

Thoughts by Father Davis

Congratulations to Garrett Wohletz! This past week Bishop Johnston accepted Garrett as a seminarian for our diocese! Garrett is a son of Robert and Rachael Wohletz. Rachael is one of our parish secretaries. Garrett will be entering the seminary in the fall. Congratulations Garrett!

This week I will be attending the National ICLE Conference with our Principal Mr. McDonnell and a group of our teachers in Columbus, Ohio. Please pray for our safe journey and return home. ICLE stands for Institute for Catholic Liberal Education. More information can be found here: <https://catholicliberaleducation.org/> Just to be clear, the word liberal in this use, does not indicate anything related to politics, as in liberal or conservative! Instead, the word liberal here, indicates liberal arts education, which is what our St. Joseph Catholic Schools are implementing, a form of education which frees, or liberates, the soul. It is based on the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty, three characteristics of God, which when we experience these things in the world, we experience God. Liberal Arts education trains the individual to appreciate these things, liberating, freeing, one’s soul for God. These characteristics speak to our souls, because our souls were created by God, and God is Truth itself, Goodness itself, and Beauty itself. Just think of a beautiful piece of artwork, beautiful music, or a beautiful church like St. James, they all reflect God. By teaching our children to appreciate these things through their studies of grammar, logic, rhetoric, the sciences, and mathematics, they are formed to love God more as they experience His greatness. This form of education trains one to think and it is natural to the soul. Jesus Christ is the Divine Teacher. May He guide us in our pursuit of holiness. Please pray for all attending the conference this week!

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

Saturday, July 11 (St. Benedict)

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

Sunday, July 12

Mass: 9:00am (For the People)
1:00pm (Rleigh Wohletz)

Monday, July 13 (St. Henry)

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

Wednesday, July 15 (St. Bonaventure)

NO MASS († Cathy Baker)

Thursday, July 16 (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

NO MASS (Special Intention of the School Sisters of CTK)

Friday, July 17

NO MASS (Murray & Korte Families, Living and Deceased)

Saturday, July 18 (St. Camillius de Lellis)

Mass: 5:30pm († Gregory Unzicker)

Sunday, July 19

Mass: 9:00am († Mike and Francis Hernandez)
Mass: 1:00pm († Rex Smith)

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

Parish Office Hours (through August 21): Monday 9-4, Tuesday-Thursday 9-3, Friday-Sunday Closed.

Due to an annual school conference, there will be no daily Mass July 14th-17th. All Mass Intentions scheduled will still be said by Fr Davis in absentia. There will also be no office hours for Father next week.

GIVING SUMMARY

Week of 7/5

Month of July

General: \$5,864.35 \$5,864.35

Building/Repair: \$1,907 \$1,907

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	7/18	7/19
Lector	Jennifer Dittmore	Altar Society
MC	Jack Short	Matthew Aberer
Acolyte 1	Brian Daugherty	Jude Bartulica
Acolyte 2	Ben Allison	Jude Welchert
Thurifer		Evan Wohletz

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!

The Legion of Mary: For the welfare of the one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, doing every form of social service and Catholic action with the guidance of the parish priest. Contact Ida Trueblood: idatrueblood91@gmail.com.

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:** [271\)430-7320](tel:2714307320)

If you would like Altar flowers on behalf of your family or in memory of a loved one/event, please text/call **Kelly:** [574-276-9378](tel:5742769378)

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>

Serra Club: MEN IN BLACK! Meet and greet three KCSJ diocesan seminarians (Matthew, Nic, and Jack) on July 15 at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Litany for vocations and Benediction are at 5:45pm, refreshments and talks to follow

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.

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

Vacation Bible School is July 27-30 from 6-8pm in the church basement. Kids age 6-12 are welcome; the cost is \$10/child or \$30/family. Please call the office to register!

“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!

