

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 26, 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.

Save
the
Date

Parish Festival!
August 16, 2026
St. James Church,
St James, MN
9am - 3pm



Variety of food, games, and music.
Bring the whole family!
Raffle Drawing
Raffle tickets at \$20

Support our parish by purchasing raffle tickets after all Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Mary and St. James. Great cash prizes to be won!



¡Reserve la fecha!
¡Festival Parroquial!
16 de agosto de 2026
Iglesia de Santiago Apostol,
St. James, MN
9am - 3pm



Variedad de comida, juegos y música.
¡Traiga a toda la familia!
Sorteo Boletos para la rifa a \$20

Apoye a nuestra parroquia comprando boletos para la rifa después de todas las misas de los sábados y domingos en Sta Maria y Santiago Apostol. ¡Habrán excelentes premios en efectivo!



Upcoming Parish Events & Volunteer Opportunities

2026 August Annual Festival

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

Catechism Program Volunteers Needed

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

Próximos eventos parroquiales y oportunidades de voluntariado

Festival Anual de agosto de 2026

Si le interesa participar como vendedor o voluntario, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial

Se buscan voluntarios para el programa de catequesis

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



First Communion
July 19, 2026

Church of St James
Alejandro Funez



**May the Lord bestow
His abundant blessing upon**

Andy Rafael Rivera, son of Jose Rivera and Johanna Alvarez was Baptized on July 18, 2026, at St. James Catholic Church, St James.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: July 27 - August 2, 2026

Mon 27	No Mass		
Tues 28	8:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ DeWayne Malmgren
Wed 29	8:30 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Perry Jacobs
Thur 30	7:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	✠ Donavon & Genevieve Anderson
Fri 31	8:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Joe Dahl
Sat 1	7:00 pm	St. Mary Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro populo</i>
Sun 2	8:00 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Errin & Margaret Strum
Sun 2	10:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Robert Andrzejek
Sun 2	12:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	✠ Juana Hernandez

Liturgical Roles: August 2, 2026

Sun. 2 - St. Mary 8:00 a.m.
Servers: Annika Hagen, David Hagen
Reader: Bob Yurcek
Ushers: Chuck Voss, Dave Johnson

Sun. 2 - 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 July 19, 2026</i>	St. James	St. Mary
Church Support needed per week:		
Church Support giving last week:	2,680	2,199
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:		
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	14,044	4,583



READINGS ***For the Week***

MONDAY July 27

Weekday

Jeremiah 13:1-11
Matthew 13:31-35

TUESDAY July 28

Weekday

Jeremiah 14:17-22
Matthew 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY July 29

*St. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus*

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
John 11:19-27

THURSDAY July 30

*St. Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

Jeremiah 18:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jeremiah 26:1-9
Matthew 13:54-58

SATURDAY August 1

*St. Alphonsus Liguori,
of the Church*

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Matthew 14:1-12

SUNDAY August 2

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Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21





Married Love Needs a Pure Gaze and an Open Heart

We continue reflecting on some of the enemies of Christian marriage. The Lord does not reveal our wounds in order to leave us there, but to heal them with His grace.

A **fifth enemy of marriage** is the distortion of sexuality. God created sexuality as part of our identity, as a language of love and self-gift, and as a generous openness to life. In marriage, the body is called to express what the heart says: “I give myself to you,” “I am yours,” and “together we welcome the life God desires to give us.”

But our culture often disfigures this truth. Sexuality stops being communion and becomes consumption. The other person is no longer seen as someone to love, but as an object to use. This deeply wounds the human heart and can also wound marriage. A disordered gaze, an imagination fed by impure images, ambiguous conversations, or hidden habits can cool tenderness, weaken trust, and make true self-giving more difficult.

Christ, however, has come to heal even our gaze. Christian purity is not a rejection of the body; it is learning to see the body of the other with reverence, delicacy, and true love. Husbands and wives need to guard this purity with sincerity, prayer, humility, forgiveness, and, when necessary, by seeking help. Married love needs a clean gaze in order to give itself freely.

A **sixth enemy of marriage** is closing oneself to life. By its very nature, married love is called to be fruitful. Openness to life does not simply mean “having children”; it means living marriage with a generous heart, available and trusting in God.

It is true that every family has concrete circumstances, crosses, financial difficulties, wounds, or situations that require discernment. But a culture that presents children as a burden, as an obstacle to happiness, or as a threat to personal comfort ends up weakening married love itself.

Children teach husband and wife to look together in the same direction. They remind spouses that love cannot close in on itself. Where there is generosity, love expands. Where everything is reduced to personal comfort, love becomes fragile.

Let us pray for all the married couples of our parish: that they may learn to guard purity of heart, the beauty of self-gift, and the joy of remaining open to life according to God’s plan.



El Amor Matrimonial Necesita una Mirada Pura y un Corazón Abierto

Seguimos reflexionando sobre algunos enemigos del matrimonio cristiano. El Señor no nos muestra las heridas para dejarnos en ellas, sino para sanarlas con su gracia.

Un **quinto enemigo del matrimonio** es la distorsión de la sexualidad. Dios creó la sexualidad como parte de nuestra identidad, como lenguaje de amor y entrega, y como apertura generosa a la vida. En el matrimonio, el cuerpo está llamado a expresar lo que dice el corazón: “me entrego a ti”, “soy tuyo”, “soy tuya”, “recibimos juntos la vida que Dios quiera darnos”.

Pero nuestra cultura muchas veces desfigura esta verdad. La sexualidad deja de ser comunión y se convierte en consumo. El otro ya no es mirado como una persona para amar, sino como un objeto para usar. Esto hiere profundamente el corazón humano y también puede herir el matrimonio. Una mirada desordenada, una imaginación alimentada por imágenes impuras, conversaciones ambiguas o hábitos ocultos pueden enfriar la ternura, debilitar la confianza y dificultar la verdadera entrega.

Cristo, sin embargo, ha venido a sanar también nuestra mirada. La pureza cristiana no es desprecio del cuerpo, sino aprender a mirar el cuerpo del otro con reverencia, delicadeza y amor verdadero. Los esposos necesitan custodiar esa pureza: con sinceridad, con oración, con humildad, con perdón y, cuando sea necesario, buscando ayuda. El amor matrimonial necesita una mirada limpia para poder entregarse con libertad.

Un **sexto enemigo del matrimonio** es cerrarse a la vida. El amor conyugal, por su misma naturaleza, está llamado a ser fecundo. La apertura a la vida no es simplemente “tener hijos”; es vivir el matrimonio con un corazón generoso, disponible y confiado en Dios.

Es verdad que cada familia tiene circunstancias concretas, cruces, dificultades económicas, heridas o situaciones que requieren discernimiento. Pero una cultura que presenta a los hijos como una carga, como un obstáculo para la felicidad o como una amenaza al bienestar personal, termina debilitando el mismo amor matrimonial.

Los hijos enseñan a los esposos a mirar juntos en la misma dirección. Les recuerdan que el amor no puede encerrarse en sí mismo. Donde hay generosidad, el amor se ensancha. Donde todo se reduce al propio bienestar, el amor se vuelve frágil.

Pidamos al Señor por todos los matrimonios de nuestra parroquia: que aprendan a custodiar la pureza del corazón, la belleza de la entrega y la alegría de permanecer abiertos a la vida según el plan de Dios.

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ July 26 - August 8, 2026

Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 28	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Saturday 1
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time		<u>St. James</u> Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.	<u>St. Mary</u> Rosary - 8:00 am in the church.			18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil <u>St. Mary</u> Mass time Changes, please see page 1 for details Cambios en el horario de misas, por favor de ver la página 1 para más detalles.
 <u>St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winners</u> July 26, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Robert Kamm						
Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time <u>St. Mary</u> Mass Language Change , please see page 1 for details Cambio de idioma para la misa ; consulte la página 1 para obtener más información.		<u>St. James</u> Rosary at 7:30am in the church, mass to follow <u>St. Mary</u> Add-on mass time & Adoration , please see page 1 for details Horarios adicionales de Misa y Adoración ; por favor, consulte la página 1 para más detalles.	<u>St. Mary</u> Rosary at 8:00am in the church, with mass to follow <u>St. Mary</u> CCW Meeting at 5:30pm in the Social Hall <u>St. James</u> Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm in Room 8 	<u>St. James</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Begins at 8pm until 8am on Friday <i>Everyone is welcome</i> Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento Empieza a las 8pm, hasta las 8am del viernes <i>Todos son bienvenidos</i>	<u>St. James</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Ends at 8am, as mass begins <i>Everyone is welcome</i> Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento Termina a las 8am, y empieza misa <i>Todos son bienvenidos</i>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org.