

Dear Padre,

Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from? What about the Easter egg?

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord."

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	(Sunday of Divine Mercy) Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.

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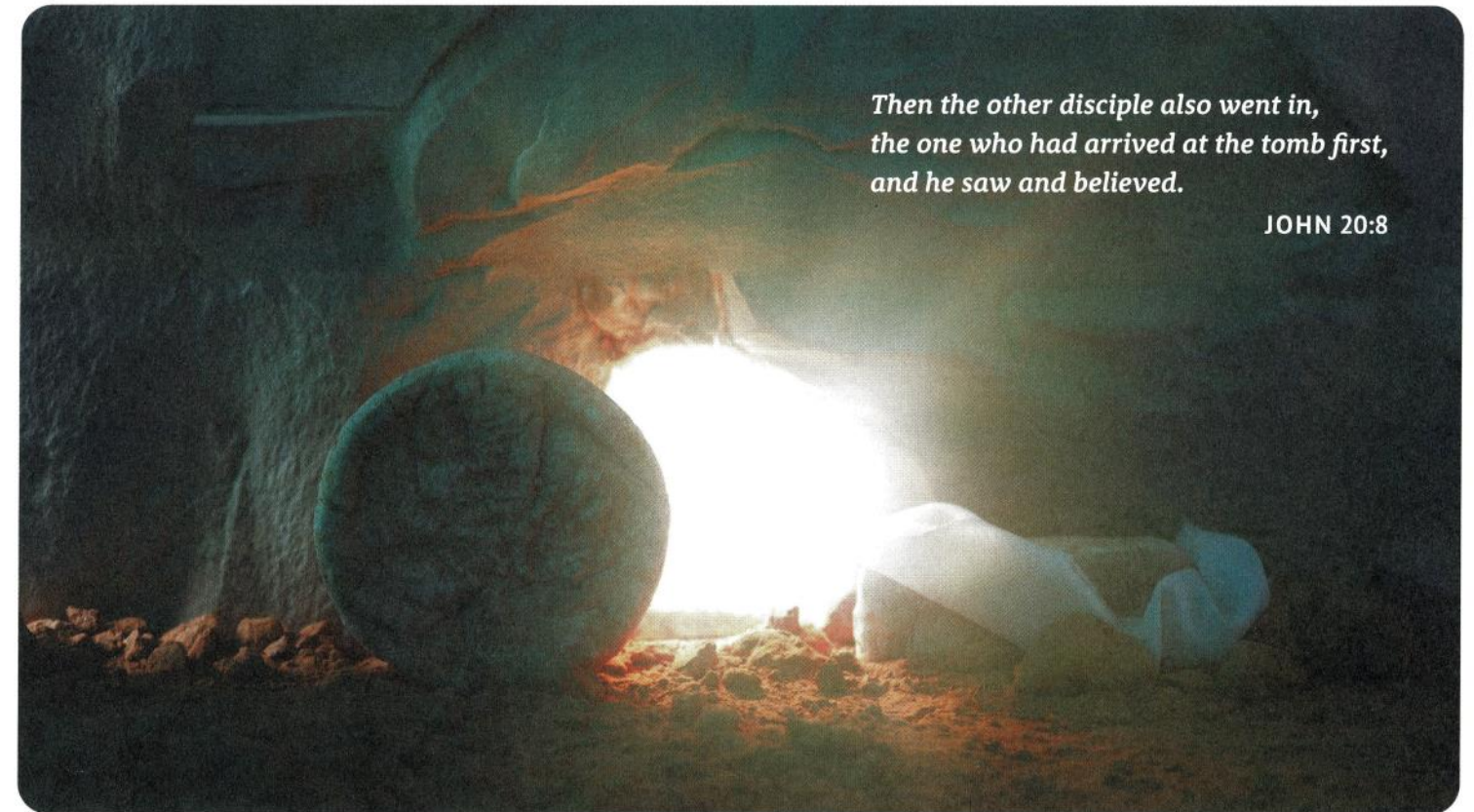
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8

Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

F aith can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death

was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours. ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced life flowing from what appeared to be a death?

Parish Picnic 9/15/24
Next mtg:
24 Apr, 2024

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: April 1, 2024

MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 02 TUE	8:15 AM	Hanna Deschler
Apr 03 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 04 THU	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere
Apr 05 FRI	3:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 06 SAT	8:00 AM	NO Marian Devotion Mass
Apr 06 SAT	4:00 PM	Lisa Gillam
Apr 07 SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
Apr 07 SUN	10:00 AM	(Mass @ 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: Mar 24, 2024

Envelope.....\$	1619.00	On-Line donations.....\$	80.60
Loose.....\$	300.00	Retired Priests.....\$	500.00
SVDP.....\$	88.00	Holy Land.....\$	105.00
Votive Lights.....\$	19.00	Easter offering.....\$	150.00
Light House.....\$		Easter Flowers.....\$	10.00
Main & Repairs.....\$	100.00	Cemetery Care.....\$	100.00

Special Ministers April 6 & 7, 2024

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm **Sunday 10:00 am**
Paul Villmer **Jamie Thompson**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:00 pm **Sunday 10:00 am**
C: Annette Portell **Jim Politte**
L: Vikkie Nier **Donna Kennon**
R: Judy East **Glenda Farrow**

Sat: 4:00 pm (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 8:00 am Ava & Garryn West
Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)

Music:

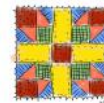
Sat. 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of April: Peanut Butter & canned meats pls
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 04/05: **Faye Jarvis**
Altar Linens: **04/15: Jean Roberson**

Quilt Bingo

St. James Bingo Ladies are wanting to hold a Quilt Bingo on **April 21st**, but they need your help. If anyone would be willing to donate a quilt, store bought or hand made, please contact Judy Cain @ 573-210-8220 for more information. All proceeds go to St. James Church.
Thank you!



Easter reminds us that Hope should never be lost, for as dark as the road may seem there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all of your loved ones on this very special day. **May God bless my Parish Family abundantly!** Susan

JOINT PARISH MISSION

Even though we are just beginning the season of spring, a Core Team of parishioners from St. Joachim and St. James has started planning for a **joint Parish Mission this fall** that will be led by Fr. Tom Santen. This will be a time of coming together on our journey of faith! For now, we encourage everyone to mark their calendars and plan on attending the **Parish Mission from September 29 – October 3**. As the planning continues, more details will be shared with you regarding the theme of the mission and schedule. Each parish will have a Host Coordinator that will be reaching out to parishioners and inviting them to become a part of the team! We are excited that Fr. Tom Santen will lead us on this journey of faith! Stay tuned!



Word of Life

“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth” (The Gospel of Life 95).

May the glory of the Resurrection inspire lasting hope in all who work to protect human life; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Apr 02: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
Apr 04: First Thursday Mass & Adoration
Apr 06: There will be NO Marian Devotion Mass
Apr 07: Divine Mercy Sunday
Apr 08: Annunciation of the Lord
Apr 09: Parish Council, 5:30 pm
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Apr 12: Clarity House, Friday evening Mass, 6:00 pm
Apr 14: Confirmation at the Cathedral, 2:00 pm
Apr 15: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
Apr 24: Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall



Operation Rice Bowl.....Now that our Lenten Season has come to an end and we are celebrating the Easter Season, please remember to bring your Rice Bowls and turn them in. Thank you and may God's Blessings be abundant.

Easter Flowers in memory of:

• John B. DeGonia	Heather Farrow
• Louis & Theresa Whitehead	Wesley Forrester
• Debbie Barbey	Bertha & Leo Thebeau
• Leonard Miner	Ruth & Shorty Jarvis
• Robert Whitehead	Craig David Warden
• Fr. Joe Welchmeyer	Bob Kathcart
• Theresa & Louis Whitehead	Kevin Kathcart
• Leonard Miner	Logan Eli Kathcart
• Debbie Barbey	Paul Ney Jr.

*****FORMED*****

Angels & Saints/Catholic Saints/ Angels and saints are present throughout Catholic theology and devotion, but what exactly are these beings? What makes a person a saint, and how can I become one? Are angels real, and how do they impact my life? Dive into these questions and more in this series with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp.

What are Saints and Angels/Episode 1: Explore the different nuances of what it means to be a saint or angel, how our use of the word “saint” has changed since St. Paul’s day, and how we understand angels and their nature.

Why does the Church Canonize People/ Episode 2: Discussion on canonization; its definition, history, and how it works. Why do we honor the communion of saints? What leads to saints’ official incorporation into public worship? What about miracles? Learn all about these topics in this episode.

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Enter our parish’s zip code
Enter your name and your email address. That’s it, you’re in.

Missionary Discipleship

Easter Sunday: Resurrection and the Real Presence

Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Share this great news. Not only has the Lord risen, but He also remains present to us in every Catholic church throughout the world. As Pope Paul VI taught, “The Catholic Church has always displayed and still displays this latria that ought to be paid to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of it, by taking the greatest possible care of consecrated Hosts, by exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and by carrying them about in processions to the joy of great numbers of the people” (*Mysterium Fidei* 90). We derive great strength from the Risen Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist each Sunday. How privileged we are to receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity and also to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Each tabernacle is a throne for the Risen King. We must take advantage of the opportunity to adore our Lord and to pray in His powerful presence. He has given us new life and has raised us to the status of adopted sons and daughters. Embrace this new life!

“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

St. Basil



First Thursday Adoration April 4th

Eucharistic Adoration:

the Catholic Church entered a three-year Eucharistic Revival in 2022. We should contemplate the importance of the Blessed Sacrament in our earthly lives and what it means to us. We are very fortunate to receive Holy Communion at Mass. Please, prayerfully consider spending an hour with our Lord to reacquire yourself with the peace that only He can give.

**National Eucharistic Congress
July 17, 2024**

A very Blessed Easter Season

Sunday of Divine Mercy April 7, 2024

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ’s message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is “the unforgivable sin.” They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus’ message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy. “Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it.”



PARISH PICNIC

Parish Family; **The Bottle Game was a HUGE Success last year!! So, we are planning it again this year!**

It’s not too early to start this year with planning for the Picnic... “the Bottle Game” is back. We are asking all to bring a “bottle of...?” (examples; shampoo, wine, ketchup, mustard, pickles, lotion, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, syrup, 2 liter soda, honey, jelly, vanilla, cooking oil, etc.) that we will use for this fundraiser. The way this will work is, we will sell the same number of “chances” that we have for the number of “bottles” that we receive, the tickets will be numbered, the bottles will be numbered, each ticket will cost \$3 to purchase, so you can see that this will be a good fundraiser for the church, just think you might end up with a bottle of.....!

We would ask that you please make sure when you are making your purchase for these items to please check the expiration date on any perishable food items.

We will put 3 boxes/containers in the back of church, not in the vestibule – **under the pew in front of the cry room for all to place their bottles in.** It’s not too early to start collecting, so bring your bottles. Thank you all for your support of our Parish!

Annual Easter Collection Supports our Retired Priests

The annual Archbishop’s Collection for Retired Priests is traditionally held on Easter Sunday. This is a beautiful opportunity for to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us.

Your support helps assure our priests receive the essential care they need, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability, now and for years to come.

You can make your gift through the designated envelope, or any envelope marked Retired Priests, on or after Easter weekend. You can also give at any time at: archstl.org/retiredpriests.

St. James PSR NEWS

**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **April 17th:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 7** will be due.

Apr 14th is Confirmation @ the Cathedral, 2:00 pm

May 5th, First Holy Communion, 10:00 am, St. James Church

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