

Dear Padre,

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). *Prophet* is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.” In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2-4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●

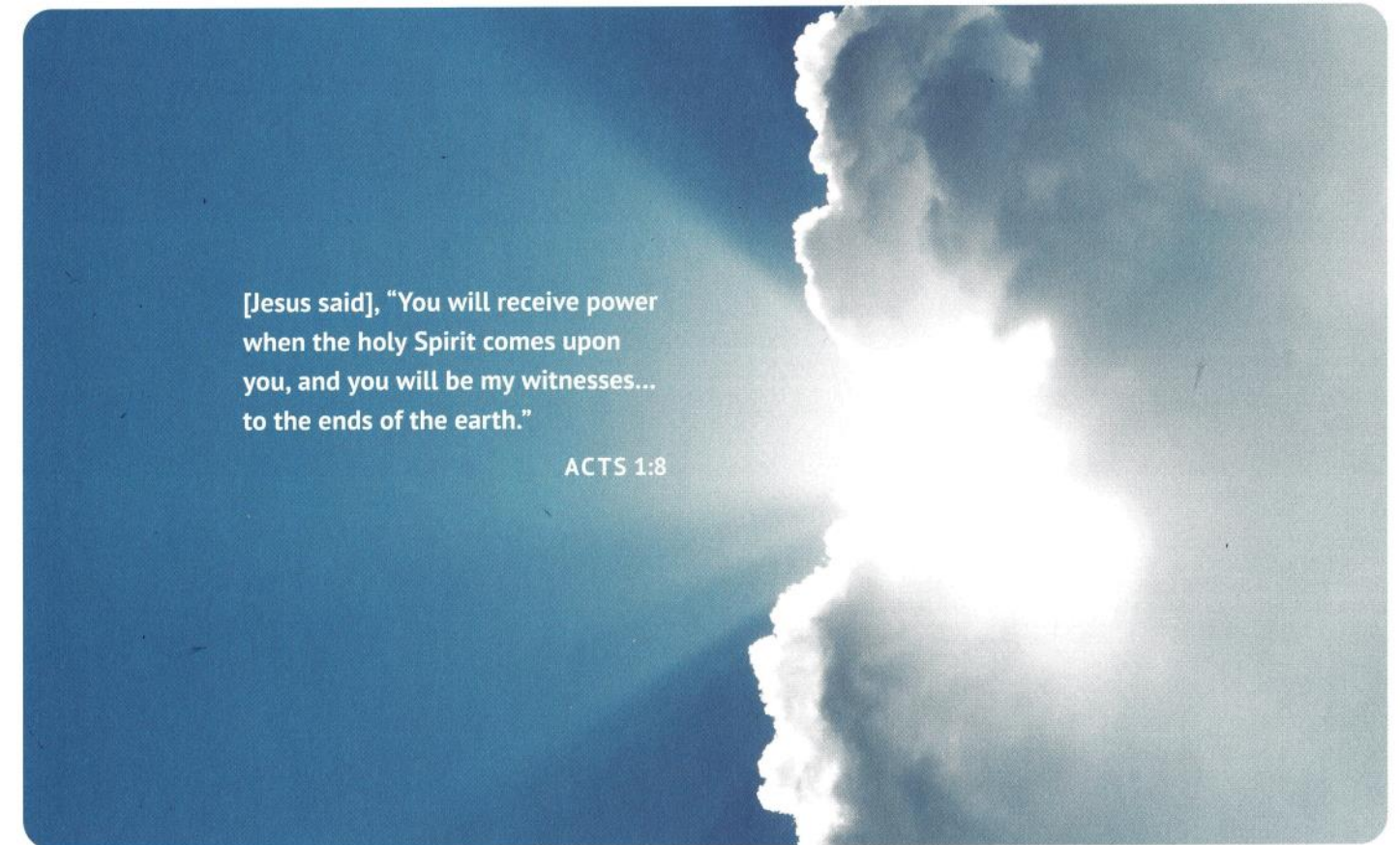


Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1-11, 14-17 / Ephesians 1:17-23 / Matthew 28:16-20



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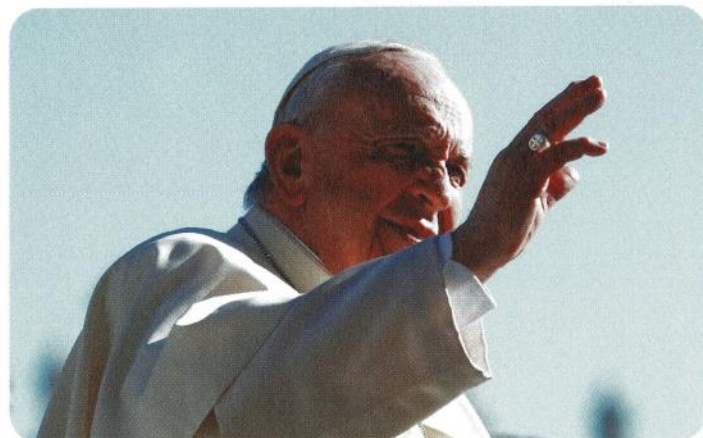
ACTS 1:8

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others. Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 20, 2019

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Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Power Unmasked

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, “Who was that masked man?” Folks never learned his identity, and it didn’t matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, “I’m sorry.” Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone’s tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by the good God has brought about through you?



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	8:00 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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8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday thru Thursday
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Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
May 22, 2023



MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	David Slinkard (Birthday)
WED	8:00 AM	Richard Dix
THU	8:00 AM	Paula Pashia
THU	6:00 PM	Dave & Jane Werner
FRI	8:00 AM	Fr. Fleming (ordination)
SAT	8:00 AM	Jason Wright
SAT	4:30 PM	Fr. Fleming
SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
SUN	10:00 AM	Rose Mills

Week of: May 14, 2023

Envelope.....\$	3154.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	350.00
Loose.....\$	1069.50	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	1364.00	Catholic Home Mission	
Votive Lights.....\$	42.00\$	50.00
Light House.....\$		Catholic Communications	
	\$	40.00

Special Ministers May 27 & 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 4:30 pm Paul Villmer
Sunday 8:00 am Susan Broombaugh
Sunday 10:00 am Jamie Warden

Lectors:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:30 pm C: Judy East L: Laura Allen R: Annette Portell
Sunday 8:00 am Don Thompson Julie Jost Susan Broombaugh
Sunday 10:00 am Marvin Wright Danny Mueller Kim Coleman

Servers:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Volunteer Pls
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteer Pls
Sun.10:00 a.m. Daisy & Penelope Kearns & Meadow Hanson

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

Food of the Month of May: Breakfast items this month please! Juice, cereal, breakfast bars, etc. Kids will be out of school by the 19th of May. We appreciate any and all donations!!! Thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

~We couldn't do it without you~

Please think about volunteering for our Fall Picnic this year
September 17, 20223

Heavenly Duster: 06/02: Glenda Farrow
Altar Linens: 05/29: Glenda Farrow

In a world when we see so much doom & gloom, "we sure could use a little good news today". So, when God touches you and blesses you with a miracle, or simply whispers in your ear, tell us about it.

Please share with us.

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

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid"
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For all Christians: That our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next;
We pray to the Lord:

Upcoming Events



May 21: Ascension of the Lord
St. Joachim Youth Group Game Night, 6:00 pm Incarnate Word Center
May 28: Pentecost Sunday

All Things New

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we recognize the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us.

In this moment, as Archbishop Rozanski prepares to share the future structure of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we are struck by the constant need for Pentecost to happen in our Church each and every day. It is the Spirit that allowed the early Church to move from fear to courage - from silence to a bold proclamation of the Gospel. As we have arrived at this moment in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, this indeed is a new Pentecost for us.

After nearly two years of gathering data and feedback, Archbishop Rozanski will announce his decision regarding All Things New on Saturday, May 27, the day before Pentecost.

Pastors will be sharing information regarding the announcement as it pertains to their parish at all Masses Pentecost weekend, as well as through their usual communication outlets. On Saturday evening, information regarding all parishes and priest assignments will be posted on all-thingsnew.archstl.org

As we prepare our hearts to be open to follow where the Holy Spirit will lead us, consider joining parishioners all over the archdiocese in praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days leading up to Pentecost. The Novena prayers and audio can be found at: allthingsnew.archstl.org/Resources/Novena-to-the-Holy-Spirit.

Let's continue to pray for each other as we discern the best path toward a renewed Catholic presence in every part of our archdiocese.

*****FORMED*****

Formed this week!

Slaves & Kings: The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret: Set in Spain in the 1800s, this dramatic feature film tells the compelling story of St. Anthony Mary Claret, an Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, missionary & confessor to the Queen of Spain. Claret, one of Spain's most popular preachers, founded the religious congregation of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known as the Claretians.

The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity: In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit & the role the forgotten Person of the Blessed Trinity has played since the creation of the world. Drawing upon Scripture & tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit & how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation for this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to Christ & eternal 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.

Dynamic Catholic Alive!

The Ascension- Evangelization

All of the Christian faithful, by virtue of their Baptism, are called by God to spread the Good News. Evangelization is not some exclusive mission that God has entrusted to a select few. Today we celebrate Christ's Ascension to the right hand of the Father; Christ has made captive our captivity (Ephesians 4:8). He calls us to walk in the freedom of the children of God, who joyfully announce to others the salvation He has won for us. Evangelization does not have to entail mission trips to foreign lands. It starts within our own minds and hearts. We can seek to learn more about our Catholic Faith and seek opportunities for catechesis and instruction. We can pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit each day. We can share the beautiful encounter we have had with the Lord with others through simple acts of charity and kindness. God is with us always!

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Graduates.

"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity". 1 Timothy 4:12 (Use what others perceive as innocence as a fresh start, set an example in everything you say and do and let God's Holy Spirit shine through you).

Month of Mary, our Heavenly Mother

What does it mean to "consecrate" oneself to Mary?

Well, lets start with the question: What's a consecration? Consecration means "to make holy." When one makes an act of consecration, it is made ultimately to God with the understanding that our consecration is a serious commitment on our part to respond faithfully to God's grace at work in our lives. Consecration means setting yourself aside for service to God. The Church has always advocated consecrating yourself to **Jesus Christ** through the Blessed Virgin Mary, the perfect model of discipleship.

To consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary is, at its core, to say to Mary: totus tuus, "all yours, Mary." All that is mine is yours and all that is yours is mine. Consecration is **to give our whole selves to Jesus through Mary**, and in return, **to receive Him through her**. That's it. However, like the "I do" in the sacrament of marriage, this gift of self requires understanding, preparation, a special day, reminders, and renewals.

As Pope John Paul II explained, "Consecrating ourselves to Mary means accepting her help to offer ourselves and the whole of mankind to him who is holy, infinitely holy; it means accepting her help—by having recourse to her motherly heart, which beneath the cross was opened to love for every human being, for the whole world—in order to offer the world, the individual human being, mankind as a whole, and all the nations to him who is infinitely holy" (May 13, 1982).



Picnic/gun raffle update:

All tickets have been sold for the gun raffle!!! Due to tickets being sold out, the drawing will be a week earlier than planned, June 3rd after mass. Thank you all who bought tickets, this is a great fundraiser for our parish picnic.

And please keep the "bottle" donations coming :-)

St. Joachim Catholic Church Job Opportunity

We are now accepting applications for a PSR Coordinator St. Joachim Church. Interviews will be conducted, and a decision will be made after the announcement of All Things New.

Celebration!!

Please come and help us celebrate one of our church's biggest blessings: Monsignor Hanson! He will be 88 on May 28 th . There will be a reception at St. Joachim Church after the 10 o'clock mass in the school cafeteria. We will be serving cake and ice cream. We hope you can stop by and wish him a Happy Birthday!

St. James PSR NEWS

This year St. James will have our annual Fall PICNIC, Sunday, **September 17th**. All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer to help in any way possible.

Registration for Fall PSR 2023-2024 will be held in August. PSR will be going back to the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month. The first PSR class will be Wed. September 13th. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for future information.

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