Thoughts by Father Davis

July 25-26, 2026

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne on July 26th, Parents of Mary, Grandparents of our Lord Jesus Christ, we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents. On this weekend, say a prayer for your Grandparents, for those who are living and for those who are deceased. Pope Leo has this to say for this weekend: Dear elderly brothers and sisters, I thank you for supporting me every day with your prayers, especially when you recite the Holy Rosary. I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart and leave you with this prayer: may the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope.

May God bless all of our Grandparents , living and deceased!

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

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

Sunday, July 26 (Sts. Joachim and Anne)
Mass: 9:00am († Spencer Williams)
12:00pm (The Faulkner Family)

Monday, July 27
Mass: 8:00am († Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac)

Wednesday, July 29 (Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus)
NO MASS (Family Members of Those Facing Addiction)

Thursday, July 30 (St. Peter Chrysologus)
NO MASS († Charles Zuptich)

Friday, July 31 (St. Ignatius of Loyola)
NO MASS (All Souls Away from the Catholic Faith)

Saturday, August 1 (St. Alphonsus Liguori)
Mass: 5:30pm († Carol Riefkoh)

Sunday, August 2
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. Email and messages will be checked, so if there is something you need, please reach out and we will get in touch with you.
We are seeking pictures or information about our original Baptismal Font! Any help is appreciated!

GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 7/18	Month of July
General:	$11,060.12	$21,685.22
Building/Repair:	$1,568	$.3,806.50

Thank you for supporting our parish!

The annual financial report submitted for fiscal year ending June 2026 and the budget for fiscal year beginning July 2026 has been approved by the Finance Council and has been sent to the Bishop. The condensed report for parishioners can be found in the bulletin insert.

Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

Weekday server volunteers would be appreciated.

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

Mass	8/1	8/2
Lector	Bernie Stevenson	Mike Chappell
MC	Jack Short	Matthew Aberer
Acolyte 1	Ben Allison	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 2	Josh Green	Evan Wohletz
Thurifer		Peter Bartulica

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 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!

Pitching for Priests Friday July 31! Tailgating at 3 with gates opening at 5pm. Free Will offering at door. Donations will go directly to the vocations office for each diocese! See insert for more information.

Celebrate our Seminarians!

Please join us following the 5:30 Mass on August 1 for dinner and fellowship as we send Matthew Cline and Garrett Wohletz off to seminary! We appreciate their answer to God's call!