

Thoughts by Father Davis

August 8-9, 2026

We profess that the Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic in the Nicene Creed which dates from the year 325 A.D. Here is what the Catechism says in summary of the four marks of the Church.

866 The Church is one: she acknowledges one Lord, confesses one faith, is born of one Baptism, forms only one Body, is given life by the one Spirit, for the sake of one hope (Eph 4:3-5), at whose fulfillment all divisions will be overcome.

867 The Church is holy: the Most Holy God is her author; Christ, her Bridegroom, gave Himself up to make her holy; the Spirit of holiness gives her life. Since she still includes sinners, she is "the sinless one made up of sinners." Her holiness shines in the saints; in Mary she is already all-holy.

868 The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith. She bears in herself and administers the totality of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times. She is "missionary of her very nature" (*Ad Gentes*, 2)

869 The Church is apostolic. She is built on a lasting foundation: "the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev 21:14). She is indestructible (Mt 16:18). She is upheld infallibly in the truth: Christ governs her through Peter and the other apostles, who are present in their successors, the Pope and the college of bishops.

870 "The sole Church of Christ which in the Creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, . . . subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him. Nevertheless, many elements of sanctification and of truth are found outside its visible confines" (*Lumen Gentium*, 8).

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

Saturday, August 8 (St. Dominic)

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

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10 (St. Lawrence)

Mass: 8:00am († Christina Bartlow)

Wednesday, August 12 (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

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

Thursday, August 13

NO MASS—THURSDAY MASSES CANCELED

Friday, August 14 (St. Maximilian Kolbe)

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

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)  
Mass: 1:00pm († Ed and Ann Gunter)

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!

A special second collection is being held this weekend for the St. James Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support! The Second Collection on August 15/16 will be for Diocesan Life and Justice.

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](https://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      | 8/15              | 8/16              |
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| Lector    | Jennifer Dittmore | Altar Society     |
| MC        | Jack Short        | Charlie Bartulica |
| Acolyte 1 | Connor Pearce     | Daniel Welchert   |
| Acolyte 2 | Ben Allison       | Patrick Wohletz   |
| 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 Tuesdays @ 4:30 & 6:30, Thursdays @ 6:30, and Sundays at 4. Please email [hmspstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:hmspstjoseph@gmail.com) for more information. To reach by phone:

Sr. Catalina (816) 500-2057

Sr. Elizabeth (816) 269-6527



Congratulations again to our seminarians, Garrett and Matthew!

If you are interested in joining our choir please contact our music director, Olivia VanderBol: (217) 430-7320

This week's Altar flowers are in loving memory of Ruby Kay Korte

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

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>

A heartfelt thank you to the Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name, and the Missionary Sisters who donated their time, talent, and treasure towards the Seminarian dinner last weekend. Your stewardship directly supports our Parish mission and brings our community closer together in faith. Thank you again!

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.

Saturday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Due to the Feast falling on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bozica Bartulica, and for her family left to grieve.