

# Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

## Thoughts by Father Davis:

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers! On this weekend when we honor all mothers we give thanks to God for them, and we thank them for giving us life and for the love they have shown us. Let us also pray for the souls of our deceased mothers and grandmothers. I remember my own mother, Brenda, with great love, who passed away on August 3rd of 2020. She was an amazing mom, and I am so grateful to God for giving her to me. I know my mom loved me with all of her heart and I also loved her the same. I know she continues to pray for me. Nothing is like a mother's love, and so Jesus wanted to give us His mother too as His last and parting gift to the world. Before He died on the Cross He said to St. John, who represented all of mankind beneath the Cross, "Son behold your mother," and to Mary He said, "Woman behold your son." Mary is our spiritual mother. Through her we have received the Life and Light of the world, our Savior Jesus Christ. May is the month of Mary and on May 13th we honor our Lady of Fatima which was the date of the first apparition of Mary to the three shepherd children Lucia, Jacinta, and Francesco in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. During this month of Mary let us have an increased devotion to Mary and the Holy Rosary. St. Maximilian Kolbe is credited with this admonition: "Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." St. John Paul II, in *Redemptoris Mater* (The Mother of the Redeemer), stated: "Before anyone else it was God Himself, the Eternal Father, who entrusted Himself to the Virgin of Nazareth, giving her His own Son in the mystery of the Incarnation" (39). Let us also follow this example and entrust ourselves to Mary's care. **Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers and to our Blessed Mother Mary too!**



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Saturday, May 9

4:30: † Patricia Belz Hendrix

### Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

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

12:45: Fallen Away Catholics

### Monday, May 11

8:00: † John Masson, Sr

### Wednesday, May 13 (Our Lady of Fatima)

8:00: † Carol Riefskohl

### Thursday, May 14 (Ascension Thursday/St. Matthias)

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

### Friday, May 15 (St. Isidore)

8:00: All Souls Away from the Catholic Faith

### Saturday, May 16

4:30: † Anita Belz

### Sunday, May 17 (The Ascension of the Lord)

9:00: For the People

12:45: Murray Family, Living and Deceased

**Altar flowers:** If you would like flowers placed for one week on the Altar on behalf of/ in memoriam of a loved one or event please contact Kelly at

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.

## ATTENTION ST. JAMES FAMILIES:

The office is updating the list of active parishioners. Please contact us if you are receiving tithing envelopes you do not use, or if you are not receiving them and would like to. Additionally, if you have not registered as a parishioner yet, please email us at [office@saintjamescatholic.church](mailto:office@saintjamescatholic.church) so we can send you a form. We want to make sure no one is excluded from official parishioner rosters or communications. Thank you!

## GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 5/3	Month of May
General:	\$9,853.69	\$9,853.69
Building/Repair:	\$1,095.30	\$1,095.30

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## Additional servers to any weekend Mass are always welcomed!

Mass	5/16	5/17
Lector	Monica Purdy	Altar Society
MC	Josh Green	Matthew Cline
Acolyte	Ben Allison	Peter Bartulica
Acolyte	Connor Pearce	Evan Wohletz
Thurifer		John Welchert

## 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 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](mailto: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 8AM. 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](mailto: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!

If you are interested in joining our choir, please call our music director, Olivia VanderBol:

(217) 430-7320

**Movie Night!** Join Sr. Catalina and Sr. Elizabeth for a parish movie night on **Saturday, May 23**, following the 4:30 Mass! They'll be showing *The 13th Day*.

**Open House:** Please join us **May 20th from 3:15-5pm** in the school library to celebrate and say farewell to the school staff who will be moving on to their next assignments. We have been blessed with their time and talent and they will be missed!

## School and Community News

### 2026-2027 MoScholars Scholarship Applications

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](http://brightfuturesfund.org)  
**Current Recipients (2025–2026):** You do not need to reapply.

**Food Kitchen:** The St. James community volunteers to serve the Southside Food Kitchen on the second Thursday of every month. For the month of May, the Knights of Columbus are donating their time. Thank you for serving your community!

**Coram Deo's Moms' Group** is meeting this **Tuesday, May 12, at 10 am**. We will meet at Hochman Park, located at 5218 Pickett Rd. Hang out with fellow moms while your kids play! See you there!

**2nd Collection May 17th** will be for the Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund.

**Monday Adoration:** We are in need of adorers for the **11am-12pm & 1-p.m.** hours. Please call the office to set that up. The need is urgent!

### For the Babies

The fifth circuit court made the decision to halt mail orders for the abortion pills. This will go up to the Supreme Court, and there is a call for everyone to particularly pray over this weekend and especially on Monday. 60% of abortions are now done by this deadly pill. Our local pro-life group estimates that it could be actually higher. Please pray that the Supreme Court upholds this ruling and that these women can be reached with a message of Truth and Hope.

**\*Kathy Bravo is selling a limited number of our beautiful stained-glass window ornaments in the vestibule following the 9AM Mass on Sunday, 5/10. Each ornament is \$20, cash or check is accepted.\***

## Happy Mother's Day!

May the Lord bless all mothers today! Give them grace to love, patience to guide, and peace to rest in the Lord. May Mary be their companion always. Amen.