

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

Final Thoughts from Father Fenlon

+ Brothers and sisters, this is my last message before leaving dear St. Joseph and heading out to Plattsburg, Missouri, to serve the people of St. Ann's and surrounding towns.

When I was a member of the Home of the Mother, a wonderful Religious community in Spain, I remember how we would have meetings about what it took to become a saint, and how to live a better religious life. In one of those meetings, our superior, Fr. Felix Lopez, said with a certain force and conviction, that "EVERYTHING lies in purity of intention." Purity of intention refers to why we do a good thing.

This is an essential question I should always be asking myself. I volunteer to help out and do a good work at Church; good. But why do I do it? Is it to get service hours for school? That would be a 'meh' intention. Not terrible... but not where it needs to be either. Is it to be seen by others so that my reputation is that of a saint? Uhh. That **would** be a terrible intention. Jesus Christ tells us not to seek the applause of others, or to desire their praise in the market place, and even says that the left hand should not know what the right one gives away.

Hiding your good works, hiding your generosity, hiding your prayers and your sacrifices, while still being just as generous, as prayerful, as sacrificial, is our goal. In the 2001 film about St. Padre Pio, in the moment when that great saint receives the Stigmata – the Holy Wounds of Christ in his hands and feet – he exclaims: "NO! Lord, I want to suffer...but not to where people can see it."

We are all trying to be good people – we are all trying to do good things, to pray, to sacrifice ourselves. Purity of intention makes sure that those acts are genuinely good – offered with a humble heart, pleasing to God, who sees in secret and gives in secret to those who love Him.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, June 27 (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

4:30pm: † Anita Belz

Sunday, June 28

9:00am: For The People

1:00pm: † Carol Ruth Haslouer

Monday, June 29 (Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles)

8:00am: † Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac

Wednesday, July 1 (St. Junipero Serra)

8:00am: Anna Deming and Family

Thursday, July 2

8:00am: † Cathy Baker

Friday, July 3 (St. Thomas, Apostle)

8:00am: For those who experience addiction

Saturday, July 4 (Independence Day)

5:30pm: † Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac

Sunday, July 5

9:00am: † Cathy Baker

1:00pm: † Lois Shipps

Last week's Flowers at the St Joseph Altar were provided by Joe and Susan Zuptich in loving devotion to St Joseph.

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

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.

New Mass Times! Beginning July 4, the Saturday Mass will be **5:30pm** and the Sunday afternoon Mass **1:00pm**.

For confessions on Saturday, Father will likely not be available for most or all of the time prior to Mass; however, all are welcome to go to St. Patrick's from 2-3pm. He will also begin offering Sunday confessions from 8-8:50am.

GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 6/21	Month of June
General:	\$6,410.66	\$20,335.46
Building/Repair:	\$790	\$2,972.17

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Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

Weekday server volunteers would be appreciated.

Mass	7/4	7/5
Lector	Bernie Stevenson	Mary Jo Marek
MC	Jack Short	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 1	Ben Allison	Patrick Wohletz
Acolyte 2	Connor Pearce	Jude Welchert
Thurifer		Peter Bartulica

Parish Organizations

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

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

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.

Thank you, Mike Johnson, for fixing the Baptismal Font. We appreciate you!

Parish and School News

Leblond Student Scholarship Donations: If you are interested in donating to the scholarship fund for St. James students attending Leblond High School, you can scan the code, visit Flocknote and select that fund for donation, or place your donation (with the Memo saying "Leblond Scholarship") in the collection basket at church. We have many students who have applied for the scholarship and would be grateful for all contributions! Thank you so much!



Fr. Davis will be holding office hours beginning this week! Mondays 1:30-4pm and Wednesdays 10am-12pm and 1:30-3pm. We recommend checking ahead of time to make sure he hasn't been unexpectedly called away.

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!

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>

St. Vincent de Paul food donations should be taken directly to Interserv and no longer left in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

July food kitchen volunteers are Rhonda and Nancy T. Thank you for your service to our community!

Fr. Davis will offer Mass for the United States on its 250th Anniversary as a Nation at 8:00am at the MIR House of Prayer.

