

# Dear Padre,

*In 1961, I became a member of the Catholic Church when I married a Catholic man. I divorced him and left the Church in 2007. Now I am a member of the United Methodist Church. Is it possible for me to rejoin the Catholic Church, and if so, what are the requirements? I miss “the church of my heart,” the Catholic Church.*

It certainly is possible for you to come back, and now is the time to do it. Simply return to your local parish and begin attending Mass regularly. Before you receive the Eucharist again, you should make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. If you are not quite ready to do that, at least begin with coming to church regularly. When you are ready, introduce yourself to the priest and tell him that you would like to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation because you have been away from the Church for a number of years. The priest might encourage you to come to confession at a regularly scheduled time or perhaps make an appointment so you can spend more time together.

It is not necessary to go to classes or to rejoin the RCIA, but there may be some adult faith formation classes you could participate in. Again, your priest or parish could guide you. That tug you are feeling is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. Welcome Home! ●



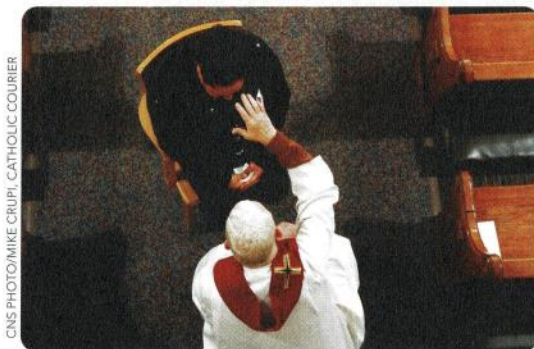
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 10 Weekday Gn 28:10–22a Mt 9:18–26	July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot Gn 32:23–33 Mt 9:32–38	July 12 Weekday Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a Mt 10:1–7	July 13 Weekday Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5 Mt 10:7–15	July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Gn 46:1–7, 28–30 Mt 10:16–23	July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a Mt 10:24–33	July 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10–11 Rom 8:18–23 Mt 13:1–23 or Mt 13:1–9



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*All of us have something we need to be cleansed of, or purified from. All of us. May the knowledge of this fact inspire us all to live in solidarity, to support one another and seek the best for others....[Jesus] comes to save us from the lie that says no one can change.*

ADDRESS AT THE CURRAN-FROMHOLD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY,  
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zechariah 9:9–10 / Romans 8:9, 11–13 / Matthew 11:25–30



## The Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he question: How do you know when to keep on trying, resisting, refusing to give up, and when to accept life as it is and surrender to the idea that it will never be perfect or the way you would like it to be? My Answer: I don't know; I have never figured it out.

Obviously, there are issues with which one will always struggle—racism, hunger and poverty, greed, raising children. Then there are those other times, usually during personal challenges, when we realize that the life we are living is the hand we've been dealt and we have to accept, whether it's illness, aging, or something else. But what about those issues that lie in between, those we could change and that deserve to be changed?

One of the blessings of acceptance and surrender can be an inner peace that comes to our lives. When Jesus says, "You will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:29–30), he calls forth from us a willingness to trust in his presence through all that we are dealing with. None of that eliminates pain or struggle, but it can ease the suffering. The difference is that pain tends to be physical and might not be eased, while suffering tends to be psychic and emotional, and may be eased with acceptance.

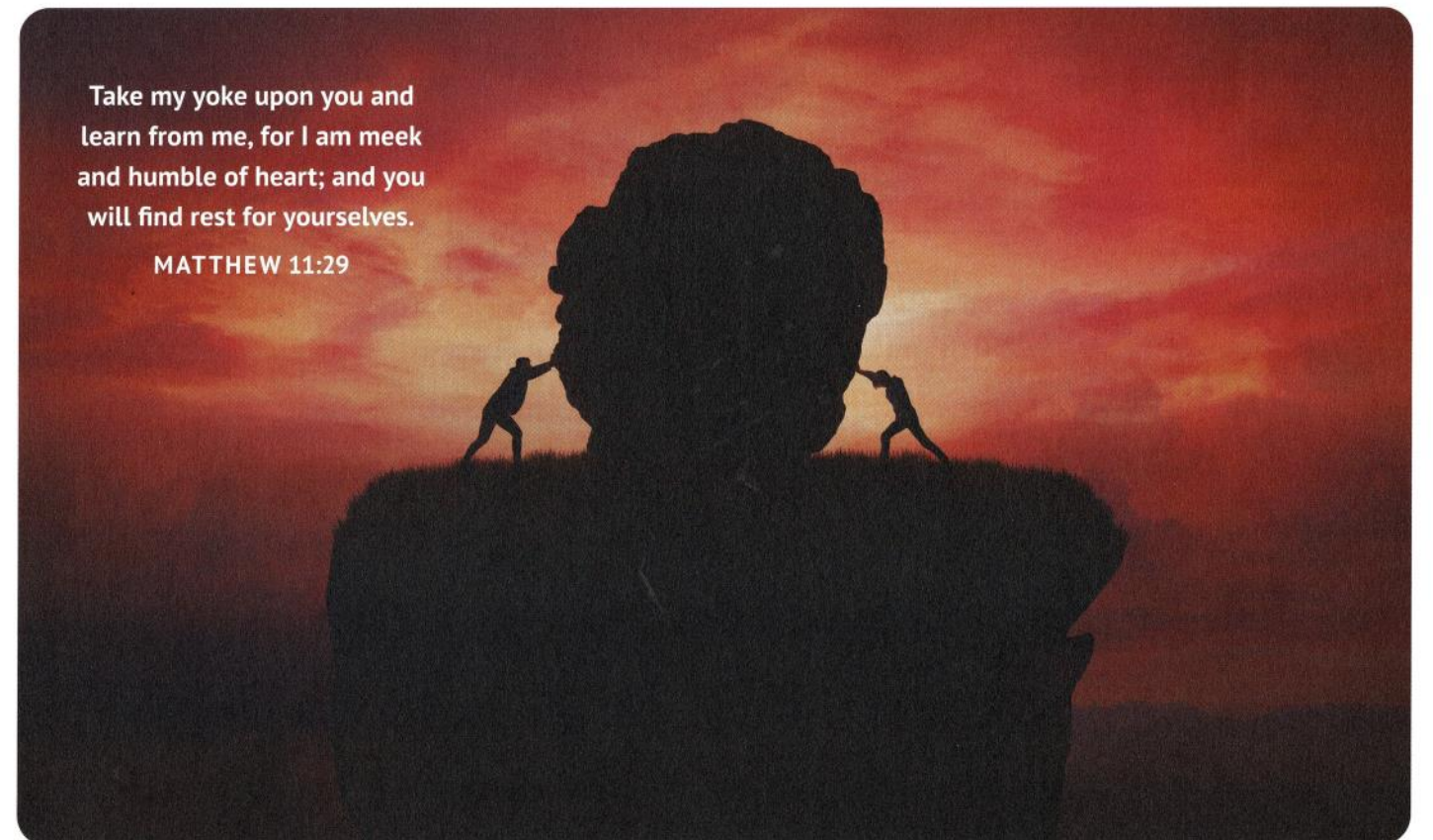
The question still remains, however, as to what to do with all those times in between, and how to know the difference. That, Jesus says, has been revealed to "the childlike" (see Matthew 11:25). ●

### Reflect

*Have you ever experienced the peace that comes with surrendering?*

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

MATTHEW 11:29





# 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

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

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www.stjamespotosi.org  
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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: July 10, 2023



MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Christopher Rolwes
WED	8:00 AM	Charles Cooley Kincaid
THU	8:00 AM	Michael & Pat Pratt
THU	6:00 PM	Michael & Kate Moxley
FRI	8:00 AM	Louis & Mary O'Connell
SAT	8:00 AM	Helen Fahey Kretzer
SAT	4:30 PM	Richard Dix
SUN	8:00 AM	Paula Pashia
SUN	10:00 AM	Parish Family

### Week of: July 2, 2023

Envelope.....\$	4370.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	270.00
Loose.....\$	1679.36	On-Line donations.....\$	380.90
SVDP.....\$	1991.00	Cemetery care.....\$	25.00
Votive Lights.....\$	52.00	Peter's Pence.....\$	920.00
Light House.....\$			

### Special Ministers July 15 & 16, 2023

<b>Saturday 4:30 pm</b> Laura Allen	<b>Lectors:</b> <b>Sunday 8:00 am</b> Jeanne DeGonia	<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 Susan Broombaugh	<b>Sunday 10:00 am</b> Nikki Warden Charlie Schloemer Jamie Warden
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**Servers:**  
Sat. 4:30 p.m. VOLUNTEERS PLEASE  
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ava & Garryn West  
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Daisy & Penelope Kearns & Meadow Henson

**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 July:** We are in need of 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, 20223

Heavenly Duster: **07/14:** Jean Roberson  
Altar Linens: **07/10:** Glenda Farrow

### Protecting God's Children

#### THIS WEEK, JULY 12TH 6:30 PM PARISH HALL

Anyone who is interested & willing to be a volunteer; 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 have been able to get an instructor to come here to St. James Church. The class will be held **July 12th, 6:30 pm here in the Parish Hall.**

For Online registration go to: <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

"Everything changes the minute that we confess and Profess that Jesus is Lord. Only in Jesus, does pain And suffering have a purpose. Only in God is our future filled with hope and peace."

Mark Hart  
Blessed Are The Bored In Spirit

### 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

"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." Read more at [www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory](http://www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory).  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "An Adoption Love Story"  
For families considering adoption: May the Lord guide and bless their journeys and grant them peace along the way; We pray to the Lord

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

- Jul 10: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
- Jul 11: Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall  
NO Ladies Sodality mtg this month
- Jul 12: **Protecting God's Children, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall (This Week)**
- Jul 17: Rural Parish Clinic
- Jul 19: S'mores Youth Night!! 5:00 pm, Parish Pavilion
- Jul 23: Visiting Mission Priest
- Jul 30: Special Gathering, Parish Hall, after 10:00 am Mass

Sunday, July 30th, 8:00 am Mass: This will be the last time we pray the **Rosary together with Father Fleming.** All are invited to pray the Rosary with us immediately following Mass. (It takes about 20 minutes.) Please prayerfully consider this as a most beautiful gift of time, prayer, and presence to Father Fleming as he concludes his tenth year as our Pastor here at St. James and embraces God's new path for him at St. Rose of Lima Parish. Thank you!

**Alter Servers:** You have an extraordinary opportunity to serve Father Fleming for the last time. Six servers are needed for the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 30th. A sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule, on the bulletin board to the right, as you exit. Please, please report as close to 9:15 am as possible.

### NEXT PARISH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP JULY 22nd, 7:00 am till ????

Thanks again to all who helped clean up around the church grounds. We have a lot more to do before the picnic and have planned our next work day. So anyone who wasn't able to make the last clean-up, we would love to have your help on **Saturday, July 22nd @ 7:00 am.**

SEE YA THERE!

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### Rediscover the Power/Mysteries of the Rosary: The Sorrowful

**Mysteries:** St. John Paul II testified that when Christianity seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of the Rosary. Discover the awesome power of just one Hair Mary and be inspired with an explosion of faith that can move mountains!

**Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth:** The story of Saint Maria Goretti is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy (in English). It explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi & Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, & they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more that once; sickness and death affects the Goretti family, & then their young neighbor does the unthinkable.

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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.

### Missionary Discipleship

True Kingship  
Jesus is a walking contradiction in many ways. He is the lion and the lamb, the victor and the victim, God's son and the carpenter's son. The nature of His kingship is also perplexing. He is the gentle and meek one who takes all of our sins, problems, afflictions, and weaknesses upon Himself as the suffering servant (Isaiah 53). Yet he is also the almighty God who has authority over the wind and the sea (Mark 4:39). Jesus shows us that we are never as powerful as He is but that we can share in His power by surrendering to His grace. Jesus gently invites us to follow Him and to cast all of our cares and burdens upon Him so that He may help us to bear them successfully.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

July 30th following the 10:00 am Mass  
Parish Hall

The Ladies sodality is hosting a potluck brunch for Fr. Fleming! The ladies will provide cake, coffee & tea. So, start thinking about a dish you could bring and lets have a fun time. Lets show Fr. Fleming how much we love and appreciate him !!!!! Everyone is invited, so bring brunch dish and come on out and enjoy the fellowship!



### St. James Catholic Church Quilters News

Our Quilters are raffling a hand-quilted quilt to be given away at our Parish Picnic in September. Tickets will be sold after masses on July 15 & 16 AND July 22nd & 23rd. Cost will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Thank you Ladies for sharing your gift with us!!



### Picnic News!!

Next mtg is **July 26, 6:00 pm!**

A few more bottles came in this week, we are shooting for 200 bottles for our bottle booth, still need lots of those bottles!

Gatorade	liquor	shampoo	salad dressing	peanuts
Tea	ketchup	conditioner	perfume	Peanut butter
Soda	mustard	lotion	cologne	Jellies
Wine	BBQ sauce	mouthwash	bubbles	marshmallow cream

Our **Country Store** is starting fresh this year folks. All you crafty people out there; woodworking, scrapbooking, crochet, canned goods, sewn craft, embroidery, printed shirts, pallet crafts, jewelry making, painted items, handmade gift baskets, homemade breads; all of these things would be FANTASTIC gifts!

Kids Games



**Music** this year: Ben Turnbough & Kegan Boyer!!!  
Fall Picnic is only 2.5 months away, summer's flying by fast!

If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie or Don Thompson

**Bring a Friend!** **All Ages welcome**

**St. James Youth Night**  
**Wednesday, July 19th**  
**5-8 pm**

**Hot Dogs & S'MORES** **GAMES & MORE**

### 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, date to be announced. PSR class schedule changes will be announced at a later date. Please watch the bulletin for further information.\*\*\*  
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