

# Dear Padre,

## Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that “small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel.” Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, “with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word ‘chapel’ more appropriately describes this space.” If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. “The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship” (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are “on holy ground” (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God’s mercy and unconditional love. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 18 Weekday	September 19 Weekday	September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim	September 21 St. Matthew,	September 22 Weekday	September 23 St. Pius of	September 24 Twenty-fifth
1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10	1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17	Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35	Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13	1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3	Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15	Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists’ *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*As I was celebrating Mass, I paused, touched by a phrase... from the book of Sirach.... “Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity.” A beautiful phrase! Think of the end! Think that you will be in a coffin...and will you take hatred there? Think of the end, stop hating! Stop the resentment.*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 17, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Romans 14:7-9 / Matthew 18:21-35



## Forgive and Forget?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

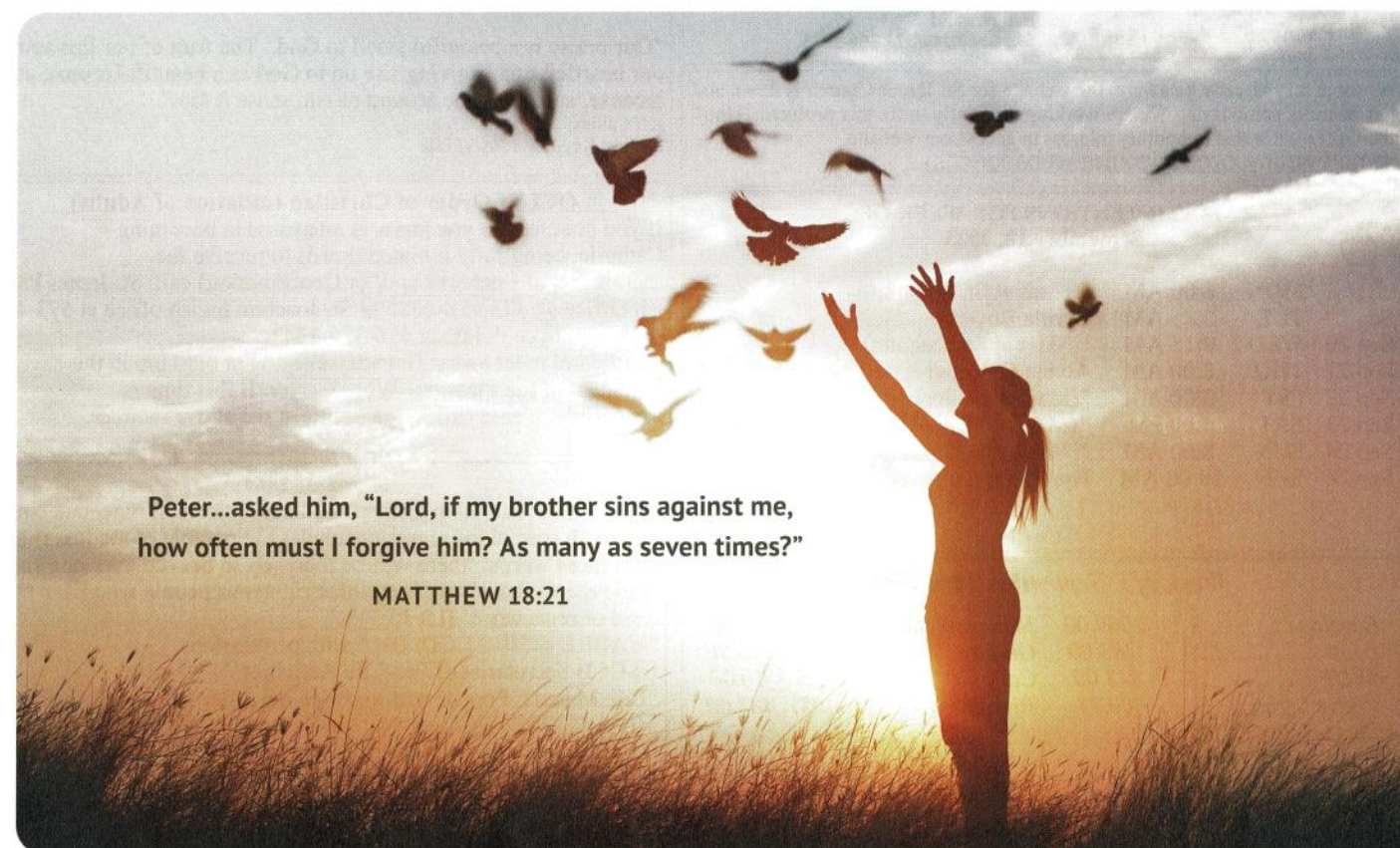
**T**erry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? “I’m a Christian and a Catholic, and it’s really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be.”

It’s been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, “Oh, that’s OK. Don’t worry about it.” Forgiveness may not even mean being able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much. Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. “Forgive and forget” is not always possible. At times the pain not only lingers but also throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care.

What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person’s life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit. ●

### Reflect

*When have you been able to forgive even though memory of the pain lingered?*



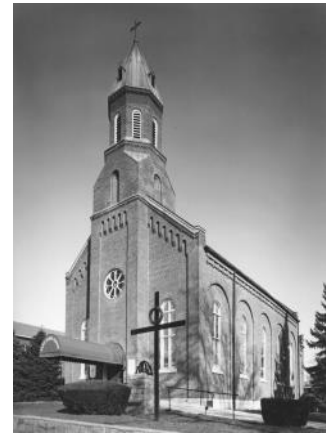
Peter...asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21



# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## September 2023 Mass Schedule

St. Joachim	Mon:	8:00 AM
St. James	Tues:	8:15 AM
St. Joachim	Wed:	8:15 AM
St. James	Thurs:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Fri:	8:00 AM
St. James	First Sat:	8:00 AM
St. James 1st & 3rd	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. Joachim 2nd/4th	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. James	Sun	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM

### \*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE\*

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

**E-MAIL:**  
stjameschurch@centurylink.net  
**WEBSITE:**  
www.stjamespotosi.org  
**FACEBOOK:** St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

**Confessions:**  
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;  
prior to Sat evening Mass  
Or by appointment

**Office Hours:**  
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Tuesday thru Thursday  
Phone: 573-438-4686

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Phone: 573-436-0144

As some may already be aware, the website for St. James Church is down and has been for some time. We are working diligently to fix this problem. Until then, please use this temporary address to access our website.  
[temp-hwzuysozgdycjcpnjze.webador.com](http://temp-hwzuysozgdycjcpnjze.webador.com)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:  
**September 18, 2023**

MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 19 TUE	8:15 AM	Cyrilla Boyer
Sep 20 WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 21 THU	8:00 AM	Alvina Coleman
Sep 22 FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 23 SAT	4:00 PM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 24 SUN	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 24 SUN	10:00 AM	Tom DeGonia

**Week of: September 10th, 2023**

Envelope.....\$	2009.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	5.00
Loose.....\$	483.00	On-Line donations.....\$	75.90
SVDP.....\$	843.00	Catholic Univ. of Am..\$	10.00
Votive Lights.....\$	60.74	Picnic income.....\$	487.00
Light House.....\$			

**Special Ministers**  
**September 24th, 2023**  
**Lectors:**  
**Sunday 10:00 am**  
**Charlie Schloemer**  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
**Sunday 10:00 am**  
**C: Mary Roy**  
**L: Kim Coleman**  
**R: Jamie Warden**

**Servers:**  
Sat: 4:00 p.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)  
Sun: 8:00 a.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)  
Sun: 10:00 am Ava & Garryn West  
**Music:**  
Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short  
Sun: 8:00 a.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)  
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

**Food of the Month of September:** Canned meats and canned pasta meals: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, canned beefaroni, spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc.....

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.**  
~We couldn't do it without you~

**NEXT SUNDAY!!!!September 17, 2023 FALL PICNIC**

Heavenly Duster: **09/22:** Sharon Forrester  
Altar Linens: **09/18:** Faye Jarvis

"The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist."  
POPE BENEDICT XVI  
Beautiful Eucharist

"Our praise is a beautiful smell to God. The fruit of our lips and our heartfelt thanksgiving rise up to God as a beautiful aroma, as incense, and everyone around us can sense it too."  
Jeff Cavins  
Biblical Keys for a Joyful Life

**OCIA ( Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**  
If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, being fully initiated (needs to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/ or Confirmation) call St. James Parish Office @ 573-438-4686 or St. Joachim parish office at 573-438-6181 or Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343.  
Candidates meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Incarnate Word Center. If this time is impossible, please call Joyce Politte at the above number.

**Word of Life**  
"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)\*."  
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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

For all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion: may they be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; We pray to the Lord:

**What's on the Calendar???**  
Sep 17: **St. James Fall Picnic!!!**  
Sep 18: St. Joachim School "Show Me Dough" Fundraiser starts  
Sep 20: First PSR Class, 6:30—7:45, Parish Hall  
Sep 21: International Day of Peace  
Sep 24: St. Joseph Church, Bonne Terre, Fall Festival  
Oct 01: **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**  
Oct 07: Installation of our new pastor: Fr. Anthony Dattilo, 4:00 pm mass  
Oct 10: Parish Council, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

**K of C: Knights have changed their monthly meetings to the "second Tuesday" of the month at 6:30 PM. This will begin in the month of October.**  
Also:  
Knights will have their annual tootsie roll campaign the weekend of **Oct 7-8**, someone from the Knights will be outside church after mass.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center**  
Presents  
**Jewish and Christian Views on the Stories of Creation and the First Sin**  
**Presenter: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, PhD**  
**Sunday, October 22, 2023, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**  
The stories of creation and the first sin in the Book of Genesis are core to how we understand the world and our role in it. But is there more than one way to interpret them? For centuries Jewish and Christian communities have read these stories very differently, and that has led to fundamental differences in theology and worldview. Join us as we explore these texts through Jewish and Christian lenses and uncover how our views on the start of our world impacts our attitudes and behavior today.  
Cost: \$20 per person. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at [snows.org/jewish-and-christian-views](http://snows.org/jewish-and-christian-views)

**\*\*\*\*\*FORMED\*\*\*\*\***  
**Our Lady of Sorrows by Kimberly Hahn:** Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

**Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre:** Discovering the Mass in the Bible. "The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ" ...these are phrases we know form the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

**To sign up for "Formed"**  
Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>  
Enter our parish's zip code  
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

**Missionary Discipleship Mercy (Again)**  
Our pope has talked constantly about mercy. I think it might be important... Anyway, Jesus teaches the disciples today about the NEED to forgive our neighbor from the heart and how unreasonable it is to expect mercy from God the Father if we have not forgiven those who trespass against us. Have we ever been like the servant in the parable by having received forgiveness and then withheld it from someone who has sinned against us? Please allow God to transform you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is such a powerful sacrament in which God forgives our sins and gives us grace to overcome them in the future. Share the mercy of God with others and do not keep it to yourself.

**St. James Fall Picnic!!**  
**This Sunday, September 17th, 11:00 - 4:30 pm**  
Come on out and join us after the 10:00 am Mass!!!  
We're gonna have a wonderful time! Looks like the weather is gonna be great, so come have dinner with us, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music and festivities!!!  
\*Country Store \*Beer booth & a winery  
\*Bounce Houses \*Grand Raffle  
\*Quilt Raffle \*Corn Hole tournament  
\*Hot dogs & Hamburgers \*Kids' games  
\*Pull Tabs & Chuck-a-luck \*Bottle Booth  
Music by Ben Turnbough & Kegan Boyer!! Bring your lawn chairs and sit and enjoy!  
**If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie (573) 854-3101 or Don Thompson (573) 631-8668**

**St. Joseph Church in Bonne Terre**  
Invites You to Our Fried Chicken & Kettle Beef Dinner with our Famous Liver Dumplings Rolls, Desserts & Drinks  
Adults \$14 \*12 & Under \$6 \*5 & Under Free  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**  
11 AM—4 PM  
Country Store \* Flea Market \*Vendors  
Quilt Bingo \*Children's Games \* Obstacle Course  
Poker \* Beer Garden \*Sangria by THE FANCY CROW  
Live Band & Grand Raffle

**St. James PSR NEWS**  
**Welcome Back PSR 2023-2024**  
Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 20 from 6:30-7:45 pm.  
Doors will open at 5:20 with pizza being available from 5:30-6:15. If you would like to join the "pizza party", please contact Laura Allen @ 573-366-5235 no later than Tuesday September 19th, so we can get an estimate on how many pizzas to order.  
SAFE TOUCH will be taught on September 20th to grades Pre K-2 and 3-5  
Youth Night will be starting up again this fall! Please watch bulletin for our next event!  
Confirmation Class will be assisting with several service projects this year. So please watch the bulletin for updates.  
It's still not too late to register, call Laura Allen or Julie Wright.  
Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.

