

# Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

## Thoughts by Father Davis:

The month of May, like the month of October, is a Marian month. It is dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. During May we celebrate Mother's Day, and on May 13th we celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Fatima, and the Feast of the Visitation on May 31st. Mary is our mother and intercedes for the Church since she is the Mother of the Church. By her yes, Jesus came into the world and she became the Mother of God. She was at the foot of the Cross; when speaking to Mary, Jesus said, "Woman, behold your son" indicating St. John, and to St. John, Jesus said, "Son, behold your mother." This was the last gift that Jesus gave to us before His death, the gift of His Mother. Mary was also present with the Apostles when the Holy Spirit descended on them as tongues of fire nine days after Jesus's Ascension. Mary continued to pray for the Apostles and the disciples in their journeys during those first years of the Church. In Zaragoza, Spain, there is a pillar on which Mary appeared to St. James in 40 A.D., to give him courage on his journey while she was still alive living in Jerusalem. This was the first recorded bilocation. Because she appeared to St. James while on top of a pillar, for this reason there is the title of Mary as Our Lady of the Pillar. You can still go to venerate and touch this pillar in Spain. I did this last month! Let us have an increased devotion to Mary during this month of May. On Mondays during the month of May, we will have a St. James family Rosary prayed during our holy hour at 6pm. I would like to invite everyone to join us. Mary is our Mother. Let us go to Mary and ask her to intercede for us.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Saturday, May 2 (St. Athanasius)

4:30: Fr. Davis and Fr. Fenlon

### Sunday, May 3

9:00: † Frank Heckadon

12:45: † Kennedy Loftin

### Monday, May 4—Mass with Bishop Johnston

8:00: † Paul Hlavinka

### Wednesday, May 6

8:00: † Larry Miljavac

### Thursday, May 7

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

### Friday, May 8

8:00: Zachary Ziglinski

### 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

**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 4/12 | Month of April | Online     |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
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## Additional servers to any weekend Mass are always welcomed!

| Mass     | 5/9             | 5/10              |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Lector   | Ashley Kountz   | Holy Name         |
| MC       | Jack Short      | Matthew Aberer    |
| Acolyte  | Brian Daugherty | John Welchert     |
| Acolyte  | Ben Allison     | Charlie Bartulica |
| 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 at 4:30 and 6:30, and Sundays at 4. Please email [hmspstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:hmspstjoseph@gmail.com) for more information.



### 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.

**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. Join our meetings on Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk Room.

**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.

**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

**Monday Adoration:** We are in need of adorers for the 11am-12pm & 1-2pm hours. Please call the office to set that up. The need is urgent!  
\*On the first Monday of every month, the Holy Hour from 6-7pm is dedicated to Priestly Vocations. Please join us, this **Monday May 4th!**

## 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.

**Coram Deo's Moms' Group** is meeting this **Tuesday, May 5, at 10am**. We will meet at **Bartlett Park**, located at 3080 Duncan St. Hang out with fellow moms while your kids play! See you there!

**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.*



*Please join us for a very special 8AM All School Mass this Monday, May 4th, with Bishop Johnston.*

