

Dear Padre,

I am wondering why Ash Wednesday is sometimes in February and sometimes in March. Who decides when Lent begins, and why is it always different?

The beginning of Lent is determined by the date of Easter, which is a movable feast, unlike Christmas, which is always on December 25. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. The first Sunday of Lent is six weeks before, and the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent is Ash Wednesday.

This subject has caused division in the Church since the second century, because the Eastern Church and the Western Church had different calendars. So, the calculations of the first full moon of spring differed and therefore the date of Easter and Ash Wednesday were different. Sometimes on a calendar you will see both Easter and Orthodox Easter listed on different Sundays. It is hard for most of us to appreciate why the differences between East and West are so important. Remember the prayer of Jesus, that we all may be one. We can honor our Lord's desire for unity and pray during this Lent for the unity of Christians everywhere. ●



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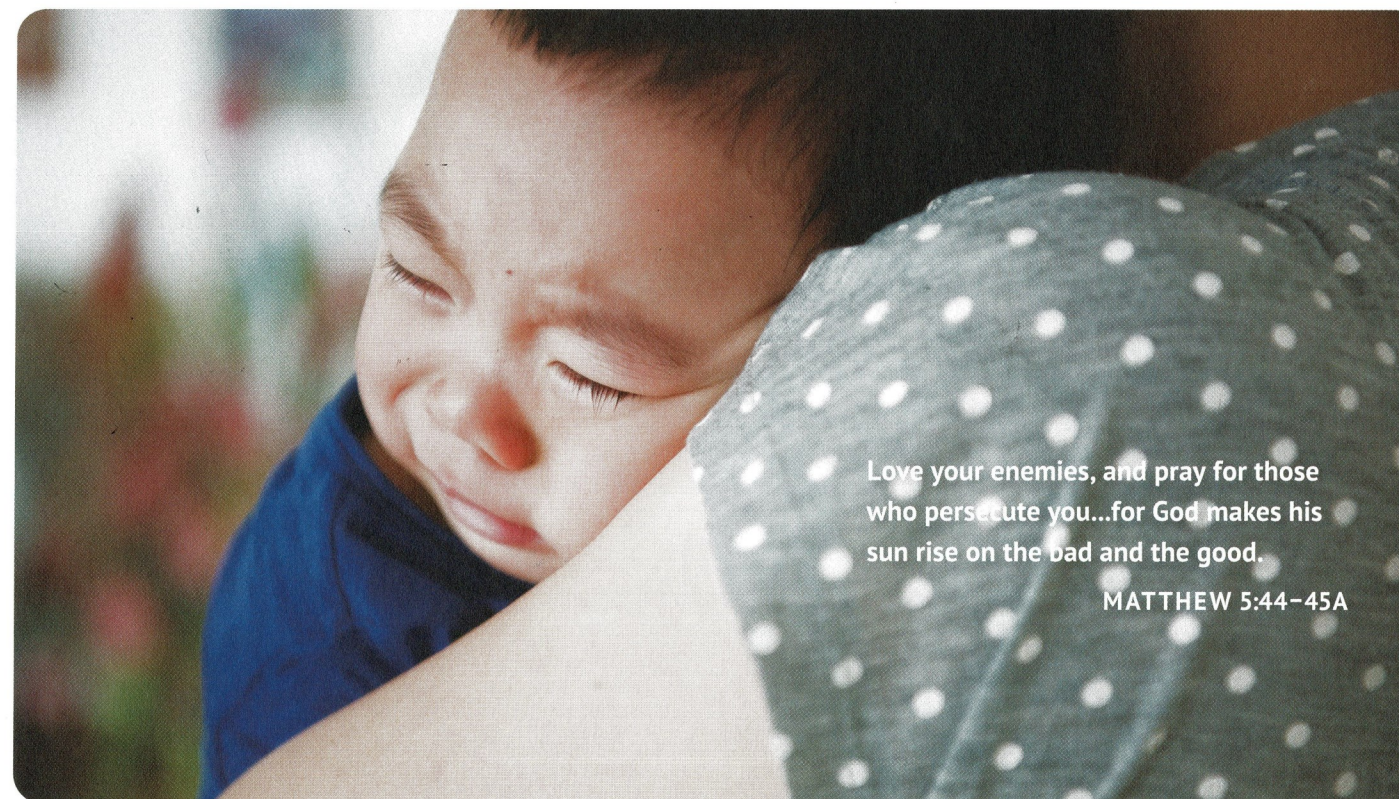
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| February 20 Weekday Sir 1:1-10 Mk 9:14-29 | February 21 Weekday Sir 2:1-11 Mk 9:30-37 | February 22 Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 | February 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25 | February 24 Friday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15 | February 25 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32 | February 26 First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11 |

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48



Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you...for God makes his sun rise on the bad and the good.

MATTHEW 5:44-45A

Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

To turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, to love one's enemy, all of that is to absorb and thus stop the evil that can saturate life. When we do that, then evil ends with us, lest it keep escalating like a tsunami that overwhelms life.

Is anyone really willing to absorb the evils of life? Many are. Parents do who walk the floor at night with a crying infant or care for a child sick with a cold and then find themselves suffering the same illness. They absorb the evil in order to bring some comfort and so ease the child's pain. Someone does as well who listens endlessly to a lonely person on the phone or over a cup of coffee. They absorb the loneliness even as it tests their own patience. Those who protest injustice by participating in nonviolent demonstrations and then find themselves mistreated or even dealt with violently, they absorb the hate of others.

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2), says the Lord to Moses. Absorbing the evils of life is a different sort of holiness, different than saying more prayers or giving up enjoyments during Lent. Part of our tradition is to do penance during the season of Lent. Perhaps this year a penance might be to become conscious of each day's opportunities to simply absorb someone's suffering, another's pain, a bit of the evil that so often ricochets through our days, always doing so in the image of Jesus. ●



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

If we want to call ourselves Christians, this is the only way; there is no other. Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first....

HOMILY IN BARI (ITALY), FEBRUARY 23, 2020



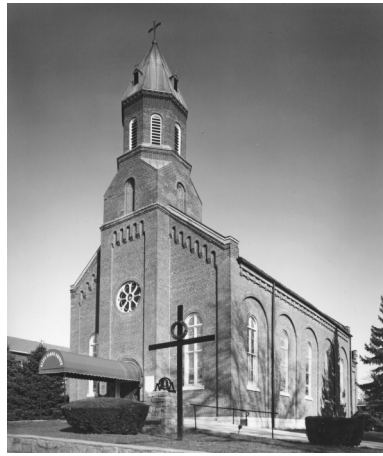
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Reflect

When have you ever suffered as you absorbed someone else's pain?

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



Weekly Mass Schedule

| Day | Mass Time |
|-------|---------------------|
| 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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WEBSITE:
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: February 20, 2023

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| MON | 8:00 AM | No Mass |
| TUE | 8:00 AM | Alvina Coleman |
| WED | 8:00 AM | Richard Dix |
| | 11:00 AM | Charles Coleman Family |
| | 6:30 PM | Joseph & Nancy Richards |
| THU | 8:00 AM | Betty Matthews & Family |
| THU | 6:00 PM | Alex Slinkard |
| FRI | 8:00 AM | Bess Lalumondiere |
| SAT | 9:00 AM | Joshua Mathis (birthday) |
| SAT | 4:30 PM | Leroy & Faye Jarvis & family |
| SUN | 8:00 AM | St. James Parish to stay open |
| SUN | 10:00 AM | Parish Family |



Week of: February 12, 2023

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| Envelope.....\$ | 3102.00 | Main & Repairs.....\$ | 65.00 |
| Loose.....\$ | 465.00 | On-Line donations.....\$ | 65.90 |
| SVDP.....\$ | 90.00 | St. Louis Review.....\$ | |
| Votive Lights.....\$ | 34.00 | Black/Indian Miss.....\$ | 35.00 |
| Light House.....\$ | | | |

Special Ministers
Week of: February 25 & 26, 2023

Lectors:
Sat: 4:30 pm Bob Mills
Sun: 8:00 am Jeanne DeGonia
10:00 am Jamie Warden



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: Judy East **Jamie Thompson** **Diane McGirl**
R: Annette Portell **Glenda Farrow** **Mary Roy**

Servers:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Elizabeth & Madeline Hatley
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.

ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

Lectors: Naomi & Payton Heifner
Special Minister: Kim Coleman
Servers: Ava & Garryn West & Meadow Henson
Music: Little Way Band

Heavenly Duster: 2/24: Glenda Farrow
Altar Linens: 2/20: Barb Cocos

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.

Have you encountered God in your own life? Won't you share your "God Encounter"? Your encounter may be exactly what someone else **NEEDS** to hear. Send your stories to: stjameschurch@centurylink.net. If you want to remain unnamed, we can do that. Let's just start sharing our stories.

Word of Life

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and His Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

For married couples struggling with infertility: May the Lord help them trust in His love and sustain them with His peace; We pray to the Lord:

Dynamic Catholic Alive! Forgiveness

We should never stop showing mercy to our neighbor. Jesus teaches us the radical nature of the Christian message in loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us. The Church has made Herself many enemies throughout the last 20 centuries. We must continue to pray for these enemies and forgive those who trespass against us. We are told to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. It is fascinating to note that the Gospel according to Luke replaces the word "perfect" with merciful. Experts can argue about the linguistic dimensions of the passage, but it is clear that we become like God in a deep way and participate to some degree in His perfection when we are merciful to others as He is merciful.

Upcoming Events

Feb 22: Ash Wednesday; Masses @ 8:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm
Feb 24: Knights of Columbus Drive Thru Fish Fry lunch, 11:00 - 1:00
Ladies Sodality Bake Sale 11:00 1:00 (drive thru)
Feb 25: **Sat Mass time change: Mass will be celebrated @ 8:00 am**
Feb 25: Evangelization Workshop, Parish Hall, 9 to Noon
Feb 28: FEARLESS Lenten Study, 6:00 pm @ Judy Wright's house, Potluck, RSVP, No cost!
Mar 12: Daylight Savings Time begins, Set your clocks ahead Sat night!!!!

Sunday Reflection: A story from Father Arseny: Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father illustrates the power of our God of love. In our post-modern Christian world, we all have opportunities to choose Jesus' way over all other seductive options. What will your choice be? LPI

Lenten Study: FEARLESS: Lent 2023, don't walk the journey alone. Time & again, the people of God are called to be courageous and "be not afraid". Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we follow Jesus into the wilderness. Let's make this the most impactful & spiritually fruitful Lent of our lives. **(no cost!)**
Judy Wright's house, Tues evenings, 6:00 pm, potluck, pls RSVP

My Encounter with God, by Rhonda Politte.

Back in September, I fell and broke my foot. I was in a boot for 5 weeks and crutches for 8 or 9. I was also diagnosed with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. My leg from the knee down and my foot were red/purple, swollen, and hurt so bad I couldn't stand for it to be touched. I was attending Physical Therapy and did the exercises at home several times a day. With all the work I was doing, I was still unable to put any weight on my foot. I tried. It hurt. I couldn't do it. I was frustrated. I was struggling, and even though I had wonderful support from family and friends, I felt alone. I had a conversation with Fr. Fleming about what I was going through. He blessed me and suggested I pray the Surrender Novena. I hadn't heard of the Novena and was willing to give it a try. On Sunday, after mass I searched for the pamphlet in the vestibule. There was only one pamphlet, I thought, this is meant for me. The next day I started the Novena, 9 days of beautiful prayer. I started it again, 9 more days of prayer. It was a couple of days after the second time through the Novena, that something happened! I was getting ready for my day, thinking about what chores I could get done on one crutch. After I tied my second shoe, I heard WALK! It did not feel like I told myself to walk. My eyes were probably as big as silver dollars! I didn't stop to think, where is my crutch? Or It's going to hurt, I can't do it. I just walked! My husband, Jack heard a little commotion and came in the room and saw me walking. I told him what happened, we were both in tears. We knew God had answered our prayers!
I have never experienced anything like this before. I urge everyone to pray the Novena of Surrender to the Will of God. Let Him take care of all your worries. Rest and know that He has your back! WE just have to let Him!

*****FORMED*****

Formed this week!

Catholic all Year at Home: Fat Tuesday: In this episode, the Tierneys prep for their family Mardi Gras party, complete with Shrimp Etouffee main course, Hurricane Mocktails, and Boeuf Gras Sundaes for dessert. Plus, you will learn how to make a Mardi Gras King Cake, both the "real" and "cheater" versions, and you will join Kendra and her family as they say goodbye to "Alleluia" and make the transition to the more somber and penitential season of Lent.

Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer: Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her 5yr old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr. Learn from Anna and unite your sufferings to Our Lady of Sorrows.

- Meeting God In Prayer

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.

In your loving Kindness, please keep the families of Ona Bohannon, Richard Dix, and Alvina Coleman in your prayers.

EVANGILIZATION 101 WORKSHOP/Planning Area 14
25 February 2023; 9:00 am -12:00 pm
St. James Potosi Parish Hall
This workshop will cover beginning fundamentals of evangelization. This is a free workshop offered to anyone who wants to increase their comfort of **sharing their faith.**
You are asked to register, but you will not be turned away at the door. :-)
archstl.org/evangelization

Looking for a Fall Dinner Chairperson & volunteers. Lets get a jump on it this yr. Pls call the office and volunteer! :-)

They're Back!!!! Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's



St. James Ladies Auxiliary are hosting bake sales during Knights' Fish Fry Lunches. Homemade baked goods by the piece or whole dessert for sale. Just drive by and pick out your dessert. Thank you for your support!

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Thanks you for your generosity this past Christmas. Our seminarians are grateful for the prayers and support of your Parish. The support of your parishioners gifts of \$998.00 gives our seminarians hope as they discern whether God is calling them to the parish priesthood.



Feb 10th, we hosted St. James "YOUTH NIGHT". Everyone had such a great time! Several have asked to continue Youth Nights. So, start telling your friends about it and keep your "lamps lit" for the next escape room; maybe in March??

ALL THINGS NEW SECOND DRAFT MODEL - WINTER 2023 UPDATE

The All Things New planning committee has refined the draft models to one model per planning area. Armed with the feedback summaries, parish workbooks and financial data, the team has analyzed each model to ensure each one has the resources to sustain the new structure. **The Second draft model options have been shared with the priests last week**, with a period of feedback. Those draft models are now available for viewing on the All Things New website at <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>. Other factors will come under consideration, including redrawing maps of the archdiocese and priest reassignments. **Please take a few minutes to watch the short video from Fr. Martin as he gives insight to these draft models.**

It is expected that by the end of April, Archbishop Rozanski will have met with Consultors to review final draft models, and then he will have a month to pray and discern before announcing a final decision on May 28, the feast of Pentecost. Implementation of these plans will take effect beginning in fall 2023 through 2026. Please continue to pray for the gift of true discernment so that we may continue to do the Will of God in all things.

St. James PSR NEWS

Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!
Next Class will be March 12th! Unit 6 is due.
(Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th also, so set your clocks ahead 1 hour)
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