

Thoughts by Father Davis

August 15-16, 2026



This weekend we celebrate the glorious solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. The belief of her Assumption, body and soul from earth into Heavenly glory has always been held by the Church to be true from ancient times. The Roman Emperor Maurice who lived between the years 582-602 ordered that the feast be celebrated on August 15th, and before that the Assumption was also celebrated. It would not be right for Mary’s body, the Ark of the New Covenant and Jesus’ first tabernacle on earth, to be corrupted in the tomb. St. Francis de Sales says, “What son would not bring his mother back to life and would not bring her into paradise after her death if he could?” In 1950, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined the Assumption of Mary as a dogma of the Church. A dogma is a truth that is revealed to us by God and is transmitted to us by Scripture or by Tradition which is necessary for us to believe for our eternal salvation. There are 4 Marian Dogmas: The Immaculate Conception of Mary, Mary’s Divine Motherhood (Mother of God), Mary’s Perpetual Virginity, and the Assumption. We, like Mary, were created by God so that we can be in heaven with Him in the end. Let us live in such a way that in the end after the final judgment, our bodies and our souls will be in heaven forever. The Assumption of Mary, body and soul into Heaven, should lead us to have a desire to be united with Jesus in Heaven and to love heaven more than the things of the world. Oh Mary, pray that we may enter into heavenly glory and remain there forever with you and your Son. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

Saturday, August 15 (The Assumption)

Mass: 5:30pm († Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac)

Sunday, August 16

Mass: 9:00am († Esperanza Martinez, Larry Chavez, Jesse Chavez)
1:00pm († Ed and Ann Gunter)

Monday, August 17

Mass: 8:00am († Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac)

Wednesday, August 19 (St. John Eudes)

Mass: 8:00am (For the Special Intentions of the School Sisters of CTK)

Friday, August 21 (St. Pius X)

Mass: 8:00am (All Souls Away from the Catholic Faith)

Saturday, August 22 (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Mass: 5:30pm († Larry Hunt)

Sunday, August 23

Mass: 9:00am (For the People)
Mass: 1:00pm († Margaret Ann Pickerel)

Confessions

Weekdays: 30 minutes before Daily Mass
Monday Holy Hour 6-7pm

Saturday: No Confessions

Sunday: 8:00-8:50am, 12:30-12:50pm

Adoration

Mondays from 8:30am-7pm, Holy Hour 6-7pm

The Second Collection today will be for Diocesan Life and Justice.

Office Hours beginning this week and during the school year are Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

To contribute to the St. James Scholarship Fund on Flocknote, please visit <https://saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give/33886> or use this QR code:



To give safely and easily to our General Fund, please visit saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give or scan the QR code to securely donate from your phone!



Parish giving information is not available

Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

Weekday server volunteers would be appreciated.

Contact the office if your son would like to be trained!

Mass	8/22	8/23
Lector		
MC		
Acolyte 1		
Acolyte 2		
Thurifer		

Parish Activities

Parish and School News

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 Thursdays @ 6:30.

Please email hmspstjoseph@gmail.com for more information. To reach by phone:

Sr. Catalina

(816) 500-2057

Sr. Elizabeth

(816) 269-6527

f you are interested in joining our choir please contact our music director, **Olivia VanderBol:**

(217) 430-7320

If you would like Altar flowers on behalf of your family or in memory of a loved one/event, please text/call **Kim Bartulica:**

(214) 277-2202

Do you have a broken rosary in need of repair? Text Paul Cox or leave it in a zip lock bag in the basket in the vestibule, with your name and phone number clearly written on a slip of paper.

(816) 248-6942

Welcome back to our St. James students! School begins Wednesday, August 19. Please join our students in their first All School Mass that morning at 8AM, and help us celebrate their return!

Go Tigers!

Thursday Masses are being canceled going forward, as Father adjusts to carrying two active parishes and a school on his own. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood!

For all Sacraments: Please contact the office to find out what is needed and we will reach out to Father for scheduling and approval once we have any required documents.

Maintenance Position Available! The position is for the entire St. James campus, 8-10 hours a week. For more information or to apply, please visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/4268998/Available-Positions/Maintenance-Technician>

Our wonderful societies at St. James are responsible for so much behind the scenes! They are directly instrumental in financially and physically supporting our parish and school, hosting celebrations, and providing necessities that keep everything running smoothly and beautifully. All of the groups are actively seeking new members who will carry on the banner for future generations. **Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to assist our parish in this special way!** Contact the office for more information.

Adoration on Mondays: We are sorely in need of people to sign up and commit to hours to visit and sit with Our Lord! Please call the office to be put on the list. ****If you are signed up and will be late or are unable to be there for your hour, please do your best to call a replacement so another adorer is not left for hours. Our Lord cannot be left alone, so even bathroom breaks are impossible for those who are by themselves in the church. Each hour should have a minimum of two adorers to prevent any disruption.****

Meet Charlie Murphy, the new District Governor for KCSJ Serra Clubs, on Wednesday, August 19th, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at 5:50 pm. All in attendance will pray the Litany for Vocations and have Benediction, with refreshments and speaker following prayer..

Lord our God, in Your wisdom and love You surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with Your wisdom and blessing. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.