

Dear Padre,

Where does Church teaching on angels come from? Where did we get their division into classes and the concept of the guardian angel?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the existence of angels is “a truth of faith” known in both Scripture and Tradition (CCC 328). Here is an ancient definition: An angel is a mighty, concentrated personality standing in God’s presence, ready to do his bidding instantly.

Jesus famously speaks of what we take to be the guardian angels of children. He says the angels of these children always look on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10). Angels took care of Jesus (see Matthew 4:11).

The Church understands angels to be spirits. Angel means “messenger,” and angels are servants of God. Different classes of angels are mentioned in the Bible (for example, Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10, and Colossians 1:16). We speak of Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel as archangels because the jobs God gave them to do were so important.

The Church holds that Satan is a fallen angel (CCC 391). Jesus tells us Satan “was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). ●



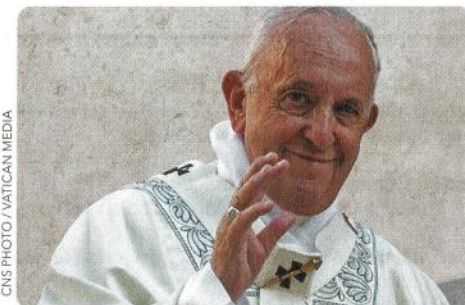
REYNATA SEDMAKOVIA / SHUTTERSTOCK

[The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org](https://www.dearpadre.org)

Daybreaks inspires during our Church’s holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](https://www.liguori.org).

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Zec 8:1-8 Mt 18:1-5, 10	October 3 <i>Weekday</i> Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56	October 4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62	October 5 <i>Weekday</i> Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12	October 6 <i>Weekday</i> Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	October 7 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24	October 8 <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43



CNS PHOTO / VATICAN MEDIA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: “Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving.”

HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2018



© 2023 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. *Imprimatur*: “In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on November 14, 2022, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission.” No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To download our latest catalog, visit [Liguori.org](https://www.liguori.org) or call 800-325-9521.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Matthew 21:28-32



Being Emptied

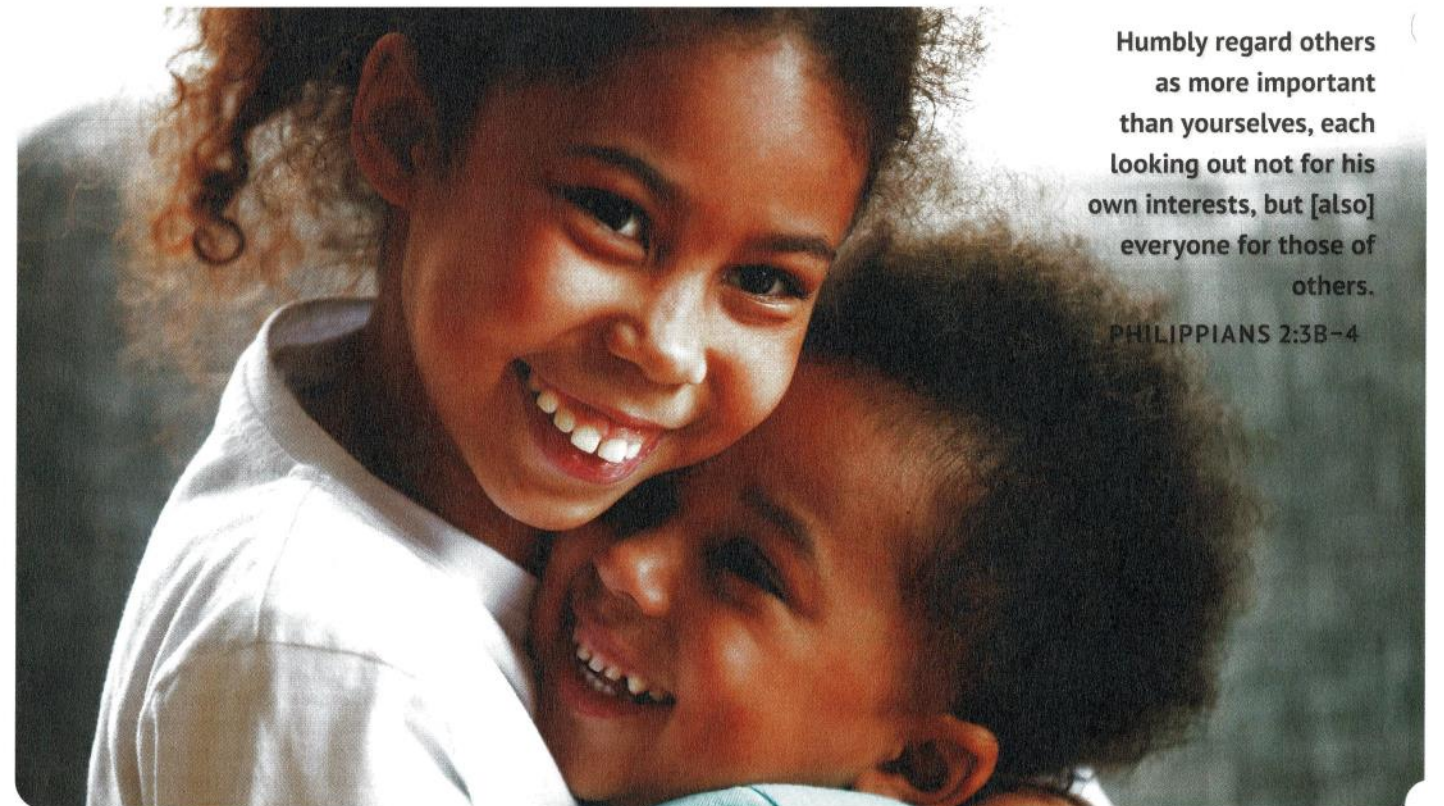
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In his book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum lists those basic qualities that enable us to negotiate the rest of life somewhat successfully. It’s what you might expect the curriculum of kindergarten to be about: being kind, saying you’re sorry, getting along with others, and sharing. In short, what we learned in kindergarten is about putting others’ needs ahead of our own comfort. It’s a kind of emptying of our selfishness that seems to take place.

Unfortunately, the process isn’t finished by the time we reach adulthood. We still tend to hoard, slam one another with insults, cheat in business, and neglect to apologize. In spite of that extended learning curve

that seems to take place, we slowly do take on those attitudes noted by Fulghum. Marriage can smooth our rough edges. Children’s needs call for self-sacrifice. Aging tends to mellow us. And somewhere along the line we learn that talking things out works better than hitting.

Saint Paul encouraged the Philippians to take on the attitude of the Lord Jesus, who emptied himself for our sake. Still, I think much of that emptying takes place in us unconsciously. Some would say it is simply the process of life. Maybe, but then again it may be the gentle hand of God. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is said to have commented that even God can’t fill what is already full. So then maybe that emptying is God’s way of making room for God. ●



Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3B-4

Reflect

Since kindergarten, have you become better at putting others first? What do you still need to work on?



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



OCTOBER 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	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	10:00 am

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

Special Ministers October 7 & 8, 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
L: Judy East
R: Annette Portell

Nikki Warden
Jim Politte
Dave Woodland

Servers:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Ava & Garryn West
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 October: 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: **10/06:** Judy East
Altar Linens: **10/02:** Connie Scott



St. James QUILT BINGO is back!!! **Sunday October 22nd.** Doors open at 11:00. Games start at 1:00 pm. Pull Tabs will be available as well. Serving homemade chili, hotdogs & nachos. Spread the word, bring your friends, come on out and have a great time supporting our Parish!!!

October is the **MONTH of the ROSARY!** Mary has called us back to Strong Prayer in her last message. This is a great time to start praying the Rosary with our families, every day during October and lets get back into the habit of praying faithfully.



October 7th, 9:00 am is the Annual Rosary for Life at the National Shrine in Perryville.

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 or St. Joachim parish office at 573-438-6181 or Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343. Candidates meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Incarnate Word Center. If this time is impossible, please call Joyce Politte at the above number.

Word of Life

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection)

What's on the Calendar???

- Oct 01: **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**
Special Collection for the Permanent Diaconate
Fete de Tome, 11:00 - 4:00, HWY CC & 21
- Oct 03: Ladies Sodality mtg, Parish Hall, 1:00 pm
- Oct 05: First Thursday Mass & Adoration from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
- Oct 07: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Confession, 8:00 am
- Oct 07: Installation of our new pastor: Fr. Anthony Dattilo, 4:00 pm mass
Knights Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign after both masses
- Oct 10: Parish Council, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall (Oct 10th)
- Oct 13: Clarity Retreat House, Rosary, Mass & Fellowship, 6:00 pm
- Oct 18: PSR in person class. 5:15 Chili, **class begins @ 6:00 pm**
- Oct 22: World Mission Sunday: Special Collection
St. James QUILT BINGO!!! Doors open at 11:00 am
- Oct 31: Trunk-or-Treat...more details coming

Installation of our New Pastor

Rev. Anthony Dattilo is being installed as our New Pastor, October 7th, at the 4:00 pm. Mass. We will have refreshments in the church hall following Mass. **All** are invited to come & enjoy some fellowship. We are so very blessed to have him. Please, keep in mind...our Priests are still struggling through these changes, just as we are. We have to share our Pastor and his responsibilities have quadrupled. There will be times for working together (changing mtg times, OCIA classes, special activities, etc). We are still 2 separate parishes, we are not currently merging, we are not subsumed. But, we can still work together as **one family in Christ**. Our goals are the same: to Praise & Worship God, to become the Saints that God has called us to be. May God continue to Bless us All.

"The Tootsie Roll Drive"

The Knights of Columbus Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities has been in existence since 1970. This years' drive is Friday, October 3 through Sunday, October 8 and is commonly called "The Tootsie Roll Drive." You can find Knights on street intersections across the entire state of Missouri.

St. James Knights of Columbus will be outside church Saturday, Oct 7th after the 4:00 pm mass and Sunday October 8th, after the 8:00 am Mass.

*****FORMED*****

National Eucharistic Revival: Jesus and the Eucharist. Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharist study during the year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (sessions 1-4) and unveil God's saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5-7). **Session 1:** What's Our Story: In this video, we'll explore the beautiful truth that God has a good plan for our lives, even when the brokenness of our circumstances (or ourselves) seems to indicate otherwise. By diving into Scripture, we'll discover how God's Word helps us make sense of—and find hope in—our stories today. **Session 2:** Jesus is both God and man, Therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

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 Humility

A wise man once told me that humility is simply living in the truth, not being too prideful in our gifts but also not hiding them. In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us the importance of accepting our mistakes and choosing the right path, not remaining obstinate in our error. The Pharisees rejected John the Baptist even after they saw that people were following him because he was a righteous man. How often today do people engage in arguments just so that they can feel the "glory" of being "right?" People quibble today so often about trivial matters. Let's reject this mentality and acknowledge our faults and mistakes and be humble in the sight of the Lord. He will lift us up and renew us (James 4:10).



First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass
October 7th, 8:00 am
First Five Saturdays
Devotion to our Lady

First Thursday Adoration
October 5th
after 8:00 am Mass
A Holy Hour



"Dear children! I am calling you to strong prayer. Modernism wants to enter into your thoughts and steal from you the joy of prayer and of meeting with Jesus. That is why, my dear little children, renew prayer in your families, so that my motherly heart may be joyful as in the first days, when I had chosen you, and day and night prayer resounded -- and Heaven was not silent but abundantly bestowed peace and blessing on this place of grace. Thank you for having responded to my call."
September 25, 2023

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

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, October 13th** 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 you would like to go, but don't want to drive, we will use the church van. Please call the office to sign up.



Youth Night

Pumpkin Carving!



Games & More

Friday, October 13th
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Ages 6 & up

St. James PSR NEWS



Next in-person class: October 18th, 5:15 Chili will be served class begins @ **6:00 pm**. 6th-8th grade: Safe Touch Class.

Youth Night: Friday, October 13th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm!
Trunk or Treat: Tuesday, October 31st. More details to follow.

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.



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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: October 2, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 03 TUE	8:15 AM	Marilyn Coburn Kincaid
Oct 04 WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 05 THU	8:00 AM	Fr. Rodger Fleming
Oct 06 FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 07 SAT	8:00 AM	Stephan Whitlock
Oct 07 SAT	4:00 PM	Parish Family
Oct 08 SUN	8:00 AM	Mary Pat Pratt
Oct 08 SUN	10:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)



Week of: September 24th, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2696.00	Assumption of Mary...\$	5.00
Loose.....\$	342.00	All Saints day.....\$	10.00
SVDP.....\$	88.00	All Souls day.....\$	10.00
Votive Lights.....\$	58.50	PSR registration.....\$	210.00
Light House.....\$		Picnic deposit.\$	558.95
Main & Repairs.....\$	60.00		
On-Line donations.....\$	75.90		

Complete picnic income will be posted in a future bulletin