

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church!

Thoughts by Father Davis

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this weekend at Mass we are presented with the story of the woman at the well who went to draw water. Jesus was waiting there for her. When she arrives our Lord says to her, "Give me a drink," but is He really asking her for water? Our Lord says, "If you knew the gift of God and Who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." We see here that Jesus thirsts for our souls, in order that our thirst may be quenched by Him, and be satisfied with what He alone can give us. He says to her, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman responds, "Sir, give me this water so that I may not be thirsty." Let us ask ourselves, do I seek to quench my thirst with spiritual things or am I more intent on material things? Do I recognize that Christ is thirsting to satisfy my soul? During this Lent, let us take an extra step to find opportunities to spend time with our Lord to satisfy our souls, whether that is extra private time in prayer, or perhaps we can also attend a weekday Mass or Eucharistic Adoration at our parishes or by visiting Jesus at the MIR House of Prayer Chapel of the Holy Rosary, a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed 24-7 for our benefit. mirhouseofprayer.org If you have never been to the MIR house, I encourage you to make a visit. You will not regret it! It is Heaven on earth! St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth." Jesus is waiting for us to seek this water that leads to eternal life that only He can give. Have a blessed Lent!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 7
4:30: † John and Sophia Obermier

Sunday, March 8
9:00: For the People
12:45: † Cathy Baker

Monday, March 9 (St. Frances of Rome)
8:00: † Christina and Jim Bartlow

Wednesday, March 11
8:00: † Katherine Haney

Thursday, March 12
8:00: † Charles Zuptich

Friday, March 13
8:00: All Souls Away from the Catholic Church

Saturday, March 14
4:30: Rodney Heckadon

Sunday, March 15
9:00: † Meishel, Runtemunt, Buchtemann, Behrens, and Dunnin families
12:45: † Casey Piatkowski

Mass Date	3/14	3/15
Lector	Ashley Kountz	Altar Society
MC	Jack Short	Matthew Cline
Acolyte 1	Ben Allison	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 2	Josh Green	Peter Bartulica
Thurifer		John Welchert

If you are interested in joining our choir on 4th Sundays and Holy Days, please contact Olivia Vanderbol at 217-430-7320.

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 3/1	Month of February
General:	\$11, 839.00	\$42,497.65
Building/Repair:	\$1,108.00	\$5,310.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

To give safely and easily, please visit

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



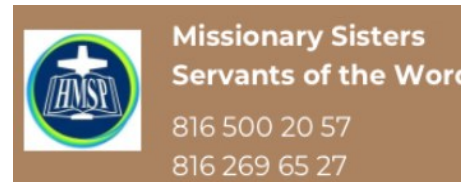
Prayers for the Sick and Homebound

Gina Smith Justine Schrott Joseph Thiltges
Joyce Thomas Dianne Pulley Vanessa Dezner
Judith Reed Josie Gilbert Ezra Penney
Steve Steiner Susan Zuptich Karen Unzicker
Richard Coleman Denise Weinmann Henry Saulan
Patricia Saulan Ron McDaniels Rex Smith
Melissa Riches

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



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 3/6, 3/12, and 3/27
Fish Fry Dates: 3/13 and 3/20 at 5:30 in the gym.
Price: Adults \$15, Kids \$6
Lenten Recollection: Saturday, 3/28, beginning at 10AM. Free!
Register by calling the office. See flyer for more information!

Monday Adoration

*There is a need for a second adorer for the 1-2pm slot. Please contact the office to sign up.
*Everyone is welcome in Adoration at any time from 8:30a-7p! There needs to be at least one person (preferably two) at all times while the Lord is exposed. Otherwise, please make use of this precious time with Jesus at your convenience!
*On the first Monday of every month, the Holy Hour from 6-7p is dedicated to a petition for more vocations to the priesthood. Please come before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as we unite in asking God to send us many holy priests! St. Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!

Custodial Job Available

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

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!

Congratulations to Matthew Cline, parishioner of Saint James! Matthew has been helping our parish for many years by serving in various capacities. This fall he will return to seminary studies! Let us offer him our prayers and support! Congratulations Matthew! We are proud of you!

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 and complete the pre-qualification form. If eligible, you will then be given a link to FACTS. (Note: this is a new link for 2026–2027; you cannot apply using a previous FACTS application.) Current Recipients (2025–2026): You do not need to reapply. If you are applying for a sibling, you will need to remove the current recipient's information from the student section of the new application.

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

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 be based on the Little Office of the Passion of St. Francis of Assisi and 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 or call 816-838-1403.

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 **Monday, March 23 for Mondays on the Bluff!** Meet at the Cathedral in St. Joseph for a walking rosary followed by pizza and 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 10, at 9:30am**. Please reach out to Ally Gabler for the address. Hang out with fellow moms while your kids play! See you there!

Societies of St. James

Holy Name: meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8AM. Any practicing Catholic man, who is a St. James parishioner, is welcome!

The Legion of Mary is 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!

The 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.