

# Dear Padre,

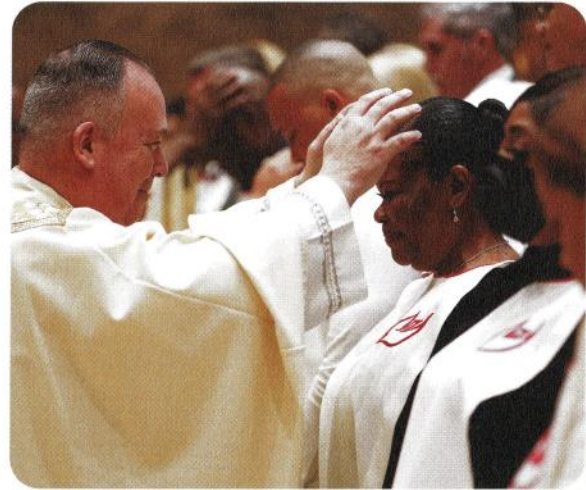
*I am a practicing Catholic and I don't remember being confirmed. Is it too late for me to be confirmed?*

The sacrament of confirmation usually happens when a person is older, and therefore you would likely remember the occasion. It could be that you were not confirmed. You can check with the parish you lived in during your school years to be sure. They keep records of confirmations done in the parish.

Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation. Baptism ushers us into our life with God by giving us new life. Confirmation seals us with the spirit so we can follow Jesus and live out our particular vocation. And the Eucharist gives us strength for the journey and keeps us in union with God.

If you discover you have not been confirmed or if you can't find out for certain, talk with your pastor. You would not be the first adult seeking confirmation. Your pastor can tell you how your diocese handles confirmation for adults. There might be a program of adult instruction for confirmation to ensure you understand the sacrament and the teachings of the Church.

Today is Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the apostles. The Spirit gave them strength for what they had to do. The Spirit can do the same for you.



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 29 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34	May 30 <i>Weekday</i> Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31	May 31 <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56	June 1 <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> Sir 42:15-25 Mk 10:46-52	June 2 <i>Weekday</i> Sir 44:1, 9-13 Mk 11:11-26	June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> Sir 51:12cd-20 Mk 11:27-33	June 4 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i> Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were still disoriented and fearful. They did not yet have the courage to go out in the open. We too, at times, prefer to remain within the protective walls of our surroundings. But the Lord...sends upon us the Holy Spirit who envelops us and overpowers all our hesitations.*

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 23, 2021

A VIGIL LED BY POPE FRANCIS AHEAD OF PENTECOST SUNDAY AT THE VATICAN IN JUNE 2019. CNS PHOTO/REMO CASILLI, REUTERS



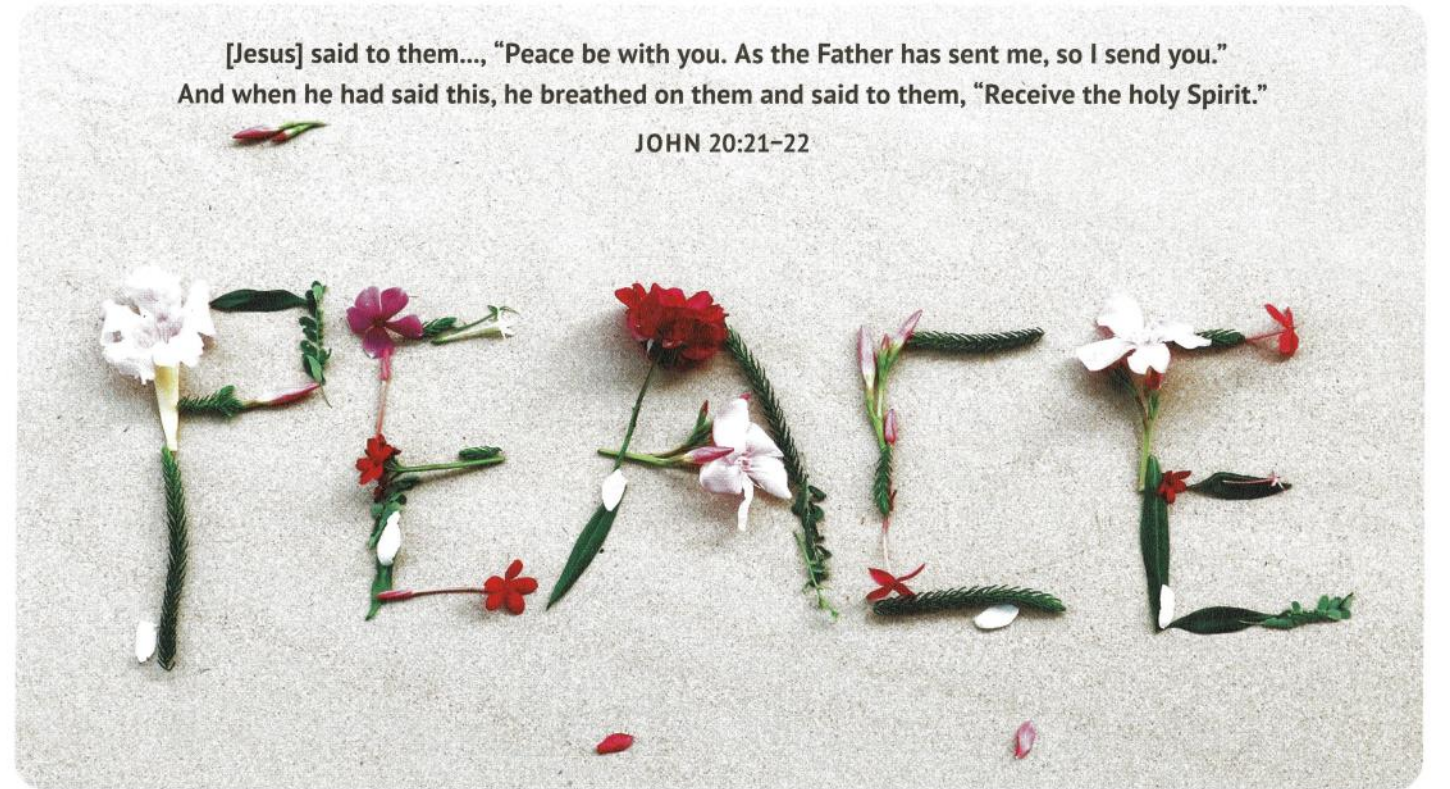
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 28, 2023

Pentecost (A)

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23



[Jesus] said to them..., "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit."

JOHN 20:21-22

## Freed by the Spirit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F**ear can be a most powerful imprisoning force. Like the apostles who locked themselves behind closed doors after the resurrection for fear of the local leaders, there are times when our own fears lock us out of the future and into our past.

We find ourselves choosing not to be generous for fear that if we are, we will find ourselves empty-handed with no one to care for us because all of our resources have been used up. And so, because of our fear, we lock ourselves into our own selfishness. At other times, we hesitate to be kind for fear that our care will be misconstrued or, worse, will be taken advantage of and abused. And so, for fear of continual demands upon our kindness, we lock ourselves into indifference. At other times, we find ourselves too cautious to speak out in the face of injustice because of a misguided respect

for "someone else's business" or because we are afraid anger or rejection will come down upon us. So, we lock ourselves into silence.

It is always the Spirit, however, that enables us to unlock those doors once locked by our fear. While that new power enables us to venture into a sometimes-shattering world, it does not promise we won't be shattered in the process. All that Jesus promised is that the Spirit would bring us peace. Such peace happens to us whenever we choose not to succumb to our fears. It is indeed a new creation taking place in us, even now.

### Reflect

***Has fear ever paralyzed you, keeping you from doing good?***





# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



### Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	8:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

**\*HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:**  
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

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**WEBSITE:**  
www.stjamespotosi.org  
**FACEBOOK:** St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

**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

### Confessions:

**Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM**  
**Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM**

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: May 29, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Tim Hollaran
WED	8:00 AM	Craig David Warden
THU	8:00 AM	Jessie Callahan
THU	6:00 PM	Msgr. Hansen
FRI	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Hoechst
SAT	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere
SAT	4:30 PM	John Colgen
SUN	8:00 AM	Cyrilla Boyer
SUN	10:00 AM	Parish Family

**Week of: May 21, 2023**

Envelope.....\$	2339.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	50.00
Loose.....\$	254.00	On-Line donations....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	32.51	Catholic Home Mission	
Votive Lights.....\$	34.00	.....\$	
Light House.....\$		Catholic Communications	
		.....\$	149.00

### Special Ministers June 3 & 4, 2023

<b>Saturday 4:30 pm</b> Laura Allen	<b>Lectors:</b> <b>Sunday 8:00 am</b> Sharon Forrester	<b>Sunday 10:00 am</b> Danny Mueller
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### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<b>Saturday 4:30 pm</b> C: Paul Villmer L: Judy East R: Vikki Neier	<b>Sunday 8:00 am</b> Don Thompson Jamie Thompson Volunteer pls	<b>Sunday 10:00 am</b> Mary Roy Nikki Warden Dave Woodland
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### Servers:

Sat. 4:30 p.m.	Volunteers
Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Ava & Garryn West
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Cole, Joshua & Penelope Kearns

### Music:

Sat. 4:30 p.m.	Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Rebecca Richards
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

**Food of the Month of May:** Breakfast items this month please! Juice, cereal, breakfast bars, etc. Kids will be out of school by the 19th of May. We appreciate any and all donations!!! Thank you!

**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, 20223

Heavenly Duster: 06/09: Nedra Villmer  
Altar Linens: 06/05: Jean Roberson

### Picnic/gun raffle update:

All tickets have been sold for the gun raffle!!! Due to tickets being sold out, the drawing will be a week earlier than planned, **June 3rd after 4:30 pm mass.** Thank you all who bought tickets, this is a great fundraiser for our parish picnic.  
And please keep the "bottle" donations coming :-)

### Mass Offerings -

Masses can be said for the living also; birthdays, anniversaries, etc.  
Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

### Word of Life

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"

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May the Holy Spirit strengthen God's people to embrace and protect the precious gift of human life;

We pray to the Lord:

## Upcoming Events



- May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Jun 01: First Thursday Adoration, Mass of Reparation & healing svc
- Jun 03: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass
- Jun 06: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Jun 12: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
- Jun 19: Rural Parish Clinic, St. James Church grounds
- Jun 11: Feast of Corpus Christi, Precession at 10:00 am Mass
- Jun 24: Old Mines, MO 300th anniversary celebration
- Jun 28: Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall

By depicting the Holy Spirit as fire, the Scriptures teach us about the effects that he has on the lives of believers. Like fire, the Holy Spirit transforms us, purifies us, and sets us aflame with love of God.

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Formed this week!

**How To Share Your Faith: Part 1/Chris Stefanick Show:** As Christians, we're called by Christ to spread the message of His love to the four corners of the Earth. That doesn't make it easy; the world hates us, and many people don't have an interest in learning about a "hateful" community. But we still have to try to reach them. Here are some tips for you to begin engaging with non-Christians, even while surrounded by a culture that perceives us as a threat. It's not an easy task for anyone, but it's **necessary for the life of a Christian.** I believe in you! And more importantly, Christ is with you!

**Why the Devil Hates (and Fears) Mary:** We'll be discussing God, Mary and a bunch of fascinating stories about demons and why they denied God. If you haven't watched our previous episodes with him, Fr. Chad is an experienced Catholic exorcist. He's also crazy smart and works hard to help people understand the devil and we can fight him. If you've ever wondered what happens during exorcisms or what makes a demon cry, you'll definitely want to check out our interview!

**Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven:** An epic feature film on the famous "Apostle of Rome" & great friend of youth in the 16th century. One of the most popular saints of all time, St. Philip Neri was widely known for his great charity, deep prayer life, & tremendous humor. Hoping to join St. Ignatius of Loyola's new order of Jesuits & be a missionary to India, Providence instead guided Philip to seek out the poor & abandoned youth of Rome to catechize them in the faith & help them find a better life. He became the founder of the religious congregation, the Oratory, that worked with the youth & also labored to re-evangelize a decadent Rome. PG/violence  
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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.

### Dynamic Catholic Alive!

Pentecost- Gifts of the Holy Spirit

What an extraordinary event the first Pentecost was! Fortunately, it continues today as we experience the continued action of the Holy Spirit in prayer and the moments of daily life. We often refer to Pentecost as the birthday of the Church because it is the first moment when the Apostles formed a community of believers and, led by the Holy Spirit, began to invite others to become followers of Jesus Christ. How often we forget the power of the Sacrament of Confirmation that we have received. The Lord sends the gifts of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, giving us wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are necessary for our salvation as they strengthen our virtues and facilitate our cooperation with the grace of God in our lives amid the trials we face daily. Saint John Paul II prayed daily for a greater outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

### Month of Mary, our Heavenly Mother

May 25, 2023 Mary's message:

"Dear children! I am calling you to go into nature and to pray for the Most High to speak to your heart and that you may feel the power of the Holy Spirit so as to witness the love which God has for every creature. I am with you and intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Today I felt the nearness of my Mother, my Heavenly Mother, although before every Holy Communion I earnestly ask the Mother of God to help me prepare my soul for the coming of Her Son, and I clearly feel Her protection over me. -St. Faustina, May 1937

"O Mother of the Life, petition your divine Son to keep away from us all the effects of evil, to preserve us from all animosity and to strengthen us on our way." -Maronite Liturgy

O Mary, I give you my heart. Grant me to be always yours. Jesus and Mary, be ever my friends and, for love of you, grant me to die a thousand deaths, rather than to have the misfortune of committing a single mortal sin. Amen—St. Dominic Savio, 1842-1857.

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our Faith  
Mother, help our faith! Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in His footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive His promise. Help us to be touched by His love, that we may touch Him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to Him and to believe in His love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature. Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One. Remind us, that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that He may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ Himself, your Son, our Lord! Amen—Pope Francis.



### Feast of Corpus Christi

June 11th

Procession at 10:00 am Mass

It is also called **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, is a festival of the Roman Catholic Church in honor of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.  
Please come and join us in Procession at the 10:00 am Mass.

### Protecting God's Children

Anyone who is interested in volunteering; i.e. teachers, aides, SVDP, chaperones for youth group, etc... must take the Safe Environment online course AND attend Protecting God's Children. To make this easier, we are trying to schedule the Protecting God's Children Class here at St. James Church. We need at least 15 to schedule this class. So Please call the Parish Office & leave your name and phone number and we'll "get er done."

### 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 in August. PSR will be going back to the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month. The first PSR class will be Wed. September 13th. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for future information.

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





“Desire is to the soul what gravitation is to matter. When we know our desires, we know the direction our soul is taking. If desire is heavenly, we go upwards. If it is wholly earthly, we go downwards. Desire is like raw material out of which we fashion either our virtues or vices.”

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**First Saturday  
Marian Devotion Mass  
June 3rd @ 8:00 am**

First Five Saturdays Devotion to our Lady

“Dear children! I am looking at you and I see that you are lost. That is why I am calling all of you: return to God, return to prayer—and the Holy Spirit will fill you with His love which gives joy to the heart. Hope will grow in you, also for a better future, and you will become joyful witnesses of God's mercy in you & around you..”



**First Thursday Adoration  
June 1st 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

**Marian** (*adj.*): relating to the Virgin Mary

**Pilgrimage** (*noun*): a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*Save the Date:*

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage: 10/09/23 – 10/13/23**

Come for the day or stay for the week! As in years past, highlights include daily mass, adoration, prayer and fellowship; overnight accommodations and transportation provided as well as reasonably priced dinner arrangements.

**Questions?**

*Please send an email to:*

MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com

*Please note, our website*

[www.katytrailpilgrimage.com](http://www.katytrailpilgrimage.com)

*is currently UNDER CONSTRUCTION ... please continue to visit periodically for important updates regarding Pilgrimage plans!*



This encounter is a bit different.

I remember one of the most terrifying experiences in my life. When I was about 9 or 10, my sister had brought a Quiji Board game home and wanted my mother and older brother to play the game with her. Mom kept saying no, but she finally gave in. So the three of them sat down and pulled the game out and started asking it questions like: “will I ever get married? will we ever move?” simple yes or no questions. Well, my two brothers started bickering and mom sent them to their room. Meanwhile, mom and sister asked the game a few more simple questions. My older brother kept bugging mom. Finally mom got aggravated with him and said “What do you want!?” I will never forget what happened next.....the board spelled out.....”Your Soul”.

I also remember some of the conversation when that happened. “did you do that?, no, my hand wasn’t even touching the board! And as they were trying to figure it out, the eye thing spelled it out again!

Well, that was enough for ALL of us! Mom told my sister to take that “evil thing” out to the trash. Not too much later, mom told my sister to go outside for something (can’t remember what though), but when she did, as God is my witness, that quiji board was back at the back door of the house. So mom told my sister & older brother to go destroy it and dump it again. They took a hammer and busted the little triangle piece that you put your hands on into shreds and busted the board up then they dumped it in the dumpster in alley.

We were ALL scared for our souls!!!. Not one of us could go to sleep that night. So we all gathered on the pull out sofa bed and we prayed our Rosary with all our mite until we finally fell asleep!

What should we take from this? For those out there that don’t believe Satan is real in every evil thing out there, you better wake-up! Satan is real and he’s working hard to get every soul he can. We NEED God’s Holy Spirit and St. Michael the Archangel to protect us. We NEED Jesus in the Eucharist to fill our hearts & souls so there’s no room for Satan. We need to open our eyes and see how Satan works in the “little things” in our lives like the decision you make to skip Sunday Mass “only this once”, or how you feel anger in heart for another person, and so on. We need to let “Jesus take the wheel” and not Satan.

Thank God that we had a mother that shared her stories, her encounters with God with us and that we knew to Pray the Rosary that Mary would intercede for our protection. I cant imagine what would have happened had we not had someone to help us grow in our Faith and relationship with God!

And as I’m writing this down on paper, a thought just occurred...after we prayed the Rosary so hard, we didn’t have any more issues with the board. Wow, the power of the Rosary & Mary against Satan!

**STEADFAST  
IN FAITH  
FORWARD  
IN HOPE**

**FORWARD IN HOPE**

Jesus, You are the Resurrected One.  
We, in the Archdiocese of St. Louis Thank you for sharing your resurrected life with us.

Help us to move forward in hope as we plan for our future, Lord. May we be emboldened by the power

Of the resurrection, gracious Father, that we would be anchored in hope.

Strengthen us through the Eucharist to be more courageous and encourage us to be more humble.

Inspire us the Eucharist

To be true witnesses of our Faith.

Stir the Spirit that dwells within us,

Open our hearts to be Your hands and voice in this world  
So that others will be drawn to you.

As we move forward, protect and strengthen  
Our plans and efforts. As we live as a resurrected people,  
let not failure discourage us nor success blind us.

And at all times, lead us, Lord.

Amen.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

*Bienvenue!*  
**Old Mines, Missouri**  
*~ 300th Anniversary Celebration ~*  
June 24, 2023  
11 am - Grounds open • 12 pm - Flag Ceremony  
4 pm - Catholic mass in French (optional)

**Live Creole music by Dennis Stroughmatt 1-3:30**  
**Matt Pratt 5-7 p.m.**

primitive tuff mining tools with windlass and shaker box • historical exhibits  
Lamarque school museum and films • 1800's cabin tours • La Guilloues •  
rope making • log hewing • quilting • making wood shingles, rug making •  
church tours • early crafts and traders • modern crafters • face painting •  
corn hole tournaments • potato sack races • raffles and more!

 La Vieille Mine  
1723 - 2025

Fresh bread baked in stone ovens  
Fresh croquignoles (french pastry)  
kettle corn

food trucks  
beer wagon  
wine/wine tasting  
bring lawn chairs

Updates at [www.fb.com/oldmines300](http://www.fb.com/oldmines300)  
St. Joachim Catholic Church Grounds Old Mines, Missouri USA

*Merci!*

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PLEASE leave the “STEADFAST IN FAITH , FORWARD IN HOPE prayer cards that are in the pews for the next Mass.

You can save the copy above for future use please.