

# Dear Padre,

*My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?*



When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

## 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*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Lk 4:24-30	Mt 18:21-35	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 / John 2:13-25



## Spring Cleaning Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present—from a building to himself. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God's temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life's details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives—to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God's Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be. ●

### Reflect

*What might be cluttering your life right now?*



While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23



# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## March 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	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM

### \*HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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stjameschurch@centurylink.net  
**WEBSITE:** \*\*\*\*\*

[www.stjames-potosi.org](http://www.stjames-potosi.org)

**FACEBOOK:** St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

### Confessions:

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

### Staff

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### Office Hours:

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Tuesday thru Thursday  
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Phone: 573-436-0144

Live Your Life for an Audience of ONE: **GOD!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:			
March 4th, 2024			
MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
Mar 05 TUE	8:15 AM	Joseph & Nancy Richardson	
Mar 06 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
Mar 07 THU	8:00 AM	Wes & Sharon Forrester (anniversary)	
Mar 08 FRI	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
Mar 08 FRI	6:30 PM	Nick Rolwes	
Mar 09 SAT	4:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
Mar 10 SUN	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
Mar 10 SUN	10:00 AM	Mary Politte	

### 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: February 25, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2120.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	100.00
Loose.....\$	947.00	On-Line donations.....\$	80.60
SVDP.....\$	122.00	Black/Indian miss.....\$	50.00
Votive Lights.....\$	6.00		
Light House.....\$			

### Special Ministers

**March 10, 2024**

### Lectors:

**Sunday 10:00 am**

**Charlie Schloemer**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

**Sunday 10:00 am**

**C: Nikki Warden**

**L: Jamie Warden**

**R: Marvin Wright**

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

### 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 March:** Pasta & sauce, Peanut Butter, and canned meats please.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.**

~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 03/08: **Marilyn Carter & Jeanne DeGonia**  
Altar Linens: **03/18: Sharon Forrester**

### 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



“Receive every trial, every annoyance, every lack of courtesy in the light that springs from the Cross; that is how we please God, how we advance in the ways of love.”  
St. Elizabeth of Trinity

### Homemade Baked Desserts

Ladies Sodality is hosting bake sales during Knights' Fish Fry Lunches. Homemade Baked goods by the piece or whole dessert, for sale. Just drive by and pick out your dessert. Thank you for supporting our Ladies Sodality. Next sale - Mar 8th



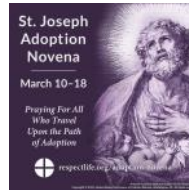
**St. James Knights of Columbus**  
Lenten Drive-Thru Fish Lunches  
**03/08 & 03/22**  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Fish, baked Beans & potato salad, \$10.00



### Word of Life

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (The Gospel of Life 5).

For each expectant mother considering abortion: May the Lord provide for her needs and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child; We pray to the Lord



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

Mar 05: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Mar 07: First Thursday Adoration following 8:00 am Mass  
Mar 08: Mass & Stations, 6:30 pm, St. James Church  
Rosary & Mass @ Clarity House, 6:00 pm, leave church @ 5:00 pm  
Mar 11: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry  
Mar 12: Parish Council, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Mar 13: PSR Reconciliation, 6: 00 pm in Church  
Mar 20: PSR: Dinner @ 5:15 pm, class @ 6:00 pm .  
Mar 22: Mass & Live Stations Time Change: **6:00 pm** NOT 6:30 pm (St. James)  
Mar 27: Fall 2024 Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Jul 17: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN

### Lenten Services

**St. James Mass & Stations**  
Mar 08, 6:30 pm  
**\*\*Mar 22, 6:00 pm, NOT 6:30 pm\*\***  
**Penance Services**  
Mar 26, 6:00 pm  
**Fish Fry's**  
Mar 8, 11:00 - 1:00 pm  
Mar 22, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

**St. Joachim Mass & Stations**  
Mar 15, 6:30 pm  
**Penance Service**  
Mar 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
**Fish Fry's**  
Mar 15, 3:00 pm  
Mar 29, 3:00 pm

**Holy Week** is fast approaching. We will have sign-up sheets in the vestibule next week. Please, please take a moment and sign up for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday Adoration, Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Sunday Mass. We need Lectors, servers - several servers, Special Ministers, gift bearers, and musicians! (Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be celebrated at St. Joachim.)

### \*\*\*\*\*FORMED\*\*\*\*\*

### LENT: Week 3:

**Embraced in Mercy: the Rite Explained/Forgiven/Session 3:** Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite-what it is, why we do it, & how it impacts your life.

**Return: Lent w/Fr. John Burns, Session 3:** Fr. Burns reflects on the practice of fasting to return to the Lord. He affirms for us that it is in our suffering-our experiences of betrayal & rejection—that we are united w/Christ & experience the victory of Christ on the cross as we carry our own crosses in life. In Lent, we are reminded that we are not alone. Christ walks w/us every steep of the way to bring us into communion w/the Father. How will you unite your suffering to Christ's this Lent?

**Bible Study on the Sorrowful Mysteries: The Crowning w/Thorns:** Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers & others as they walk through these Biblical mysteries & seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ through them.

**Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears/Fearless:** How can the Word of God help us face fear & win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation w/Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation & more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

### 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.

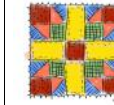
### Missionary Discipleship The Cross

There is so much to reflect upon in the readings today. First, we can reflect on the Ten Commandments in the proper way and what their true nature is: they are guideposts to living in authentic freedom for goodness. They are not mere restrictions against fun as the world often tells us. Second, Paul reminds us that we must preach Christ crucified and never offer less than the truth about our faith to others. Christ's Passion shows us that we too must endure suffering in order to enter into glory. Finally, the Gospel shows the righteous anger of Christ and foreshadows His Resurrection from the dead. We are called to walk the road to Calvary with Christ and enter into the mystery of His suffering.



Live Stations of the Cross  
March 22, 2024

St. James PSR will be presenting a live Stations of the Cross following Mass. Mass begins @ **6:00 pm**. Please make sure you mark this on your calendar and come join us for Mass and Stations.



### 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!

Lenten Bible study begins again, Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm @ Judy Wright's home. All are welcome. If we need to move the location, we will be happy to move to the hall! Actually, that would be a blessing that so many want to join us! We are doing potluck again as well, so bring a dish to share! Call Judy Wright at 573-631-9721 for more details.

**Clarity House Friday evening Rosary & Mass Friday, March 8th. Come celebrate the Holy Mass with us.** All are Welcome!! 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 & 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 anyone wants to ride together, please call the church office and let us know! **We will drive the church van if there are enough riders.** (5:00 pm departure)

Great opportunity for Special Lenten Prayer Time. So, come join us for Mass at Clarity House. Also, an opportunity for confession.

### Q&A

**Question:** Why must I confess my sins to another human being? Why cant I confess them directly to God?

**Answer:** We can & should confess directly to God as soon as we are aware that we have committed any sin, large or small. The sacrament of penance is regarded as absolutely necessary by the Church only when a Catholic has committed a serious sin & wishes to receive the Eucharist. Since Catholics are required, as a minimum, to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season(Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday), penance is necessary then for those in serious sin. Those free of serious sin are not required to go to confession.

Hopefully, however, we who are followers of Jesus will look beyond what we *must* do to what we *should* do. Jesus has given the sacrament of penance to us. Our response ought not be, “Must I accept your gift?” Rather, it should be, “Thank you, Lord. How can I best make use of your gift?”

Second, there is a value in the very act of admitting our guilt to another human being. When guilt is brought to the surface, it begins to lose its power to hurt. The old phrase “skeleton in the closet” is indicative of the harm which hidden guilt can do. A friend may come to us & say, “Something is bothering me. I feel so guilty & just don't know what to do about it.” Our first response will probably be, “Would you like to talk about it?” In penance we can honestly & openly admit our sins to the pries, & we will be better for it. “Therefore, confess your sins to one another & pray for one another, that you may be healed” (James 5:16)

Values of confession...(C1434-39, 1468-79)

“We Believe...” Cross-Reference to the Catechism of the Catholic Church pg 126-129

### St. James PSR NEWS

**\*\* Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **March 20th:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 6** will be due.

**March 13th 6:00 pm PSR Reconciliation**

**\*\*If you are a server, please volunteer to serve for Friday Evening Mass & Stations of the Cross.**

**\*\*There will be a sign-up sheet for Holy Thursday, please sign-up to help then as well.**

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