Thoughts by Father Davis — October 3-4, 2026

The Month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and also in our nation October is Respect Life Month. During this month we are called to pray for the protection of human life from the moment of conception to natural death and to raise awareness that the gift of human life is being attacked. Every year the lives of more than 600,000 babies are killed by the evil of abortion. Every person, born or unborn, has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness according to our Constitution. Our Lady is invoked as the "protectress of the unborn" as we pray for an end to abortions. We are called to turn toward our Mother Mary to intercede for us in our necessities. During this month of October dedicated to honoring Mary and spreading devotion to praying the Holy Rosary our Knights of Columbus will be giving Rosaries out. On October 7th we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary also known as Our Lady of Victory. When we pray the mysteries of the holy Rosary we are meditating upon the life of Christ with Mary. On October 7th is the anniversary of the Victory of the Catholic Fleet over the Turkish-Muslim invaders in the year 1571. After destroying many Christian cities, the Turks reached the Gulf of Lepanto, off the coast of Italy, in the Mediterranean Sea, with 328 warships. The Catholics only had 208. On October 6, the day before the battle, Holy Mass was celebrated on each ship. Pope St. Pius V ordered all Catholics to pray the Holy Rosary. At two o'clock in the morning a mysterious wind arrived that allowed the Catholic fleet of ships to make their battle formation with all their ships in the form of a Cross on the sea. The wind however made it impossible for the Turks to make their formation in the shape of the crescent moon of Islam. The battle started in the early morning. Although they were greatly outnumbered, the Catholics only lost 50 ships, while the Muslims lost 210. During the battle a vision of Our Lady of Guadalupe was seen in the sky. Through the intercession of Our Lady, the Catholic Church was saved, and on that day we honor Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. When we pray the Holy Rosary it is like a spiritual shield of protection. Bl. Pius IX said, "Give me an army praying the rosary, and I will conquer the world" and St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the weapon." Like Pope St. Pius V, Bishop Johnston has asked all of us to to pray the Rosary to protect the lives of the unborn and to support Amendment 3 in Missouri. This is a moment like the Battle of Lepanto for us. Let us take heed of our Bishop's call and take up our Rosaries and pray.

O Mary, Victorious Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

Saturday, October 3
Mass: 5:30pm († Carol Riefskoh)

Sunday, October 4 (Respect Life Sunday)
Mass: 9:00am (For the People)
Mass: 1:00pm († Larry Werner)

Monday, October 5 (St. Faustina; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos)
Mass: 8:00am († Don Aberer)

Wednesday, October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)
NO MASS († Mary Ann Marshall—intention in absentia)

Friday, October 9 (St. Denis; St. John Leonardi)
Mass: 8:00am († Charles Cline)

Saturday, October 10
Mass: 5:30pm († Charles and Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac)

Sunday, October 11
Mass: 9:00am († Tom Petrovick)
Mass: 1:00pm († Steve and Marion Milhelk)

Confessions
Weekdays: 30 minutes before Daily Mass
Monday Holy Hour 6-7pm
Saturday: No Confessions
Sunday: 8:00-8:50am, 12:30-12:50pm

Adoration: Mondays from 8:30am-7pm, Holy Hour 6-7pm

OFFICE HOURS: M-F 9-3

For all Sacraments: Please contact the office to find out what is needed and we will reach out to Father for scheduling and approval once we have any required documents.

Please join us this Monday the 5th for the Holy Hour 6-7pm to pray for Priestly Vocations.

The Second Collection for October 18th will be taken up for Missionary Sunday

To give safely and easily to our **General Fund**, please visit saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give

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

Parish giving information is not available

Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

Contact the office if your son would like to be trained!

Mass	10/10	10/11
Lector	Sister Elizabeth	Mary Jo Marek
MC	Jack Short	Charlie Bartulica
Acolyte 1	Brian Daugherty	Peter Bartulica
Acolyte 2		Patrick Wohletz
Thurifer		John Welchert

Parish Activities

St. James Youth Group and Bible Course
Every Friday 6:30-8 pm in the Church basement
For 12-17-year-olds
OR
Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday 2:30-3:45 in the Casper Erk/Gym

St James Adult Bible Study Course
Every Thursday 430pm or 630pm in the Casper Erk room

Please email hmspstjoseph@gmail.com for more information.

Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word
816 500 20 57
816 269 65 27

Bring a Bible, notebook, and an open heart!



Men's Group: Meets every Saturday morning for coffee and a light breakfast at 6AM (with a video presentation starting at 6:30AM)

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!

Knights of Columbus: 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. Monica Club prays for priests/vocations,/all souls away from the Catholic Faith on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at St. James from 6:20-6:55pm.

Parish and School News

If you would like Altar flowers on behalf of your family or in memory of a loved one/event, please text/call **Kim Bartulica**
(214) 277-2202

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

Do you have a broken rosary in need of repair? Text **Paul Cox** or leave it in a zip lock bag in the basket in the vestibule, with your name and phone number clearly written on the slip of paper.
(816) 248-6942

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.

Christmas is right around the corner! 2024 and 2025 St James Ornaments are still available in the office! $20/each. The inventory must be sold before the 2026 ornament can be made. Each ornament features a different stained glass window from our beautiful Church. Collect them all!





