.
Amen.*