

Thoughts by Father Davis

August 29-30, 2026



In the Gospel for this Sunday, our Lord speaks about the cross that we must carry. He says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Each of us has a cross to carry. The cross is our road and our door to heaven. St. Teresa of Avila wrote, "Let us look to the cross and be filled with peace, knowing that Christ has walked this road and walks it now with us and with all our brothers and sisters." Through our cross, we are sanctified and become united to Christ. Each of us have different duties because each of us have different vocations. My daily cross is different from your daily cross, but by our own crosses, fulfilling what is required of us and uniting any sufferings that may come to Christ's sufferings, our daily work, our daily sufferings are sanctified. Let us pray for the grace to grow in holiness through our crosses. St. Mary MacKillop said, "Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to the eternal life of happiness."

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

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)
1:00pm († Cathy Baker)

Monday, August 31
Mass: 8:00am († Teresa Bunck)

Wednesday, September 2
Mass: 8:00am († Timothy Unzicker)

Friday, September 4
Mass: 8:00am (All Souls Away from the Catholic Faith)

Saturday, September 5 (St. Teresa of Calcutta)
Mass: 5:30pm († Mary Ann Belz Loy)

Sunday, September 6
Mass: 9:00am († For the People)
Mass: 1:00pm († Bozica Bartulica)

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

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.

OCIA: If you or someone you know would like to inquire about OCIA, please visit our website and fill out the inquiry forms there.

CCD: Classes are starting soon! These are for any children who do not attend Catholic school, beginning in the first grade. Sacrament preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are also available. The diocese requires all parishioners, regardless of how they are educated, to participate in The Way in order to be Confirmed. More information and forms are available in the back of the church on the table.

Giving Totals	Aug 22/23	Month of Aug
General:	\$5700	\$31,546.75
Building/Repair:	\$858.52	\$2,318.52

Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

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

Mass	9/5	9/6
Lector	Ashley Kountz	Mike Aberer
MC	Josh Green	Matthew Aberer
Acolyte 1	Jack Short	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 2	Connor Pearce	John Welchert
Thurifer		Evan Wohletz

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

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



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.

The Altar flowers for September 5/6 are provided in loving memory of Cecil and Lucille Vanover and Dick and Shirley Angst.

Please join us for the 2nd annual



Saint James Parish Picnic

SEPTEMBER 27

2:30pm at Hyde Park

Hot dogs & hamburgers provided. Scan the QR code to sign up for side dishes, desserts, and various volunteer opportunities!
Please bring your own lawn chairs and drinks!
Visit the Facebook event for more information!



Point of contact:
Melissa Cox (816) 248-1746
Laura Welchert (816) 259-6434
Rachael Wohletz (785) 633-0623
Or contact the Parish Office

See you there!





ST. JAMES AUCTION

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 5:30 PM

ST. JAMES GYM

CELEBRATE. BID. SUPPORT ST. JAMES.

Join us for our annual auction featuring great food and drinks, exciting auction items, and dances performed by Makawi Folkloric Dance Group.

NEW THIS YEAR: MOBILE BIDDING

Reserve seats, bid on items, and check out - all from your phone.



SCAN TO REGISTER

Use Qtego to reserve your table or purchase single admission, preview auction items, and see our generous event sponsors.
Register early and get a sneak peek!

SINGLE ADMISSION \$40

TABLE OF 8 \$320

TABLE OF 10 \$400

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR POSSIBLE!

