

Thoughts by Father DavisAugust 1-2, 2026

This week we celebrate three great feasts in the Catholic Church. On August 4th we celebrate the feast of St. John Vianney. On August 6th we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, and August 8th we celebrate the feast of St. Dominic. We need to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. St. John Vianney (1786-1859), who heard confessions for 16 hours a day in Ars, France, is named the patron saint of parish priests. He said, “The Priesthood is the love of the heart of God.” This is so because through the ministry of the priest, we receive the love of God through the Sacraments. For example, through priests we receive the Holy Eucharist and forgiveness of sins through confession, and the Anointing of the Sick to strengthen us physically and spiritually, especially for the sick, the elderly, before an operation, and at the end of our lives to prepare us for eternity. In the Transfiguration the Apostles saw the glory of the Divinity of Jesus Christ, manifested when Jesus was praying, when His Face was shining like the splendor of the sun. The fruit of this mystery is to enkindle in us a desire for holiness. St. Dominic (1170-1221) is known for having received from Mary the practice of praying the Rosary. This prayer is so important for our time, to bring about peace in the world and conversion of souls. St. John Vianney and St. Dominic, pray for us. Please say a prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Hail Mary...

Also, August 3rd is the 6th anniversary of my mom's death, Brenda Marie Davis. She loved coming to this church and loved meeting all of you. Thank you for the love you showed her here. Here is a picture of my mom and dad, Brenda and John, with me. May they rest in peace.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

Saturday, August 1 (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Mass: 5:30pm († Carol Riefkoh)

Sunday, August 2

Mass: 9:00am († Burger, Uelinger, Hauser, and Wildberger families)
1:00pm (Matthew Slobodnik and his Family)

Monday, August 3

Mass: 8:00am († Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac;
† Brenda Marie Davis)

Wednesday, August 5 (Dedication of Basilica of Mary Minor)

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

Thursday, August 6 (The Transfiguration)

Mass: 8:00am († John Pugh)

Friday, August 7 (St. Sixtus II and Companions/St. Cajetan)

Mass: 8:00am (Murray and Korte Families, Living and Deceased)

Saturday, August 8 (St. Dominic)

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

Sunday, August 9

Mass: 9:00am (For the People)
Mass: 1:00pm (Carmela Mahlstedt)

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

We are seeking pictures or information about our original Baptismal Font! Any help is appreciated!

The Second Collection on August 16 will be for Diocesan Life and Justice.

Please note the Saturday Mass time change to 5:30 pm.

GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 7/26	Month of July	Flocknote
General:	\$6,014	\$27,699.22	\$6100
Building/Repair:	\$371.80	\$4,178.30	\$140

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!

Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

Weekday server volunteers would be appreciated.

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

Mass	8/8	8/9
Lector	Ashley Kountz	Holy Name
MC	Josh Green	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 1	Ben Allison	Jude Welchert
Acolyte 2	Brian Daugherty	Jude Bartulica
Thurifer		John Welchert

Parish Activities

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 @ 4:30 & 6:30, Thursdays @ 6:30, and Sundays at 4. Please email hmspstjoseph@gmail.com for more information. To reach by phone:

Sr. Catalina (816) 500-2057

Sr. Elizabeth (816) 269-6527

Societies of St. James

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

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. All women of the parish are members!

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!

St. Monica Club prays for priests, vocations, and all souls away from the Catholic Faith on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at St. James from 6:20-6:55pm. Please visit www.themonicaclub.com.

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

Parish and School News

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

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.

Parents: if you think your child will be attending CCD in September please contact the parish office so we can ensure we have updated information for all children to be included in the bountiful faith formation opportunities we have here at St. James. Registration forms are forthcoming.

“Vacation with Jesus” ages 12-17: Join the Missionary Sisters at Mir House August 3rd-6th from 5:30pm-8pm for Adoration, Evangelization, Fellowship, and more! Call to register. \$10/per child.

Join St. Patrick Church for two days full of food, fun, and fiesta! The 57th Annual St. Patrick’s Fiesta begins Friday, August 7 from 5:00-10:00PM at the St. James Gym with traditional Mexican food, live and silent auctions, and live musical entertainment by Mariachi Fuego (6:00-7:30PM) and Kansas City’s renowned Mexican-American band Stranded in the City (8:00-10:00PM)! The fiesta concludes on Saturday, August 8 from 5:00-10:00PM at St. Pat’s with a wide variety of Latin American foods, kids games, and a 7:00PM folkloric dancing show! Why siesta when you can fiesta? It’s fun for the whole familia!

Fill the Sisters’ pantry! The School Sisters of Christ the King return in a couple short weeks, and we want to welcome them with a stocked pantry! Please consider donating funds towards the purchase of gift cards and groceries. You can put cash in a labeled envelope or a check specifying the intent in the memo, and drop them in the collection basket or bring them by the office. Thank you for helping our Sisters!

Thursday Masses are being canceled beginning next week (8/13) and going forward, as Father adjusts to carrying two active parishes on his own. We are gathering the intentions and will be contacting people as much as we are able, to reschedule as close to a preference as we can manage. However, being a timely matter, we will reschedule at our discretion any that we are unable to reach this week. All intentions WILL be rescheduled and none forsaken. Currently, our calendar is full through December, so all Masses will need to be rescheduled into the new year. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and any disappointment. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood!