

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 21, 2026

Mission Statement: We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.

Upcoming Parish Events & Volunteer Opportunities

2026 August Annual Festival

Our Annual Festival, hosted by the Hispanic Ministry, is coming this August! This year's vision is to celebrate the rich diversity of our parishes by showcasing cultures through food, music, and community fellowship. We hope to have many cultures represented and invite everyone to join us in making this a joyful and welcoming event for all.

If you are interested in participating as a vendor or volunteer, please contact the parish office for more information.

Catechism Program Volunteers Needed

As we prepare for the upcoming Catechism year beginning in October, we are seeking volunteers to serve as catechism teachers and teacher aides. Teacher aide positions are a wonderful opportunity for our past Confirmation students and other older youth who would like to assist in the faith formation of our children.

If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact the parish office or text Monica Lopez for additional information.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents in support of our parish community!

Mass Intentions

We invite all of our brothers and sisters to submit Mass intention requests. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. Donations may be placed in the office drop box, in the collection basket during Mass, or given in person at the parish office. Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Próximos eventos parroquiales y oportunidades de voluntariado

Festival Anual de agosto de 2026

¡Este mes de agosto llega nuestro Festival Anual, organizado por el Ministerio Hispano! El objetivo de este año es celebrar la rica diversidad de nuestras parroquias mostrando las distintas culturas a través de la comida, la música y la convivencia comunitaria. Esperamos contar con la representación de muchas culturas e invitamos a todos a unirse para hacer de este un evento alegre y acogedor para todos.

Si le interesa participar como vendedor o voluntario, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para obtener más información.

Se buscan voluntarios para el programa de catequesis

Mientras nos preparamos para el próximo año de catequesis, que comienza en octubre, buscamos voluntarios para servir como catequistas y ayudantes de catequista. Los puestos de ayudante son una excelente oportunidad para nuestros jóvenes que ya recibieron la Confirmación y para otros jóvenes mayores que deseen colaborar en la formación en la fe de nuestros niños.

Si se siente llamado a servir en este ministerio, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial o mande un mensaje a Monica Lopez para más información.

¡Gracias por compartir su tiempo y sus talentos en apoyo a nuestra comunidad parroquial!

Intenciones de Misa

Invitamos a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas a solicitar intenciones para la Misa. Se solicita una donación de \$10 por cada intención. Las donaciones pueden depositarse en el buzón de la oficina parroquial, en la cesta de colecta durante la Misa o entregarse en persona en la oficina parroquial. Agradecemos enormemente su generosidad y sus oraciones.

St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winners



June 14, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Bev Koval

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June 21, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Chuck Wilmes

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✠ Mass Schedule & Intentions: June 22 - 28, 2026

Mon 22	No Mass		
Tues 23	8:00 am	St. James Parish	X Bill Berg
Wed 24	8:30 am	St. Mary Parish	X Leon Kirchner
Thur 25	7:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>por las almas del purgatorio</i>
Fri 26	8:00 am	St. James Parish	X Audrey Schmidtke
Sat 27	5:30 pm	St. Mary Parish	X Carl Woolsey
Sun 28	8:00 am	St. Mary Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	X Merle Davis
Sun 28	10:00 am	St. James Parish	X Bill Berg
Sun 28	12:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro populo</i>

Liturgical Roles: June 27 & 28, 2026

Sat. 27 - St. Mary 5:30 p.m.
Servers: Annika Hagen, David Hagen
Reader: Katy Eiselt
Ushers: Steve Kelsey, Mary Woolsey

Sun. 28 - St. James 10:00 a.m.
Reader: Karen Walter

2026 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. James	\$18,967		
St. Mary	\$12,193		

Remember: If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2026, the parishes **must** pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

***“And of all that you give me
I will surely give one tenth to you.”*** *Genesis 28:22*

<i>As of June 14, 2026</i>	St. James	St. Mary
May _____		
Church Support needed per week:	6,379	2,388
Church Support giving last week:	3,375	1,863
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	318,950	119,391
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	197,036	84,346



READINGS ***For the Week***

MONDAY June 22
St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
St. John Fisher, Bishop, and
Thomas More, Martyrs
 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
 Matthew 7:1-5

TUESDAY June 23
Weekday
 2 Kings 19:9b-11,
 14-21, 31-35a, 36
 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

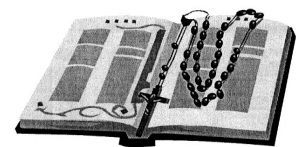
WEDNESDAY June 24
The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist
 Vigil: Jeremiah 1:4-10 /
 1 Peter 1:8-12 / Luke 1:5-17
 Day: Isaiah 14:1-6 /
 Acts 13:22-26 / Luke 1:57-66

THURSDAY June 25
Weekday
 2 Kings 24:8-17
 Matthew 7:21-29

FRIDAY June 26
Weekday
 2 Kings 25:1-12
 Matthew 8:1-4

SATURDAY June 27
St. Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church;
Blessed Virgin Mary
 Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19
 Matthew 8:5-17

SUNDAY June 28
Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
 Matthew 10:37-42



Fatherhood and the Path to Heaven



This weekend, as we celebrate Father's Day, it is good for us to reflect on the beautiful and serious vocation of fatherhood. A father is not only called to

provide, protect, and guide. He is called to help lead his family to heaven.

Catholic fatherhood is learned not only through words, but especially through example. Children may forget many things their fathers say, but they rarely forget how their fathers lived, prayed, forgave, worked, suffered, and loved.

One important lesson for fathers is this: before teaching, first take interest. A father who truly listens to his children, spends time with them, asks questions, and enters into their world will have a greater chance of reaching their hearts. Sometimes the most important conversations happen not in formal moments, but during a walk, a drive, a meal, or a game. Love often begins with attention.

Another lesson is the courage to ask forgiveness. A father does not lose authority when he apologizes. In fact, he teaches his children something deeply Christian: that being right is not more important than loving rightly. When a father says, "I am sorry," he teaches humility, repentance, and the importance of repairing relationships. He also shows his children the meaning of the Sacrament of Confession.

A father is also called to guard his face and his reactions. Children notice more than we realize. They notice impatience, criticism, anger, and contempt. But they also notice peace, reverence, self-control, and gratitude. At Mass, at home, at work, and in difficult moments, a father teaches by the way he looks at others and at God.

Another important lesson is perspective. It is easy to compare ourselves with others: their success, their talents, their family, their achievements. But the Christian life is not about measuring ourselves against our neighbor. It is about becoming more like Christ. A father who keeps his eyes on Christ teaches his children that their worth does not come from competition, but from God.

Finally, and most importantly, a father must pray. A home is deeply blessed when children know that their father speaks with God. Even ten or fifteen minutes of daily prayer can change the atmosphere of a family.

Today we thank God for our fathers, living and deceased. May St. Joseph help all fathers become men of prayer, humility, strength, and love. And may every father remember his beautiful mission: to help bring his family to heaven.

La Paternidad y el Camino al Cielo



Este fin de semana, al celebrar el Día del Padre, es bueno reflexionar sobre la hermosa y seria vocación de la paternidad. Un padre no está llamado solamente a proveer, proteger y guiar. Está llamado también a ayudar a llevar a su familia al cielo.

La paternidad católica se aprende no solo con palabras, sino especialmente con el ejemplo. Los hijos pueden olvidar muchas cosas que su padre les dijo, pero rara vez olvidan cómo vivió, cómo rezó, cómo pidió perdón, cómo trabajó, cómo sufrió y cómo amó.

Una primera lección para los padres es esta: antes de enseñar, hay que interesarse de verdad. Un padre que escucha a sus hijos, que pasa tiempo con ellos, que les hace preguntas y entra en su mundo, tiene más posibilidades de llegar a su corazón. A veces las conversaciones más importantes no suceden en momentos formales, sino durante una caminata, un viaje en auto, una comida o un juego. Muchas veces el amor comienza prestando atención.






Otra lección importante es tener la valentía de pedir perdón. Un padre no pierde autoridad cuando se disculpa. Al contrario, enseña algo profundamente cristiano: que tener razón no es más importante que amar bien. Cuando un padre dice: "perdóname", enseña humildad, arrepentimiento y la importancia de reparar las relaciones. También muestra a sus hijos el sentido del sacramento de la Confesión.

Un padre también está llamado a custodiar su rostro y sus reacciones. Los hijos notan mucho más de lo que pensamos. Notan la impaciencia, la crítica, el enojo y el desprecio. Pero también notan la paz, la reverencia, el dominio de sí y la gratitud. En la Misa, en casa, en el trabajo y en los momentos difíciles, un padre enseña con la manera en que mira a los demás y con la manera en que mira a Dios.

Otra lección necesaria es conservar la perspectiva. Es fácil compararnos con otros: sus éxitos, talentos, familias o logros. Pero la vida cristiana no consiste en medirnos con el vecino. Consiste en llegar a ser más semejantes a Cristo. Un padre que mantiene los ojos puestos en Cristo enseña a sus hijos que su valor no viene de la competencia, sino de Dios.

Finalmente, y sobre todo, un padre debe rezar. Una casa queda profundamente bendecida cuando los hijos saben que su padre habla con Dios. Incluso diez o quince minutos de oración diaria pueden cambiar el ambiente de una familia. Hoy damos gracias a Dios por nuestros padres, vivos y difuntos. Que San José ayude a todos los padres a ser hombres de oración, humildad, fortaleza y amor. Y que cada padre recuerde su hermosa misión: ayudar a llevar a su familia al cielo.

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ June 21 - July 4, 2026

Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
<p>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>  <p>Happy Father's Day</p>	 <p>St. James Catholic Daughter's of America Summer Get Together at Homestead Dining Hall at 4p. <i>Rosary, Meeting, Pot Luck Meal & Sharing Time</i></p>	<p>St. James Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.</p>	<p>St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 am in the church.</p>	<p>St James American Red Cross Blood Drive (St James High School & American Legion St James) St James Legion Hall 620 1st Ave S., St James 11a - 5p <i>To book an appointment call 800-RED CROSS or go online RedCrossBlood.org</i></p>	<p>St James St James Fire Department</p>  <p>Railroad Day's Pork Chop Fundraiser at the American Legion 5p-730p (Funds raised will be used to update and maintain equipment)</p>	<p>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil</p> <p>2nd Collection Peter's Pence</p> <p>St James St James Fire Department Railroad Day's Fireman's Dance 8p-midnight <i>Watowan County Fairgrounds Beer Garden</i></p>
Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
<p>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>2nd Collection Peter's Pence</p>		<p>St. James Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.</p>	<p>St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 am in the church.</p> <p>St James Knights of Columbus  Meeting 7:00 pm in Room 8</p> <p>St. Mary NO CCW Meeting</p>		<p>Parish Offices Closed <i>In Observance of the Holiday</i></p>	<p>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil</p> <p>Happy 250th Birthday America!</p>  <p>4th of July</p>

Audio System Upgrade at Saint Mary's Church

Saint Mary's Church in Madelia is preparing for a needed upgrade to the church audio system. Many parishioners have noticed that the current system is not working well.

More details will be shared soon. Please begin prayerfully considering how you may help support this important project through your donations.

~Father Mariano Ruiz, IVE

Mejora del sistema de sonido en Saint Mary's Church

Saint Mary's Church en Madelia se está preparando para una necesaria mejora del sistema de sonido. Muchos feligreses han notado que el sistema actual no está funcionando bien.

Pronto compartiremos más detalles. Mientras tanto, les pedimos que comiencen a considerar cómo pueden ayudar a apoyar este importante proyecto con sus donaciones.

~Padre Mariano Ruiz, IVE