

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

Thoughts by Father Fenlon

Holy Week is fast approaching, and this week I would like to really underscore just how important the Easter mysteries are for us as Catholics. Holy Week is not a time for vacation, but for engaging with Jesus Christ, praying and sacrificing for Him, offering Him your whole heart, your mind, the use of your talents, and sincerely repenting of your sins, and making steps to kick bad habits. In the olden days, there would be silence kept throughout Holy Week – even the cows in the fields had their cowbells taken from them. It was a reverential time to pray and meditate. **And the center of each of the days was the Mass –**

The Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday has as the Gospel, the washing of the feet; but not the consecration of the bread and wine. Why? Because it is all considered one unity: the Word tells us of the washing of the feet, the Eucharistic prayer represents the consecration of Body and Blood.

On Good Friday, we participate in the Death of Christ by attending a Mass that is NOT a Mass: there is no consecration, Jesus does not come amongst us again. It is the consummation of the Sacrifice started on Holy Thursday.

On Holy Saturday, at the Easter Vigil, we await the coming of Christ with candles lit – just as the Gospels say regarding the ten virgins who await the bridegroom – and see His Glory in the ‘Glory to God in the Highest’ proclaimed, with all the lights on, decorations, etc. The most magnificent Mass of the year lives out the Resurrection, and consolation floods into the soul that has suffered all of Lent and Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday, we re-encounter the Risen Christ, just like the disciples did on the first day – this Sunday is the Bonfire from which the rest of the Sundays of the year gather their heat.

It may not be obliging to attend each Liturgy. But it is an expectation of Holy Mother Church, and even more importantly, of Jesus Christ Himself. If you have never been to them all, or if you have slacked in your love and given up... now is the time to reignite that flame and come back.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 21

4:30: † Father Evan Patrick Harkins

Sunday, March 22 (Passiontide)

9:00: Rodney Heckadon

12:45: † Carol Riefkohl

Monday, March 23 (St. Turibius)

8:00: † Sarah and James White

Wednesday, March 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

8:00: Zachary Ziglinski

Thursday, March 26

8:00: † Dan Ramirez

Friday, March 27

8:00 All souls away from the Catholic Church

Saturday, March 28

4:30: Frank Heckadon

Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

9:00: † Mike and Frances Hernandez and Mary Ann Ellis

12:45: † Cathy Baker

The Parish Office is now open 9-4, Mon-Fri.

To register as a parishioner, please contact the parish office at 816-238-0853 or

office@saintjamescatholic.church.

GIVING SUMMARY

Weekend of 3/8 Month of March

General: Totals were unavailable this week

Building/Repair:

Thank you for supporting our parish!

To give safely and easily, please visit

saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give

or scan the QR code to securely donate from your phone! You may set up automatic recurring giving there as well.



Prayers for the Sick and Homebound

Gina Smith, Justine Schroff

Joyce Thomas, Dianne Pulley, Vanessa Dozier

Judith Reed, Josie Gilbert, Ezra Penney

Steve Steiner, Susan Zuptich, Karen Unzicker

Richard Coleman, Denice Weinmann,

Henry Saulan, Patricia Saulan, Ron McDaniels

Rex Smith, Melissa Riches

Mass Date	3/28	3/29
Lector	Susan Przybylski	Mary Jo Marek
MC	Jack Short	Matthew Cline
Acolyte 1	Brian Daughterty	Patrick Wohletz
Acolyte 2	Ben Allison	Evan Wohletz
Thurifer		John Welchert

If you are interested in joining our choir on 4th Sundays and Holy Days, please contact Olivia Vanderbol at fuqu8343@ravens.benedictine.edu.

Parish News and Upcoming Events

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 of the month 2:30-3:45

Where: Casper Erk/Gym

What to bring: A Bible, a notebook, and an open heart!

For more information please call:



Lent Activities

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 4:30pm

St. James School invites all parishioners to attend the Stations led by the middle school at 2:30 on 3/27

Lenten Recollection: Saturday, 3/28, beginning at 10AM. Spend the day with Fr. Davis, Fr. Fenlon, and the Sister Servants of the Word, absolutely free of charge and full of graces! Adoration, Confession, Rosary, luncheon, and reflections on the Scriptures. The day concludes with the 4:30 vigil Mass. Register by calling the office.

Bible Study

Sister Catalina and Sister Elizabeth offer Bible Studies on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 and 6:30, and Sundays at 4. Please email hmspstjoseph@gmail.com for more information.

Societies of St. James

Holy Name: Meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 8AM. Any practicing Catholic man, who is a St. James parishioner, is welcome.

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. Join our meetings on Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk Room.

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 first Monday of every month at 7 pm, Casper Erk Room

Altar Society: Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Congratulations

to Reinhardt Kneib, baptized on March 21, 2026! Welcome to the Church!

School and Community News

2026-2027 MoScholars Scholarship Applications Now Open!

Applications for the 2026–2027 school year are now open for grades K-12. **New Applicants:** If you want your child to get a Catholic education at no cost please visit brightfuturesfund.org **Current Recipients** (2025–2026): You do not need to reapply.

***Applications for the Leblond Scholarship are due by May 1.**

Custodial Job Available

Please visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/3901829> to apply.

Young Women's Lenten Retreat

Women aged 18-39 are invited to take time at the beginning of Holy Week for prayer and renewal with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist. This retreat will help you enter into the Paschal season in the spirit of St. Francis. Retreat begins on March 27 and concludes after Mass on March 29. Cost is \$125. Scholarships available for those with financial need.

Contact Sister Colette with any questions sr.colette.marie@gmail.com Register at osfholyeucharist.org/events

Coram Deo

Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group which exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. *Coram Deo* is meeting on **Monday, March 23**, for *Mondays on the Bluff* at the Cathedral for a walking rosary, followed by pizza + drinks at River Bluff Brewing. All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com. *Coram Deo's* Moms' Group is meeting this **Tuesday, March 24, 9:30am**. Please reach out to Ally Gabler for the address.

*The **St. Serra Apostolate for Vocations** will meet **April 15th, 6pm at OLG Parish**. The evening starts off with prayer led by Dcn. Carl Johnson as the speaker, followed by the regular business meeting. All are welcome to attend and witness how the group promotes, supports, and encourages Vocations to the Ordained Ministries and Religious Life.

*Living Stations of the Cross, Mt. Olivet Cemetery. All are invited to join Fr. Ludwig in prayer while walking the Stations to commemorate Jesus' Crucifixion on **April 3, Good Friday at Noon at Mt Olivet Cemetery** 2600 Lovers Lane, St Joe MO Dress for the weather.

Mir House

Adorers needed! See mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup for more information, or call Ellen Johnson at 816-383-0445.

Saint Monica Club

Founded in 2021 to pray for priests, vocations, and those away from the Church. Join us in praying the Rosary and Litany of the Saints on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 6:20-6:45pm at St. James Church.

Easter Lily Memorial

Due before 3/23!

Payments can be dropped in collection with a marked envelope, or sent to saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give/31750, or scan the QR code.

