

Thoughts by Father Davis

September 26-27, 2026

This week is full of feast days of saints. On September 28th we celebrate the Feast of Saint Wenceslas, the good king who was killed by his brother and anti-Christian enemies for trying to bring unity to the country of Bohemia in the year 929. On the same day is the feast of St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions, who died as martyrs in Japan in 1637. On September 29th we celebrate the Feast Day of the Archangels St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. In His marvelous order, God created angels to be his messengers and our protectors. The angels carry out divine commands. St. Michael the Archangel led the holy angels in battle against lucifer and his followers, the fallen angels. Originally lucifer was the highest of the angels and the most beautiful, but he decided not to serve God. St. Michael the Archangel and the other good angels were victorious in battle, and so the fallen angels were thrown out of Heaven. Beginning with our first parents, Adam and Eve, to this day, the devil and the fallen angels, the demons, have been trying to lead people away from God. This is why it is important to pray to St. Michael and our Guardian Angels to protect us along life’s journey. St. Gabriel, whose name means “Strength of God,” announced to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. St. Gabriel also appeared to Daniel the prophet in the Old Testament to help interpret his dreams, and he appeared to Zachariah, to announce to him that his wife St. Elizabeth would give birth to a son, St. John the Baptist. St. Raphael, whose name means “Medicine of God,” accompanied Tobias on his journey and was instrumental in healing his father Tobit. St. Raphael protected Tobias from being killed by a demon who had killed the past seven husbands of Sarah on their wedding night. September 30th is the feast of St. Jerome, who translated the Bible from Greek and Hebrew to Latin the common language of the people. His Latin translation is still official in the Church today. He was born the year 342. Let us have a love for the word of God just as he did. On October 1 we celebrate the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower (1873-1897). She teaches us that we can become saints in the little things we do with great love. This is the “Little Way” of St. Therese. All of us can become saints through this way. October 2nd is the feast of the Guardian Angels. We are so blessed to each have a guardian angel. They are interceding for us throughout our lives from the womb tomb. May all of these holy saints and angels intercede for us. Let us learn something from each of these saints by the example of their lives and what they do for us. All holy angels and saints pray for us!

Mass Schedule and Intentions for This Week

Saturday, September 26 (Sts. Cosmas and Damian)

Mass: 5:30pm († Calvin & Lucille Unzicker, sons Greg &Tim)

Sunday, September 27

Mass: 9:00am († Inez Hollowell)

Mass: 1:00pm († Frank Ramsier)

Monday, September 28 (St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions)

Mass: 8:00am († Kathy Lovell)

Wednesday, September 30 (St. Jerome)

Mass: 8:00am († Charles & Betty Kovac, Shawn Kovac)

Friday, October 2 (The Holy Guardian Angels)

Mass 8:00am (Murray & Korte Families, Living & Deceased)

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)

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

To give safely and easily to our General Fund, please visit [saintjamescatholic-churc3.flocknote.com/give](https://saintjamescatholic-churc3.flocknote.com/give) or scan the QR code to securely donate from your phone!

ACA

2026 – 2027

Annual Catholic Appeal

DIocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Scan here to donate to the 2026-2027 Annual Catholic Appeal

For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at 816-756-1850 or email [stewardship@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:stewardship@diocesekcsj.org).

Additional weekend servers are always welcomed!

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

|           |               |                   |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Mass      | 10/3          | 10/4              |
| Lector    | Ashley Kountz | Mike Chappell     |
| MC        | Josh Green    | Matthew Aberer    |
| Acolyte 1 | Jack Short    | Charlie Bartulica |
| Acolyte 2 | Connor Pearce | John Welchert     |
| Thurifer  |               | Evan Wohletz      |

Parish Activities

Parish and School News

St. James Youth Group and Bible Course

When: Every Friday 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!

Please email [hmspstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:hmspstjoseph@gmail.com) for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Begins October 1st!

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" - St. Jerome

THURSDAYS

4:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Allow God to enlighten your life!

CASPER ERK ROOM

IN THE PARISH CENTER

Bring: bible, notebook & an open heart

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

5814 KING HILL | SAINT JOSEPH, MO

Contacts: 816 500 2057 816 269 6527

Faithful Citizenship & Amendment 3 Parish Presentation

St. James Parish

5814 King Hill Ave,

St. Joseph, MO 64504

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Brought to you by the Office of Life & Justice

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Guest Speaker: Bill Francis

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.

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

Members of our Diocesan Seven Sisters Apostolate and ladies who want to learn about this Apostolate are invited to a retreat at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6415 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO on Saturday, October 17, beginning with Holy Mass at 8:00am and ending by 3:00pm. The cost is \$25,and includes a light breakfast, lunch, three talks, and Q&A. Our presenters are Fr. Eric Schneider, Fr. Kendall Ketterlin, and Janette Howe, Apostolate foundress. This year our theme is “The Triple Hearts”. Come and see how one Sister, one hour, one day each week before the Eucharistic Presence soon becomes a shared gift. No dues, no meetings except your hidden hour with the Lord anytime your schedule allows on your specific day each week. Seven Sisters, seven hearts of prayer. For more information go to the website: [sevensistersapostolate.org](https://sevensistersapostolate.org) To register, email Judy Koster at [sevensisterskcsj@gmail.com](mailto:sevensisterskcsj@gmail.com)

ANNOUNCING OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

UNITED in FAITH, FORWARD in EXCELLENCE

Learn more about the vision for the future of St. Joseph Catholic Academy by visiting: [WWW.SJ-CATHOLIC/CAPITAL-CAMPAIGN](http://WWW.SJ-CATHOLIC/CAPITAL-CAMPAIGN)

St. James Catholic School

St. Ignace Catholic School

Priesthood Sunday

Gracious Father, we offer You heartfelt thanks for the gift of priests. Thank You for their generosity, sacrifices, and faithful service to Your people. Bless them abundantly for all they give, often unseen. Renew their strength and reward their labors with joy and peace. May they know they are loved, appreciated, and supported through prayer. Through grateful hearts, help us cherish and uphold those You have chosen to serve Your Church.

Priests from our dioceses at the beatification Mass of Fulton Sheen