

Dear Padre,

What is spiritual Communion?

Saint Thomas Aquinas said spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament”...and to lovingly embrace “Him as if we had actually received Him.” It is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis also said the practice is “highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament.”

A prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori is ideal for those unable to receive holy Communion:

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Saint John Paul II wrote, “It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of ‘spiritual Communion,’ which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints....Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: ‘When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you’” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34). ●



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



Finding Buried Treasure

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Much like still-fishing, which is when the fish ultimately find the one sitting quietly waiting for the fish, most of the really treasured aspects of life somehow find us when we’re not looking. Consider falling in love or discovering a friend; the job you enjoy so much that you’d almost do it for free; a hobby that gives you so much satisfaction; creative gifts you never knew you had until you stumbled upon them later in life. To say nothing of happiness for which so many go looking and never seem to find, while others are happy without ever seeking it out.

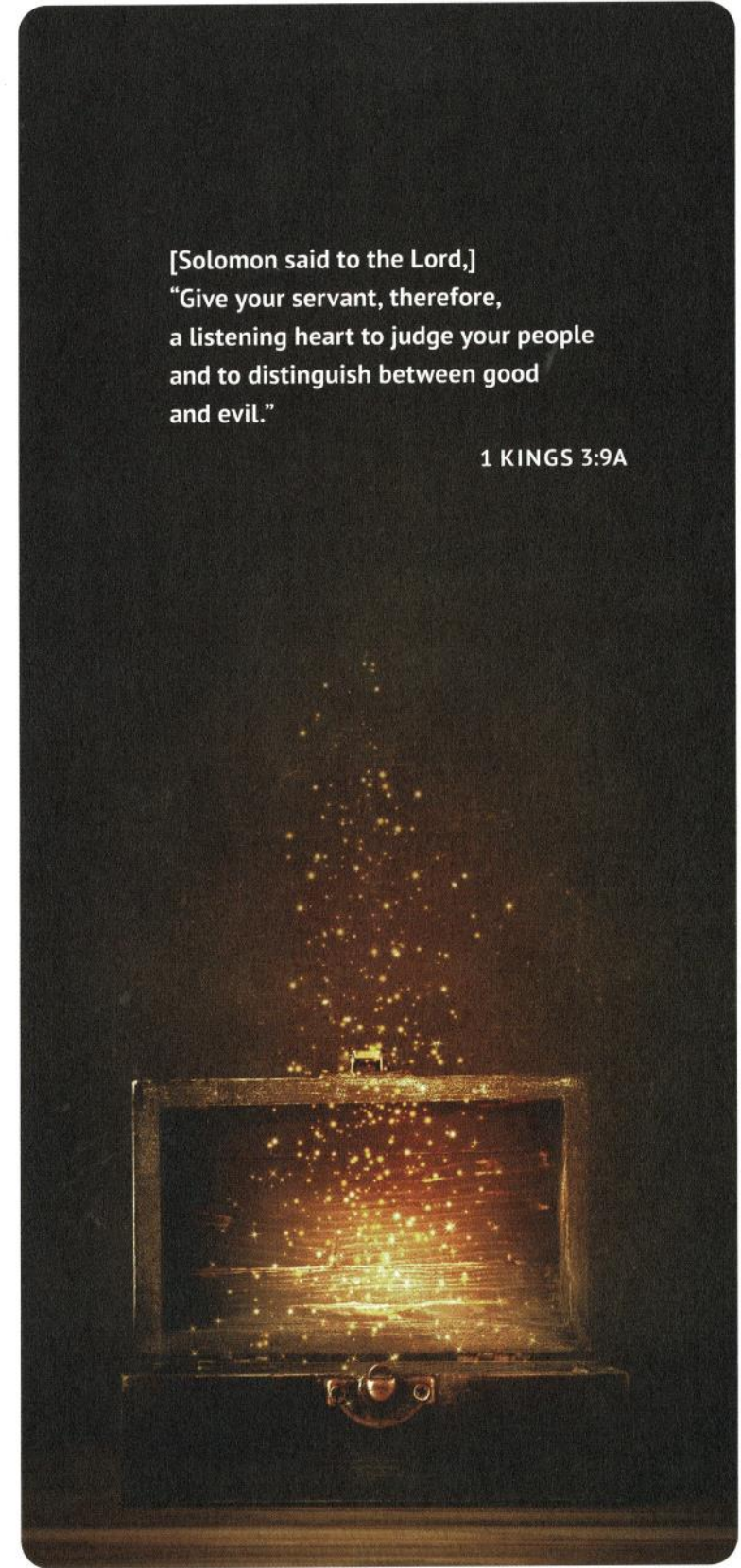
Wisdom, the gift Solomon asked for, is much like all of that. It seems to find us. Common sense, the stepchild of wisdom, is something most parents want their children to have, and, for some parents, it may be a source of great frustration as they try to make sure their children have it and use it. Wisdom is certainly a hint of the kingdom of heaven, but then so too is finding love and experiencing joy and living with a peace that refuses to be unsettled by the storms of life. All of those are the buried treasures of which the Gospel speaks, just as for others it is the pearl of great price for which they look and look until it finds them, not unlike still-fishing. All are buried treasures, hidden pearls, and tastes of eternal life. ●

Reflect

Is there a treasure in your life that ultimately found you?

[Solomon said to the Lord,]
“Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your people
and to distinguish between good
and evil.”

1 KINGS 3:9A



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today’s many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.

ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS,
WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015



SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

August 2
Weekday
Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

August 3
Weekday
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,
34b-37
Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY

August 5
Weekday
Lv 25:1, 8-17
Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY

August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



AUGUST 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	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	10:00 am

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

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
July 31, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	*(St. Joachim)
TUE	8:15 AM	Fr. Rodger Fleming
WED	8:00 AM	*(St. Joachim)
THU	8:00 AM	Lisa Gillam
FRI	8:00 AM	*(St. Joachim)
FIRST SAT	8:00 AM	Barbara Whitlock
SAT	4:00 PM	Leo Hollinsworth
SUN	8:00 AM	Joseph & Nancy Richardson
SUN	10:00 AM	*(St. Joachim)

Week of: July 23, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2493.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	65.00
Loose.....\$	333.00	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	183.00	Mission Coop.....\$	4427.00
Votive Lights.....\$	54.00		
Light House.....\$			

Special Ministers
August 5 & 6, 2023
Lectors:
Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Allen
Sunday 8:00 am Jeanne DeGonia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Saturday 4:00 pm C: Judy East, L: Paul Villmer, R: Annette Portell
Sunday 8:00 am Donna Kennon, Sharon Forrester, Glenda Farrow

Servers:
Sat. 4:00 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteer please
Music:
Sat. 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

Food of the Month of August: 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~
Please think about volunteering for our Fall Picnic this year
September 17, 20223

Heavenly Duster: **08/04:** Sharon Forrester
Altar Linens: **07/31:** Connie Scott

If you do not succeed in taking advantage of an opportunity, do not lose your peace, but humble yourself profoundly before Me and, with great trust, immerse yourself completely in My mercy. In this way, you gain more than you have lost, because more favor is granted to a humble soul that the soul itself asks for... (Diary, 1361)

Sunday, July 30th, 8:00 am Mass: This will be the last time we pray the **Rosary together with Father Fleming**. All are invited to pray the Rosary with us immediately following Mass. (It takes about 20 minutes.) Please prayerfully consider this as a most beautiful gift of time, prayer, and presence to Father Fleming as he concludes his tenth year as our Pastor here at St. James and embraces God's new path for him at St. Rose of Lima Parish. Thank you!

“If we could only be where we are and allow ourselves to become intoxicated by the love of God in that moment, how much more of life we would take in and how much happier we would be.”
MATTHEW KELLY
A Call To Joy

“We were made by God to be like God and to be with God. The Ten Commandments were God's first great expression of what being like God looks like for us.”
TOM HOOPES
What Pope Francis Really Said

Word of Life
“A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Called to Serve Moms in Need”
For women who are unexpectedly pregnant: May they be filled with trust in God's providence and supported by those around them to lovingly welcome the gift of their child; We pray to the Lord:

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS WEEK! There are still copies posted on the church doors, FB, website, and in back of church!
PLEASE take a copy and hang on your fridge so you wont be late for Mass and the Eucharist!!!

What's on the Calendar???
Aug 01: Tues Mass **8:15 am**
NO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG THIS MONTH.
Aug 03: First Thursday Mass & Adoration only: **NO 6PM Mass of Reparation healing service**
Aug 05: First Saturday **Marian devotion Mass**, Adoration, Rosary, Confession
Aug 06: Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 am Mass— St. James— Parish Hall
Donuts after 10:00 am Mass -St. Joachim
Aug 15: **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Holy Day of Obligation
Mass times:
8:15 am - St. Joachim
12:00 Noon- St. James
7:00 pm - St. James

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.
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Picnic News!! Next mtg is **Aug 23rd @ 6:00 pm!**
It's August this week folks, wow how time is flying!!!
A few updates:
• Picnic is 7 weeks away!
• We only have 75 bottles of the 200 bottle goal.
• Country store is still in need of those wonderful handcrafted items
• Bingo needs help with a few prizes.
• Kids Games, Corn Hole tournament and more!!
• Music: Ben Turnbough & Kegan Boyer!!
This is our first picnic in 4 yrs, can you believe that??? Lets make this year's picnic a fantastic success. To do that, we need all Parish involvement, so come on folks, let's do this!
If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie or Don Thompson



Knights of Columbus will NOT have August Meeting. The next mtg will be September 5th, 6:30 pm.

*******FORMED*******
Footprints: the Path of Your Life: Eleven young men from the United States walk 1,000 kilometers on their Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery: How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much? A real life 40 day pilgrimage.
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
The Kingdom of Heaven
Jesus Christ applies beautiful parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven to His disciples and emphasizes the truth that nothing is as precious as our heavenly homeland. Nothing is too important not to let go of on earth in order that we attain eternal beatitude with God. Heaven is the pearl of greatest price on which we must fix our eyes as we journey through this vale of tears. We experience many distractions, especially in our culture today, such as an inordinate appreciation of wealth, prestige, honor, fame, and status. How often we care too much about sports, our grades, our jobs, or the latest technology. Simplify. Simplify. Simplify. There is only one thing that matters. Are we willing to seek above all else the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 6:33)?

First Thursday Adoration
August 3rd after 8:00 am Mass




A Holy Hour Of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important to Jesus that a multitude of souls go to heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell.
(Jesus to Blessed Belanger)
“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.”
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First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass
August 5 @ 8:00 am
First Five Saturdays Devotion to our Lady
“Dear children! In this time of grace, in which the Most High sends me to you to love you and guide you on the way of conversion, offer your prayers and sacrifices for all those who are far away and have not come to know God's love. You, little children, be witnesses of love and peace for all peaceless hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call.”
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My name is Fr. Vincent Nyman (61). I was born in Portland Oregon the fifth in line of seven children. My Mother, Catherine and my Father, Nyls are both deceased. I have around 30 nephews, nieces and great nephews and nieces. The oldest of the pack works for the FBI so everyone will need to be at their best behavior. I am a life-long artist, chess player, hiker, walker, nature fanatic, storyteller, along with being an owner of a pet. My dog's name is Moonie. He is extremely intelligent, and he has never bit anyone. I am also an eternal student having lost track of the years with pen and book in hand. My great love and joy, however, is what you will see me doing for what I hope will be many years to come, that is serving you as a Roman Catholic priest.
Some of the places where I have served are: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (4 years); St. Angela Merici (3); Maria Reina, La Paz, Bolivia (1); St. Paul, Fenton (3); St. Francis (3); Our Lady of the Holy Cross (10 years). I also spent a couple summers as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force. It's all been good, but I bet the best is still yet to come.



St. James Catholic Church Quilters News
Our Quilters will still be selling raffle tickets for their quilt at the picnic. There are few tickets in the office, if anyone still wants to get tickets early come by the office. This is a hand quilted quilt that will be given away at our Parish Picnic in September. All proceeds benefit our parish.
Thank you Ladies for sharing your gift with us!!



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 **August 30th**. PSR class schedule changes will be announced at a later date. Please watch the bulletin for further information.
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