Thoughts by Father Davis

Here is a powerful prayer that I would like to share with you that I pray daily. It is called the "The Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph." From the Pieta Prayer booklet: According to tradition, this prayer was found in the 50th year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505, it was sent from the pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy or be burned in any fire or be overpowered in battle. Say for nine mornings for anything you desire. It has never been known to fail.

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

Saturday, July 18 (St. Camillus de Lellis)
Mass: 5:30pm († Gregory Unzicker)

Sunday, July 19
Mass: 9:00am († Mike and Frances Hernandez, Mary Ann Ellis)
1:00pm († Rex Smith)

Monday, July 20 (St. Apollinaris)
Mass: 8:00am († Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac)

Wednesday, July 22 (St. Mary Magdalene)
NO MASS (Tyson Seiter and family, Todd Seiter)

Thursday, July 23 (St. Bridget)
NO MASS († Billy Cline)

Friday, July 24 (St. Sharbel Makluf)
NO MASS (All Souls Away from the Catholic Faith)

Saturday, July 25 (St. James, Apostle)
Mass: 5:30pm († Stephen Belz)

Sunday, July 26
Mass: 9:00am († Spencer Williams)
Mass: 1:00pm (Faulkner Family)

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

Fr. Davis is out of town July 21-28. All intentions for canceled Masses will be said in absentia.

The office will be closed July 27-31. However, email and messages will be checked, so if there is something you need, please reach out and we will get in touch with you.

GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 7/12	Month of July
General:	$4760.75	$10,6250.10
Building/Repair:	$331.50	$2,238.50

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	7/25	7/26
Lector	Susan Przybylski	JL Robertson
MC	Josh Green	Garrett Wohletz
Acolyte 1	Ben Allison	Patrick Wohletz
Acolyte 2	Connor Pearce	Daniel Welchert
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!

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:** (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 **Sarah Murrray:**

(816) 244-9136

Parish and School News

Please do not leave food donations in the vestibule. Donate them directly to Interserv. Thank you!

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.

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!

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!

We are seeking pictures of our original baptismal font!

Happy Birthday to Charlie Przybylski, born on July 20! Have a blessed day!