

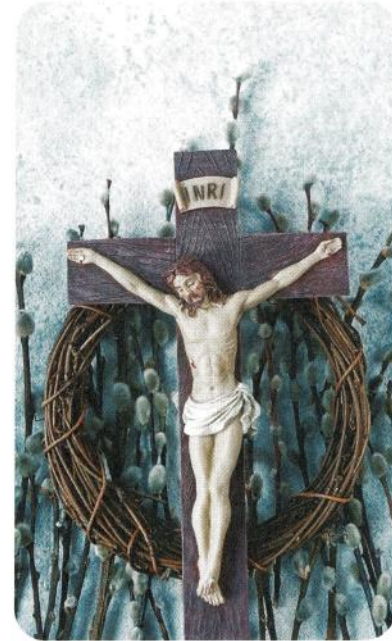
Dear Padre,

We're in the middle of home renovations, and the season of Lent is beginning. Everything is in total disarray. Any ideas to help me "keep my religion" at this time?

"There is...a time to tear down, and a time to build" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3). During the season of Lent—a word meaning "spring"—we are called to put away the "dead" deeds of winter. It's a time of spiritual "spring cleaning" for the individual and for the faith community. As nature renews herself every spring, so do we. The change of season may even prompt a renovation project—the kind you are now undertaking. The structural changes to a home afford many spiritual parallels—the redoing of your physical home can be a challenge to realign your spiritual home during Lent.

In the Genesis story, God is pleased with the handiwork of his creation. Likewise, our stamina, perseverance, and patience to see a work through to its completion are cause for great satisfaction and celebration. This would remind us that we are made in the same image of God, who took delight in his own work. Lent also can become a time of delighting in ourselves as God's special and ongoing creation.

When your home improvement project is completed, arrange for a blessing of your home. Enthroned a special cross or icon to venerate, light a devotional candle, and use holy water in the area of the home that was improved. At that time, remind yourself again that you and your home belong to the Lord—renewed during the spring cleaning of Lent!



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| February 19 | February 20 | February 21 | February 22 | February 23 | February 24 | February 25 |
| Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Chair of St. Peter the Apostle | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Second Sunday of Lent |
| Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 | Is 55:10-11 | Jon 3:1-10 | 1 Pt 5:1-4 | Ez 18:21-28 | Dt 26:16-19 | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 |
| Mt 25:31-46 | Mt 6:7-15 | Lk 11:29-32 | Mt 16:13-19 | Mt 5:20-26 | Mt 5:43-48 | Rom 8:31b-34 |
| | | | | | | Mk 9:2-10 |

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Genesis 9:8-15 / 1 Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:12-15



[Jesus] remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

MARK 1:13



A Trek in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Deserts come in all shapes and sizes. For Noah, it turned out to be a desert of water, an endless, dreary expanse. For Jesus, it was also without end, one of rocks and sand; it was a harsh existence. In our lives, deserts might be a debilitating illness, a dried-up marriage, grief over lost love, a job that seems to tax our sanity, or a childhood scarred by abuse. Not long ago, the world found itself in a pandemic desert. For many, it was one of cabin fever that isolated us from family and friends. Deserts are not alluring places. They are places from which we tend to run.

Some people deal with the inevitable deserts of life by becoming angry; others grow bitter and turn inward; others blame God and walk away from faith. Yet deserts can also be the very forces that reshape lives. With nothing else to distract us, in the desert we come face to face with ourselves, with who we really are and whose voice it is that we follow. There we take a stand on life, as Jesus did. It was the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert, and it was there that he realized the future to which he was being called. So also with us. Deserts become places where we discover what God is asking of us and where we need to go, all discoveries that may otherwise never have occurred. In some strange and curious way, then, deserts may be blessings in our lives. ●

Reflect

Have you had a desert experience? How did it reshape your life?



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How do we hear the voice of God? We hear it in his Word. For this reason, it is important to know Scripture, because otherwise we do not know how to react to the snares of the Evil One. And here I would like to return to my advice of reading the Gospel every day....

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 22, 2015



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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



February 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.

E-MAIL: stjameschurch@centurylink.net
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

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Live Your Life for an Audience of ONE: GOD!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: February 19th, 2024

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|--------|-----|----------|--------------------------|
| Feb 20 | MON | 8:00 AM | (Mass at St. Joachim) |
| Feb 21 | TUE | 8:15 AM | Jessie Callahan |
| Feb 22 | WED | 8:15 AM | (Mass at St. Joachim) |
| Feb 23 | THU | 8:00 AM | Jacob Rolwes (birthday) |
| Feb 23 | FRI | 8:00 AM | (Mass at St. Joachim) |
| Feb 23 | FRI | 6:30 PM | Sharon Forrester |
| Feb 25 | SUN | 8:00 AM | Joshua Mathis (birthday) |
| Feb 25 | SUN | 10:00 AM | (Mass at St. Joachim) |

We Need Your Help Please

Have you moved, or have you changed your Phone number? Are you new to our parish? If so, please call the office to register, or update your information. 573-438-4686

Week of: February 11, 2023

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| Envelope.....\$ | 4335.00 | Main & Repairs.....\$ | 20.00 |
| Loose.....\$ | 159.01 | On-Line donations.....\$ | 80.60 |
| SVDP.....\$ | 278.00 | Funeral Dinner fund.....\$ | |
| Votive Lights.....\$ | 35.00 | Black/Indian miss.....\$ | 10.00 |
| Light House.....\$ | | | |

Special Ministers February 25, 2023

Lectors:
Sunday 8:00 am
Sharon Forrester

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday 8:00 am
C: Jim Politte
L: Glenda Farrow
R: Kim Coleman

Sat: 4:00 pm (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 8:00 am Ava & Garryn West
Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)

Music:

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

Food of the Month of February: SVDP still needs the canned meats please: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, Tuna

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 02/23: Faye Jarvis
Altar Linens: 03/04: Barb Cocos

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, being fully initiated (needs to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/ or Confirmation) call St. James Parish Office @ 573-438-4686



“One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the World”
St. Dominic (The Wisdom of the Saints)

Homemade Baked Desserts

Ladies Sodality is 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 supporting our Ladies Sodality.



Just around the corner:
St. James
Knights of Columbus
Lenten Drive-Thru
Fish Lunches
02/23, 03/08 & 03/22
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Fish, baked Beans & potato salad, \$10.00



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

What's on the Calendar???

Feb 23: St. James Fish Fry Drive-thru Luncheon, 11:00 - 1:00
Ladies Sodality bake sale, 11:00 - 1:00
Mass & Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm @ St. James
Feb 25: Revive Documentary and Healing Service, 1:00 pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bonne Terre
Mar 02: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass; 8:00 am
SEEK Local, Our Lady Catholic Church—Festus 9:00 am to closing Mass beginning @ 5:30 pm
Mar 05: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
Mar 07: First Thursday Adoration following 8:00 am Mass
Mar 11: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
Mar 12: Parish Council, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Lenten Services

St. James Mass & Stations

Feb 23, 6:30 pm
Mar 08, 6:30 pm
Mar 22, 6:30 pm
Penance Services
Mar 26, 6:00 pm
Fish Fry's
Feb 23, 11:00 - 1:00 pm
Mar 8, 11:00 - 1:00 pm
Mar 22, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

St. Joachim Mass & Stations

Mar 01, 6:30 pm
Mar 15, 6:30 pm
Penance Service
Mar 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Fish Fry's
Mar 01, 3:00 pm
Mar 15, 3:00 pm
Mar 29, 3:00 pm

Thank you for St Joachim School Collection from St Joachim School and Fr Tony Dattilo. I thank all for their generous support of our Catholic School. St. James special School collection: \$3,825.00 as of Feb 14, 2024. God bless,
Fr Tony

*****FORMED*****

LENT: Week 1:

The three temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre. Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

Week One/Return: Lent w/Fr. John burns: Fr. Burns explains the significance of the temptation of Jesus in the desert & how we can learn from Jesus's example of confronting the devil. In each of the three temptations of Christ, we see the confidence Jesus has in his Father - a confidence that we can tap into to overcome temptation in our own lives. How will you overcome temptation & lean into the graces God offers you this Lent?

Into His Likeness/Episode 1: In the Dust of the Rabbi: What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? Many of us call ourselves “Catholic”. We check off all the expected boxes: weekly Mass attendance, rosary, receiving the sacraments. We understand & believe basic Church teaching & volunteer for religious Ed or at the soup kitchen. We think that is enough. Or is it? In this opening session, we explore the call of Jesus to follow him as we ask the questions “What am I made for?” & “Where am I right now?”

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 Desert

Lent has officially begun. Into the desert we go. The desert is a place we find ourselves in at various points in life, sometimes intentionally and sometimes not. During Lent, we choose to enter the desert of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices impel us to rely more on God and to trust in His faithful love. We face many challenges in the desert and sometimes feel as if God is not with us, but entering prayerfully into penance and self-denial, we are able to be transformed and to grow in the ways we often find most necessary. How do we need to repent this season? How can we proclaim the saving message of the Gospel?

SEEK Local

If you missed SEEK 24 STL, here's another opportunity
SEEK Local @ Our Lady Catholic Church - Festus
Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:00 am - 5:30 pm closing mass
A Free one day conference experience with opportunities for community, prayer, amazing talks and more. Wherever you are take the next step in your faith, alongside others trying to do the same.
4 Session, free lunch provided, confession, adoration & closing Mass
Please contact Diana Parker 636-937-5513 to register
(there are flyers in back of church with more information)

Donate your Old Eye Glasses

The Lions Club International will be holding eye exams and free recycled glasses to those who need them on **February 26, 2024** during the Rural Parish Clinic hours at **St. Joachim Church**. Exams are not limited to patients of the clinic. Anyone can schedule an appointment by calling 888-870-9610 to set up an appointment.

The Lions offer glasses that have been donated. If anyone would like to donate old glasses, the Lions Club International will clean them up and sort them by prescription for distribution.

There is a donation box in back of Church for all eye-glass donations. For questions call 888-870-9610

Revive Documentary and Healing Service

Sunday, **February 25 @ 1:00 pm** at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bonne Terre, we will be showing the **Revive Documentary** and will have a **healing** service afterwards. There will be prayer teams that have been trained by Encounter Ministries to assist with praying for **healing**.

The Revive Documentary is “**A CUTTING EDGE DOCUMENTARY THAT DEMONSTRATES THE ROLE OF SUPERNATURAL SIGNS, WONDERS AND HEALINGS BREAKING INTO HIGH SCHOOLS TO CONFIRM THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND PAVE THE WAY FOR AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP.**”

Please join us & invite your friends who would like to receive prayer for healing.

White House Retreat

Do you find it difficult to find time to truly relax, quiet your mind and talk to God? A retreat at White House is the perfect opportunity to the find peace, quiet and inspiration your soul is looking for. It's like a 3-day vacation with God! Join the men of our parish on our annual retreat from Thursday April 11th to Sunday April 14. Retreats at White House are silent, guided retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. All of your meals are provided and everyone receives their own private accommodations. There is no set fee to attend; White House operates on a free-will offering basis. To register call or text Jeff Boyer 573-291-3503 or visit www.whitehouseretreat.org to find additional dates.

Q&A Question: Why do we have a feast day (Feb 22) for “The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle?”

Answer: While the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, celebrated on June 29, focuses on the martyrdom of St. Peter, this celebration places the Chair or “Cathedra” of Saint Peter at the center of our attention – or rather the specific mission Jesus entrusted to Peter and so draws attention to his role in the Church. The “Chair of St. Peter” is an image of his seat of authority—an authority that was given not for his own personal gain but so that he could be a source of unity for the Church. Jesus told Peter, “I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers” (Lk 22:32). Today, this feast reminds us of the significance of the ministry of St. Peter and the succession of popes who followed in his footsteps.

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** **Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **February 21st:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 5** will be due.

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