

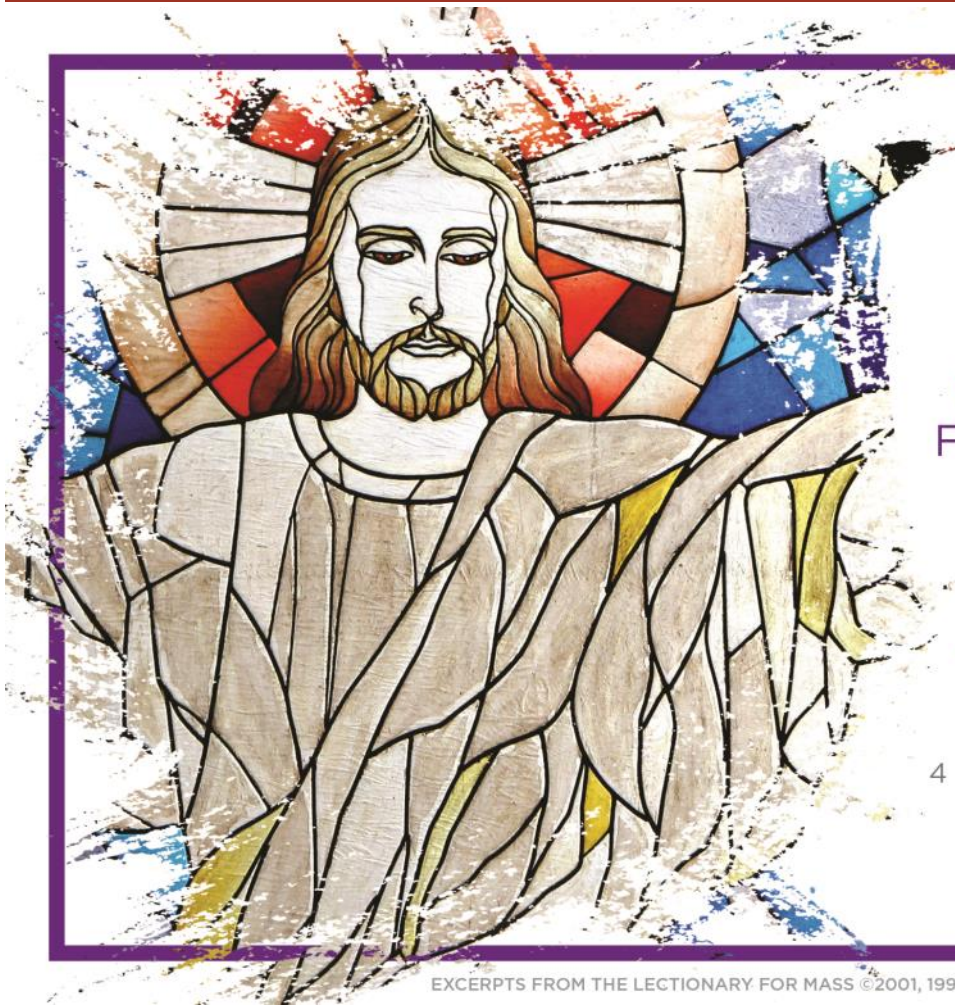


SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Leading people to heaven with Christian hospitality and fostering Eucharistic Discipleship."

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



MARCH 30, 2025

"HIS FATHER
ORDERED HIS
SERVANTS, 'LET US
CELEBRATE WITH A
FEAST, BECAUSE THIS
SON OF MINE WAS
DEAD, AND HAS
COME TO LIFE
AGAIN.'" - LK 15:24A

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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PASTOR - Father Ryan McCoy

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:30PM

Monday: 7:00AM and 8:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00PM, 7:00PM XLT | Adoration

Wednesday: 8:30AM

Thursday: 7:00AM and 12:00PM (Noon)

Friday: 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


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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.

The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.



Source: www.morningoffering.com

Looking for ways to enhance this holy season of preparation? Check out our Lent Schedule and Activities Listing.



Scan this code

Easter Flowers

We are now accepting donations for our Easter flowers. Envelopes can be found on the tables in the back of the church.



Did you know?



Every week Fr. Ryan publishes a Gospel Preview on YouTube, Facebook and email. He encourages you to read the Gospel passage before Sunday Mass to prepare our minds and hearts to receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in Word and the Holy Eucharist.

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



Text SJCC to 57838

Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by 4:00PM on Monday.

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/
2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-
3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/
Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and
23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

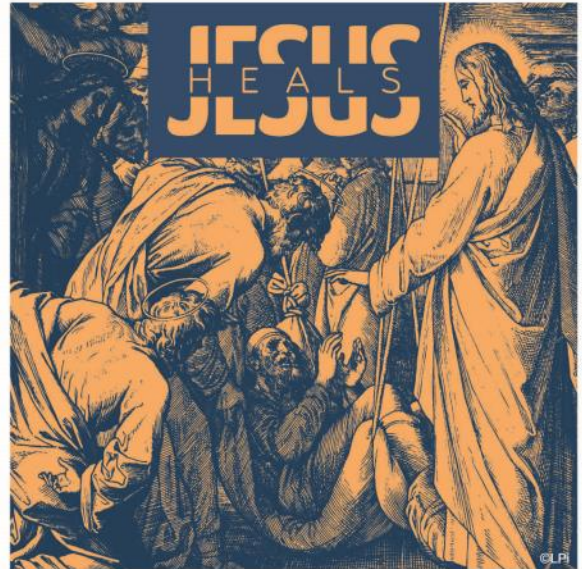
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil
3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Flowers

Flowers in front of the main altar are donated in honor of
Nathan Blosser's birthday by his loving family.

Flowers on the high altar are donated by Debbie Cothorn in
memory of David Cothorn on their wedding anniversary.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the sanctuary. However, flowers may still be placed in front of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph altars. Please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420) to order flowers. Donations must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

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	Susan Cooper	Jim Haupt	Will Major	Ralph Shankweiler
Jeanviere Angeron	Paul Corley	Jessi Hebert	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Jaclyn Simpson
George Barlow	Joe Culpepper	Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp	Carolyn McClellan	Amanda Smith
Terry Barnes	Fr. Joseph Dang	Louis Helwick	Tanya McClellan	Josh Sniffen
Hoshall Barrett	Marilyn Davis	Tom Hicks	Karen McCoy	Julia Sterling
Faith Black	Mimi Davis	Shannon Holliday	Beverly Moore	Jennifer Stolarski
Thomas Blankenbaker	Nicholas James Davis	Erik Hosler	Pete Moran	April Styczenski
Asher Bonura	Rose Dellenger	William Jordan	Jennifer Morgan	Vince Tester
Jerry Boudreaux	Elinor Donivan	Wendy Kennard	Fr. George Murphy	Fr. Doan Tran
Susan Bourgeois	Brenda Dubuisson	Elaine Kennedy	Kristina Myers	Fr. Joseph Trinh
Debra Boyd	Anna Dugas	Analyse Khalifeh	Lois Ann Necaie	Fr. Joseph Uko
Vikki Blum Brewton	Susan Dunne	Jan Khalifeh	Butch Oustalet	Bob Usey
Hope Broadus	Craig Elliott	Sheena Khalifeh	Libby Owen	Donna Valestro
Jennifer Brown	Jill Eure	Sophia Khalifeh	Brian Pellegrin	Brittany Varney
Teresa Buckman	W.C. Fore	Doug Kirk	Kage Pickett	Alyssa Vega
Charlotte Jean Buras	Lisa Glavin	Roger Labit	Jean Piltz	Cathy Crane Vick
Valerie Buras	Theresa Frontz	Jeff Lawson	Melissa Robbins	Ferdie Walker
Martha Chapin	Ashley Hage	James Lay	Steve Rocha	Kim Casano-Ware
Bernard Chevalier	Ouida Mae Hagwood	Danny Lechner	Jim Roos	Kemon Welford
Dannie Chevalier	Loretta Hahn	Kathy Letaw	Barbara Russo	Damon Wesfaul
Edward Collins	Denise Hancock	Josie Lindsey	Leo Seicshnaydre	Teresa Whiteside
Rhonda Clark	David Harris	Clark Lizana, Jr.	Doris Seymour	
Rose Mary Collins	Keleal Hassin	Amy Longo	Kathy Shankweiler	

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.

SYMPATHY

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



Alice Adams,
George Daum,
Bob Kilroy and
Alton Welch, Jr.

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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 29

4:00PM ✚ Alice Scafidi

Sunday, March 30

9:00AM 🕯️ Nathan Blosser
11:00AM ✚ People of Saint James
5:30PM ✚ Ryan Wesley Plant

Monday, March 31

7:00AM ✚ David Chapman
8:30AM ✚ Gene Jacobs

Tuesday, April 1

6:00PM 🕯️ Confirmation

Wednesday, April 2

8:30AM ✚ Eva Hinkel

Thursday, April 3

7:00AM 🕯️ Pope Francis
12:00PM Father's Intention

Friday, April 4

7:00AM ✚ Norman Levine
8:30AM ✚ Billy Hewes, Jr.

Saturday, April 5

4:00PM ✚ Lewie Merrill

Deceased - ✚ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🕯️

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

March 31 - April 5

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room
7:00PM Confirmation Mass, Church

Wednesday, April 2

12:00PM Reconciliation Service, Church
5:30PM Family of Faith (Catechetical Session), Raphael Room

Friday, April 4

2:00PM Stations of the Cross, Church
5:00PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Parish Center Gym

April 7 - April 12

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

9:00AM H & F Card Game, Philomena House
7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room
7:00PM XLT Adoration with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, April 9

5:30PM Sacramental Prep (First Communion), Raphael Room

Thursday, April 10

6:00PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Friday, April 11

10:00AM Cenacle of Divine Mercy, Raphael Room
2:00PM Stations of the Cross, Church
5:00PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Parish Center Gym

Saturday, April 12

9:00AM Secular Carmelites, Raphael Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 29

4:00PM Holly Dreger

Sunday, March 30

9:00AM Magen Sullivan

11:00AM Arthur Jaramillo

5:30PM Sarah Rhodes

Saturday, April 5

4:00PM Carol Cottone

Sunday, April 6

9:00AM Tom Collins

11:00AM Matthew Schloegel

5:30PM Edwina Conason

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 29

4:00PM Barbara Levine, Beverly Moore and Debbie Weeks

Sunday, March 30

9:00AM Bonnie Jacobs, Shirley Henderson and Gretchen Ellis

11:00AM Julie & Alan Black, Roberta Hosler and Becky Graves

5:30PM Ashlie Herbert, Deanne Goulet and Rachelle Cleveland

Saturday, April 5

4:00PM Beverly Moore, Connie O'Neal and Debbie Bazzone

Sunday, April 6

9:00AM Jennifer & Steve Broadus and Don & Sherry Alfonso

11:00AM Julie & Alan Black, Roberta Hosler and Stephanie Guirola

5:30PM Butch Plitt, Deanne Goulet and Ashlie Herbert

TREASURE

March 22/23, 2025

First Collection: \$9,660

ACH: \$ —

Online Giving: \$2,360

Second Collection: \$1,046

Youth Ministry

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Altar Society.

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.



2025 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Building
a future of
Hope

"hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Romans 5:5



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\$87,997.00 Saint James Goal

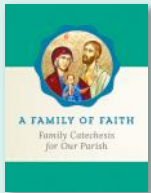
- 46 Donors -
Total Pledges and
One-Time Gifts= \$19,745

QUESTIONS?

Please call the Office of Mission Advancement at 228-702-2113 or email dwyrwich@biloxidiocese.org

FAITH FORMATION

A FAMILY OF FAITH
GRADES K-5



April Catechetical Session

April 2 | 5:45PM - 7:15PM
Raphael Room

Parents - If you did not attend the Catechetical Session, please stop by the Parish Office and pick up your materials.

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



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP
GRADES 6-12

Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

Edge & LifeTeen Trivia Night Cafeteria

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

Confirmation 2025

*Bishop Kihneman will visit our
parish on Tuesday evening to
confirm our teen candidates.*

Please pray for them.



Saint James Youth Steubenville Florida Trip

Total Cost: \$695.00

(includes hotel, transportation, conference ticket, some meals, and tickets to Disney World)

Fundraising Opportunities Will Be Available

Limited spots available.

Diocesan Paperwork & \$100 nonrefundable deposit due by March 21st to hold your spot.

For more information, please contact
Ms. Bridgett @ 228-209-9281.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will be offered for those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, for those who seek entry into the Catholic Church or for those Adult Catholics who have never been confirmed.

Classes are held on Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Raphael Room.

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

SAINT J YOUTH

**50/50
RAFFLE**

\$10/TICKET

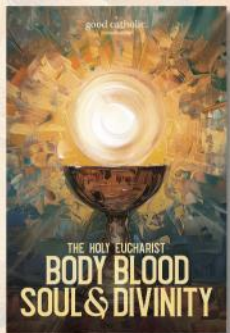
**POT STARTS
AT
\$2000**

**DRAWING
EASTER
SUNDAY**

After 9:00AM
Mass

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP OUR
TEENS PAY FOR CONFERENCES**

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



**Dinner,
then a movie!**

**Friday, April 4, 2025
6:00PM in the Raphael Room**

Come get a fish fry dinner and then join us in the Raphael Room at 6:00PM for an exclusive 40-minute documentary featuring Fr. Matthew Kauth.

This documentary speaks with priests, religious, and laypeople from all walks of life—an abbot, a monk, a military chaplain, a missionary, professors, students, and working people. They speak about the healing power of this Sacrament, the incredible graces of Adoration, the struggles we encounter before the Holy Eucharist, and how the Eucharist has profoundly, radically shaped their lives. And most of all, they talk about the divine identity of the Eucharist—the absolute truth of Christ's Real Presence in this **Most Blessed Sacrament** and His resounding call to us to believe.

(Dinners begin at 5:00PM and cost \$12)

A Special Edition of XLT
THE 14 STATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

**Tuesday, April 15th
Mass 6:00PM | XLT 7:00PM**

The traditional Fourteen Stations of the Cross has been a beloved feature of our Catholic Culture, allowing us to walk through the streets of Jerusalem, stopping to meditate on specific moments of Our Lord's Passion.

Please join us for the Fourteen Stations of the Eucharist, a journey through events in Sacred Scripture that prefigure the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith.





TRIDUUM 2025

SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, APRIL 17 - SUNDAY, APRIL 20

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 17)

- **Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00PM**
- Gethsemane Watch in the Church until **12:00AM (Midnight)**

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 18)

Live Stations of the Cross
Presented by Saint J Youth @ **3:00PM** in
the Parish Center Gymnasium

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
@ **4:30PM** in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 19)

Easter Vigil Mass @ 7:27PM



EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 20)

- **Mass @ 7:00AM**
- **Mass @ 9:00AM**
- **Mass @ 11:00AM**
- **Mass @ 5:30PM**

He is Risen

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night @ 7:27PM: The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place at night and is arranged in four parts: after a service of light and the Easter Proclamation (I), the church meditates on all the wonderful things God has done for his people from the beginning; this is the Liturgy of the Word (II). As the day of Resurrection approaches, new members of the Church are reborn in Baptism (III), and the whole Church is called to the table of the Lord prepared for his people through his Death and Resurrection; this is the Liturgy of the Eucharist (IV).

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Church meditates on the Passion and Death of our Lord. Therefore, the Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be closed from 5:00PM on Holy Thursday until 2:00PM on Easter Sunday.

Please make every effort to attend the scheduled services during the Triduum.





Parishioners of Saint James,

I want to take a moment to share the results of our recent town hall meetings and parish survey. Your input has been invaluable in shaping the vision for our parish's future. We are deeply grateful for your thoughtful feedback, prayers, and commitment to the future of Saint James.

Through these conversations and surveys, we identified three key priorities that will enhance both our parish and school community:

1. Upgrading Our Pre-K School Facilities – This includes much-needed improvements to existing spaces and establishing a permanent home for our Pre-K2 program, ensuring a strong foundation for our youngest learners.
2. Building a Parish Hall – This long-awaited addition will serve as a dedicated space for parish ministries, youth programs, and St. Vincent de Paul outreach, while also providing flexible meeting areas and potential office space to support our growing community.
3. Constructing a Church Narthex – This welcoming gathering space will enhance hospitality, and improve the overall flow of our worship experience.

To assess how we can bring these projects to life, we conducted a giving analysis, which suggests that our parish has the financial capacity to support a capital campaign. Based on this information and your feedback, we will now move forward with a mini-feasibility study to evaluate our ability to raise the funds needed for these vital improvements.

As we enter this next phase, your involvement is critical. We encourage you to stay engaged, ask questions, and share your thoughts. In the coming weeks, we will provide regular updates, opportunities for further discussions, and ways you can contribute—whether through prayer, participation, or financial support.

Together, as a faith-filled community, we have the opportunity to create a stronger, more vibrant future for Saint James. Thank you for your dedication to our parish and school, and for being part of this journey with us.

May God continue to bless you and our parish family!

Rev. Ryan McCoy
Pastor

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Time spent in prayer is never wasted, however urgent the duties that press upon us from every side."

ADORERS NEEDED!

**Sunday 8:00AM - 9:00AM; Monday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00AM - 2:00AM;
Tuesday 7:00AM - 8:00AM; Wednesday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 4:00AM - 5:00AM;
and Saturday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00AM - 2:00AM, 9:00AM - 10:00AM, 5:00PM - 6:00PM**

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.

We Adore Him

Saint James Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now offering enhanced adorer scheduling, substitute requests and more with this user-friendly program!

You can sign in or create your account using this easy QR onboarding code.

Just use your cell phone's camera app to scan the QR Code, then tap the yellow box that appears and follow the prompts!



Knights of
Columbus Council 11541

30th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, March 30

10:30 am - Corporate Communion & Mass
Saint James Church

12 pm noon - Reception
Raphael Room, Parish Center

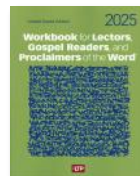
Upcoming Events

- April 4 Fish Fry **ALL HANDS NEEDED**
4:00-7:00PM
- April 11 Fish Fry **ALL HANDS NEEDED**
4:00-7:00PM
- April 25-27: KC State Convention

#11541 Facebook page



Attention Lectors - There are limited copies of the 2025 *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word* available in the Sacristy.



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.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, baked/pork 'n' beans, Vienna sausages, canned fruit, bottled water, protein bars, crackers, dried beans, canned vegetables, rice and feminine items.

**Open: Tuesdays 9:00AM - 11:45AM,
Food & Financial Assistance**

Thursdays 10:00AM - 11:30AM, Food Assistance ONLY

If you would like a 2024 contribution statement from St. Vincent de Paul, please call the office or contact Gretchen Ellis at 228-265-1336 and leave your name and phone number.

**If you are interested in being an
Extraordinary Minister of
Holy Communion, please contact
Rachelle Cleveland at 228-731-0085.**



**The Pray for a Priest Calendars (March & April 2025)
is available on our website.**

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

When properly practiced, NFP (Natural Family Planning) can be up to 99% effective in postponing or avoiding pregnancy.

If you have questions or need further information about NFP, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation classes are held once a month. The next class will be April 12.

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



If you or a loved one are homebound, or are hospitalized locally and would like to schedule a visit from Fr. Ryan, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:

Lisa D'Aunoy

Steven & Deborah Edwards

Stephen & Rebecca Koenenn & Son

BAPTISMS



We joyfully welcome the newest members of our parish family:

Matthew Dayawon, son of
Mary Vierling

Henry Simmerman, son of
Laithan & Katherine Simmerman

Couples Date Night

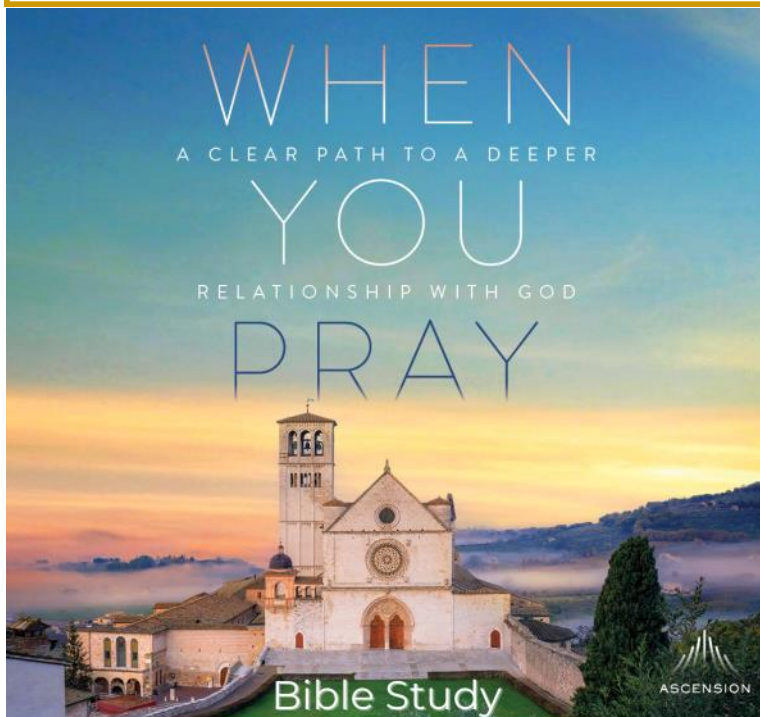
April 24, 2025

6:00PM

Saint James Parish Center Gym

*All engaged and married couples are invited to join us for good food, beer & wine, and fellowship!

*There is no cost to attend, but you MUST pre-register!



DATE TIMES LOCATION

Mondays 1-2:30PM April 28 - June 16, 2025
Philomena House

Wednesdays 6-7:30PM - April 30 - June 18, 2025
Philomena House

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Materials for this study are \$30

Contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or call the Parish Office at (228) 896-6059.

Visit ascensionpress.com/whenyoupray for more details.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)



Knights of
Columbus



INVITE YOU TO THE
SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



MARCH 14, 21, & 28
APRIL 4 & 11

\$12
per plate

5:00 - 6:30 PM
PARISH CENTER GYM
366 COWAN RD.

Dine-in or
take-out
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**This week's fish fry proceeds
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Overnight Pilgrimage
to the
SHRINE of the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA
MAY 23-24, 2025

ITINERARY

*Depart Friday, May 23, 2025 at 5:00 AM from the north end of Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center parking lot.

Shrine Schedule: Friday May 23rd

1:00 pm - 1:45pm Gift Shop
2:00pm - 3:00pm Eucharistic Healing Service
(Lower Church)
3:00pm-4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/Confessions
4:15pm Depart Shrine
Free Time, Dinner, Prayer & Sharing

Shrine Schedule: Saturday May 24th

6:45am arrive @ Shrine
7:00am-8:00am Monastery Mass in main church
con celebrated by Fr. James Smith & Fr. R. Jas
8:15am - 9:15am John Paul II Eucharistic Tour
(John Paul II Eucharistic Center)
9:30am - 10:15am Spiritual Talk (St. Gabriel Hall)
10:30am - 11:30am Shrine Tour (Castle + Shrine)
11:30am - 12:00pm Rosary w/ Nuns (Main Church)
12:00pm - 12:45pm Lunch (RDH-A or B Castle)
1:00pm - depart
*Return - Saturday, May 24, 2025 ~ 9:00 PM

SHRINE of the
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<https://www.alamshrine.com/>

PRICING:

Final cost will be
determined by the number
of participants and the
exact mode of transportation.

Quality Inn Hotel quoted
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Dinner will be at a local
restaurant. Each person will
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- St. Padre Pio

Lenten Reconciliation Services

April 2 | 12:00PM | Saint James

April 7 | 6:00PM | St. Joseph

April 8 | 6:00PM | St. John the Evangelist

April 9 | 6:30PM | St. Thomas



Camino Pilgrimage
The Camino de Santiago
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Join Fr. Ian Bordenave, O.P., of Tulane Catholic in
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The cost is \$4,000 per person, which includes all travel,
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followmycamino.com/sign-up. The deadline to register is
June 1.



Saint James' Women's Group

**WOMEN OF ALL AGES, PLEASE JOIN US
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APRIL 10TH | 6:00 PM | SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUBSIDY

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TUITION ASSISTANCE

Parents are responsible before God to choose appropriate schooling for each of their children. Our task, as a parish community, is to assist parents as best we can with the tools they need to raise their children as good Catholics. Each year, our parish is assessed a certain percentage of our Sunday collection to be allocated to our local Catholic schools, St. James Catholic School and St. Patrick Catholic High School. As such, Saint James Parish has money set aside in the 2025/2026 budget for our registered contributing families to help with Catholic elementary and high school tuition costs.

At Saint James, our policy is also to set aside a proportional amount to support our faith formation programs for parents who choose public schools or home schooling for their children.

We follow a "needs based" policy. Both schools utilize FACTS, an organization that specializes in determining the financial need of each family. The Tuition Assistance application process is now open. There is a processing fee.

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April 15, 2025 - SPCHS deadline for applications.

April 17, 2025 - SJCS deadline for applications.

www.factsmgt.com



VOCATION PRAYER



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Loving Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ the High Priest, has told us that the harvest is great but the laborers are few. We ask you now to send more laborers into your vineyard. Please touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts of all those you are calling to live a life of service in your Church as Priests, Deacons, Consecrated men and women, Dedicated Married couples and Committed Single persons. Help us to follow Christ faithfully and to answer the call to holiness and discipleship. We ask this prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

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