

Dear Padre,

I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15
Baptism of the Lord	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38	Mk 1:21-28	Heb 2:14-18	Heb 3:7-14	Heb 4:1-5, 11	Heb 4:12-16	Is 49:3, 5-6
Mt 3:13-17		Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17	1 Cor 1:1-3
						Jn 1:29-34

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016



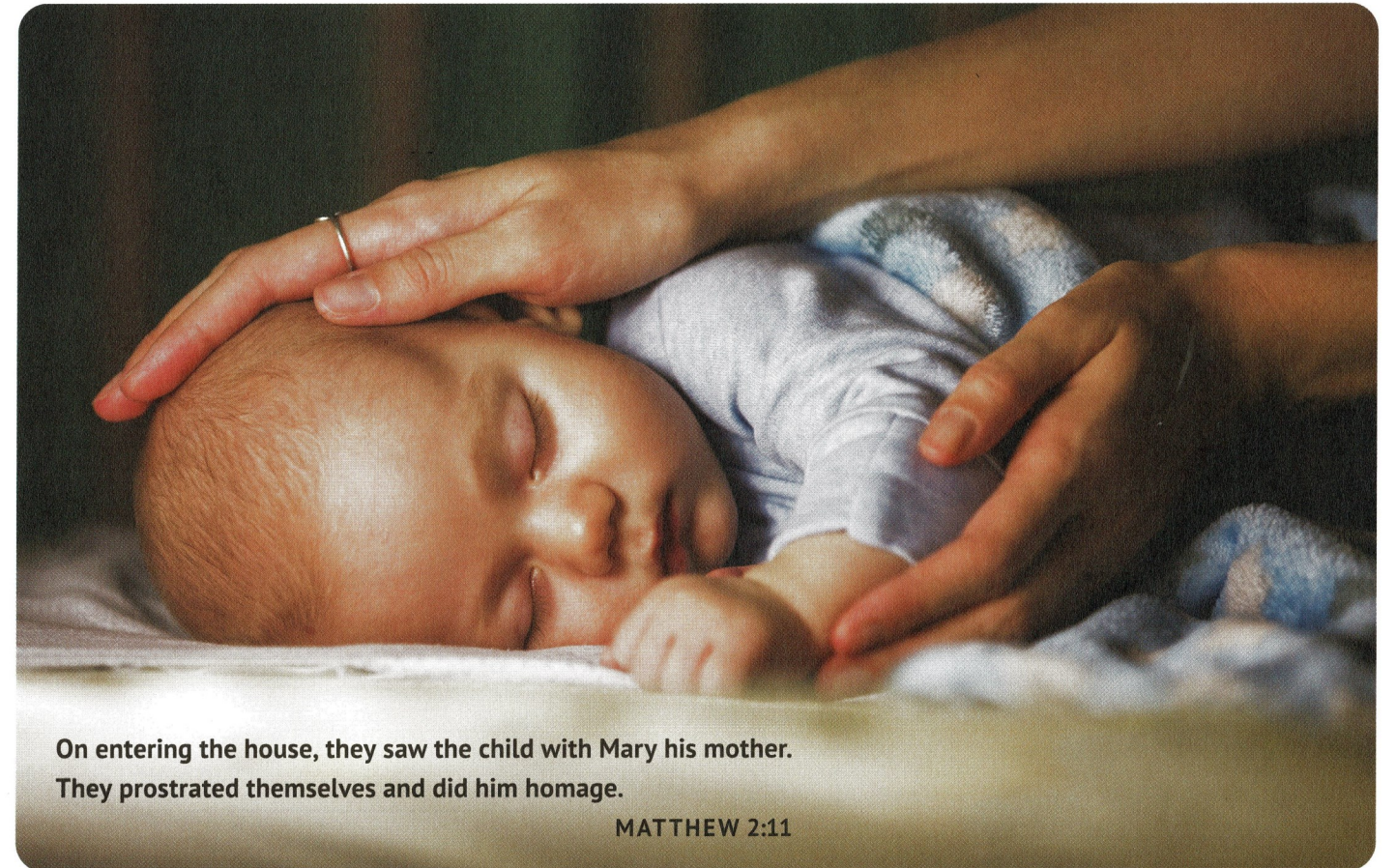
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

MATTHEW 2:11

A Trip Called Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, "How is this biblical story my story?" So then, how is the story of the *Magi* our story?

Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the *Magi* who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren't sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way.

Then one day we happen to stumble on what we've been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home. ●

Reflect

Is anything of the *Magi* story also your story? If so, reflect on yours.



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	9:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

***HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:**
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

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www.stjamespotosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

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

Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion
Phone: 573-436-0144

Confessions:
Saturday: 8:00 - 8:30 AM
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
January 9, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Lauren Farrow
WED	8:00 AM	Janet Coleman
THU	8:00 AM	Cyrilla Boyer
THU	6:00 PM	The Hall Family
FRI	8:00 AM	Joe & Delores DeClue Family
SAT	9:00 AM	Betty Matthews & Family
SAT	4:30 PM	St. James Parish to stay open
SUN	8:00 AM	Gary West
SUN	10:00 AM	People of the Parish

Week of: January 1, 2023

Envelope.....\$	3832.00	Christmas Offering....\$	20.00
Loose	338.00	Christmas Flowers.....\$	
SVDP.....\$	313.00	Seminary.....\$	20.00
Votive Lights.....\$	28.00	Solemnity of Mary.....\$	342.00
Light House.....\$		St. Louis Review.....\$	70.00
Main & Repairs...\$	138.00		
On-Line donations....\$	65.90		

Special Ministers
Week of: January 14 & 15 2023!
Lectors:
Sat: 4:30 pm Laura Allen
Sun: 8:00 am Jeanne DeGonia
10:00 am Danny Mueller
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Saturday 4:30 pm **Sunday 8:00 am** **Sunday 10:00 am**
C: Paul Villmer **Don Thompson** **Kim Coleman**
L: Annette Portell **Jamie Thompson** **Diane McGirl**
R: Judy East **Sharon Forrester** **Mary Roy**
Servers:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Volunteers Please
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ava & Garryn West
Sun.10:00 a.m. Bruce Carter
Music:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun.10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
YOU make the difference!

Heavenly Duster: 1/13: Nedra Villmer
Altar Linens: 1/09: Barb Cocos

RCIA –The Right of Christian Initiation for Adults
Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? **RCIA** is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA gives instruction to those wishing to be baptized & those who, for whatever reason, have never practiced their baptismal faith as Catholics. For more information, please phone the rectory office at (573) 438-4686.

Mass Offerings -
Masses can be said for the living also; birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

Word of Life
“Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”
On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior;
We pray to the Lord:

Dynamic Catholic Alive!
Generosity (cont.)
The Gospel for the Epiphany of the Lord is a beautiful one. It beckons us to consider how we pay homage to the Lord in our own lives. We are certainly not kings in the sense that the Magi were. We do not rule nations. But we do share in the kingly office of Christ as a result of our Baptism. This means we must rule as He ruled: offering everything we have to God and being generous with our possessions and treasures. These treasures might not be gold, frankincense, or myrrh. They might instead be our time and energy spent more intentionally for prayer and service to others within our parish and within the wider community. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his homily for World Youth Day in 2008, “The Church needs your faith, your idealism, and your generosity, so that she can always be young in spirit.”

Upcoming Events
Jan 07: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass 9:00 am
Jan 08: The Epiphany of our Lord
Jan 08: PSR Class will meet Jan 8th (corrected from Jan 15th)
Jan 09: Baptism of our Lord
Jan 10: Parish Council mtg, Parish Hall, 5:30 pm
Jan 16: Rural Parish Clinic here
Jan 16: SVDP mtg, Food Pantry, 6:00 pm

Reflection: I wish I could have been privy to the conversations that the Wise Men had among themselves, or even with the Holy Family. How they would have tried to explain their amazing journey and their unexpected arrival?
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How do you experience God? A voice, a divine nudge, an important reminder or just a powerful feeling? Encountering God happens in many different ways. Some folks may be facing struggles, some may be experiencing the happiest day in their lives and for some, it may just be a simple walk in the park. You might even have some similar experiences. How have you encountered God in your own life? Are you willing to share your “God Encounter”?

37% of those completing the DMI survey last year said they did not feel equipped to share their stories. If you are willing to share your encounter, we would love to put it in the bulletin. This would be a fantastic way to start “sharing our stories”. So, if you’re interested, call the office, write your story down and mail it or drop it in our drop box, or put it in an envelope and drop it in the collections. You could also email it to: stjameschurch@centurylink.net. If you want to remain unnamed, that’s perfectly ok. Let’s just start sharing our stories.

Join Catholics Nationwide for the 9 Days for Life Novena, January 19-27, 2023
9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message. Resources are available also to promote and share the novena in your parish, school, or ministry! Go to the link below to pray for life: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

*****FORMED*****
This week on Formed:
God’s Doorkeeper: St. Andre of Montreal. On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys’ college drew over a million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother Andre Bessete of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door & became known as a miraculous healer. God’s Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother Andre-as a man of prayer, of hospitality & of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love. Brother Andre also had a tremendous devotion to St. Joseph that he shared with all who came in contact with him. On October 17, 2010, he became the first Canadian-born male saint & the first saint for the Congregation of Holy Cross. He is living proof that **“it is with the smallest brushes that the divine artist paints the most beautiful pictures.”**

Elizabeth Ann Seton: Seeker to Saint: a new mini documentary on the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, made its debut on EWTN on January 4, 2021. This significant date marked the 200th anniversary of Elizabeth Seton’s death and entrance into eternal life. Now you can watch Elizabeth Ann Seton: From Seeker to Saint and learn about the remarkable life of the first American-born Saint

Use “Real + True” to journey through the First Pillar of the Catechism. The Catechism is not a textbook, a collection of ideas, or a set of rules. It is the faithful echo of a God who wishes to reveal himself to us and desires us to respond. The first pillar of the Catechism is now entirely on FORMED through **Real + True**. Sign up for “Formed” and enrich your personal journey. Sign up info on flyer in back of church.

Visitors Center
Cracking the Code: The Book of Revelation – Four-part Series
Facilitator: Mark Etling, PhD
Saturdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4 10 am – 12 Noon
In this four-part series, we will “crack the code” of the Book of Revelation by examining who wrote it, for whom it was written, why it was written and the meanings of the images.
Cost: \$40 for series; \$10 per session
For more information, call 618-394-6281.
Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
With Fr. Mike Schmitz!
Starting January 1, 2023
It’s NOT too late to join the newest Ascension Podcast! We’re only in it by one week and it’s an amazing way to become stronger in your faith so you can share your Faith!
In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching **The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) on January 1, 2023!** FREE podcast!!!
To join in this journey through the Catechism, visit AscensionPress.com/ CIY. The podcast is completely free and available on all major podcast apps and YouTube.

Inaugural Archdiocesan Celebration of Life Mass
In 1986, Archbishop John L. May formed the **LifeLine Coalition** to:
- Raise awareness that pregnancy assistance services are available
- Generate new revenue for caregivers and
- Expand services to pregnant women
Join the Respect Life Apostolate for the inaugural **Celebration of Life Mass** to thank God for ending abortion in Missouri, honor those lost to abortion, pray for those wounded by abortion, and commit to build a “culture of life and love” (Evangelium Vitae). **Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 at the Cathedral Basilica**, the special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski and priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The Mass collection will benefit the **LifeLine Coalition**, a network of local agencies that directly assist and serve pregnant and parenting mothers, their preborn children, and families in our community. The Holy Rosary and Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass. To learn more, contact 314.792.7555, prolife@archstl.org or STLRespectLife.org
If you’re able to donate, next weekend, January 14 & 15, we here at St. James Church will take up a special collection for the **LifeLine Coalition**.

St. James PSR NEWS
Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!
Next Class will be February 12th! Unit 5 is due.
Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.