

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

Thoughts by Father Fenlon:

This Sunday is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, and it's a day that we usually dedicate to praying for our priests, as representatives of the one pastor, one priest, Jesus Christ. Our century has a strange tendency when it comes to religion (not just the Catholic one, but of any kind). If I go to a doctor, and he tells me I have an illness, I usually am open to receiving what he says. If I go to a lawyer, and he tells me that I need to sign such and such a document, I usually will be open to following his advice. If I go to a banker, and he tells me to invest in these stocks, I would assume those are the best stocks to invest in. And rightly so – I pay these people good money so that they can lead me. But when it comes to religion, modern man finds it difficult to accept that the Church can tell him something that he doesn't already agree with. In our days, we tend to build up walls and defenses, and criticize and judge those who, very simply put, know exactly what they are saying. I am ashamed to say that I've done it too! I have heard what a priest had to say to me, and out of hubris and hurt pride, brushed it off and reviled him for it. For the longest time! Mea Culpa – and YES he was right!

Yet one can assume that in most questions, priests **do** know what they are talking about. Just like doctors and lawyers, some may have different interpretations on specific questions. If you ever want a second opinion, by all means, go and get one – no single priest is going to be right every single time. But by and large, when you listen to your priest, you should trust that the true Shepherd of the Flock, our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, is speaking through them to you. And so humbly accept what they have to say – especially when it is most difficult to hear.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 25 (St Mark, Evangelist)

4:30: † Patricia Belz-Hendrix

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

9:00: † Mary Ann Marshall

12:45: † Russ Myjak

Monday, April 27

8:00: Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac

Wednesday, April 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

8:00: † Phyllis Dixon, George Robertson

Thursday, April 30 (Pope St. Pius V)

8:00: † Fr. William Korte

Friday, May 1 (St. Joseph the Worker)

8:00: Alexander and Sarah Murry Family

Saturday, May 2 (St Athanasius)

4:30: For the People

Sunday, May 3

9:00: † Frank Heckadon

12:45: † Kennedy Loftin

Mass Date	5/2	5/3
Lector	Bernie Stevenson	Denise Mereness
MC	Josh Green	Matthew Cline
Acolyte 1	Connor Pearce	Jude Welchert
Acolyte 2	Brian Daugherty	Patrick Wohletz
Thurifer		Evan Wohletz

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:	\$9,890.75	\$19,873.75
Building/Repair:	\$366	\$3,111.61

Thank you for supporting our parish!

To give safely and easily, please visit

saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give

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



If you are interested in joining our choir, please call our music director, Olivia VanderBol:

(217) 430-7320

Prayers for the Sick and Homebound

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

2026-2027 MoScholars Scholarship Applications

Deadline for Applications for the 2026–2027 school year is approaching! **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 meeting on **Monday, April 27** 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. Questions? Please contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com.

Coram Deo's Moms' Group is meeting this **Tuesday, April 28, at 10am**, at **Hyde Park**, located at 402 E. Hyde Park Ave. Hang out with fellow moms while your kids play!

The Knights of Columbus would like to extend an invitation to the men of our parish! The organization is deeply and generously involved in our parish and school, helping with donations, fundraisers, and their own toil and sweat, making it possible for so many things to function seamlessly and continuously. Please join them at their next meeting, **Monday, May 4, at 7pm** in the Casper Erk Room, and explore what it means to be a Knight! See the insert in the bulletin to read the Bishop's own high praise of the organization.

Thank you, Knights!



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 the first Monday of every month at 7 pm, Casper Erk Room.

Altar Society: Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month.

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!

Monday Adoration

We are in need of adorers for the 9-10am, 10-11am, 11am-12pm & 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!

Congratulations to the McCullough Family on the Baptism of their daughter, Vivienne Lynn!

Congratulations to our children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday! What a blessed and beautiful day! May God bless you all abundantly!

For the families, please visit the LifeShots link to see the pictures! <https://melissacox.zenfolio.com/stjamesFHC26>