

Dear Padre,

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 7 Weekday Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21	August 8 St. Dominic, Priest Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14	August 9 Weekday Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28	August 10 St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	August 11 St. Clare, Virgin Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28	August 12 Weekday Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20	August 13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Matthew 17:1-9



[Jesus] was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

The Gift of Mystery

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In life there are moments that some call transcendence, when the divine shines through the human and the veil that seems to cloak another world falls ever so briefly to reveal that there are not two worlds but only one wrapped in mystery. That is what took place on a mountaintop when Peter, James, and John realized that this Jesus with whom they talked and walked and shared meals, this friend, this very ordinary one, was so much more, was extraordinary, was "of God." While real, it seemed better not to tell anyone about what they had seen.

Are there also moments in our lives when the human glows with the divine, when we come to realize more clearly than ever before that there is another power at play in life than you yourself? Most assuredly. While we are powerless to create such experiences of transcendence, more than 100 years ago the psychologist William James described such moments when they do occur. He identified four qualities in such experiences: 1) they seem closer to being emotional than intellectual or cognitive; 2) they tend to bring us new understandings of life and of what is, akin to insights, though they cannot be found in a book or be taught; 3) they tend to be very brief, a few seconds for most people; and 4) there is a sense of being sustained by a superior power. This was the apostles' experience of the transfiguration, the feast we celebrate today. ●

Reflect

Have you had an experience of the transcendent that changed you?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways. Jesus also says to us: "Rise, and have no fear" (Matthew 17:7).

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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

E-MAIL:
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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Parish School of
Religion
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: Aug 7, 2023



MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
TUE	8:15 AM	Richard Dix
WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
THU	8:00 AM	Paula Pashia
FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
SAT	4:00 PM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
SUN	8:00 AM	Eli Rolwes
SUN	10:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)

Week of: July 30, 2023

Envelope.....\$	3447.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	130.00
Loose.....\$	476.00	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	884.00	Mission Coop.....\$	340.00
Votive Lights.....\$	44.00	Assumption of Mary..\$	5.00
Light House.....\$			

Special Ministers August 12 & 13, 2023

Lectors:
Sunday 8:00 am
Sharon Forrester

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday 8:00 am
C: Marvin Wright
L: Susan Broombaugh
R: Kim Coleman

Servers:

Sat. 4:00 p.m. No 4:00 pm mass this weekend
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ava & Garryn West

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, 2023

Heavenly Duster: **08/11:** Faye Jarvis
Altar Linens: **08/07:** Barb Cocos

This evening, Jesus said to me, My daughter, do you need anything: I answered, "O my Love, when I have You, I have everything." And the Lord answered: "If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I Myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me, I hurry to their aid, shielding them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart" ... (Diary, 1682)

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) (RCIA)

*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 the parish office at 573-438-4686 or Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343.

*Candidates meet at St. Joachim Church every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Incarnate Word Center. Beginning Thursday, August 24 th. If this time is impossible, please call Joyce Politte at the above number.

*Wanted: Team Members to help inform and form candidates in the Catholic Faith. Qualifications: Be a practicing Catholic, willing to share the Catholic faith and one's own faith journey, and willing to take a Protecting God's Children workshop as required for all volunteers. If interested, call Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343

"All the answers are in the tabernacle. Jesus has all the answers and he patiently waits for us in the tabernacle, day and night, to share those answers with us. Next time you are grappling with a decision, stop by church and ask Jesus for his advice....There is something powerful about just sitting in his presence."

Word of Life

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

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May the Lord generously provide for the needs of mothers as they dedicate themselves to caring for their children;
We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Aug 05: First Saturday **Marian devotion Mass**, Adoration, Rosary, Confession
Aug 06: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 am Mass— St. James— Parish Hall
Coffee & 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
Office will be Closed
Aug 19: Parish Grounds Workday, 6:00 am till ?????
Meet & Greet Fr. Nyman, refreshments after 4 pm mass in the Parish Hall.
Aug 21: Rural Parish Clinic here at St. James
Aug 30: PSR Registration for 23-24 school year, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

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!**

Time is flying!!! School will be in session in just a few short weeks!
A few updates:

- Picnic is 7 weeks away!
- We did receive a few more bottles for the bottle booth, keep them coming. :-)
- 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*****

The Seven Deadly Sins: Join professors Dr. Carl Vennerstrom & Dr. Elizabeth Klein, for a discussion on the seven deadly sins. Through this discussion you will come to have a better understanding of the nature of sin, the reality of demons and how to live a life of virtue.

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

What Are You Afraid Of?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus confirms to Peter, James and John that He is truly the Son of God when they hear a voice say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." And, how did they respond? They fell prostrate to the ground and "were very much afraid." We, too, are very much like Peter, James and John in being afraid when we hear God calling us. How do you respond when you are invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Do you see it as an inconvenience? Or, is it something that will take you outside of your comfort zone? Or, is it something that may cause you to actually change your life-style? Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." Listen to God's call. Live the life He intended for you!

J.M.J.
8/01/23
Fr. Tony Dattilo Brief Biography

I am 60 years old. The youngest child of five children. My parents were Mary Ruth and Gus Dattilo. My dad worked in the Fruit and Produce Business at St. Louis Produce Market. My mom was a homemaker. My dad is of Sicilian-Italian Descent. My grandfather was born in Italy. My mother is of Swiss-German, Irish Scottish, French and Czech descent. Being a half-breed Italian I love Italian food and I like to cook. I also love traveling to Italy.

I have three brothers and one sister. I have eight nieces and nephews. I also have four great-nieces and nephews. I grew up in south St. Louis City in the Holly Hills neighborhood. I went to St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish and Grade School.

I felt the call to the priesthood while in grade school attending daily Mass. It is the mystery of God that we celebrate in Holy Mass and Mystery of Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist that led me to the priesthood. I Went to the Prep South High School, Cardinal Glennon College, and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1990.

I have served at many parishes. As Associate Pastor I served at St. Gregory Parish in St. Ann, Mo., St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in St. Charles, Sacred Heart Parish in Crystal City, Mo., St. Kevin and Holy Trinity Parishes in St. Ann, Mo.

As a pastor I served at St. Joseph-Apple Creek Parish and St. Maurus in Biehle, Mo. Both are near Perryville, Mo. I became Pastor of St. Joachim Parish in Old Mines in 2013. I also served as the Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph-Tiff.

I was reassigned to St. Joachim Parish and made Pastor of St. James in Potosi this year.

I enjoy being in the country parishes. I get my appreciation for the country and the great outdoors from my mother Ruth who loved the country. She also Taught me the appreciation of fishing, boating and swimming. I have many past-times. I love American, European, and Catholic Church History. I love watching Cardinal Baseball (except this year), Kansas City Chiefs Football, and St. Louis Blues Hockey. I enjoy cooking and enjoying good times with family and friends. I love reading the Lives of the Saints and other important people in the Bible.

I have many statues of saints. My favorite saints are St. Anthony, St. Francis Of Assisi, St. Padre Pio Pietralcina. I also love the Blessed Mother and have been to the Holy House of Loreto in Italy and the House of Mary in Nazareth. I love History and archaeology. I enjoy genealogy and family trees.

I have a great love the Catholic Mass and the Sacred Liturgy of the Church.

I have been very blessed as a priest serving in all these parishes and have Made good friendships with parishioners and priests.

I go on retreat every year at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. I love the life and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony of Padua.

I hope that we will pray for one another as I come to serve St. James Parish. I look forward to being your pastor. Oremus pro invicem! Let us pray for one Another.

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, 5:30 to 7:00 pm.** PSR class schedule changes will be announced at a later date. Please watch the bulletin for further information.***
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