Dear Padre,

I have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. Fin there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service whe people gather to read and study the word of God. Second,

the tradition of the early Christians who met in their home

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their ng the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gether in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the stic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Ch ld be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. V We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread.

Mt 11:25-27

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. Always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you...and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the word of God.

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We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the
D. S.
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MONDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY		
July 17	July 20	July 22		
Weekday	Weekday	St. Mary Magdalene		
Ex 1:8-14, 22	Ex 3:13-20	Sg 3:1-4b or		
Mt 10:34-11:1	Mt 11:28-30	2 Cor 5:14-17		
TUESDAY	FRIDAY	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18		
July 18	July 21	SUNDAY		
Weekday	Weekday	July 23		
Ex 2:1–15a	Ex 11:10-12:14	Sixteenth Sunday		
Mt 11:20-24	Mt 12:1-8	in Ordinary Time		
WEDNESDAY		Wis 12:13, 16-19		
		Rom 8:26-27		
July 19 Weekday		Mt 13:24-43 or		
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12		Mt 13:24-30		

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Our Parish July 16, 2023 COMMUNITY

Words, Words, and THE WORD

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

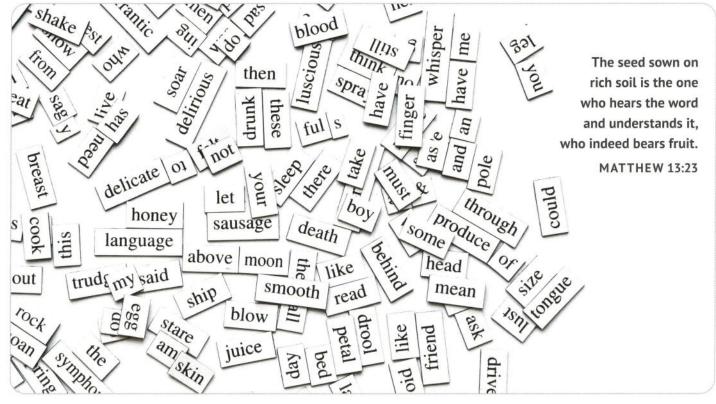
ur lives seem to be plagued by an abundance of words, all seeking to influence us. Television ads try to convince us to buy; teachers seek to pass on knowledge; parents cajole, discipline, and beg; society warns against drinking and driving, smoking and drugs; preachers hope to convert

and change. They all do so with limited and varying success, and at times seeming failure. Too often there is the presumption that more words will achieve greater results.

for your life?

In the face of such questionable success, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's

word "shall not return to me empty, / but shall do what pleases me, /achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Yet the Gospel also suggests that the seed of God's word sown in our lives may wither and be choked



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Romans 8:18-23 / Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



off and fail to take root, though also promising that what does produce fruit will surpass anything hoped for. Because war is news and the media is obliged to report on it, it may appear that war is prominent worldwide. Not so. Statistically there is less war today than ever before, less violence, less conflict. We are more

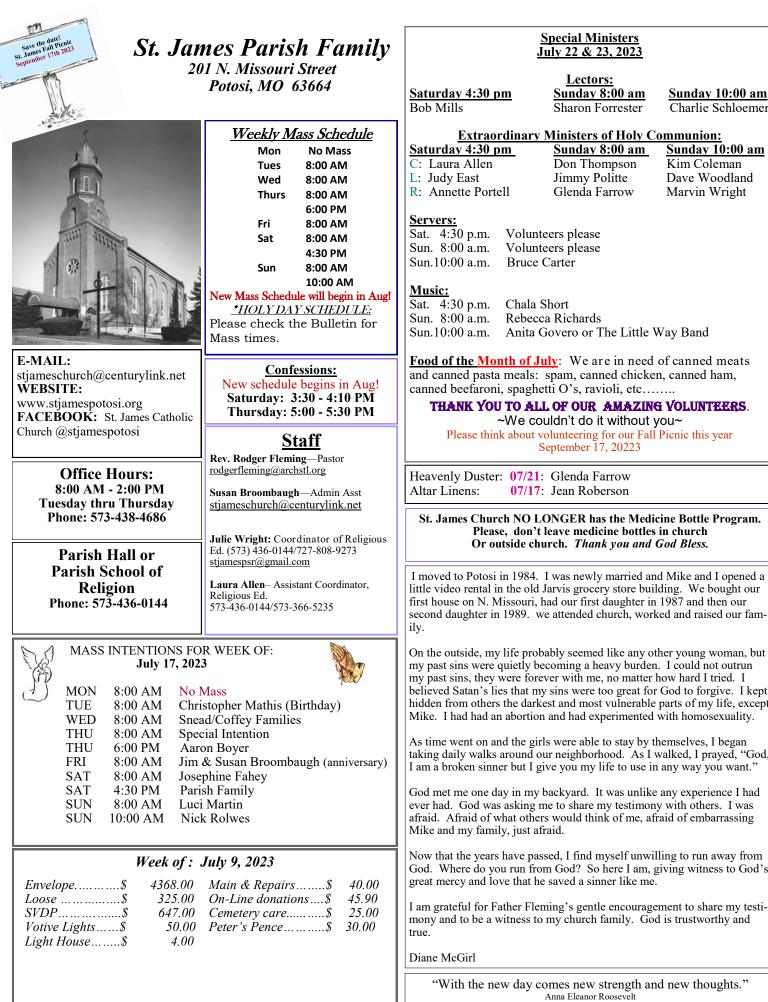
Reflect -Which passage of Scripture would you choose as a motto

likely to die in our beds than at any other time in history. While there is yet much hunger in the world, there is less than at any other time. Nations are more inclined to try to negotiate peace. Great generosity abounds amid natural disasters, and while injustice prevails, we still fight to overcome

it. All of it the fruitfulness of God's word.

Creation is groaning in labor pains, says St. Paul, and we also groan. Yet the groaning attests to the pains of growing fruitfulness.

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Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Schloemer What's on the Calendar???? Jul 17: Rural Parish Clinic Jul 19: S'mores Youth Night!! 5:00 pm, Parish Pavilion Jul 23: Visiting Mission Priest Jul 26: Picnic Mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall, all are welcome to join us! Jul 30: Special Gathering, Parish Hall, after 10:00 am Mass your help on Saturday, July 22nd @ 7:00 am. port as close to 9:15 am as possible. him at St. Rose of Lima Parish. Thank you! ******FORMED****** To sign up for "Formed" Go to: https://signup.formed.org/ Enter our parish's zip code Word of Life ***"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

***For all those nearing death: That their faith will grow ever stronger, as they prepare in hope to share eternal life with Christ; We pray to the Lord:

Missionary Discipleship

The Word

Many of us have heard the jokes that Catholics don't read the Bible. While it is true that the sacramental life of the Catholic Church is wonderful and surpasses the power of Scripture alone, it is imperative for us to read and pray with Scripture. Jesus, the Word made flesh, reminds us in His words to the disciples how important it is to hear the Word of God, to meditate on it, and to implement its truths into our daily lives. He reminds us of the necessity to be rooted in it and to allow it to become the wellspring from which all of our thoughts, words, and actions flow. We should read Scripture every single day of our lives, whether that means going to daily Mass and listening to the readings, praying lectio divina, or praying a daily Bible verse on one of the various apps. St. Jerome once said that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. We come to a fuller knowledge and relationship with the Lord when we read the Scriptures.

Mass and the Eucharist!!!

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS AUGUST 1, 2023! Copies are posted on

the church doors, FB, website, bulletin insert and in back of church!

PLEASE take a copy and hang on your fridge so you wont miss

Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am Don Thompson Kim Coleman Jimmy Politte Dave Woodland Glenda Farrow Marvin Wright Food of the Month of July: We are in need of canned meats and canned pasta meals: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, 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 07/17: Jean Roberson St. James Church NO LONGER has the Medicine Bottle Program. Please, don't leave medicine bottles in church Or outside church. Thank you and God Bless. I moved to Potosi in 1984. I was newly married and Mike and I opened a little video rental in the old Jarvis grocery store building. We bought our

Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

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

So anyone who wasn't able to make the last clean-up, we would love to have

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 re-

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

How to Become a Saint w/Fr. Josh Johnson: We are all called to become saints! Listen to Fr. Josh Johnson dive into this call and show that anyone can become a saint when they allow God to transform them.

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.

On the outside, my life probably seemed like any other young woman, but my past sins were quietly becoming a heavy burden. I could not outrun my past sins, they were forever with me, no matter how hard I tried. I believed Satan's lies that my sins were too great for God to forgive. I kept hidden from others the darkest and most vulnerable parts of my life, except Mike. I had had an abortion and had experimented with homosexuality.

As time went on and the girls were able to stay by themselves, I began taking daily walks around our neighborhood. As I walked, I prayed, "God, I am a broken sinner but I give you my life to use in any way you want."

God met me one day in my backyard. It was unlike any experience I had ever had. God was asking me to share my testimony with others. I was afraid. Afraid of what others would think of me, afraid of embarrassing

Now that the years have passed, I find myself unwilling to run away from God. Where do you run from God? So here I am, giving witness to God's great mercy and love that he saved a sinner like me.

I am grateful for Father Fleming's gentle encouragement to share my testimony and to be a witness to my church family. God is trustworthy and

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." Anna Eleanor Roosevelt

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, fruit, 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, bring brunch dish, come on out and enjoy the fellowship!

St. James Catholic Church Ouilters News Our Ouilters 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!!





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August~2023

September~2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		<u>St. James ~ 8:15</u> <u>am</u>	St. Joachim ~ 8: 15 am	St. James~8am Mass & Adora- tion	St. Joachim ~ 8 am & Adoration Nursing Home ~ 10 am -Georgian Gardens Fr. Tony	St. James ~ 8am Mass & Adora- tion, Rosary, Confessions St. James~4 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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					Fr. Nyman	
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Outdoor mass ~ 10 am ~ Fr. Tony <u>St. James~10am</u> ~ Fr. Dyer	Fr. Nyman	Prison Mass ~ 1:30 pm				St. Joseph Chapel ~ 6:30 pm ~ Fr. Tony
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Confessions ~ Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 or by Appointment