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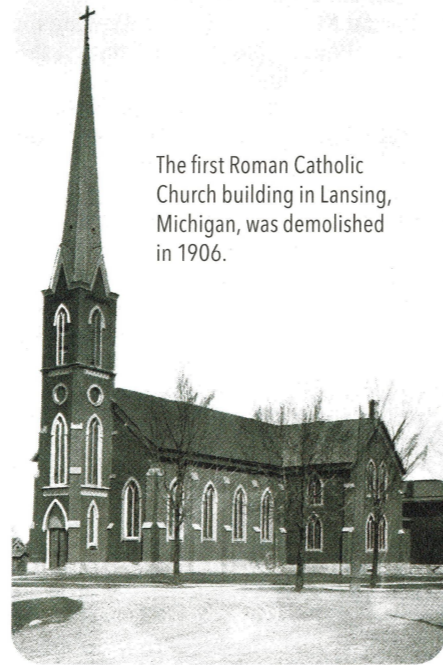
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 12, 2023

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 6:12–16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 / Matthew 25:1–13



The Light of Wisdom

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darkneses cause.

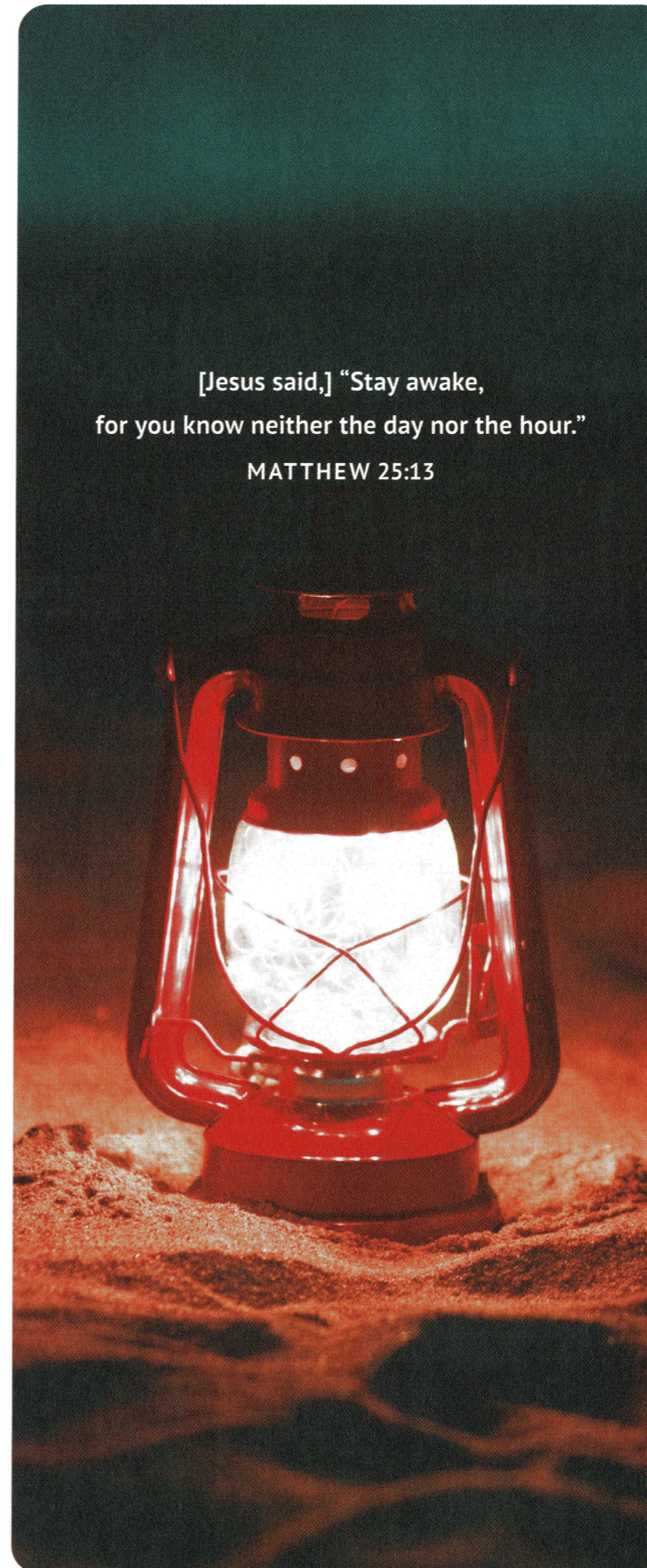
Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●

[Jesus said,] "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 1:1–7 Lk 17:1–6	November 14 Weekday Wis 2:23–3:9 Lk 17:7–10	November 15 Weekday Wis 6:1–11 Lk 17:11–19	November 16 Weekday Wis 7:22b–8:1 Lk 17:20–25	November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Wis 13:1–9 Lk 17:26–37	November 18 Weekday Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9 Lk 18:1–8	November 19 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 1 Thes 5:1–6 Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



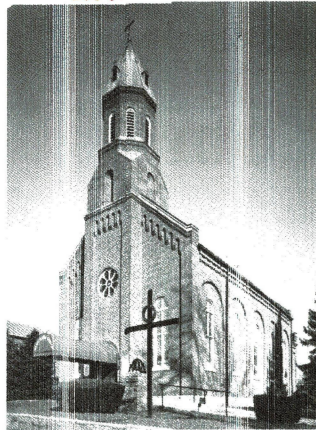
VATICAN MEDIA

Reflect
When and how has God entered into your darkness?



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



November 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

*HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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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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Phone: 573-436-0144

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: November 13, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Nov 14 TUE	8:15 AM	Kristen Mathis (birthday)
Nov 15 WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Nov 16 THU	8:00 AM	Cyrilla Boyer (1 yr 17Nov22)
Nov 17 FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Nov 18 SAT	4:00 PM	Kenneth Gelhot
Nov 19 SUN	10:00 AM	Parish Family
Nov 19 SUN	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)



Week of: November 5th, 2023

Envelope.....	\$ 7320.00	On-Line donations.....	\$ 75.90
Loose	\$ 764.00	All Saints day.....	\$ 339.00
SVDP.....	\$ 748.00	All Souls day.....	\$ 162.00
Votive Lights.....	\$ 53.75	World Mission.....	\$ 5.00
Light House.....	\$	Permanent Deaconate\$	
Main & Repairs.....	\$ 200.00		

Special Ministers November 18th & 19th, 2023

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm Bob Mills
Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Schloemer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:00 pm C: Vikki Neier L: Laura Allen R: Judy East
Sunday 10:00 am Marvin Wright Kim Coleman Diane McGirl

Sat: 4:00 p.m Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 a.m (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Ava & Garryn West

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 November: 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~

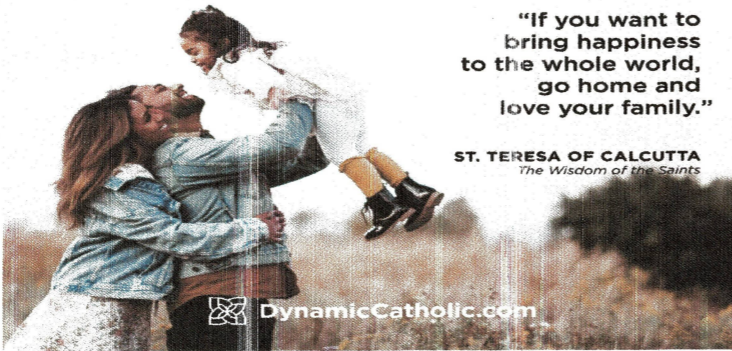
Heavenly Duster: 11/17: Faye Jarvis
Altar Linens: 11/27: Jean Roberson

Still needing more Volunteers please:

Funeral Lunch Committee: We only have a couple of our Parish Family volunteers at this point. We really need to have a few more so we could have at least 2 teams and take turns serving our Funeral Luncheons.

So, please consider volunteering to help take care of our parishioners.

For more information and to volunteer, please call Kim Coleman @ 314-808-2207 or the office @ 438-4686.



Word of Life

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own." Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Living Radical Solidarity"

For all public officials, especially those newly elected: May they strive to govern with the wisdom of God, and protect life from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord

What's on the Calendar???

Nov 11: Veterans Day
Nov 12: Special Minister training following the 10:00 am Mass
Nov 14: **Cancelled.....** No Parish Council this month. Next mtg will be in January
Nov 14: Knights of Columbus will meet, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Nov 15: PSR Class, Parent mtg, 1st Reconciliation practice
Nov 20: Rural Parish Clinic, 8:00 am
Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day: Mass @ 8:00 am, St. James
Nov 26: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mental Awareness training, St. Joseph's Parish in Farmington

Mental Health Awareness Workshop
Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 6:30pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 10 N. Long Ave St. Farmington, Mo.

Be the Light

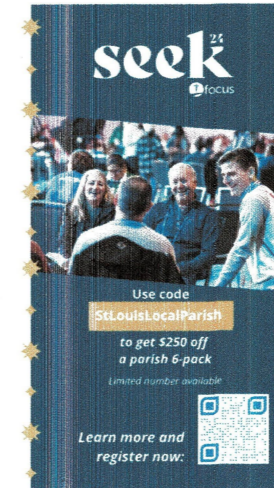
There is a lot of talk in the Church today about evangelization and missionary discipleship, but what does that look like?

Thousands of priests, bishops, parish/diocesan leaders, lay catechists and ordinary Catholics from around the world will gather at the **Making Missionary Disciples Track** at SEEK24 to learn from experts and leaders in evangelization. Through talks, training and small groups, participants have the opportunity to develop the tools and skills of discipleship to be the light of Christ and transform their families, parishes and communities. **Join us!**



For more information, visit:

archstl.org/seek



*****FORMED*****

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint: In 1948, Aurora Marin arrived w/her family at the convent of the Canossian Sisters of Schio, Italy, where Sr. Bakhita had just died. Aurora was hoping to see her before her death. She gathered her children around the picture of Bakhita, telling them of the incredible life of the woman who raised her as her nanny. Born in a village in Sudan, kidnapped by slavers, often beaten & abused, & later sold to Federico Marin, a Venetian merchant, Bakhita then came to Italy & became the nanny servant of Federico's daughter, Aurora, who had lost her mother at birth. She is treated as an outcast by the peasants & the other servants due to her black skin & African background, but Bakhita is kind & generous to others. Bakhita gradually comes closer to God with the help of the kind village priest, & embraces the Catholic Faith. (not in English, must read subtitles)

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

Vigilance

One of my struggles lately has been to live in the present moment and to be grateful for it with my whole heart, to embrace and cherish it as a gift from God. We constantly plan ahead for the future, which is necessary, but we often take it for granted. We never know how much time we will have on earth before God will call us home. Therefore, we must keep watch for the Lord in the present moment and live for Him. We can be like the wise virgins if we spend our time praying and cherishing moments with our friends and families. Think about how much time we waste playing video games, using social media excessively, and staring at screens. Let us re-prioritize and focus on the Lord at each moment so that we will be ready when He returns to call us home to the wedding feast of the Lamb (cf. Rev. 19:9).

Eucharistic Adoration



Did you know: The lay practice of adoration formally began in Avignon, France on September 11, 1226. To celebrate and give thanks for the victory over the Albigensians, King Louis VII of France asked the Bishop of Avignon to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Chapel of the Holy Cross. The throng of adorers was so great that the bishop decided to have the adoration continue day and night.

St James Potosi hosts First Thursday Adoration and St. Joachim hosts First Friday Adoration. Would you like to spend some time with the Lord, if so, please call St. James Office @ 573-438-4686 for First Thursday Adoration times, and St. Joachim's Office @ 573-438-6181 for First Friday Adoration times.

Become a committed adorer in our Eucharistic Adoration Program

Book of MEMORY

We will have the "Book of Memory" placed on a table in front of Church for you to enter the names of relatives & friends that are de-

Louis & Theresa Whitehead
Debbie Barbey
Mason Richardson
Loretta Richardson
Margaret Kemp
Lena Coffman
Fred A. Nnull
Jim Richardson

John & Stella DeGonia
Michael J. & Mary P. Pratt
Cyrilla A. Boyer
Cindy Malawey
Wesley Forrester
Gladys Kathcart
Logan Kathcart

Christmas for Kids

Next weekend, **November 18th**, we will be putting up our **Giving Tree**. We are putting it up a little earlier this year due to the changes in our Mass Schedules in hopes that this will give you, our Parishioners a little additional time to bring your gifts in and get them to the children on time.

We will need all of the gifts returned back to Church by Sunday, **December 10th**.

Thank you all for helping support the Children of our Community.

PSR Christmas Parade Float for Dec 7th

Our PSR Program will participating in the Town Christmas Parade again this year. Tuesday, November 21 @ 6:30 pm in the Parish they will be holding a meeting to discuss the float theme & decorations. They already have a trailer but will need help with decorations & "people power". Please come to the meeting if you are interested in helping!

St. James PSR NEWS

**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **November 15th** @ 6:00. Dinner will start approximately 5:15. Unit 2 will be due.

- There will be a short meeting on November 15th for the parents of 2nd grade students.
- 2nd grade students will be practicing for first Reconciliation.
- First Reconciliation will be on December 13th during class time.

Confirmation Class will be assisting with several service projects this year. So please watch the bulletin for updates. Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.

