

Dear Padre,

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●



SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 1 Mary, Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	January 3 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34	January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42	January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11–21 Jn 1:43–51	January 6 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:5–13 Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38 or 36, 38	January 7 Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12

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HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS ANNE AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (DETAIL), ANDREA MANTEGNA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... [I]f you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace.... And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)

Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 / Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17 / Luke 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40



Family Gifts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any “have-tos” whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one’s home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father’s gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents’ acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love” (Colossians 3:12–14). ●

Reflect

What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



January 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	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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www.stjames-potosi.org

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prior to Sat evening Mass
Or by appointment

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*****Our website is back! Please note a slight change in the web address:
www.stjames-potosi.org. (There is a dash “-” between stjames & Potosi)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: January 1st, 2023

Jan 02	MON	10:00 AM	Ellis Coleman
Jan 03	TUE	8:15 AM	Mike & Pat Pratt
Jan 04	WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Jan 05	THU	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere
Jan 06	FRI	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Jan 06	SAT	8:00 AM	Sharon Forrester
Jan 06	SAT	4:00 PM	Parish Family
Jan 07	SUN	10:00 AM	Mary Politte
Jan 07	SUN	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)

Week of: December 24th(4th Sunday of Advent) & 25th (Christmas) 2023

Envelope.....\$	3492.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	220.00
Loose	102.00	On-Line donations.....\$	75.90
SVDP.....\$	365.01	Seminary.....\$	950.00
Votive Lights.....\$	59.00	Christmas Offering.....\$	2482.00
Light House.....\$			

Special Ministers January 6 & 7, 2023

Lectors:
Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Allen
Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Schloemer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Saturday 4:00 pm C: Paul Villmer L: Vikkie Neier R: Judy East
Sunday 10:00 am Dave Woodland Kim Coleman Danny Mueller

Sat: 4:00 p.m Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 a.m (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Penelope, Daisy & Joshua Kearns

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 January: 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: 01/05: Faye Jarvis
Altar Linens: 01/08: Sharon Forrester

“Our lives change when our habits Change. Adopting the habits of Eucharistic Adoration will change every aspect of your life. We tend to emulate the people we spend time with. By spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become more like Him.”

Matthew Kelly
33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Contribution Statements: If you need your 2023 Contribution Statements, pls call the office & leave your Name, with an updated phone number and Address. :-)

*****FORMED*****

The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas: The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speaker, & popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt & footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary & Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem & the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer & unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

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.

Word of Life

“Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

For all families: As the domestic Church, may they pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love; We pray to the Lord:

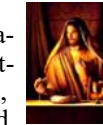
What's on the Calendar???

Dec 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Jan 01: 10:00 am Mass - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Jan 04: First Thursday, Mass & Adoration
Jan 06: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass, adoration & Benediction
Jan 07: Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 08: The Baptism of the Lord
Jan 12: Mass at Clarity House

First Thursday Adoration

January 4th following 8:00 am Mass

Sr. Faustina was deeply moved at a Holy Hour when Jesus allowed her to mysteriously and miraculously enter the Cenacle (the upper room where the Last Supper took place) to witness what happened there. “I was most deeply moved when, before the Consecration, Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and entered into a mysterious conversation with His Father. It is only in eternity that we shall really understand that moment.” She wrote, “His eyes were like two flames; His face was radiant, white as snow; His whole personage full of majesty, His soul full of longing.” She observed, “At the moment of Consecration, love rested satiated—the sacrifice fully consummated... Never in my whole life had I understood this mystery so profoundly as during that hour of adoration. Oh, how ardently I desire that the whole world would come to know this unfathomable mystery!” (Diary, 684).



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)

First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass January 6th, 8:00 am



<https://www.medjugorje.ws/en/messages/231225a/>

At the last daily apparition to Jakov Colo on September 12th, 1998, Our Lady told him that henceforth he would have one apparition a year, every December 25th, on Christmas Day. This is also how it was this year. The apparition began at 2:20 pm and lasted 6 minutes. Our Lady came with little Jesus in her arms. Through Jakov, Our Lady gave the following message:
“Dear children, today with my Son in my arms, I desire to call all of you to pray to the little Jesus for the healing of your heart. Children, often in your hearts sin rules which destroys your life and you can not feel God's presence. That is why, on this day of grace, when grace is spreading throughout the whole world, surrender your life and your heart to the Lord, so that the Lord may heal them with His grace. Only with pure hearts will you be able to experience the birth of Jesus anew in you, and the light of His birth will illuminate your life. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Missionary Discipleship

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

Spiritual Leadership

Joseph is a model of spiritual leadership. Humility and obedience are not things that are praised in our culture today. But, remember, our goal is not possessing more things on earth, rather our goal is eternal life with God! Spiritual warfare is real. Through silence, we are able to discern God's will for us and our families. Studies show that when dad takes his faith seriously, so do his children. Men, the best thing we can do for our families is to be the men God is calling us to be, to be the spiritual leaders for our families. The best gift we can give our families is to teach them how to pray.

A very Heartfelt Thank-You to ALL who made our Christmas Celebration so beautiful this year. Thank you to those who decorated the church so beautifully! Thank you to those who helped with the outside Nativity, to those who signed up to be Lectors, Special Ministers and Servers. Thank you to our choirs and musicians, our Ushers. And Glen.....we would never be able to thank you enough for EVERYTHING you do for us. ❤️

We are blessed!

Suggestions for New Year's Resolutions

1. Grow your relationship with Mary (Marian Devotion).
2. Give an hour each month to Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration
3. Choose to be a more humble person.
4. Go to confession more often.
5. Don't worry about what others think of you, just what God thinks.
6. Make it a habit to “Ask the Lord”
7. Create a special place of Prayer in your home (& use it daily)
8. Do something that will lead you closer to God
9. Choose to be a more Forgiving person.
10. “Let go and Let God”

Wishing each & everyone God's blessings for a Peace filled New Year!

Clarity House Friday evening Rosary & Mass
Come join us, Friday, January 12th, to celebrate the Holy Mass. All are Welcome!! The evening starts at 6:00 pm with the rosary and prayers of intention. It is followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. Then we share refreshments & fellowship. All are invited and welcome to attend. Also, there are bedrooms available if anyone wants to reserve one for the night. Please contact Mary Roy @ 636-234-6680 and let her know if you'd like a room. If anyone wants to ride together, please call the church office and let us know! **We will drive the church van if there are enough riders.** (a very special evening of prayer)

Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
“And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.” John 14:13-14
“The Holy Name of Jesus is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. Our Lord Himself solemnly promises, that whatever we ask the Father in His Name, we shall receive. God never fails to keep His word. Each time we say “Jesus,” it is an act of perfect love, for, we offer to God, the infinite love of Jesus”...St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) Doctor of the Church

Caring Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center
Baby Bottles
If you still have a Baby bottle, you can drop it off at the office Tues–Thurs 8-2. Again, thank you all for your unending generosity.
Life will always be the most precious Gift of all.

Offer grace even in the most frustrating moments.

St. James PSR NEWS
**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **January 17th** @ 6:00 pm. Dinner will start approximately 5:15. Unit 5 will be due.

Confirmation Class will be assisting with several service projects this year. So please watch the bulletin for updates.

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