

Dear Padre,

Are naked statues, like Michelangelo's David, really appropriate for public viewing?

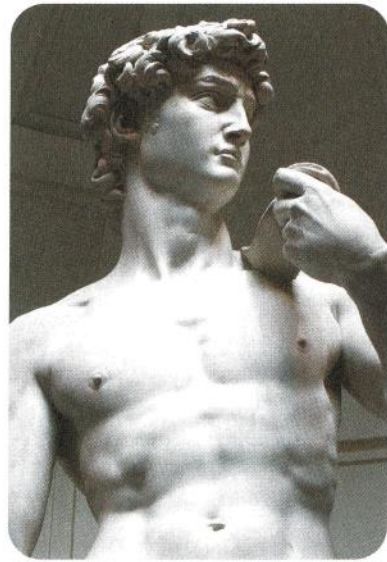
It is helpful to consider if the artwork depicts the body to heighten transcendence, or to objectify the body to satisfy basic instincts. Art is admittedly subjective, and the interpretation of nudity in true art is in the eye of the beholder. Nudity can evoke feelings of shame for some; for others, the nude body in art can be an aesthetic experience of illuminated grace in humanity, and ultimately in the glory of our Maker for all his gifts—including the gift of Christ's resurrection that restored us to the original image and likeness intended by our Creator.

Since ancient times, the nude human form was a common subject in art. The intention is to draw the viewer to a better appreciation of the human body's natural beauty. However, nudity is often associated with sexuality, and for some, sexuality is equated with sin.

In his series of addresses about the theology of the body, St. John Paul II expounded on original nakedness that was referred to in Scripture: "Man tries to cover the real origin of fear with the shame of his own nakedness" (Genesis 3:10). "In the state of original innocence nakedness did not express a lack. Rather, it represented full acceptance of the body..." (*Real Significance of Original Nakedness*, 1980).

So to answer the question, assuming the purpose of the artist is to inspire, and the atmosphere in which the statue is viewed is conducive to such inspiration, yes, such a public display is appropriate. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Proverbs 9:1-6 / Ephesians 5:15-20 / John 6:51-58



The Wisdom Meal

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

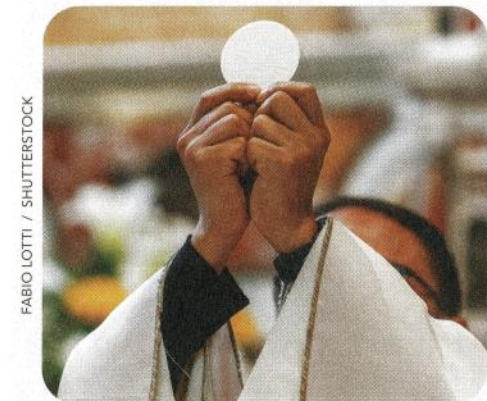
Common sense and wisdom are two different realities, similar but not the same. Common sense can be taught, and it tends to be black and white, rather obvious. For the most part, parents teach their children common sense. *Don't run with a knife in your hands. Look both ways before you cross the street. Wash your hands before you eat.* Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be more nuanced. It has a depth to it that cannot be taught. Rather, it is learned by experience and is more obscure than obvious. Sometimes, wisdom may not even seem to make sense. *One finds life by losing it. We find meaning not by focusing on ourselves but rather upon others and their needs. Less is more. Might does not make right.* Wisdom is the home of God.

Throughout Scripture, the virtue of wisdom is often personified as Lady Wisdom. She is thought to have been present with God even before creation and with God at creation (Proverbs 8:22-31). Wisdom has spread her table before us and invites us: "Come, eat of my food, / and drink of the wine I have mixed!.... / advance in the way of understanding" (Proverbs 9:5-6). Jesus is the wisdom of God made flesh. To feast on Jesus' Body and Blood through the Eucharist is to feast on the wisdom of God. There, at his table, we begin to look at life the way God does. ●

Reflect

When faced with difficulties, do you stop and pray for wisdom—to see as God sees?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 19 Weekday Ez 24:15-23 Mt 19:16-22	August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30	August 21 St. Pius X, Pope Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16	August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14	August 23 Weekday Ez 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40	August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51	August 25 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

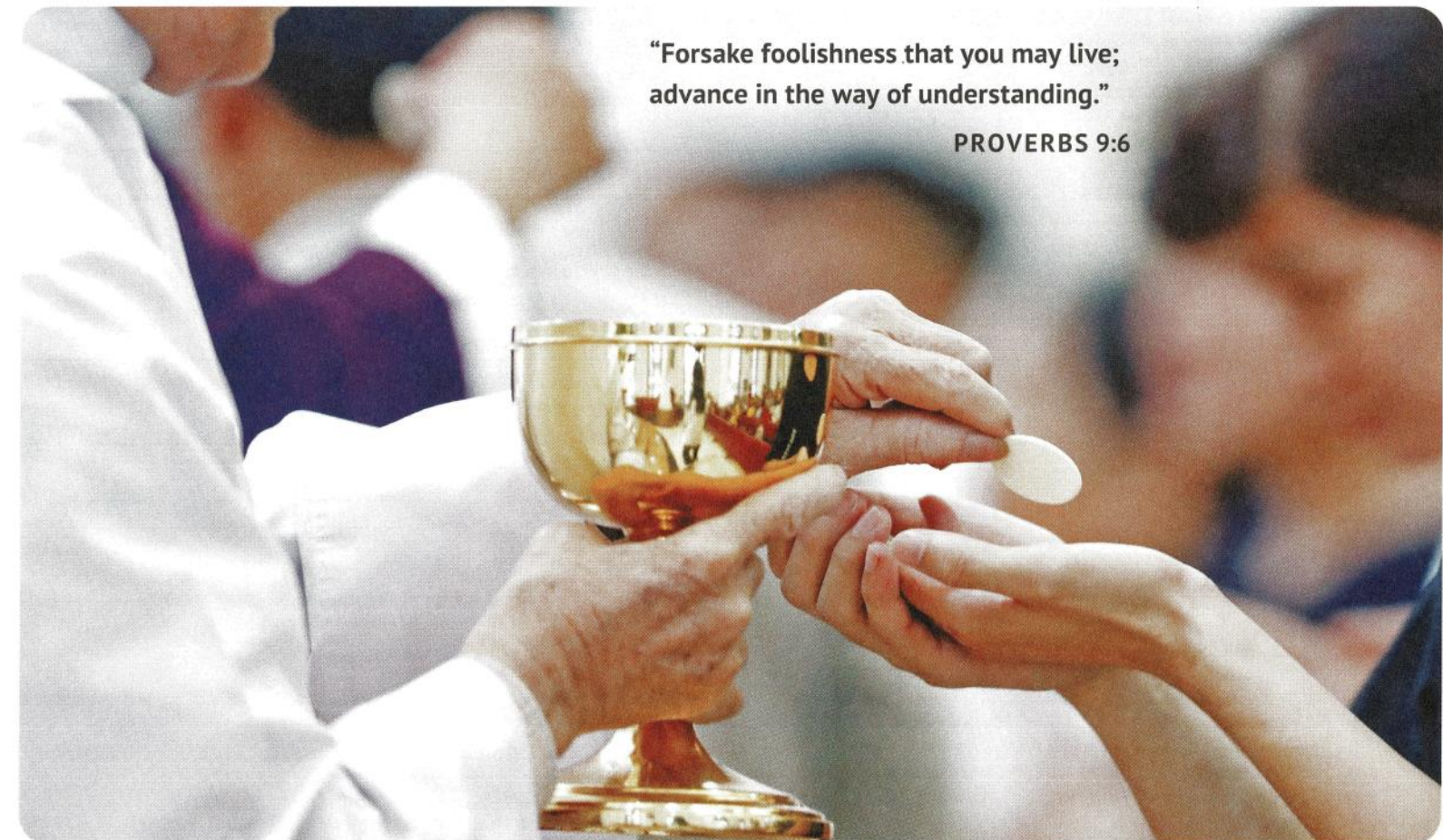


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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Around the altar we find what spiritually feeds us and quenches our thirst today and for eternity.... The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 19, 2018



"Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

PROVERBS 9:6



**Parish Picnic
9/15/24**

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



August 2024

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

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

*****5th Saturdays*****

5th Saturdays in odd years there will be Masses celebrated at St. James.

Even years, the 5th Saturdays will have Masses celebrated at St. Joachim.

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WEBSITE: *****
www.stjames-potosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

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

Office Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday after
Mass-until 2:00
Wednesday 8:00-2:00
Phone: 573-438-4686

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: August 19, 2024

MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Aug. 20 TUE	8:15 AM	Michael J. Pratt(3yrs)
Aug. 21 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Aug. 22 THU	8:00 AM	Clark Sutton (cousin of Phyllis Merkel)
Aug. 23 FRI	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Aug. 24 SAT	4:00 PM	(Mass at St Joachim)
Aug. 25 SUN	8:00 AM	Carl & Phyllis Vance
Aug. 25 SUN	10:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)



August 11, 2024

Envelope.....\$	150000	Main & Repairs.....\$	125.00
Loose collections..\$	903.00	On-Line donations...\$	65.60
Fall Picnic.....\$	90.00	Stain Glass Repair...\$	
SVDP.....\$	568.00	Mission Coop.....\$	100.00
Votive Lights.....\$	3.00	Assumption of Mary...\$	25.00
Cemetery Fund and funeral dinners.....\$	90.00	Flowers.....\$	50.00
Stole Fee.....\$			

Special Ministers August 25, 2024

Lectors:
Sunday 8:00 am
Jeannie DeGonia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Don Thompson
L: David Woodland
R: Jamie Thompson

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass at St Joachim
Sun: 8:00 am **Meadow & Abraham**
Sun: 10:00 am Mass at St. Joachim

Music:

Sat: 4:00 pm. **Chala**
Sun. 8:00 a.m. **Rebecca Richards**
Sun: 10:00 am **Anita Govero or The Little Way Band**

St Vincent DePaul August collection: Personal hygiene items; soap, shampoo, washcloths, germ x, toothbrushes, paste etc.

You Make things happen here!!!!

Heavenly Duster: 09/05: **Marilyn Carter & Jeannie DeGonia**
Altar Linens: 08/26: **Jean Roberson**

An annual conference to help those journeying with people with mental illness:

Friday, August 23, 2024
9am-4pm (lunch included)

At National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snow Visitors

Help Save God's Babies and Keep Missouri Pro-Life!

Missouri Right to Life is hosting a banquet **August 27** at the **St. Charles Convention Center** with keynote speaker former **Secretary of State Mike Pompeo**. Tickets to the event are \$100. Full details and Registration are at MRLbanquet.com or by calling 314-434-4900.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the Catholic Church, be baptized, confirmed or make first communion, call the parish office at 573-438-4686 or Joyce Politte, OCIA Coordinator, at 636-328-1343. Come and See!

Classes will begin August 29, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Parish in the Incarnate Word Center. Special arrangements may be made to accommodate those with special needs.

****FORMED****

Formed is free to the parishioners, paid for by St. James parish. It is simple to put on your phone.

Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>
Enter our parish's zip code. 63664
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!
FEATURING
Chalk and Block: What Every Child Needs to Know About God
Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi
Discover the astonishing life of Brother Francis

What's on the Calendar???

Aug 27: Parish picnic meeting-6:00
Aug 28: St Augustine feast day
Aug 29: The Passion of St John the Baptist
Sept 01: St Rose picnic
Sept 03: Ladies Sodality @ 1:00
Sept 05: First Thursday Adoration
Sept 07: First Saturday Devotion/Mass
Sept 08: St Joachim parish picnic
Sept 10: Kof C mtg
Sept 13: Clarity House
Sept 15: **St. James Church Picnic!!!**
Sept 22: St Joseph –Bonne Terre picnic

BIG THANK YOU!!!!

THANK YOU ST JAMES PARISH!!! FOR THEIR ONGOING SPLENDID SUPPORT OF OUR PANTRY OPERATED OUT OF ST JAMES BY MEMBERS OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL. WE ARE BLESSED BY YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD, PRAYERS, TIME AND MONEY! YOU HAVE HELPED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE EACH MONTH. BLESSINGS!



Catholic Men for Christ– St. Louis 2025 Conference
Sat. Feb. 15 at SLUH

Finding quiet is an ancient form of communication with God. A **Contemplative Workshop** is held Sept 14 from 9am-11:30 at Mary, Mother of the Church.
Carolyn@314-578-0062 or Paul@314-954-2299

For most of us, when we hear the word “mission” we usually think of preaching and spreading the Gospel and establishing a church in some faraway place. There are countless examples of missions in the history of our country and certainly in the history of the Catholic Church for us to study. Likewise, members of other faiths and denominations have done their part to embark on missions preaching the word of God and establishing faith communities.

Many parishes have their own Mission Statement too. So why do we need to have a mission? What's the benefit? Why now? There are so many things going on in the fall! The hours of daylight are shorter. We'll be exhausted from working our parish picnics! School has started with lots of after school activities. It's football season!

Our joint parish Mission will be a time of spiritual renewal. It will be a time to reflect on how our faith journey has gotten us to this place in time, and it will be an opportunity to set the vision for our continued journey to the kingdom, called to serve as the Body of Christ!

If you are hesitant about attending the Mission (I suggest attending each night), consider this: “What have you got to lose?” Maybe, you'll be inspired! Maybe you'll be refreshed! Maybe you might become more acquainted with your fellow parishioners! It's an opportunity to strengthen our faith community. Join us! You are an important part of God's plan here in our parishes!

Dave Politte

Thank you to all parishioners who have provided desserts for the parish picnic in the past!! We are asking that you please bring them again this year. Phone calls to individuals will no longer be made.



THANK YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN !!!

SAINT QUOTE



“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:19-20

Parish Picnic News!!!!

“Grand Raffle” tickets for the Fall Picnic will be available after all Masses through September 07. They can be purchased or requested by calling **Don Thompson** at (573)631-8668 or **Jamie Thompson** at (573)854-3101. Tickets will not be mailed this year, if you know of someone who counts on them, please help them out.

Country Store

The Country Store is ready to accept items!! All of those homemade wonderful crafts or baskets that you have been working on all year-we are ready to accept them!! Everyone looks forward to the wide selection you always provide-You are amazing!!!



BOTTLESBOTTLESBOTTLES

Bottles have been coming in!!! You have been so creative-please, don't stop!! Keep bringing them in!

The next Picnic meeting is on **Tuesday August 27** at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall



Thanks for the birthday wishes and gifts and cards– You made my birthday special. Thank you!!-Fr. Tony

September 15 St James Picnic



St. James PSR NEWS

There will be some changes with PSR. Join our Facebook page for all of the latest info.

Laura at 573-366-5235
K-6 classes will be held at St. James.
Confirmation classes will be held at St. Joachim
Don't forget that the first step in Christian life is charity. A great way to do this is to volunteer at the Parish Picnic!!

