

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

Thoughts by Father Davis

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension of the Lord into Heaven should be the cause for us to “seek what is above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” We, the mystical body of Christ, are called to follow where Christ our Head has gone before us. We must feed our souls with spiritual things so that our desire to be in Heaven will grow. If we do not dedicate time for God, we will become absorbed by the things of the world. If we allow the things of the world to take the place of the time we are called to give to God, then our desire for heaven will diminish and we will begin to place more importance on the things of this world. How can we train ourselves to “seek what is above”? Here are some ideas: taking time each day to talk to God, reading a spiritual book, attending weekday Mass, praying the Rosary or part of the Rosary each day, reading a passage from the Bible each day, reading the lives of the saints, Eucharistic Adoration, making an examination of conscience, and praying an act of contrition each night before sleeping. Christ has ascended to heaven. Let us increase our thirst to be in heaven with Him. “If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God,” says St. Paul. Let us think of heaven as our goal each day. Jesus has ascended into heaven. We now wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This was the first novena. The apostles waited in prayer for nine days with Mary. Let us also join in their prayer by praying a novena to the Holy Spirit each day this week, that the Holy Spirit may fill our hearts with His Fire.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, May 18 (St. John I, Pope and Martyr)
8:00: † Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac

Wednesday, May 20 (St. Bernardine of Siena)
8:00: † Cathy Baker

Thursday, May 21 (St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions)
8:00: † Ida Masson

Friday, May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia)
8:00: All Souls Away from the Catholic Faith

Saturday, May 23
4:30: † Mary Ann Belz Loy

Sunday, May 24 (Pentecost)
9:00: † Carol Riefskohl
12:45: † Karen Unzicker

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.

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

Monday Adoration: We are in need of adorers for the 11am-12pm and 1pm-2pm hours. **The need is urgent!** Please call the office to fill these vacancies.

GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 5/10	Month of May
General:	\$6,968.65	\$16,822.34
Building/Repair:	\$1,063.26	\$2,158.56

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Additional servers to any weekend Mass are always welcomed!

Mass	5/23	5/24
Lector	Susan Przybylski	Chris Roberts
MC	Jack Short	Matthew Aberer
Acolyte	Connor Pearce	Peter Bartulica
Acolyte	Brian Daugherty	Jude Welchert
Thurifer		Charlie Bartulica

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 for more information. To reach by phone:

Sr. Catalina (816) 500-2057

Sr. Elizabeth (816) 269-6527

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month Fr. Davis offers a 10 AM Mass at Living Communities. The opportunity to share a Mass Intention is available.

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

Did you know?? Saint James has the Relics of over 30 different Saints right here on the Altar! As you prepare your heart to receive the Lord, take a moment to reflect on the Saints. Call on their intercessions for yourself and others. Read the insert to find out more about these Relics located right here in our Sacred and Holy Church!

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*.

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love.

V. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...

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
Current Recipients (2025–2026): You do not need to reapply.

Job Opportunities

First Grade Teacher (Listed, it is Second Grade Actually)

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/4070923>



Fourth Grade Teacher

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/4030489>



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!

For the babies: In September, Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be beatified in St. Louis. He wrote a beautiful prayer to adopt an unborn baby in danger of abortion. Abortion is tragically on the rise, so this prayer is urgently needed. Please consider praying daily:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child I have spiritually adopted, which is in danger of abortion. Amen.

Memorial Day Mass: In loving memory of family and friends that have died and gone before us marked with the sign of Faith, Mass will be celebrated at Horigan Chapel on the grounds of Mt. Olivet Cemetery (St. Joseph, MO) on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at 10am. The celebrant will be Fr. Garrett King. All are invited to attend and show loving mercy to our departed loved ones through our presence and prayers!

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!