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The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 2, 2026

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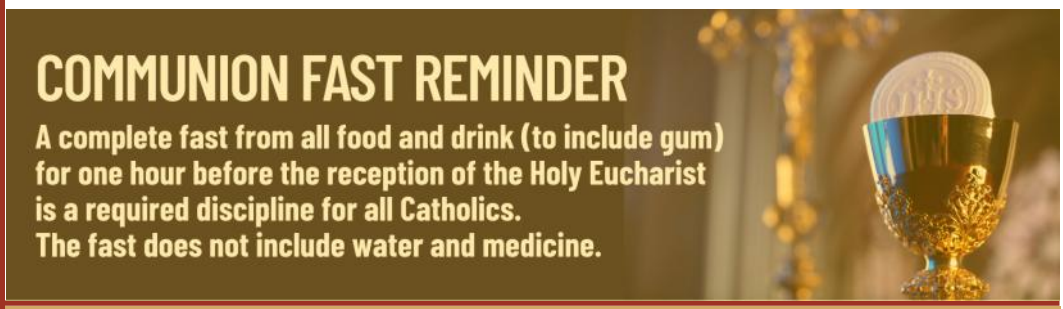
Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here!

If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the new parishioner link to register.

Registration forms can also be found in the back of the church.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:30PM
Monday: 7:00AM and 8:30AM
Tuesday: 7:00AM and 6:00PM, 7:00PM XLT
Wednesday: 8:30AM
Thursday: 7:00AM and 12:00PM (Noon)
Friday: 7:00AM and 8:30AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Convent Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00PM - 4:00PM or by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday 9:00AM - 2:30PM

Office: 228-896-6059
Fax: 228-896-5498

Stay Connected

Keep up with our parish happenings and stay updated on news and announcements:

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Treasure

July 25/26, 2026

First Collection:	$7,507
ACH:	$ ——
Online Giving:	$1,710
Second Collection:	$810
Family Life	

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the Catholic Extension Society.
Next weekend's second collection will be for Faith Formation.

ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - **one** draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or **two** drafts to be made on the Monday following the first and third Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

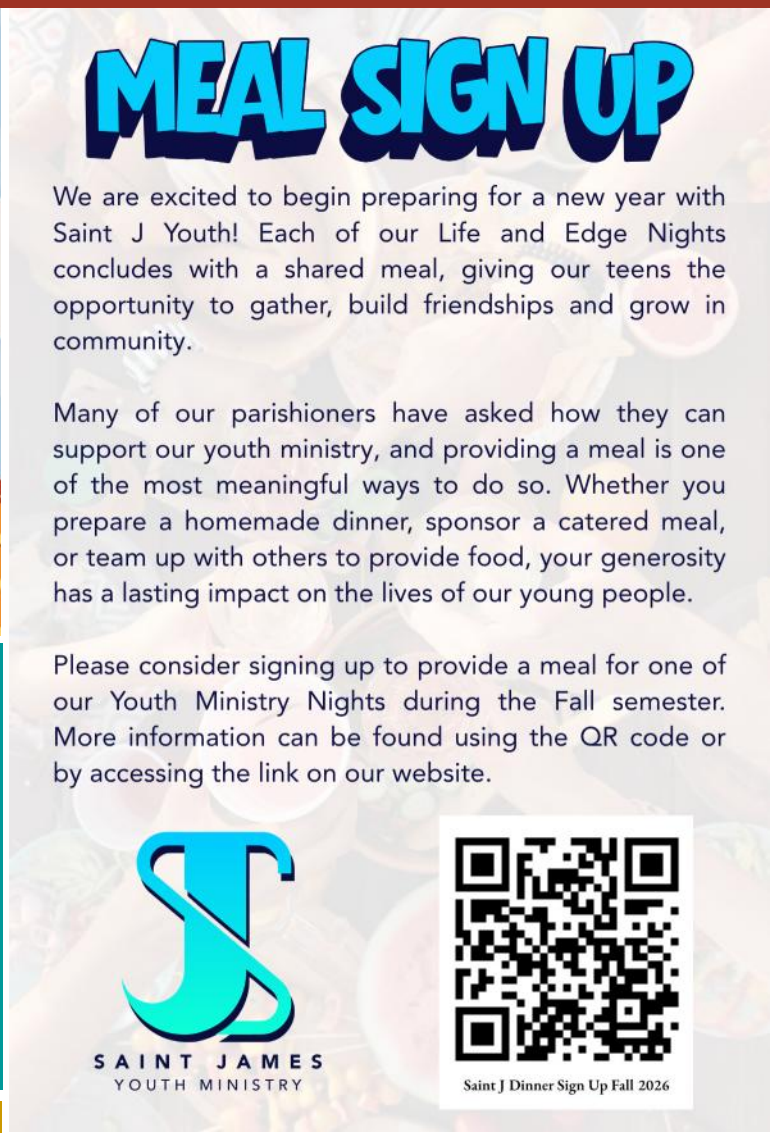
Venmo donations may be made at @St_James_GPT.

2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Saint James Parish Goal: $89,253
Total to Date: $61,553

Please prayerfully consider making a donation.

Life at Saint James



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:

Michael Brock & Jamie Campbell and Children
Logan & Ashleigh Fallo and Children
Liz Johnson and Grandchildren
Judy Sims
David & Deborah Worrel

BAPTISMS

We joyfully welcome the newest members of our faith family:

Gabriella Marie Harper, daughter of Mark and Katie Harper
Hendrix Fin Wagner, son of James Tipton Wagner

Flowers

This weekend's altar flowers are donated by the Blosser Family in honor of Christina Blosser's birthday.

Remember In Your Prayers

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.
Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

Katherine Adams	Dean Craft	Jessi Hebert	Mac McClellan	Josh Sniffen
Jeanviere Angeron	Jean Crawford	Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp	Tanya McClellan	Julia Sterling
George Barlow	Joe Culpepper	Tom Hicks	Dalton McGuire	Lisa Moran-Stevens
Helen Bartelsmeyer	Fr. Joseph Dang	Ellis Hill	Karen McCoy	Jennifer Stolarski
Diana Berman	Mimi Davis	Andrea Holderness	Msgr. John McGrath	Laurie Sumrall
Sarah Blosser	Valerie Dean	Shannon Holliday	Max Millet	Gail Todaro
John Boothsby	Larry Dedeaux	Erik Hosler	Jennifer Morgan	Fr. Doan Tran
Asher Bonura	Linda Diaz	Mamie Humphrey	John Mozingo, Jr.	Fr. Joseph Trinh
Dave Bosma	Cynthia Dominguez	Margie Joffrion	Mary Mozingo	Bob Usey
Jerry Boudreaux	Elinor Donivan	Elizabeth Jones	Fr. George Murphy	Donna Valestro
Joan Boudreaux	LA Drago	Fr. Jey Jordan	Angela Murray	Brittany Varney
Susan Bourgeois	Brenda Dubuisson	William Jordan	Rebecca Napier	Alyssa Vega
Debra Boyd	Anna Dugas	Jack Kampf	Johnny Neuneyer	Ferdie Walker
Hope Broadus	Susan Dunne	Holly Kersten	Lois Ann Necaise	Kim Casano-Ware
Sarah Buras	Rhett Eubanks	Aaron Kiehl	Butch Oustalet	Lynn Welte
Valerie Buras	Keira Fahey	Bishop Louis Kihneman	Sandy Rasberry	Damon Wesfaul
Lisa K. Burwell	Duane Friedrich	Bill Knesal, Jr.	George Reish	Theresa Whiteside
Caroline Carlisle	Candy Frierson	Roger Labit	Melissa Robbins	
James Carroll	Ada Grace Glass	Jeff Lawson	Leo Romano	
Bernard Chevalier	Ashley Hage	James Lay	Ron Roland	
Dannie Chevalier	Loretta Hahn	Danny Lechner	Barbara Russo	
Edward Collins	Jeff Harper	Ann Leslie	Carolyn Scheller	
Rose Mary Collins	Betsy Harris	Josie Lindsey	Kathy Shankweiler	
Deacon Rick Conason	Jim Haupt	Clark Lizana, Jr.	Ralph Shankweiler	
Ashley Garrett Couture	Melissa Healey	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Sheri Glavin Simmons	

If you or anyone in your family is ill, at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit, please contact the parish office at 228-896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

The Saint James community wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Dr. Victor Bazzone,
Jimmy Collins,
Elijah Leimer and
Nolan Wells

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed now share in Eternal Glory and may their loved ones receive God's consolation and peace.

A Prayer for our Military and First Responders

Lord, please hold our military and first responders in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform. Amen.

Prayer for Protection from Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1
4:00PM — Christina Blosser

Sunday, August 2
9:00AM — ✝Celia Faulk
11:00AM — People of Saint James
5:30PM — ✝Eddie McIntyre

Monday, August 3
7:00AM — ✝Senator Lindsey Graham
8:30AM — ✝Darryl Stolica

Tuesday, August 4
7:00AM — ♥Marcel Lanoux, Sr.
6:00PM — ✝Leo Seicshanydre

Wednesday, August 5
6:00AM — ♥Carolyn Sheller
8:30AM — Charles Finnegan

Thursday, August 6
7:00AM — ✝Jimmy Collins
12:00PM — ✝Dennis Bourgeois

Friday, August 7
7:00AM — ✝Jerome Zengerle
8:30AM — ✝Rhett Fontenelle

Saturday, August 8
4:00PM — ✝Kevin Chevalier

Deceased -✝ Healing -♥ Special Intention -

Two Weeks At A Glance - Events

August 3 - August 9

Monday, August 3
10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House
6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, August 4
7:00PM XLT with Confessions, Church

Thursday, August 6
7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

Saturday, August 8
8:00AM Secular Carmelites, Raphael Room
10:00AM Baptism Prep Class (RSVP Only)

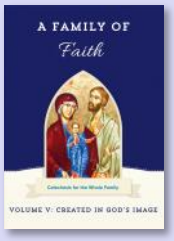
Sunday, August 9
10:00AM Parish Pancake Breakfast, Parish Center Gym

August 10 - August 15

Monday, August 10
10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House
6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, August 11
9:00AM H & F Card Game, Philomena House
7:00PM XLT with Confessions, Church

Faith Formation



A FAMILY OF FAITH
GRADES K-5

Starting this Fall

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All families (even those in catholic schools) are invited to join A Family of Faith.

For more information, please contact Linda Hebert at lindahebert@saintjamescc.com

SAINT J YOUTH GROUP
GRADES 6-12

Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Teens in 9-12th grade who are interested in being on the Saint J Lead Team - sign up here.

For more information, please contact Bridgett Bermond at youthminister@saintjamescc.com

CONFIRMATION
INFO SESSION

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 13
5:30PM
PARISH CENTER GYM

All parents of those to be confirmed this year should attend. Students are welcome and encouraged to also attend.

Any questions should be directed to:

Linda Hebert @ 228-297-5126 or lindahebert@saintjamescc.com

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Contact Bridgett:
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Our safe environment policy requires all adults who work with our teens to have a background check and undergo safe environment training.

OCIC/OCIT

The Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC) and the Order of Christian Initiation for Teens (OCIT) are for children (aged 7-17) who are unbaptized, children who have been baptized in a non-Catholic faith or children who did not receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during their second-grade year. Through the OCIC/OCIT process, children prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation and enter the Catholic Church.

Classes Begin in September

Questions? Contact: Linda Hebert, Director of Religious Education
228-896-6059/228-297-5126
lindahebert@saintjamescc.com

If interested, please contact our DRE by August 2nd.

OCIA

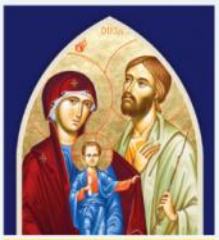
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes are offered for those interested, baptized and unbaptized, in learning about the Catholic Faith and/or those cradle Catholics who have never been confirmed.

Classes will begin in September.

For information, contact Deacon Henderson 228-209-6960.

K-12 FAITH FORMATION

2026 /2027 Registration is now open - Faith Formation activities will begin in September.



K - 5

A Family of Faith

Starts Sept. 9

Parent sessions are the first Wednesday of the month from 5:45 - 7:15PM. Family events will usually be held on the third Sunday of the month.

SAINT JAMES
YOUTH MINISTRY

6 - 12

Saint J Youth

Kickoff Sept. 13

Saint J Youth will meet on Sundays from 6:30 - 8:00PM. Bible study and Lead Team info will be announced soon.

SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Holy Communion

Starts Sept. 16

Classes will meet Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 6:30PM *(except for the first Wednesday of the month).*

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Confirmation

T.B.D.

Parent Meeting on August 13; classes will be held on Wednesday nights in the spring session.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OCIC

T.B.D.

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REGISTER TODAY

Each child must be individually registered.

Questions? Contact:

Linda Hebert, Director of Religious Education
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Ministry News

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ADORERS NEEDED!

Sunday 3:00 - 4:00PM;
Tuesday 12:00 - 1:00AM | 1:00 - 2:00AM | 9:00 - 10:00PM;
Wednesday 8:00AM - 9:00AM and
Friday 8:00AM - 9:00AM

Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system.

If you can help or substitute with any hours, please call Ralph at 228-539-2434 or contact the Parish Office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are accepting donations for sanctuary flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in front of the altar for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420). Donations must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

We challenge each family to bring at least one non-perishable item to Mass every week, and to place it in the **"Food Drop Box" located in the back of the church**. When you are shopping and select your item for the poor, thank God for the ability to adequately provide for your own family; and pray for those less fortunate.

Please note that our SVDP conference does not have storage capability and cannot accept clothing, accessories, furniture or medical equipment donations. Donations of this type can be made to the Our Lady of Fatima conference.

Please do not leave items outside our doors or by the storage containers on the lawn.

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VISITATION MINISTRY

The Lay Visitation Ministry has begun their visits to the homebound. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please fill out a card found in the back of the church and drop it in the box. A representative will contact you to schedule the visit.

The Pray for a Priest Calendar (August 2026) is available on our website.

Family Life News

BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation classes are held once a month. The next class will be on August 8.

For more information and to register, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

MARRIAGE

Please note: The Diocese of Biloxi requires that engaged couples should begin the Marriage Preparation process no fewer than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Wedding dates CANNOT BE SCHEDULED until the engaged couple contacts and meets with the Family Life Coordinator.

To begin the process, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

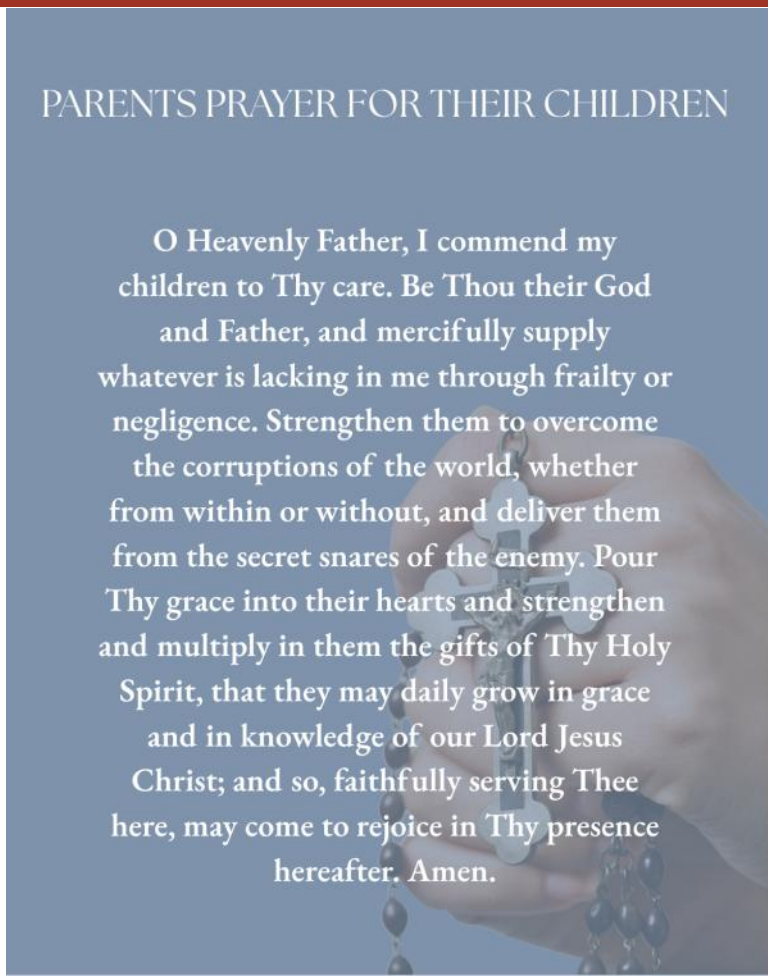
Clearing the Confusion: Common Misconceptions About Annulments

Many Catholics have questions regarding annulments. Here's the truth:

Myth: Only marriages that took place in the Catholic Church need an annulment before remarriage.

Truth: The Church recognizes the marriages of all people—Catholic or not—as valid unless proven otherwise. This means that anyone who was previously married is not free to enter a new marriage in the Church until a declaration of nullity has been obtained. In some cases the process is straightforward and mostly administrative, but it is still necessary before a new marriage can be celebrated.

Have questions or need support? Please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or by calling the parish office at 228-896-6059.



School News

SJCS
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The first All School Mass of the new school year will be celebrated on Friday, August 14, at 8:30AM.

Saint James Practicing Catholic Subsidy Guidelines & Application

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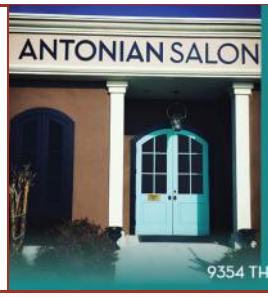

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