THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

FAITH • FAMILY • SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 9-13, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EVERY DAY IS A NEW CHANCE TO GROW!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

What a wonderful day we had at St. James on Friday! It was a blessing to welcome Bishop Kihneman, Superintendent Jennifer Broadus, and other diocesan guests to our school. The Mass was beautiful, and our Spirit Movers did an outstanding job representing the Catholic saints. I was so proud of all of our students who helped make the celebration special through their participation in the choir and opening procession. It was a memorable day for our St. James family!

- **FALL FESTIVAL SURVEY:** Fr. Ryan and the Fall Festival Committee would appreciate your feedback on this year's Fall Festival. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your thoughts. Your feedback is valuable in helping us continue to improve and ensure the success of future fall festivals. Thank you for taking the time to share your input! **HERE** is the link.
- **GRADED PAPERS & WEDNESDAY FOLDERS:** Moving forward, all graded papers and weekly tests sent home in Wednesday folders must be reviewed, signed by a parent, and returned to school in the Wednesday folder on Thursdays. Weekly tests will include a cover sheet for parents to sign. We ask that you take time to go over the tests with your child before returning them so that you can discuss their progress, celebrate areas of success, and review any areas that may need additional practice. Teachers will keep the returned tests on file at school to monitor student progress, identify learning needs, and maintain a record of academic performance for future reference. We appreciate your cooperation and partnership in helping us support each child's academic growth!
- **VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST:** We will honor and celebrate the veterans in our school families with a special Veterans Day Breakfast on Wednesday, November 11, from 8:15–9:15 a.m. Students who have a family member attending the breakfast are invited to participate. **HERE** is the link to the signup form. Tiffany Skinner is chairing this event, so please direct any questions to her.
- **UNIFORM POLICY REMINDERS:** Please take a few minutes to review the school uniform policy. **HERE** is the link. It is important that all students adhere to the uniform guidelines. Please pay particular attention to the following reminders:
  - Nails: Artificial nails of any kind are **NOT** allowed. Nail polish is allowed, but it must be a conservative color. Boys are not permitted to wear nail polish.
  - Earrings: Only stud earrings are permitted.
  - Belts: Boys in Grades 2-6 are required to wear a belt with uniform shorts or pants.

Thank you for helping us maintain our school uniform standards!

FAITH FORMATION:

- **Nov. 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Reverence**
  The Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome is the oldest public church in the city and serves as the cathedral of the Pope. Remember to show reverence and respect when entering God's house.
- **Nov. 10: St. Leo the Great – Courage**
  St. Leo the Great was a pope who courageously defended the teachings of the Catholic Church. Have the courage to stand up for what is right and remain strong in your faith.
- **Nov. 11: St. Martin of Tours – Generosity**
  St. Martin was a soldier who famously cut his cloak in half to share with a poor beggar who was cold. Look for opportunities to share what you have and give generously to others.
- **Nov. 12: St. Josaphat – Unity**
  St. Josaphat worked tirelessly to bring Christians together and strengthen unity within the Church. Be a peacemaker by treating others with kindness and helping bring people together.
- **Nov. 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – Compassion**
  St. Frances Xavier Cabrini dedicated her life to caring for immigrants, the poor, and those in need. Show compassion by recognizing when others need help and responding with kindness.

CURRENT FLYERS:

Veterans Day Breakfast Sign-Up

Christmas Program Information

November Lunch Calendar

Fall Festival Survey

RESOURCES:

VIRTUS

FACTS Family Portal (SJC-MS)

Monthly Calendar

Family Handbook

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST
Wednesday, November 11
8:15-9:15 a.m.
Students must be registered to attend.

DAILY MASS
Wednesday, November 11 - 8:30 a.m.
Students in Grades 1, 2, 3, and 6 attend.
3rd Grade (Williams) Reads/Serves

DAILY MASS
Friday, November 13 - 8:30 a.m.
Students in Grades 4 and 5 attend.
5th Grade (Freeman) Reads/Serves

SUNDAY MASS
November 15 - 9:00 a.m. Mass
5th Grade Readers & Choir