

Dear Padre,

I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after	Friday after	Saturday after	First Sunday of Lent
Jas 1:1-11	Jas 1:12-18	Jl 2:12-18	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Gn 9:8-15
Mk 8:11-13	Mk 8:14-21	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	1 Pt 3:18-22
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	Mk 1:12-15



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Compassion means "to suffer-with-another." Jesus' heart manifests God's paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus "stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean" (Mark 1:41-42). God's mercy overcomes every barrier....

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 / Mark 1:40-45



Bringing Outsiders In

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became "impure," and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

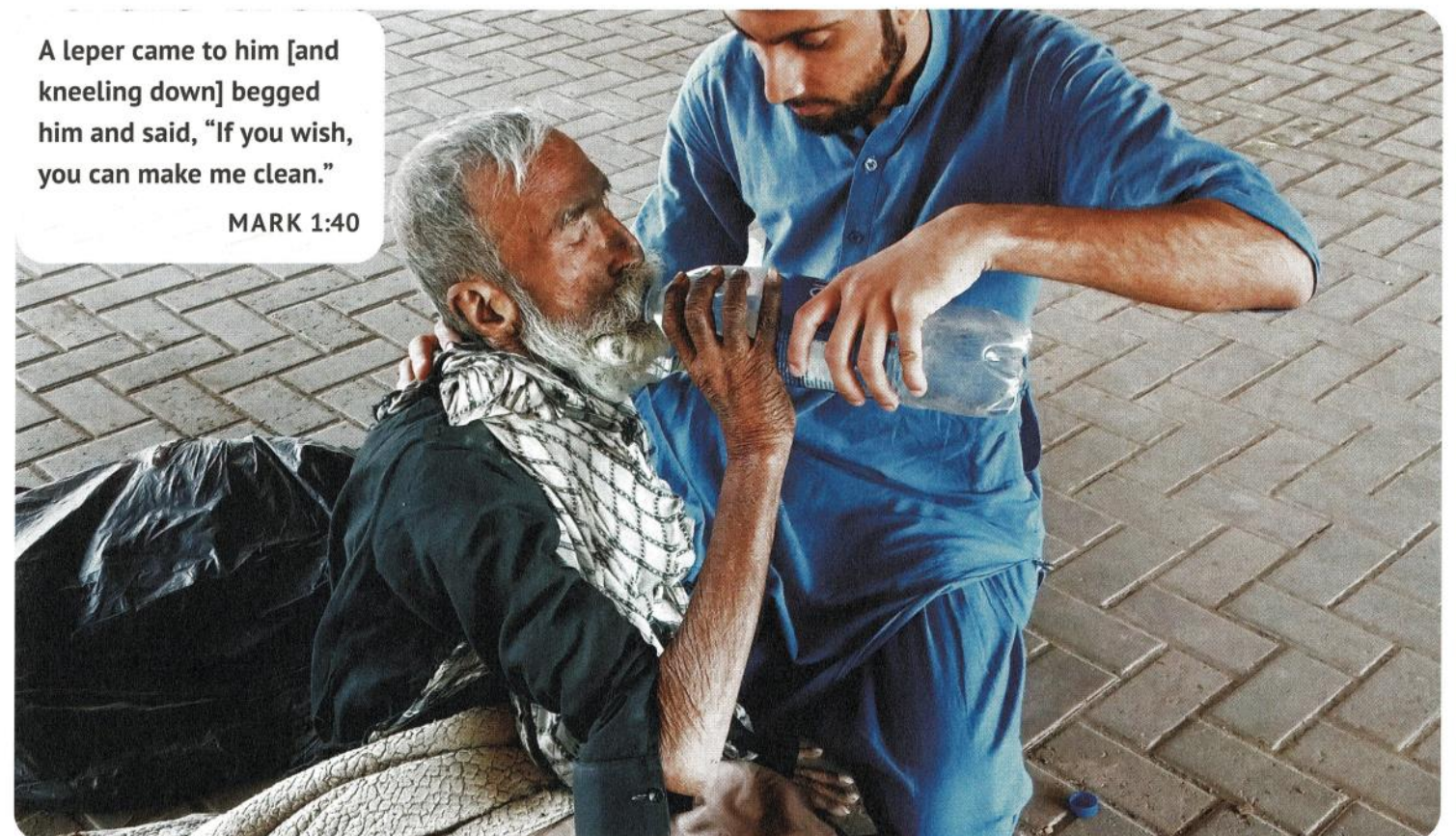
Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

Reflect

Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

MARK 1:40



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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



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

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion
Phone: 573-436-0144

Live Your Life for an Audience of ONE: **GOD!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: February 12th, 2024

MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 13 TUE	8:15 AM	Alvina Coleman
Feb 14 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 14 WED	7:00 PM	Mark Coleman
Feb 15 THU	8:00 AM	Barbara Whitlock
Feb 16 FRI	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 17 SAT	4:00 PM	Bill Cain
Feb 18 SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
Feb 18 SUN	10:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)

We Need Your Help Please

Have you moved, or have you changed your Phone number? Are you new to our parish? If so, please call the office to register, or update your information. 573-438-4686

Week of: February 4, 2023

Envelope.....\$	4650.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	310.00
Loose.....\$	1070.00	On-Line donations.....\$	80.60
SVDP.....\$	1703.00	Funeral Dinner fund..\$	340.00
Votive Lights.....\$	35.00	ST Joachim School.....\$	3235.00
Light House.....\$		Black/Indian miss.....\$	60.00

Confessions:
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;
prior to Sat evening Mass
Or by appointment

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Special Ministers February 17 & 18, 2023

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm Paul Villmer
Sunday 8:00 am Jamie Warden

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:00 pm **Sunday 8:00 am**

C: Laura Allen **Don Thompson**
L: Vikki Neier **Nikki Warden**
R: Judy East **Donna Kennon**

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 am Abraham Rolwes & Volunteer Please
Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)

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 February: 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: 02/16: Sharon Forrester
Altar Linens: 02/19: Faye Jarvis

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 St. James Parish Office @ 573-438-4686



"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."
Clare of Assisi

From the office of the Vicariate Morning of Reflection

February 24th, 8:30 am-11:30 am
Hillsboro Knights of Columbus Hall
All lay Leaders, Parish Staff, catechists & Ministers are welcome to join us!

Lenten Speaker Series at Sacred

Heart (Valley Park) – on issues of Catholic Social Teaching – Wed:
Feb. 28, March 6, March 13,
from 7-8:30 pm

SEEK Local at Our Lady Catholic Church-Festus
Saturday, March 2, 2024
9:00 am - Closing Mass @ 5:30 pm

Just around the corner:
St. James Knights of Columbus
Lenten Drive-Thru Fish Lunches
02/23, 03/08 & 03/22
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Fish, baked Beans & potato salad



Word of Life

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."
USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

For all married couples: May their openness to new life bear witness to the generous love of God; We pray to the Lord

What's on the Calendar???



Feb 11: "Goodies Sale" after 8:00 am Mass today!
Feb 13: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, in the Hall.
Feb 14: Ash Wednesday, Mass 8:15 am & 5:00 pm St. Joachim
Ash Wednesday, Mass @ St. James, 7:00 pm
Day of fast and abstinence
Feb 16: Mass & Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm @ St. Joachim Church
St. Joachim Fish Fry, 3:00 pm, KC Hall, Old Mines
Feb 23: **St. James Fish Fry Drive-thru Luncheon, 11:00 - 1:00**
Mass & Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm @ St. James
Feb 25: Revive Documentary and Healing Service, 1:00 pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bonne Terre
Mar 26: Lenten Penance Service, 6:00 pm, @ St. James Church

Donate your Old Eye Glasses

The Lions Club International will be holding eye exams and free recycled glasses to those who need them on **February 26, 2024** during the Rural Parish Clinic hours at **St. Joachim Church**. Exams are not limited to patients of the clinic. Anyone can schedule an appointment by calling 888-870-9610 to set up an appointment.

The Lions offer glasses that have been donated. If anyone would like to donate old glasses, the Lions Club International will clean them up and sort them by prescription for distribution.

There is a donation box in back of St. James Church for all eye-glass donations. For questions call 888-870-9610



Ladies Sodality is hosting bake sales during Knights' Fish Fry Lunches. Homemade Baked goods by the piece or whole dessert, for sale. Just drive by and pick out your dessert. Thank you for supporting our Ladies Sodality.

*****FORMED*****

Journey with St. Paul/Catholic bible Sleep Stories: In this offering from the Amen App, listen (in FORMED) to the story of God saving St. Paul and his companions during a sea voyage, taken from Acts 27-28.

Clare and Francis: a beautifully moving performance of the daughter of a patrician family and the son of a rich merchant who leave everything to follow Christ. Francis renounces his inheritance of wealth to live the Gospel and serve the poor and outcasts. Clare reads deep into his heart and decides to follow him, leaving her home and family to give herself as a bride of Christ. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.

Sts. Benedict & Scholastica/Littlest Saints: a pair of holy twins, a cave & a group of naughty monks....this is the true story of St. Benedict & St. Scholastica.

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 Sharing Our Testimony

Jesus heals the man with leprosy in the Gospel today. Even after instructing the man not to spread the report abroad, the man shares it freely. In our own lives, how difficult it is not to proclaim the wonderful things that God has done for us, both big and small! This is the essence of sharing our personal testimony: telling others how Jesus has transformed our lives and given us a fullness that we previously lacked. I invite you to consider the many opportunities you have to learn how to prepare and share your testimony, which is unique and not quite like that of anyone else. Look into our evangelization training for parishes, or contact us to visit your parish. We are happy to help!

Lenten Services St. James St. Joachim

Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm Mass 8:15 am & 5:00 pm
Mass & Stations
Feb 23, 6:30 pm Feb 16, 6:30 pm
Mar 8th, 6:30 pm Mar 1st, 6:30 pm
Mar 22, 6:30 pm Mar 14, 6:30 pm
Penance Services
Mar 26, 6:00 pm Mar 7, 10:00-2:00
Fish Fry's
Feb 23, Mar 8 Feb 16, Mar 1, 15
& Mar 22 & 29

Operation Rice Bowl 2024

It began in 1975 in response to a famine in Africa. Since its inception, CRS Rice Bowl has raised over \$320 million to use toward humanitarian aid. Rice Bowl boxes continue to be used as small sacrifices for Lent, with a dollar each day, a quarter or even smaller coins making a difference for families around the world. So, pick up your rice bowl as you leave church and lets make a difference.

Revive Documentary and Healing Service

Sunday, February 25 @ 1:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bonne Terre, we will be showing the **Revive Documentary** and will have a **healing** service afterwards. There will be prayer teams that have been trained by Encounter Ministries to assist with praying for healing.

The Revive Documentary is "**A CUTTING EDGE DOCUMENTARY THAT DEMONSTRATES THE ROLE OF SUPERNATURAL SIGNS, WONDERS AND HEALINGS BREAKING INTO HIGH SCHOOLS TO CONFIRM THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND PAVE THE WAY FOR AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP.**"
Please join us & invite your friends who would like to receive prayer for healing.

Q&A Question:

Who's the real St. Valentine?

Answer: Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology. One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

(For the rest of the story....go to Catholic Online)

St. James PSR NEWS

Wednesday February 14, 2024 is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at 7:00 P.M. This will be a youth mass. **All PSR families are strongly encouraged to attend mass** There will be **NO in person class on Ash Wednesday.**
Servers: Abraham Rowles **Lectors:** Maci Mueller
Joshua Kearns Bryce Griffin
Ava West

Offertory Gifts: Meadow Henson **Special Minister:** Kim Coleman
Mallori Mueller

**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **February 21st:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 5** will be due. Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.

