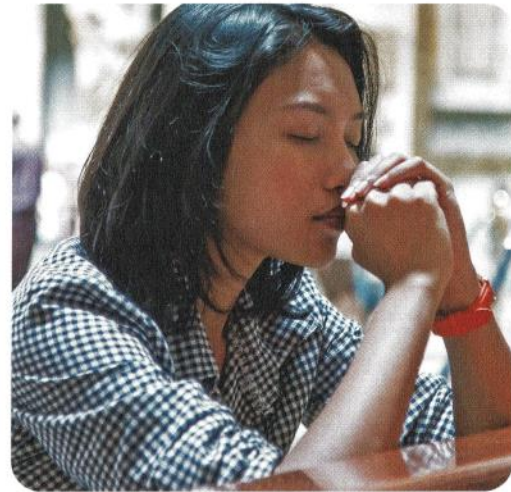


# Dear Padre,

**Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?**

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, “I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. “Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion.” Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means “thanksgiving,” and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, “Jesus, I love you.” ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 4 <i>Weekday</i>	September 5 <i>Weekday</i>	September 6 <i>Weekday</i>	September 7 <i>Weekday</i>	September 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	September 10 <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Thes 4:13–18 Lk 4:16–30	1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 Lk 4:31–37	Col 1:1–8 Lk 4:38–44	Col 1:9–14 Lk 5:1–11	Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or 1:18–23	Col 1:21–23 Lk 6:1–5	Ez 33:7–9 Rom 13:8–10 Mt 18:15–20



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God’s love.**

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 30, 2020

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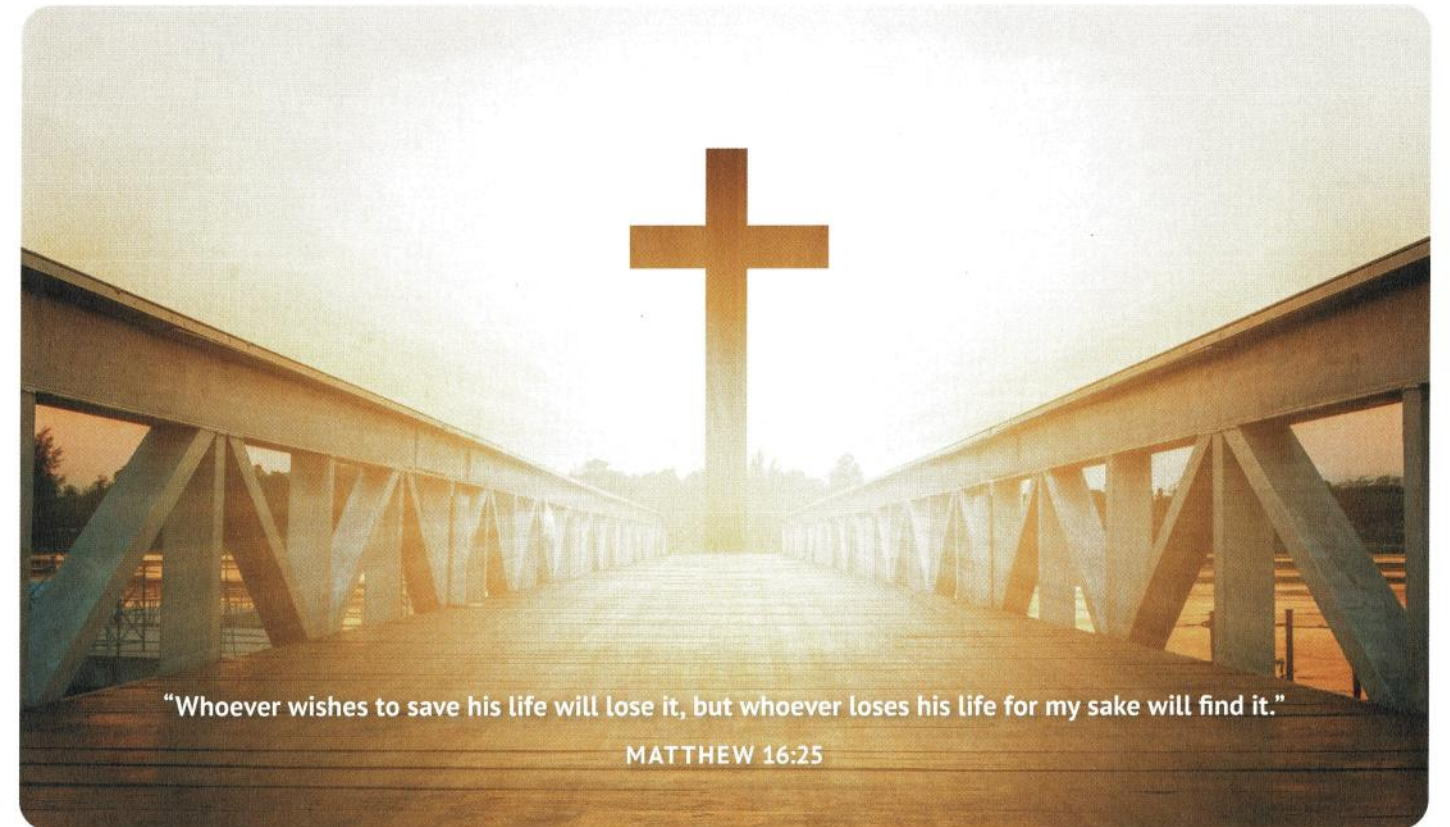
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 3, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:7–9 / Romans 12:1–2 / Matthew 16:21–27



“Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

MATTHEW 16:25

## Called to Be Faithful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Somewhere in every life, along its twisting curving path, we find ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else doing something different, as if with the flip of the channel we could live a parallel life. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than satisfying, or a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life, we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others’ woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like

the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we’ve been duped by the Lord God.

We don’t need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives from which we wish we could escape that bring us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we *do* struggle not to have our own way all the time. Spirituality has been defined as an inner set of values by which we live an outer set of circumstances. As people of faith, we try to do just that: to live in the style of Jesus. Somehow, it seems that God brings us to places we should be. ●

### Reflect

**What does it mean to be faithful in the circumstances of your life?**





# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## September 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	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM

### HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

**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

### Staff

**Rev. Anthony Dattilo**—Pastor  
AnthonyDattilo@archstl.org  
**Rev. Vince Nyman** - Part-time Senior Associate Pastor  
**Susan Broombaugh**—Admin Asst  
stjameschurch@centurylink.net  
**Julie Wright:** Coordinator of Religious Ed. (573) 436-0144/727-808-9273  
stjamespsr@gmail.com  
**Laura Allen**— Assistant Coordinator, Religious Ed.  
573-436-0144/573-366-5235

**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

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.  
[temp-hwzunysozgdycjcpnjze.webador.com](http://temp-hwzunysozgdycjcpnjze.webador.com)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:  
**September 4, 2023**

	MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Aug 29	TUE	8:15 AM	Jane Sampson
Aug 30	WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Aug 31	THU	8:00 AM	Richard Dix
Sep 01	FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 02	SAT	4:00 PM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 03	SUN	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 03	SUN	10:00 AM	Michael J. & Mary P. Pratt

### Week of: August 27, 2023

Envelope.....\$	4517.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	
Loose.....\$	965.00	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	253.00	Assumption of Mary..\$	50.00
Votive Lights.....\$	11.00		
Light House.....\$			

### Special Ministers September 10th, 2023

**Lectors:**  
**Sunday 10:00 am**  
**Danny Mueller**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

**Sunday 10:00 am**  
**C: Nikki Warden**  
**L: Dave Woodland**  
**R: Marvin Wright**

### Servers:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)  
Sun: 8:00 a.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)  
Sun: 10:00 am **Bruce Carter**  
**Music:**  
Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short  
Sun: 8:00 a.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)  
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

**Food of the Month of September:** 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: **09/08:** Glenda Farrow  
Altar Linens: **09/04:** Jean Roberson

"God is nudging you. He is calling you through that uncomfortable pain in your soul. He is inviting you out of the pain and into something deeper and truer. Trust Him."

ALLEN HUNT  
Dreams for Your Grandchild

### 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 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

### September Mass schedule changes

8:00 am Sunday Mass is celebrated at St. Joachim.  
**10:00 am Sunday Mass is celebrated at St. James**  
**1st and 3rd Saturday's - 4:00 pm Mass @ St. James**

### Word of Life

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Another Look at Abortion"  
respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

May the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts; We pray to the Lord:

### What's on the Calendar???

Sep 06: Ladies Sodality mtg **"Wednesday"**, 1:00 pm Parish Hall  
Sep 07: First Thursday 8:00 am Mass followed by Adoration until 5:30 pm  
Sep 08: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosary & Mass at Clarity Retreat House, on Hwy "Y", 6:00 pm  
Sep 10: St. Joachim Fall Picnic/Outside mass @ 10:00  
Sep 12: Parish Council mtg: 5:30, Parish Hall  
Knights of Columbus mtg: 6:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Sep 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Sep 17: **St. James Fall Picnic!!!**  
Sep 20: First PSR Class, 6:30—7:45, Parish Hall

**ALTAR SERVERS** (Current & Past): If you are a current Altar Server at Saint James, (or if you have ever been one), your lunch will be paid for at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 17th. Please sign in at the ticket table. You are most appreciated. We thank you for sharing your gifts of time and talent.



### Clarity Retreat House

Parishioners, Wayne and Mary Roy have a retreat house outside of Potosi in the Mark Twain Forest. You can learn more about it on Facebook @Clarity House of Retreat. **Father Fleming has agreed to come Friday, September 8th** to say Holy Mass. 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 during 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 is interested, we could use the church van.

### \*\*\*\*\*FORMED\*\*\*\*\*

**Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine:** This first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed. 2h 13m

### 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

#### Self-Denial and Sacrifice

One of the most beneficial sources of inspiration in our Catholic Faith is the lives of the saints. The saints, like Christ, offer us a vast number of ways in which we can deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow the Lord. The penances that saints have taken on through the centuries are excellent models for us and give us ideas for denying ourselves and thus surrendering our lives to Christ. Extra prayer, fasting, sleeping on the ground, waking up in the middle of the night to pray, abstaining from alcohol, etc. are just a few of the many actions we can take to grow closer to Christ. What is essential to remember is that these practices must not become a source of pride for us. We must focus on how the actions draw us closer to Christ and allow us to participate in His divine life. We must remember that God must be the source and goal of all of our thoughts, words, and actions. He is worth the sacrifices that we make.

### First Thursday Adoration September 7th after 8:00 am Mass

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)

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration." St. Teresa of Calcutta



### Picnic News!!

**September 17th, 11:00 - 4:30 pm**

Time is flying!!! Spread the word, invite all your friends! Picnic is **2 very SHORT weeks** away! Fall is creeping in. Several Beautiful items for the Country Store have been donated, there have been a couple prizes for Bingo too! We have lots of baskets for the silent auction! It's gonna be a great time everyone!!

Don't forget, there will be Kids Games, Corn Hole tournament, hotdogs & brats and a whole lot more!!

Music by Ben Turnbough & Kegan Boyer!! Bring your lawn chairs and sit and enjoy!

Set-up is on Saturday, Sept 16th in the AM. We need volunteers please!  
**If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie (573) 854-3101 or Don Thompson (573) 631-8668**



### 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. Joachim, Old Mines, Fall Festival Sunday, September 10, 2023 Outdoor Mass at 10 a.m.

Roast Beef & Chicken Dinners  
served 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Raffles, Games, Pull Tabs, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Brats  
Music by Shannon Cox & Tom Sampson!  
Raffle Tickets will be available that day or  
At St. Joachim Parish Office  
Old Mines, Missouri on Hwy 21  
Rev. Anthony Dattilo, Pastor

### St. James PSR NEWS

It's still not too late to register, call Laura Allen or Julie Wright.  
**Sep 20th: Welcome Back!!! Our First PSR Class is tonight @ 6:30—7:45, Parish Hall. See ya'll there!!**

**Annual Fall PICNIC is Sunday, September 17th.** All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer and help in any way possible.

Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.

