

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

Thoughts by Father Davis:

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, the glorious entrance of Christ into Jerusalem. They sing to Him, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" In only five days the Hosannas will no longer be sung in the streets but the words "Crucify Him!" will be heard. This week we begin Holy Week, the holiest week of the year. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the holy priesthood. On Good Friday our Lord Jesus offers His life for the world on the cross. On Holy Saturday we remember Christ's presence in the tomb waiting to resurrect on Easter Sunday. On Holy Saturday night for the Easter Vigil we begin outside with a fire that is blessed and carried into the church to represent how the light of the world, Jesus Christ, scatters the darkness and transforms the world. Let us give thanks to God for the sacred mysteries of this Holy Week which are the source of our Christian faith.

On Good Friday, instead of having the Veneration of the Cross liturgy at St. James, I am inviting us all to attend the 7pm Liturgy with His Excellency Bishop Johnston together with the priests and people of St. Joseph at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. It would be nice to have a good representation from St. James there. We will still have Stations of the Cross at 3pm at St. James on Good Friday. Any of our servers are welcome to serve at the 7pm Good Friday Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross with the Bishop. Contact Matthew Cline if interested.

Have a great Holy Week!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, March 30

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

Wednesday, April 1 (Spy Wednesday)

8:00: † Charlie and Richard Adams, Doug Seiter

Holy Thursday, April 2

7:00pm: All Priests, Living and Deceased

Good Friday, April 3

3:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 4

8:00pm: For the People

Easter Sunday, April 5

9:00: † Mary Ann Marshall

12:45: † Juana Masson

The Parish Office will not be open for official business on

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday.

GIVING SUMMARY

	Weekends of 3/15&3/22	Month of March
General:	\$13,251.11	\$32,374.36
Building/Repair:	\$538	\$14,106

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saintjamescatholicchurch3.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	4/4	4/5
Lector	TBD	TBD
MC		
Acolyte 1		
Acolyte 2		
Thurifer		

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:



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.

Monday Adoration

*We are in need of adorers for the 9-10am, 10-11am, 11am-12pm and 1-2pm. Please call the office to set that up. The need is fairly urgent!

*On the first Monday of every month, the Holy Hour from 6-7pm is dedicated to Priestly Vocations. Please join us! St. Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!

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.

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!

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, April 27**, for **Mondays on the Bluff!** Meet at the Cathedral of St. Joseph 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.

*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

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.