

# Dear Padre,

*Who decided that fish isn't meat? I really dislike fish; also, it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."*

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law, as written in Latin, states that we must abstain from *carne* (meat), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In the document "Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up, like meat. Our fasting isn't just an external discipline—sacrifice for the sake of checking a box. It's supposed to be a sacrifice that leads us closer to God. When we take that deeper step ourselves, then we can invite our friends to go deeper, too. ●



SWEET MARSHALLOW / SHUTTERSTOCK

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus opposes the attractions of evil...by responding to temptations with the word of God, which says not to take advantage...to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.*



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<b>Monday</b> March 10 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46	<b>Thursday</b> March 13 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12	<b>Saturday</b> March 15 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
<b>Tuesday</b> March 11 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15	<b>Friday</b> March 14 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26	<b>Sunday</b> March 16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36
<b>Wednesday</b> March 12 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32		

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 / Romans 10:8-13 / Luke 4:1-13

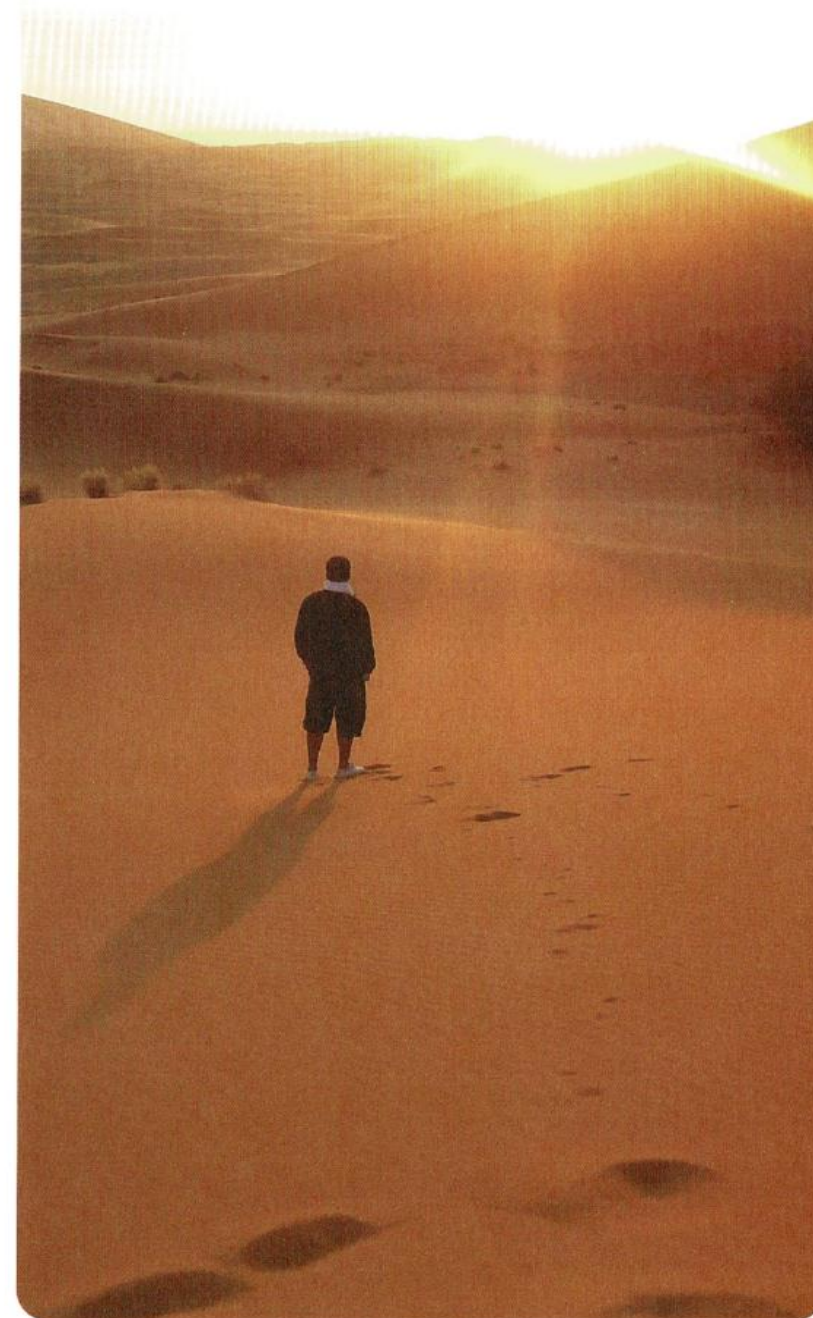


## Living in Fantasy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Filled with the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit into the desert  
for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

LUKE 4:1-2A



*If I Were a Horse* by Elizabeth Bridgman is a children's story about Jenny, who daydreams about being a horse and

then accepts her true reality, as she realizes no one will recognize her as a horse. In the end, she finds that she likes herself as she truly is.

The story may also be a metaphor for our human fantasy about sin, by which we try to redefine the world on our own terms, only to realize that life does not go so well when we do this. It is our stealing by which we pretend that something belongs to us rather than to another. It is our lying that attempts to redefine truth in terms of what we want life to be, rather than in what life really is. It is our addictions that redefine the source of meaning and life not as God, but as ourselves and our wants. Lent brings us face to face with who we are—which is not a horse (real or otherwise), but, by God's design, is a daughter or son of God.

The temptations Jesus experienced in the desert were temptations to define life on his own terms, just as we are often tempted to do. Yet, Jesus was the one who got it right. For him, stones were stones, not bread. Power and glory were God's, not his. He would not put God to the test, thinking he could manipulate God and get God to do what Jesus wanted. Jesus was the faithful one. ●

### Reflect

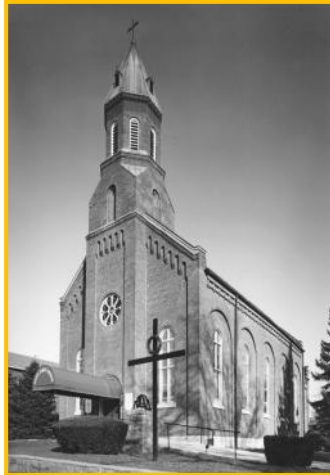
*What about my life do I struggle to accept?*

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# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## MARCH 2025 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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### Confessions:

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

March 10th, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim  
Mar 11 TUE 8:15AM Marvel Jarvis  
Mar 12 WED 7:00PM Mass @ St. Joachim  
Mar 13 THU 8:00AM Charles & Mary Gibson  
Mar 14 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim  
Mar 15 SAT 4:00PM Leroy Rolens  
Mar 16 SUN 10:00AM Harold & Patsy Courtois

### March 2nd, 2025

Envelope.s.....\$	2758.00
Loose.....\$	8745.00
Votive.....\$	36.64
St. V.....\$	470.73
Maintenance.....\$	210.00
Stain-glass.....\$	530.00
Online giving.....\$	35.60
Catholic relief.....\$	25.00
St. Joachim School...\$	180.00
Black/Indian Miss....\$	25.00



## March 15th & 16th, 2025

### Lectors

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am  
Laura Allen Jamie Warden  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C:Paul Villmer Kim Coleman  
L:Judy East Marvin Wright  
R:Annette Portell Danny Mueller

### Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal  
Sun: 10:00 am Daisy & Penelope

### Music:

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

St Vincent DePaul March collection: Personal hygiene products, laundry soap, or household cleaning supplies.

Faith, Hope, and Charity

### February-into March Heavenly Dusters

Glenda Farrow 2/28-3/7

Faye Jarvis 3/14-3/21

### February- into March Alter Linens

Glenda Farrow 3/3-10

Faye Jarvis 3/17-3/24



PRESENTED BY ST. JAMES  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
**FRY DAY FRIDAYS**  
March 14th  
March 28th  
April 11th 11:00-1:00  
April 18th  
\$12/PLATE  
FISH, BAKED BEANS, & POTATO SALAD  
201 N. Missouri Street Potosi MO 63664

### Caring hearts PRC update:

The Caring Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center has been renamed! It will be known as the **Caring Hearts Family Resource Center** to reflect a wider array of services available in the near future. Catholic Charities. Respect Life Apostolate and the Purdue Drug Settlement have provided grant money to assist with the change.

The Caring Hearts FRC has moved to 828 E. High Street in Potosi. It faces Hwy 21 and is next to Save A Lot

There are 2 PT office jobs available for women over 55 and 1 job for a maintenance man over 55. All would be trained on site to work at the FRC office and **be paid**. Call Mande Robinson for an interview at 573-436-2000.

The FRC is desperate for mentors on Wednesdays! These are volunteer positions for Christian men or women willing to work 1 on 1 with clients trying to change & stabilize their lives. All training is easy and offered on site or online. Call Mande Robinson for information. Its just a few hours on Wednesdays. **Put your faith into action. Make a difference in a life!**



## What's on the Calendar???



### MARCH 9: SPRING FORWARD

Mar 10: St. V Mgt 6pm  
Mar 11: Parish Council Mgt 5:30pm & K&C mgt 6:30pm  
Ladies Sodality MGT @ 1pm  
Mar 14: St. James Fish Fry  
Clarity House  
Mar 15: St V Food Give away  
Mar 17: HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY  
Mar 19: St. Joseph, the spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary  
Parish Picnic mgt @ 6pm  
Mar 21: St. Joachim Fish Fry  
Mar 25: The Annunciation of the Lord  
Mar 28: St. James Fish Fry

Missouri Right to Life  
"Keep Missouri Pro-Life"  
Action Day  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
Missouri State Capitol  
1st Floor Rotunda  
We need you to ACT!

Our parish will be participating the Lenten Rice Bowl program. Rice bowls will be available in the back of church starting Ash Wednesday and will need to be returned the week after Easter

DON'T FORGET TO  
SPRING  
FORWARD ON  
SUNDAY MARCH 9TH



"Lent is the favorable time to offer to the Lord sincere thanks for the wonders he has done for humanity" (St. John Paul II)

### \*\*\*\*\*Formed\*\*\*\*\*

### Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Ben Gazzara stars in this classic film about St. John Bosco, the beloved nineteenth century Italian priest who sought out the homeless youth of Turin to help them have a better life. He overcame incredible challenges, including the government who wanted him out of the way, an archbishop who tried to silence him, and the revolution that put a price on his head. But nothing could stop Don Bosco from rescuing the poor and outcast children to give them a home, teach them work skills, and catechize them in the Catholic Faith

Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator.

- Go to : <http://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 63664
- Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!

## Baltimore Catechism by Rev Deck THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMANDMENT OF GOD

The second commandment requires us always to speak with reverence of God, of the saints, and of holy things. It also commands us to be truthful in our oaths and faithful to them and to our vows.

The third commandment requires us to worship God in a special manner on Sunday, the Lord's day. The Church commands us to worship God on Sunday by assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By the third commandment of God we are forbidden to do any unnecessary servile Work on Sunday. Servile work is allowed on Sunday when the honor of God, our own need, or that of our neighbor requires it.

With our picnic approaching quickly we are going to start taking donations for bingo prizes!! Please contact Laura Allen ,Geraldine Heifner or the Church office if you would like to donate.

We are still accepting BOTTLES for the Picnic also.  
(PLEASE CHECK DATES)



### March 9: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Time to Pray and Fast

#### Missionary Discipleship – Time to Pray and Fast

In the Gospel reading today, we hear how Jesus went off alone in the desert for 40 days to pray and fast. This is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on our busy lives filled with constant noise to determine how we can disconnect and take time alone in conversation with God. As adopted sons and daughters of God, we have been called to give of ourselves in many ways but when we give we also have to take time to replenish our spiritual resources as well. If we don't do this, we will find ourselves empty. Throughout the Gospels we find many examples of Jesus taking time for silent mental prayer. That is what allowed Him to withstand the temptation of the devil in the desert. That is also what helped Him to endure His great suffering. Jesus stayed in a personal relationship with His Father and He trusted that His Father would be with Him throughout all of His tribulation. We, like Jesus, need to maintain our personal relationship with God and remember as Paul shared in his letter to the Romans, "(God) enriches all who call upon Him."

### St. James PSR NEWS

#### March Classes 12th & 26th

Contact Laura at 573-366-5235 with any questions.

