

Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

Thoughts by Father Fenlon



School is over, vacations are here, and once again comes that yearly reminder: God does not cease to exist because of it. Please, please! We must remember that, unless there is a legitimate reason, to miss Mass would be a mortal sin. The problem is not the vacation, nor is it the school year. The problem is within our hearts. We tend to place so, so much importance on our emotional states and our feelings, which fluctuate backwards and forwards. And so we too fluctuate... This week I want to exhort you to constancy: a virtue that is fundamental for any semblance of a normal life. We live in a crazy world, in case you hadn't noticed. The greatest act of rebellion, uprising and revolution that you can live out in a crazy world is to embrace an objectively normal life. In this beloved town of St. Joseph, we have the blessing of six active parishes, all thriving. Yet with familiarity comes a great temptation: entitlement. How often are we tempted to parish-hop when we hear of a new priest assignment? 'I don't like the way that priest says Mass, I'm moving across town to this other Church'. But what if that priest, that Church, need you to remain constant, so that they can correct the course? Constancy is a virtue to strive for, and to flourish in: it was constancy that made Rome capital of the world, that built the medieval Cathedrals, and that will help you too weather the emotional storms that you go through, without letting topple the spiritual edifice you are constructing.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 23

4:30: † Mary Ann Belz Loy

Sunday, May 24 (Pentecost)

9:00: † Carol Riefskohl

12:45: † Karen Unzicker

Monday, May 25 (The Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

Wednesday, May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

NO MASS HERE † Rev. Donald Sturm, Ann Uhlschmidt

Thursday, May 28

NO MASS HERE Ed and Deb Seiter

Friday, May 29 (St. Paul VI)

NO MASS HERE All Souls Away from the Catholic Faith

Saturday, May 30

4:30: † Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac

Sunday, May 31 (The Most Holy Trinity)

9:00: For the People

12:45: † John Pugh

Altar flowers: If you would like Altar flowers on behalf of your family or in memory of a loved one please or event please text/call Kelly at: 574-276-9378

† This week's altar flowers are offered in loving memory of Mary Janorschky, by her husband Roman.

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.

Due to a Priest retreat there will be no 8 am Mass on the 27th - 29th here at St James. Mass Intentions will still be offered by Fr. Davis and Fr. Fenlon in absentia.

The Second Collection taken on May 23-24th will be for Peter's Pence.

GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 5/17	Month of May
General:	\$6,756.10	\$23,578.34
Building/Repair:	\$786	\$2,944.56

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or scan the QR code to securely donate from your phone!



Additional servers to any weekend Mass are always welcomed!

Mass	5/30	5/31
Lector	Jennifer Dittmore	Mike Chappell
MC	Josh Green	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 1	Brian Daugherty	John Welchert
Acolyte 2	Ben Allison	Peter Bartulica
Thurifer		Evan Wohletz

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:

(816) 500-2057

Sr. Catalina

(816) 269-6527

Sr. Elizabeth

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

Societies of St. James

Holy Name: Meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 8 AM. 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: idadtrueblood91@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! Altar Society will have its annual June Breakfast on Sunday, June 7th, after the 9AM Mass at the Big Biscuit Restaurant. We will hold a short meeting prior to eating. Hope to see you!

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!

St. Monica Club prays for priests, vocations, and all souls away from the Catholic Faith on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at St. James from 6:20-6:55pm. For text reminders or for more information text THEMONICACLUB to 84576.

School and Community News

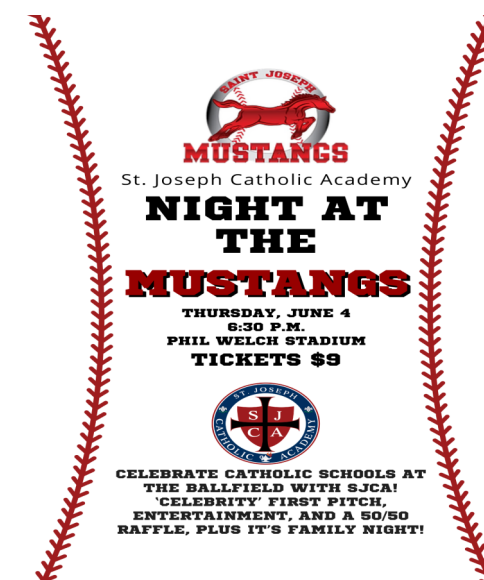
2026-2027 MoScholars Scholarship Applications

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

Our school is searching for two teachers to join our wonderful community! Please visit the links for more information: **Upper Elementary** <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/4187287>

Lower Elementary <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/4187281>



Missouri Right to Life Updates: The United States Supreme Court recently overruled a lower court stay on the distribution by mail of the abortion pill Mifepristone. This means that follow up care will often not happen. It also means that boyfriends, husbands, or traffickers could use them for forced abortion. These pills account for at least 65% of all abortions. Over 2,000 babies a day are killed using the abortion drug. One in ten women have dangerous side effects from taking the drug.

This can still be stopped by the Food and Drug Administration. Kyle Diamantas is the new acting head of the FDA. Please email him at kyle.daimantas@fda.hhs.gov and ask him to ban the abortion pill.

*Vote Catholic is a course to review Catholic Social Teaching and Faithful Citizenship, focusing on current issues and elections in Missouri, with emphasis and updates on Amendment 3. Please join the Office of Life & Justice and choose between the following: Thursday, May 28th, at 6pm (<https://diocesekcsj-org.zoom.us/j/88368050525?pwd=bq3M6XTdWDDbbAbDRaR8BJTbAj0ygvw.1>)

OR Thursday, June 4th, at noon (<https://diocesekcsj-org.zoom.us/j/81576279124?pwd=rGlabS7baTT1oa90aCfyI4yPScwVdR.1>)