



St. James Catholic School

Week of February 23rd, 2026
603 West Avenue Gulfport, MS 39507

228-896-6631

www.stjamesgulfport.com



DIOCESE OF BILOXI

Parenting Tips for home and everyday life.



INSTEAD OF ASKING, "HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?"

Ask, "What new words did you read or hear today?"



READING & WRITING TIPS

*When reading together, stop and ask, "Does this make sense?"

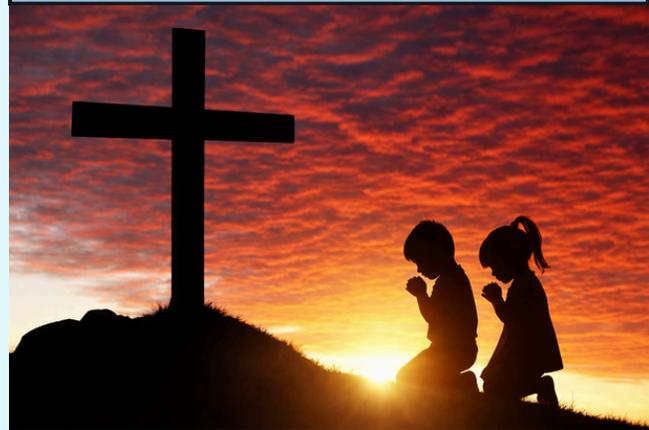
*Keep a journal and write about something that made you smile today.



BUILDING FAITH AT HOME AND EVERYDAY LIFE

"God is always with you, even when things feel tough."

Verse for the week



"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." — St. Gregory Nazianzen

Dates to Remember

• Sunday - February 22nd

Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 6th Grade leads

• Friday - February 27th

KOC Lenten Fish Fry for SJCS

• Sunday - March 1st

Children's Mass @ 9:00 am - 5th Grade leads

• Tuesday - March 3rd

9 weeks Reading test

• Thursday - March 5th

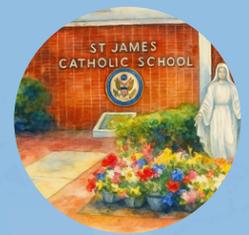
9 weeks Math test

• Tuesday - March 10th

Spring Pictures

• Friday - March 13th

NO SCHOOL - Faculty & Staff Retreat



2026

Year of Manners

Please speak to your children about manners.

“Interrupting the teacher”

Waiting your turn without interrupting shows respect for others and helps everyone feel heard. When we listen patiently, we understand more and communicate more kindly. Taking turns also creates a calm, orderly environment where conversations and learning can happen smoothly. Practicing this habit builds strong manners and thoughtful friendships.

Our faith is what sets us apart, guiding who we are, how we treat others, and how we grow each day.

Blue and Gold Winner:



Congratulations!

02/16/2026

Bonita Duran \$100.00



Frozen Rehearsal Weekly Schedule

SJCS Art Camp

FANS Camp

SPCHS Camp

STEAM Camp

Information included in this newsletter.

SPIRITUAL TREASURES AWAIT



Relic information below



February 23rd- February 27th

Monday

TRAY: Hamburgers, Fixing Table, Assorted Chips, Rosey Applesauce
TOTE: Mini Chicken Tacos, Queso & Chips, Corn on the Cob
Fruit & Yogurt

Tuesday

TRAY: Tacos, Queso w/Tortilla Chips, Corn/Corn on the Cob
TOTE: Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Cool Ranch Doritos, Grapes
Chef Salad

Wednesday

TRAY: Meatballs & Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Green Beans
TOTE: Pizza Stick, Creamy Alfredo Pasta, Orange Slices
Fruit & Yogurt

Thursday

TRAY: Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Orange Slices
TOTE: Chili, Cheese, Corn Chips, Apple Slices
Chef Salad

Friday

TRAY: Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Apple
TOTE: Fried Fish Sandwich, Chips, Orange Slices
Fruit & Yogurt

Ice Cream Friday - \$1.00

Students must have cash in order to purchase ice cream. All products are approved by the state office of Child Nutrition and fall within the guidelines of our Wellness Policy.

PK-3, PK-4, Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Students can bring money in a zip-lock bag with their name on it. If you would like to pay in advance, teachers will keep up with the money in the zip-lock bag. They will send the bag home when it is empty.

2nd - 6th Grade: Students will purchase their own ice cream and will be responsible for keeping up with their money.





Knights of Columbus/St. James Catholic School
 Lenten Fish Fry & Fellowship
 Pre-Order Form

The Knights of Columbus will host a FISH FRY five Fridays in Lent, beginning on Friday, February 27th, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

A portion of the proceeds from Friday, February 27th will benefit St. James Catholic School.

Tickets are available in the school and parish offices, and at the door.

\$12.00 per ticket

(adult and child - there are no discounted tickets this year)

Dinners and takeout orders will be served in the Parish Center.

 This is a great family event, so come out and help raise money for St. James Catholic School!

Pre-order money is due by noon on Friday, February 27th.

(Make checks payable to: St. James KOC)

How many Fish Plates would you like to order? _____

All pre-order tickets purchased through the school will be sent home with your child(ren).

Total \$ amount: _____

Teacher(s): _____

NAME: _____

Contact #: _____

“FROZEN” REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR 2/23 - 2/27



2/23 MON: YOUNG ELSA (ANNA K F), YOUNG ANNA (LOUISA S), KING AGNARR (NATHAN K), QUEEN IDUNA (KENNEDY E)

2/23 TUES: ANNA (MIA S C), HANS (GUNNER B), HANDMAIDENS (AMORY B, KATHERINE N, ELEANOR F, ARIA B, NORA C, LYLA M, CORALINE L, LIVIE S, GENEVIEVE W, CLAIRE W)

2/24 WED: ELSA (CECILIA S), ANNA (MIA S C), HANS (GUNNER B), WESELTON (HUNTER T)

2/25 THURS: ELSA (CECILIA S), ANNA (MIA S C), HANS (GUNNER B) WESELTON (HUNTER T)

2/26 FRI: ENTIRE CAST EXCEPT FOR: ANNA (MIA S C), HANS (GUNNER B), ELSA (CECILIA S), KRISTOFF (CAYDEN M), PABBIE (HOPE M) BULDA (LUCY S), SVEN (BRAXTON K), OLAF (CLARK W)



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**Relic
Collection**

Spiritual Treasures Await

The Diocese of Biloxi has been given the tremendous blessing of over 1600 relics of saints, one of the largest collections in the country.

At present over 450 relics are on display in the Marian Chapel at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Another 250 will be switched out and displayed in May / June.

Viewing hours are 45 minutes after the 7am and 9am Sunday Masses, during the 6:30am and 8am daily Masses Monday through Friday and the 8am

- Mass Saturday morning.

(Refer to NativityBVMCathedral.org for updated viewing hours.)

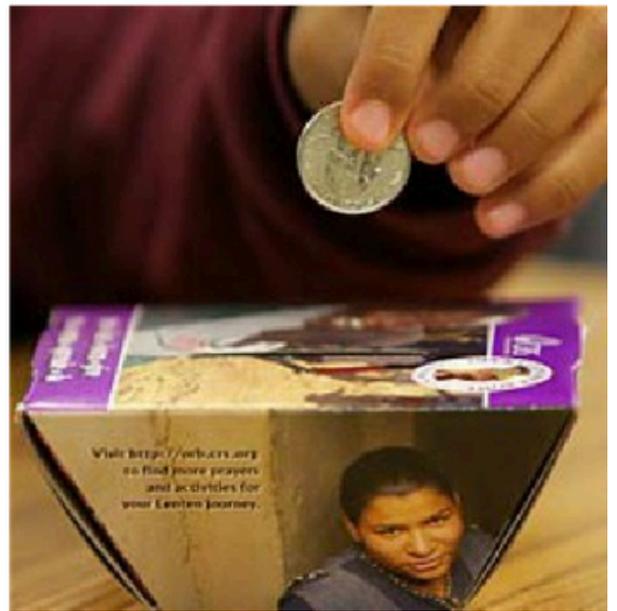
Group pilgrimages / tours can be arranged by contacting Colleen Kavanagh @ColleenKavanagh64@gmail.com or by calling Nativity BVM Cathedral's office at 228-374-1717.

The saint's lives inspire us and their relics are our spiritual treasures on earth!



FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.



The St. James Operation Rice Bowl service project will be held from February 18th - March 4th.

Through Operation Rice Bowl, we share the journey with members of our human family around the world, and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need.

(<https://www.crsricebowl.org/>)



UNIFORM POLICY

The St. James Catholic School uniform policy is found on page 13 of the Student Handbook
It is posted on our school website at: www.stjamesgulfport.com
Click on the Parent tab, and the Student Handbook is in the dropdown.



Top Violations

- The length / style of hair on the boys
- The length of skirts the girls are wearing



Boys' hair should:

- not go past the eyebrow
- should not touch the top of the shirt collar
- sides should be no longer than mid-ear
- no rat-tails or fad hair styles allowed

Girls' skirts should be of modest length. Use the following as guidelines:

- No shorter than 4 inches from the floor when the child is kneeling
- Should fall at least 2 to 3 inches past fingertips when the child is standing.

If a student wears jewelry, only religious necklaces are allowed, under the school uniform shirt.

Girls may wear stud earrings **ONLY**.



Uniform violations will be sent home.

After two violations, detentions will be given.

You may shop in our uniform closet if you need new uniform pieces.

It is a great place to start, and everything is free.

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Uniform Check ✓

Girls, please make sure your skirts are at least **2 inches** below your fingertips!

Following Uniform Rules

Not Following Uniform Rules



Skirts must be at least **2 inches** below fingertips

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No shorter than **4 inches** from the floor



ALERT

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- ✓ not go past the eyebrow
- ✓ should not touch the top of the shirt collar
- ✓ sides should be no longer than mid-ear
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Following Hair Rules

Not Following Hair Rules



Hair must be above eyebrows, not touch the collar,
 and be no longer than mid-ear



LENT 2026 SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - THURSDAY, APRIL 2

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 7:00AM
- 8:30AM
- 12:00PM(Noon)
- 6:00PM

Wednesday, February 18

FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS

Dinners will be available for eat-in or take-out
in the Saint James Parish Center Gymnasium.

\$12.00 in advance - \$15.00 at the door

February 27 and March 6, 20 & 27

@ 5:00PM - 6:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Journey as a faith community on the
sorrowful Way of the Cross each week.

Fridays @ 2:00PM

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint J Youth will present Live Stations of the Cross
in the Saint James Parish Center Gymnasium.

Good Friday, April 3 @ 3:00PM

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, March 25 @ 12:00PM

During the weeks of March 23 and
March 30, Reconciliation opportunities will
be available at neighboring parishes.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

"St. Joseph - The Hidden King" will be
held at the Philomena House.

Please RSVP to Chris Molino at
evangelization@saintjamescc.com

March 2, 9 & 16 @ 6:00PM - 7:30PM

COUPLE PRAYER SERIES

A 5-week Couple Prayer Series for
engaged and married couples starting

February 19 and continuing throughout

Lent will be held in the Church.

Scan the QR code to register today!

Thursdays @ 6:00PM - 7:30PM





LENTEN FASTING + ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

Fasting: Catholics 18-59 years of age, who are in good health, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength. **Abstinence:** All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity.

TIME, TALENT + TREASURE

Lent is not only a time for fasting and abstinence; it is also a time to do more or be more active in your Saint James Parish. Here are a few things you might consider doing during Lent:

TIME

- o Pray the Rosary every day
- o Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- o Go to confession
- o Go to daily Mass
- o Attend Stations of the Cross
- o Sign up for the Couples Prayer Series

- o Sign up for the Lenten Bible Study
- o Bring/encourage others to attend Mass
- o Visit our Perpetual Adoration Chapel frequently

TALENT

- o Complete a Faith Formation Plan
- o Join one of our many ministries

TREASURE

- o Donate food and drinks to our Saint J Youth Group
- o Donate to the Catholic Sharing Appeal
- o Donate a bag of food to our St. Vincent De Paul food bank

For more information on how you can do more this Lent, please contact the Parish Office (228-896-6059).

Faith Formation Plan - biloxidiocese.org/faith-formation-plans

For donations: Saint J Youth Group youthminister@saintjamescc.com and SVDPstjamesvdp07@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE + OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRACE

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

Monday: 7:00AM & 8:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00PM

7:00PM XLT (**Adoration** with praise & worship) **Confession** available

Wednesday: 6:00AM (In the Adoration Chapel) & 8:30AM

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

Friday: 7:00AM & 8:30AM

Saturday: 3:00PM **Confession** available before 4:00PM Mass

24/7 Spend time praying with our Lord in the **Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

Confession is also available upon request & the Rosary is prayed daily.





SJCS SUMMER ART CAMP

WHO: Rising 1st-6th graders

TIME: 9am-12 noon

FEE: \$135.00/week

INSTRUCTOR: Terese G. Evans

tevens@stjamesgulfport.com 228-383-3651

DATES: (circle desired week/weeks)

June 1-5

June 8-12

June 15-19

- Art supplies, drinks & snacks provided
- Maximum enrollment: 25 students per week
- Make check payable to: St James School-Art Camp
- Payment made first day of camp, NOT prior
- Students will do new projects if multiple weeks
- No partial enrollments accepted
- Friday is finishing day for all projects

IF INTERESTED, FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO ST. JAMES SCHOOL. YOU WILL RECEIVE A PHONE CALL CONFIRMING YOUR CHILD'S ENROLLMENT A WEEK PRIOR.

(STUDENT'S NAME)

(RISING GRADE)

(GUARDIAN'S NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBER)

Join us for STEAM Camp this summer @ SJCS!

<https://forms.gle/nFTw7842mEwMQeDF6>



St. James STEAM Summer Camps

*St. James Catholic Elementary School, 603 West Ave.
Gulfport, MS, 39507*

\$100 per camp ages 10+

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday

- **June 1-4 STEM Explorations**
Campers will experience a day each of 3D design, Coding, Electronics, and Robotics.
- **June 15-18 Electronics and Mechanical Explorations**
Campers will explore the basics of Electronics and Mechanics by building simple circuits and simple machines to perform various tasks.
- **June 29-July 2 Coding with Scratch and Intro to Robotics**
Campers will learn the basics of Block Coding using Scratch, create their own personal Scratch account, and use their coding skills to program a robot to follow a simple maze.
- **July 13-16 3D Design with Tinkercad and Solidworks**
Campers will learn the basics of 3D design, create their own personal Tinkercad account and create their own 3D creations.

Payment can be mailed or dropped off or mailed to St. James upon registration.

DRESS: Comfortably but Appropriately

****Campers must bring their lunch****

Lent 2026

Saint James Catholic Church

Couple Prayer Series

A five-week series for engaged and married couples beginning **Thursday, February 19** and continuing through Lent (final session is March 19).

Sessions will be held in the church from **6:00PM - 7:30PM**

MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND



The Couple Prayer Series was created to help engaged and married couples discover the life-changing intimacy and joy that praying together brings to a marriage.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We're excited to announce that St. Patrick Catholic High School Summer Camps are now open for registration!

Our summer camps are a great way for students to stay active, build skills, and have fun in a safe, encouraging environment—led by our outstanding faculty, coaches, and staff. Camps are available for a variety of grade levels and interests.

Camp options include:

📣 Cheer • 🏹 Archery • ⚾ Softball • ⚽ Soccer

🏐 Volleyball • 🏀 Basketball • 🏈 Football

🤖 Rockets & Robots • ⚾ Baseball

📌 Spots are limited, so we encourage families to register soon!

✅ **Register here:**

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/spsummercamps/event/spsummercamps2026/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. We can't wait to see everyone this summer at St. Patrick!

Sincerely,

Emily Aldrich

Director of Admissions and Communications



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
18300 St. Patrick Road, Biloxi, MS 39532 | 228.702.0500 | stpatrickhighschool.net

SCHOLARS | DISCIPLES | CHAMPIONS



FANS CAMP

2026

QUESTIONS? CONTACT COACH ADRIAN DODSON (228) 365-7600 OR COACH MIKE MATTINA (228) 424-6813

REGISTER AT [WWW.FANSCAMP.COM](http://www.fanscamp.com)

SUMMER 2026

June 1st-July 17th

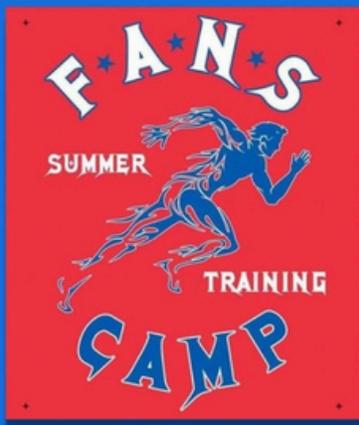
AGILITY

OPEN TO KIDS AGES 5-13

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ⚡ FITNESS TRAINING FOR ALL SPORTS
- ⚡ MARTIAL ARTS
- ⚡ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DODGEBALL TOURNEYS
- ⚡ STRENGTH AND SPEED CONDITIONING
- ⚡ SUPERSTAR CONTESTS
- ⚡ P.E. AND SPORTS RELATED GAMES AND EVENTS
- ⚡ WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS TO MALL AND TRAMPOLINE PARK

FITNESS



NUTRITION

STRENGTH

MONDAY-FRIDAY

DROP OFF AS EARLY AS 6:45 AM
PICK UP BY 5:15 PM

Located at:

**Our Lady Of Fatima
Elementary
320 Jim Money Rd.
Biloxi**

Weekly Rates:

- 1 CAMPER - \$149
- 2 CAMPERS - \$249
- 3 CAMPERS - \$349
- 4 CAMPERS - \$399

• ONLY PAY FOR THE WEEKS YOU ATTEND
• \$150 REGISTRATION FEE
SECURES YOUR CAMPER'S
SPOT FOR THE SUMMER

*CAMPERS MUST BE IN SAME FAMILY
FOR MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT

EVERY MINUTE IN SCHOOL MATTERS



Did you know? ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but it adds up!

When a student misses 2 days a month:

- They will miss 20 days a year
- They will miss 30 hours of math over the school year
- They will miss 60 hours of reading and writing over the school year
- They will miss over a year of school by graduation

When a student misses 4 days a month:

- They will miss 40 days a year
- They will miss 60 hours of math over the school year
- They will miss 120 hours of reading and writing over the school year
- They will miss over 2 years of school by graduation

St. James Catholic School

Faith • Academics • Service

2025 – 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY/AUGUST 2025				
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- Holiday – No School
- Quarter Tests
- Faculty/Staff Development
- End of a Quarter
- Report Cards

- Quarter 1** – July 31 to October 2
- Quarter 2** – October 3 to December 19
- Quarter 3** – January 5 to March 11
- Quarter 4** – March 12 to May 22
- First Day of School** – July 31
- Labor Day** – September 1
- Fall Holiday** – October 6-10
- Thanksgiving** – November 24 - 28
- Christmas** – December 22 - January 2
- Parent/Teacher Conferences** – January 16
- MLK, Jr. Holiday** – January 19
- Mardi Gras** – February 16-17
- ITBS Testing** – TBA
- Good Friday** – April 3
- Easter Holidays** – April 3 to 10
- 6th Grade Graduation** – May 21
- Last Day of School** – May 22

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 Faculty/Staff Development

First Day of School – July 30
Labor Day – September 7
Fall Holiday – October 5-9
Thanksgiving – November 23 -27
Christmas – December 21 -January 4
MLK, Jr. Holiday – January 18
Mardi Gras – February 8-9
Easter Holidays – March 26 –April 2
Last Day of School – May 24

Quarter 1: July 30 –October 1 Quarter 2: October 2 –December 18
 Quarter 3: January 5 –March 15 Quarter 4: March 16 –May 24

PLEASE NOTE: Holidays may be used for make-up days, if necessary.