

THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

FAITH



FAMILY



SCHOOL

AUGUST 17-21, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EVERY DAY IS A NEW CHANCE TO GROW!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

What a beautiful way to begin our school year with our first school Mass last Friday! It was a joy to see our students, faculty, and staff gathered in prayer as one St. James family. Moments like these remind us of what makes our Catholic school community so special. As we begin another week, may we continue to live our faith through kindness, patience, and joy. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we grow together as a school family.

- **Open House:** Join us next week on Monday, August 24, for our Open House event. We will gather in the church at 5:30 p.m. for a short meeting. We will unveil our new logos and share our new school mission, vision, and philosophy statements. Members of our School Advisory Committee and P.L.U.S. organization will speak. After the meeting, you will be able to visit your child(ren)'s classroom(s) to learn more about the curriculum and classroom procedures. The teachers will give two 15-minute sessions in their classrooms. P.L.U.S. plans on having a pop up shop set up in the cafeteria with St. James swag available for purchase. We hope you will join us for this adult only event!
- **School Pictures:** School Pictures will be taken on August 25 and 26. These pictures will be published in the 2026-2027 school yearbook. Click [HERE](#) to see the flyer for more information about school pictures.
- **2026 Fall Festival:** Our annual Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 24. A packet will be sent home in Wednesday folders this week with important information about this year's Fall Festival. Members of the Fall Festival committee will be at the Open House event.
- **Cell Phone & Smart Watch Policy:** The Diocese of Biloxi prohibits students from using personal telecommunications devices, including cell phones and smart watches, during the school day. These devices may only be used in an emergency or other unusual circumstance when the Principal has specifically given permission. If a student is found with or uses a cell phone or smart watch during the school day, the device will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent from the school.

FAITH FORMATION:

- **Aug. 17: St. Clare of the Cross** – *Trust God in difficult times.*
- **Aug. 18: St. Helena** – *Thank God for the gift of faith.*
- **Aug. 19: St. John Eudes** – *Ask Jesus to help you love others.*
- **Aug. 20: St. Bernard** – *Make time to be still and listen to God.*
- **Aug. 21: St. Pius X** – *Grow closer to Jesus through the Eucharist.*
- **Aug. 22: Queenship of Mary** – *Ask Mary to lead your family closer to Jesus.*
- **Faith Challenge:** *Do one small act of kindness each day.*

P.L.U.S NEWS:

Would you like to get involved and volunteer at school?

Join Parents Lending Useful Support (P.L.U.S.)!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up for a committee!

RESOURCES:

[August Lunch Menu](#)

[VIRTUS](#)

[FACTS Family Portal](#)
(SJC-MS)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DAILY MASS

August 19- 8:30 a.m.

Students in Grades 1, 2, 3, and 6 attend.

DAILY MASS

August 21 - 8:30 a.m.

Students in Grades 4 and 5 attend.

SUNDAY MASS

August 23 - 9:00 a.m. Mass
4th Grade Choir

OPEN HOUSE

August 24 - 5:30 p.m.

Adult only event, no students

SCHOOL PICTURES

August 25: PK2 - 2nd Grade

August 26: 3rd - 6th Grade

Students should wear school uniforms.