

Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



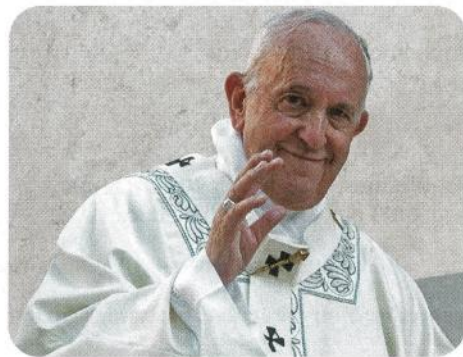
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11	March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42	March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59	March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56	March 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Hebrews 5:7-9 / John 12:20-33



Learning How to Die

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

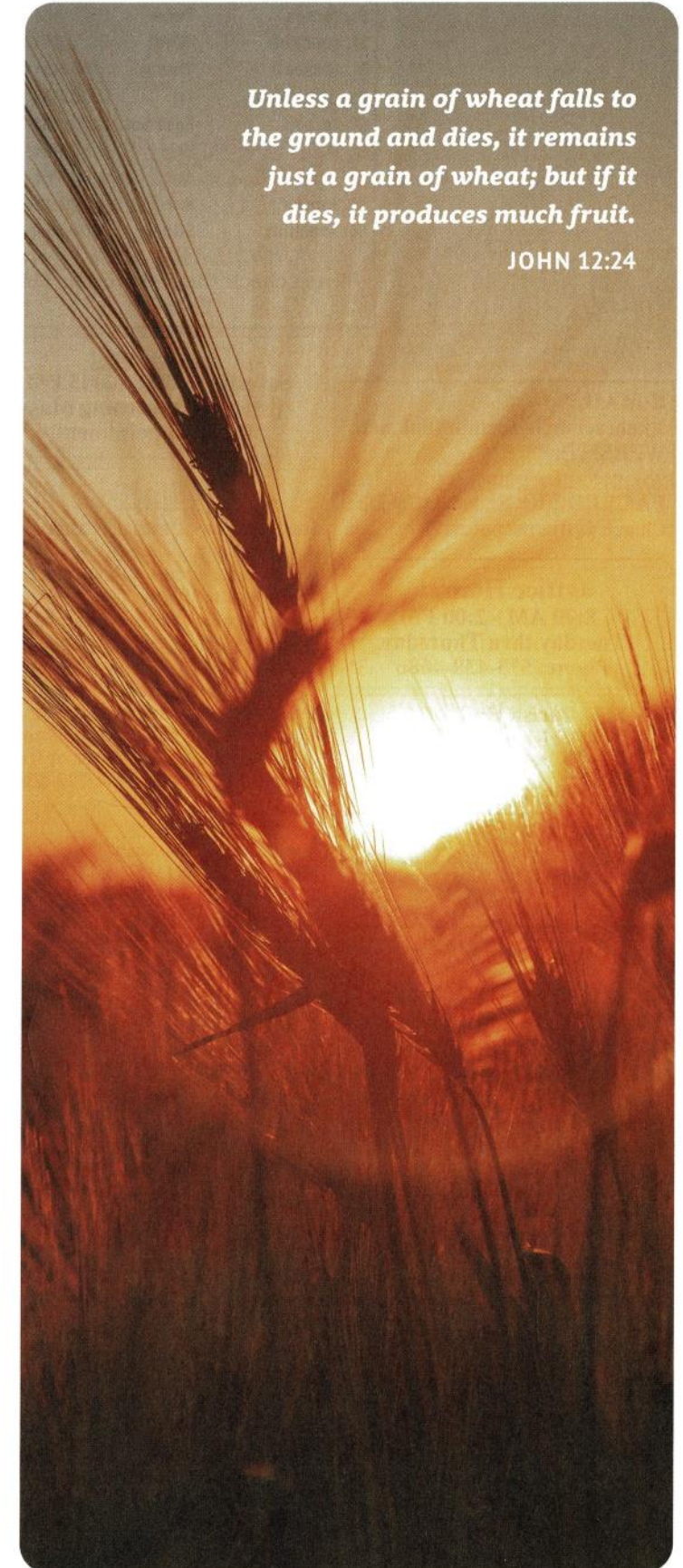
It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus "offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears" to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say "yes" to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

Reflect

Can you accept the little deaths along the way as preparation for the final passing from this life?



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

JOHN 12:24



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

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

Confessions:

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: March 18th, 2024

MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Mar 19 TUE	8:15 AM	Allie Hollinsworth
Mar 20 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Mar 21 THU	8:00 AM	Alvina Coleman
Mar 22 FRI	8:00 AM	Fr. Bertin Miller OFM
Mar 22 FRI	6:00 PM	Bishop Morgan Casey
Mar 23 SAT	4:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Mar 24 SUN	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Mar 24 SUN	10:00 AM	Jack Malloy

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 10, 2024

Envelope.....\$	2370.00	On-Line donations.....\$	80.60
Loose.....\$	386.00	Retired Priests.....\$	10.00
SVDP.....\$	1005.00	Holy Land.....\$	5.00
Votive Lights.....\$	26.00	Easter offering.....\$	45.00
Light House.....\$		Easter Flowers.....\$	115.00
Main & Repairs.....\$	260.00	Catholic Relief.....\$	684.00

Special Ministers March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday Lectors: Sunday 10:00 am N: Laura Allen S: Bob Mills

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sunday 10:00 am

C: Mary Roy
L: Diane McGirl
R: Charlie Schloemer

Sat: 4:00 pm (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 8:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Meadow Henson, Daisy, Penelope & Joshua Kearns

Music:

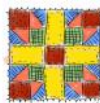
Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

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

Heavenly Duster: 03/22: Nedra Villmer
Altar Linens: 04/01: Glenda Farrow

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!



"I am prepared to suffer more. I know the Lord is with me. He has some plan for me.
How can I requite his kindness?"
St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu (12 Oct 2008)

March 22nd, 11:00 to 1:00, St. James Knights of Columbus, Lenten Drive-Thru Fish Lunch. Fish, baked Beans & potato salad, \$10.00



Homemade Baked Desserts from our Ladies Sodality.
By the piece or the whole dessert!

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

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84)

For all those receiving hospice care: May the care they receive respect and protect their lives; We pray to the Lord

What's on the Calendar???

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at St. Stephen's Chapel in Richwoods, 11am – 3pm.
Mar 18: Informational mtg on the MO Abortion Ballot Initiative, 6:30 pm Ste. Genevieve Parish, Ste. Genevieve, MO
Mar 20: PSR: Dinner @ 5:15 pm, class @ 6:00 pm .
Mar 22: 8:00 am Daily Mass will be @ St. James parish due to work being done inside St. Joachim Church
Mar 22: **Mass & Live Stations: 6:00 pm (St. James)**
Mar 26: Lenten Penance Service, 6:00 pm, St. James Parish
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 22, 6:00 pm, NOT 6:30 pm Penance Services Mar 26, 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass 6:30 pm, Adoration following	St. Joachim Good Friday Passion Service 3:00 pm Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 pm Easter Sunday St. Joachim: 8:00 am St. Stephens Chapel: 8:00 am
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Holy Week Sign-up sheets are still in the vestibule and there are still several spots still vacant. Please take a moment and sign up for **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 5:

The Trials of Saint Patrick: The epic story of one man's spiritual odyssey through hardship & Loss, mercy, & forgiveness. Your imagination will be quickened. Your heart will be inspired. Due to the intense nature of St. Patrick's story, Parental guidance is suggested.

My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Robert Barron: Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered on Christ. These meditations cover topics such as find our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God to end our alienation from God, and how to embrace the way of happiness joyfully.

Return: Lent w/Fr. John Burns, Session 5: Fr. John focuses on the quote from the prophet Joel to "rend your hearts, not your garments". The prophet Joel is calling us to amend our lives, return to the Lord, and practice good works. In preparation for Holy Saturday, Fr. John reflects on the meaning of this day and most especially the example of Mary who remained hopeful and patient, even when she was unsure of how God would fulfill his promises. How can Mary's example of patience and hope help you through the trials of life?

Bible Study on the Sorrowful Mysteries: The Crucifixion

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 Authentic Discipleship

Have you ever heard people say that the Christian life is easy and that we just need to be nice people? People who say such things are woefully ignorant. Jesus challenges us today in the Gospel and shows us that authentic discipleship is hard. However, He also teaches us that great fruit can be borne for the Kingdom of God when we choose to die to ourselves and suffer with purpose in this earthly life. We are called this Lent to make the journey all the way to Calvary with our Lord, for He tells us that where He is His disciples will also be. Let's kick it up a notch as we near the end of Lent with more prayer, fasting, almsgiving, works of charity, and self-denial so that others may taste the love of God and know the salvation found in Jesus Christ, salvation bought at an infinite price.

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.



Mary's Places of Grace

The Association of the Miraculous Medal invites you and your loved ones to the presentation, "Transforming Hearts: The Meaning and Message of Mary's Places of Grace," by award-winning and best-selling author Marge Steinhage Fenelon. She is an internationally-known speaker who has been on EWTN and hosts the podcast "Simply Holy". This presentation will take place Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri. Please contact 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website, www.amm.org, for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Stephen's Chapel, Richwoods
March 17th, 11 am - 3 pm
Dinner is \$15 per plate
Serving Corned beef & Cabbage



St. Joachim Knights of Columbus monthly chicken dinner is **April 7th**. Dinner price is now \$15.00 a plate. Thank you for your support.

Mo Ballot Initiative - Ste. Genevieve

Deacon Sam Lee is coming to Ste Genevieve on Monday, March 18, at 6:30 pm to speak about the Mo Ballot Initiative.

Informational Meeting on the Missouri Abortion Ballot Initiative, March 18, 2024

Through May 5, abortion supporters are actively collecting signatures throughout Missouri for a ballot measure to attempt to insert abortion into the state constitution. To help educate the faithful and parishes on this ballot initiative, the Respect Life Apostolate and Southern Vicariate are hosting an informational meeting on Monday, March 18 at Ste. Genevieve Parish in Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670. It will take place in the DuBourg Centre at 305 Merchant St. Starting at 6:30 p.m., clergy, parish pro-life coordinators, parish staff, volunteers, and the community are invited to learn best practices on defeating the initiative from Deacon Sam Lee of Campaign Life Missouri. Deacon Lee is a veteran pro-life lobbyist in Missouri and serves on the Respect Life Apostolate Board.

* For additional information, contact prolife@archstl.org or call 314.792.7555.

• To learn more about the ballot initiative, read the Missouri Catholic Conference feature here: https://mocatolic.org/sites/missouricc/files/stl_messenger_2-24.pdf

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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.

****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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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

February 28, 2024

Dear Senator:

The often-painful experience of infertility is a challenge facing an increasing number of families. As pastors, we grieve with many couples bearing this cross and seek to be part of a community that accompanies them in a way that helps them to flourish in love. In this, we can understand the profound desire that motivates some of these couples to go to great lengths to have children, and we support morally licit means of doing so.¹ The solution, however, can never be a medical process that involves the creation of countless preborn children and results in most of them being frozen or discarded and destroyed. For this and other deeply troubling problems with the bill, we strongly oppose the *Access to Family Building Act* (S. 3612).

Even if you do not agree with us on the evident humanity of every conceived person, there are problems with S. 3612 that raise serious concerns on other grounds. If enacted, the *Access to Family Building Act* would be the first law ever to exempt itself from the longstanding Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), led by then-Representative Schumer and passed in the Senate by a vote of 97 to 3 in 1993. An unprecedented self-carve-out from RFRA would be devastating. The bill's command that private entities and individuals must not "unreasonably limit[], or interfer[e]" with a new right to provide or obtain assisted reproductive technologies (ART) is, while ambiguous, certainly sweeping. For example, faith-based non-profit charities, schools, and church organizations that serve your communities and, out of principle, cannot cover in vitro fertilization (IVF) in their employee health plans could face impossible, potentially existential choices. Faith-based health care facilities and providers of faith could likewise be forced to facilitate procedures that violate their beliefs or to exit the field. Such consequences would hurt not just organizations but, more importantly, those whom they serve.

The terms of S. 3612 could also be readily interpreted to fabricate and impose new rights to human cloning, gene editing, making human-animal chimeras, reproducing children of a parent who is long deceased, engaging in the buying and selling of human embryos, commercial gestational surrogacy, and more. Human cloning and commercial surrogacy are otherwise prohibited in some States.² Further, with no limits on age or who is liable, even parents could be sued by the government or a provider if they try to prevent their underage child from using ART.³ And like any of these results, a new nationwide right to commercial surrogacy would also

¹ See <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Reproductive%20Technology%20Guidelines%20for%20Catholic%20Couples%20updated.pdf>.

² We would observe an incongruity, then, in those who say (erroneously) that protecting preborn children from abortion is now only an issue for the States, after the U.S. Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision, to then say that the federal government must intervene in States to provide IVF nationwide.

³ This would be all the more probable if the ambiguous syntax of the parenthetical in Sec. 4(a)(1) of the bill indicates that "financial cost" is an "unreasonable" barrier, requiring undefined others to pay for one's use of ART.

be deeply problematic. As Pope Francis recently observed, the practice exploits vulnerable women and commodifies both them and their children.⁴ It also violates children's right to a mother and father, and tears them away from the mother in whom they grew and whose voice is the first and only one they had ever known.

All of the foregoing problems would seem to be disproportionate to the perceived benefits that the bill would achieve even for its supporters. This is because federally ensuring the availability of IVF is wholly unnecessary for those who wish to do so. Contrary to repeated misconceptions, the Supreme Court of Alabama's decision of February 16 did not "ban" IVF. It merely took existing law, in effect long before *Dobbs*, and applied it to embryos in IVF facilities so that parents could hold the latter accountable for negligent wrongful death. IVF providers and clinics that have responded by pausing operations have done so voluntarily, possibly in a bid to resist accountability to parents, financial liability, and, effectively, regulation.

While we highlight a range of concerns that we believe are shared by a majority of Americans regardless of their political persuasions, we must make clear that, even if such problems are addressed, we will continue to oppose the *Access to Family Building Act* as a threat to the most vulnerable of human beings. Contrary to what some have claimed, a position that supports legal enshrinement of IVF, however well-intended, is neither pro-life nor pro-child. Approaches such as investing in life-affirming research on infertility, or strengthening support for couples who desire to adopt, would be better to explore.

Among those to whom we and our parishes minister, we know well the deep yearning and even suffering of families struggling with infertility. We seek to ameliorate that personal suffering. Yet we cannot condone a practice and an industry that is built on millions of children who are created to be destroyed or abandoned. For all of the above reasons, we implore you in the strongest possible terms to oppose S. 3612 and any similar legislation that comes before you.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Borys Gudziak
Archbishop of Ukrainian Catholic
Archeparchy of Philadelphia,
Chairman, Committee on Domestic
Justice and Human Development

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington
Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life
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Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Chairman, Committee for Religious
Liberty

⁴ See Pope Francis, Audience with the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See for the exchange of greetings for the New Year, Rome, Jan. 8, 2024.