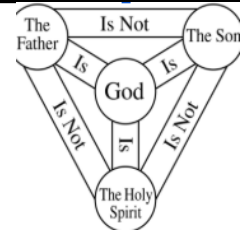


# Welcome to St. James Catholic Church



The greatest gift we have is our Catholic Faith. In every Catholic Church throughout the world, God Himself is present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Each time we go to adoration, we are in front of the Holy Trinity! The Holy Trinity is the Center of our Faith. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. In every Sacrament we receive, we experience a direct and personal encounter with Persons of the Holy Trinity. When we are baptized, we are baptized in the name of Trinity. When we go to Confession, we are absolved by the Priest in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. When we receive Holy Communion, the Holy Trinity is there present. Jesus says to his apostles and to us that he will be with us until the end of the age. He is here with us in the Holy Eucharist. God Himself! St. Thomas Aquinas writes that the highest and most sublime thing we can think about is the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity is the source of all of the mysteries of our Faith. Each of the three persons of the Trinity is God and is co-equal to the other. Here is a drawing which helps to understand. The “amount” of God is not portioned out like when one cuts a pie, but God is equally and fully present in each person of the Trinity. In the Nicene Creed we pray “I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.” Jesus Christ, the Word of God, is consubstantial (of the same substance) with the Father and we have proof of this in the Gospel of John when he says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” Think about how this same mighty and all-powerful God, Who created all of the stars, planets, and galaxies, and Who created the majestic mountains and creatures of the earth, Who has existed for all eternity, is our Father, and He loves us infinitely. We can even call God, “Abba, Father!” The love that the Eternal and Co-equal Trinity has for you is infinite. Let us desire to live in that love forever.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### 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

### Monday, June 1 (St. Justin, Martyr)

8:00: Bryan Seiter and Family

### Wednesday, June 3 (St. Charles Lwanga/Companions)

8:00: Special Intentions of the School Sisters of CTK

### Thursday, June 4

8:00: † Cathy Baker

### Friday, June 5 (St. Boniface)

8:00: Murray and Korte Families, Living and Deceased

### Saturday, June 6 (St. Norbert)

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

### Sunday, June 7 (Corpus Christi)

9:00: † William and Anna Obermier

12:45: † Karen Unzicker

**Altar flowers:** If you would like Altar flowers on behalf of your family or in memory of a loved one or event, please text/call 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.

**Summer Parish office hours beginning June 1 will be Mondays 9-4, Tuesday through Thursday 9-3, and closed Fridays. Regular hours resume August 25.**

**If you are interested in being a lector on Saturdays or Sunday mornings, please contact the office so you can be put on the rotation!**

### GIVING SUMMARY

	Week of 5/17	Month of May
General:	\$6,156.95	\$29,735.29
Building/Repair:	\$802	\$3,746.56

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[saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give](https://saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give)

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



### Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

Mass	6/6	6/7
Lector	Bernie Stevenson	Mary Jo Marek
MC	Jack Short	Matthew Aberer
Acolyte 1	Ben Allison	Patrick Wohletz
Acolyte 2	Connor Pearce	Jude Welchert
Thurifer		Peter 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](mailto:hmspstjoseph@gmail.com) for more information. To

reach by phone:

**Sr. Catalina** (816) 500-2057

**Sr. Elizabeth** (816) 269-6527

**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: [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! **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! **The Holy Hour on Monday, June 1 will be for vocations to the priesthood. Please join us! St. Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!**

**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](https://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>

### Did you know?

Flocknote is so much more than a method of communication! It centralizes our parishioner database so we maintain accurate and current records. Download the app or visit the website and customize your family's page. You can track contribution totals, make donations, and update your family members so our parish information remains current! Please visit <https://SaintJamesCatholicChurc3.flocknote.com> to complete or update your household information!

**Mass intention policy update:** We have revised our policy for Mass intentions due to several concerns, not the least of which is compliance with Canon and diocesan laws and regulations. We have had discussions with other priests and parishes to ensure we are fair and in accord with those laws. Going forward:

\*No Masses scheduled more than a year past the current date.  
\*Only one Mass per month, per family, unless approved by Father.

\*No Holy Days of Obligations or major feasts/solemnities unless approved by Father.

There are nuances and special circumstances which will all be taken into account when requests for Masses are made. Thank you for your understanding!

**Could your marriage use a reboot? Check out this retreat that has saved countless marriages!**