

Thoughts by Father Davis

August 22-23, 2026

What is a virtue, and what are the human virtues, the cardinal virtues, the moral virtues, theological virtues, and gifts of the Holy Spirit? Here is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

1833 Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good.

1834 The human virtues are stable dispositions of the intellect and the will that govern our acts, order our passions, and guide our conduct in accordance with reason and faith. They can be grouped around the four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.

1835 Prudence disposes the practical reason to discern, in every circumstance, our true good and to choose the right means for achieving it.

1836 Justice consists in the firm and constant will to give God and neighbor their due.

1837 Fortitude ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good.

1838 Temperance moderates the attraction of the pleasures of the senses and provides balance in the use of created goods.

1839 The moral virtues grow through education, deliberate acts, and perseverance in struggle. Divine grace purifies and elevates them.

1840 The theological virtues dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. They have God for their origin, their motive, and their object — God known by faith, God hoped in and loved for His own sake.

1841 There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. They inform all the moral virtues and give life to them.

1842 By faith, we believe in God and believe all that he has revealed to us and that Holy Church proposes for our belief.

1843 By hope we desire, and with steadfast trust await from God, eternal life and the graces to merit it.

1844 By charity, we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for love of God. Charity, the form of all the virtues, "binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Col 3:14).

1845 The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon Christians are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

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

Mass: 5:30pm († Larry Hunt)

Sunday, August 23

Mass: 9:00am (For the People)

1:00pm († Margaret Ann Pickerel)

Monday, August 24 (St. Bartholomew)

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

Wednesday, August 26

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

Friday, August 28 (St. Augustine)

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

Saturday, August 29 (The Passion of St. John the Baptist)

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

Sunday, August 30

Mass: 9:00am († Mike and Frances Hernandez, Mary Ann Ellis)

Mass: 1:00pm († Cathy Baker)

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm

August Giving Totals

FUND	AUG 1-2	AUG 8-9	AUG 15-16	TOTAL
General	\$5,912.20	\$9,634.75	\$5,439.80	\$20,986.75
Online	\$965	\$3,410	\$485	\$4,860
Building	\$567	\$270	\$40	\$877
Repair	\$443	\$100	\$40	\$583
Life & Justice				\$313.25
St. James Scholarship				\$2,607

Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

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

Mass	8/29	8/30
Lector	Bernie Stevenson	JL Robertson
MC	Jack Short	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 1	Ben Allison	Jude Welchert
Acolyte 2	Josh Green	Jude Bartulica
Thurifer		Peter Bartulica

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

If 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 the slip of paper.

(816) 248-6942

Faithful Citizenship & Amendment 3

Parish Presentation

St. James Parish

5814 King Hill Ave,

St. Joseph, MO 64504

Wednesday, October 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Brought to you by the Office of Life & Justice

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Guest Speaker: Bill Francis

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.**

We need your help! As we move into the colder months, there is a greater need for Baby and Adult care packages. Supplies are needed to prepare kits that will be distributed through Catholic Charities. Please sign up provide supplies, or donate to have someone else shop for you. Signing up helps us have a better idea of quantities provided and still needed. Supplies will be collected in the entryway through the end of September. Please contact Sarah Murray for more information:

816-244-9136

2024 and 2025 St James Ornaments are available in the office. \$20/each. The inventory must be sold before the 2026 ornament can be made! Each decorative piece features a different stained glass window from our beautiful Church. Collect them all!

Prayers for the Sick and Homebound

If you know of someone who is sick or homebound and is in need of prayers and/or would like to be placed on a visit list to receive the Eucharist, please contact the office.