### Dear Padre.

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols



but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol.

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by



eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

> AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME. MAY 16, 2025

Monday October 20 Weekday Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday October 21 Weekday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday October 22 Weekday Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday October 23 Weekday

Weekday Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59 Saturday

Friday

October 24

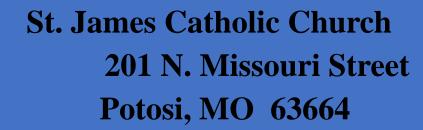
October 24 Weekday Rom 8:1-11 Lk 13:1-9 Sunday

October 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

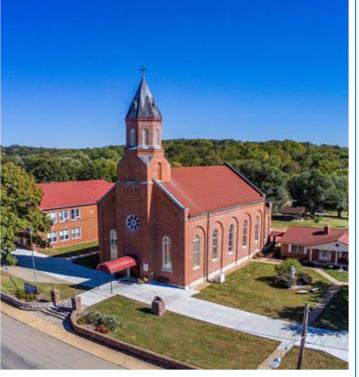
Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53

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# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025



(Photo courtesy of Jeremy Boyer)

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Mon: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Tues: 8:15 AM (St. James)

Wed: 8:15 AM (St. Joachim)

Thurs: 8:00 AM (St. James)

8:00 AM (St. Joachim) Fri:

8:00 AM (1st Sat. of the Sat:

Month @ St. James)

Saturday: 4:00 PM

(1st & 3rd weekend @St. James; 2nd &

4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

**8:00 AM (St. James) Sunday:** 10:00 AM (St. Joachim)

**Confessions:** 



Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm Prior to Sat. evening Mass or by

appointment

MASS **INTENTIONS** FOR THE

**WEEK** 

Monday, Oct. 20th @ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Oct. 21st:

Wednesday, October22nd @ St. Joachim

**Bob Short** 

Thursday. October 23rd: **Wesley Forrester** 

Friday, October **24th** 

@ St.Joachim

Saturday, October 25th 4pm @ St. Joachim

Sunday, October 26th:

John Knight, Sr.

## **St. James Parish Family**

201 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664

Saturday 4pm

L:

R:

**Servers** 

**Music:** 

Way Band

Saturday 4pm:

Sunday 8am: Ava West

Sun. 8:00am Rebecca Richards

Sat: 4:00pm. Chala

October 26th

**Lector:** 

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 

Sunday 8am

Jamie Thompson

Donna Kennon

Glenda Farrow

Sunday 8am: Mary Susan Campbell



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### Weekly Collection 10/012/2025

 Envelopes:
 \$1985.00

 Loose:
 193.00

 Online Giving
 15.00

 Maintenance:
 100.00

 St. Vincent de Paul:
 160.00

 Votive:
 0.00

 All Saints/All Souls
 25.00

Permanent Diaconate

World Mission Sunday

**Total Giving:** 

Thank you for your generosity!

\$2553.00

25.00

50.00

### **Heavenly Dusters**

Sun: 10:00am Anita Govero or The Little

Faye Jarvis 10/24-10/31 Diane Mull 11/7-11/14

### **Altar Linens**

Faye Jarvis 10/27-11/03 Need Volunteer 11/10-11/17

### **Money Counters**

Becky & Rhonda 10/21 Jeanne & Rhonda 10/28

(FYI:The office is open on Monday if you would like to count on Monday)

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2
TIMOTHY 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable!

Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

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

### Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

### **Slaves and Kings**

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

\*Go to <a href="http://signup.formed.org">http://signup.formed.org</a>
\*Enter our parish's zipcode 63664
\*Enter your name and your email address.
\*Enjoy!

# respect life month

# novena









**OCTOBER 22-30** respectlife.org





### **Brother Francis - All Saints Day**

Join Brother Francis in this special episode as he explores the lives of the saints.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!





### ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If WE DON'T GET VOLUNTEERS, THESE MINISTRIES WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We will be in need of volunteers for the following areas going forward:

- 1. Flower arrangements for Christmas, Easter, Solemnities, etc. (order, coordinate, set up, maintain, & dispose)
- 2. Advent Wreath (set up, maintain, dismantle)
- 3. Decorating for Christmas & Easter (coordinate, set up, maintain & dismantle)
- 4. Table of Remembrance for November (set up, change votives, take down)
- 5. Palm Sunday (make palm arrangements, coordinate & set up for needs of the Palm Sunday Liturgy)
- \*\*Please contact Glen Gelhot or the parish office with any questions.

### CADET AREA LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 26, 2025 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

<u>Location</u>: Knights of Columbus @ Old Mines on Hwy. 21 across from intersection with Hwy.47

Come join in on this Pro-Life Prayer Witness to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, the unborn.

Arrive at the Knights of Columbus parking by 2:15 pm for a short group prayer and choose your sign from the many pro-life messages on the signs which are provided.

Then stand as a witness along Hwy. 21 or 47 while in silent prayer for our nation to be healed from the pain of abortion as also our laws may change to bring an end to legalized abortion.

Please call Cadet Baptist Church Pastor, John Jones with any questions; 573-210-6135

# **Good News!**

### October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Exodus 17:8–13 / 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2 / Luke 18:1–8

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing, and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

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### Merci!

We had a beautiful day for our annual Fete. We couldn't do it without help from so many. We appreciate all that donated items, worked in booths, and all who were there to support us. Again... Thank you so much!

Old Mines Area Historical Society

### **Parish Calendar**

**October 18**: St. Carlo Acutis Display in Parish Hall opens at 2pm & then open after 4pm Mass

October 20: Rural Parish Clinic here

Nov. 1: Paint Party

Nov 4: Ladies Sodality

Nov 11: Eucharistic Adoration 9-5:30pm Parish Council @ 5:30pm Knights of Columbus meeting @ 6:30pm

### St. James PSR NEWS

This year's PSR is off to a great start. Enrollment is up and we are so very blessed with great teachers and great parents. We have lots of plans for learning and have fun while our students are building relationships to last a lifetime in the Catholic space at Saint James. Last Wednesday, our students got together for a picture to say thank you to all of those who have donated time and money. Again special, thanks to our Knights of Columbus for their generous help. It is not too late to enroll if you're interested, please stop by Wednesday evening between 5:45 and six to grab an enrollment packet.



### **Ladies Sodality**

We would like to welcome new members to join our Ladies Sodality. We will have a welcoming meeting on the first Tuesday of November (time to be determined). Please consider joining us! For more information, please call or email the parish office.

### THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Parish Council will meet on Nov 11 @ 5:30PM. Any parishioners with questions or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

Listening, in communication, is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur. Listening helps us to find the right gesture and word which shows that we are more than simply bystanders. (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 171)

Parish formation begins with **our own conversion**. Before we speak, we listen. Before we plan, we pray. Before we act, we seek Christ's will- not our own. Each discussion is an opportunity to build up the Kingdom of God right here in our parish community.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268.

### **Save the Date!**

### **5th Sunday Brunch – Sunday, November 30th**

Join us after Mass for a joyful morning of food, fellowship, and faith! Bring your family and friends as we gather to give thanks and share in community.

**RSVP is appreciated** so we can prepare plenty for everyone! Please contact the office at 574-438-4686 or simply drop a note in the collection basket with how many you will be attending with.

\*We will be accepting donations for this event\*

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The next food distribution will be on Oct. 18th. Thank you to all who helped pack the food on the 1st Wednesday (every month) and all who helped with distribution on Saturday (3rd Saturday of every month). Also thanks to all who generously donate to the pantry. This mission couldn't thrive without you.

"We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting others. . . To do this is to preach the Gospel by words and works." St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul collection: Peanut butter, jelly, dry cereal, oatmeal, protein bars,

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 19th, 2025, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church, affirming that we are one Church, one family in Christ, united in bringing hope and love to all people.

This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," is particularly moving because, although it was chosen by Pope Francis, it will be the first celebrated under the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru.

Pope Leo XIV has called the Pontifical Mission Societies "the 'primary means' of awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized and supporting ecclesial communities in areas where the Church is young." His words encourage us to recognize our vital role in sustaining the life and growth of the Church in over 1,124 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and parts of Europe and the Middle East.

The collection we take up on World Mission Sunday for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith – one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies - is not just financial; it is a living sign of our communion with the universal Church. It supports the formation of seminarians, religious Sisters, and catechists; the building of chapels, schools, and clinics; and the ongoing evangelization of people who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time.

I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the missionary dimension of our faith. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God's love and mercy to all people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski Archbishop of St. Louis

# Rummage Sale Saturday November 1, 2025

8:30-12 NOON at St. Michael House located at the junction of Hwy 21 & CC across from Washington State Park on the grounds of the Rural Parish Workers of Christ the King. Phone 636-586-5171 For more information

Sale will feature items of clothing, shoes, household, linens, purses, toys, furniture, books, lamps, etc. Must take items the day of the sale.

All proceeds benefit St. Michael House, a Christian Activity Center

### Pope Leo XIV, General Audience 10/15/2025

We were created to rejoice in life, and life in abundance (Jn 10:10). This deep desire of our hearts never finds its ultimate answer in power or possessions. Only the Risen Jesus is the wellspring that satisfies our infinite thirst for fullness, which the Holy Spirit imbues into our hearts. Christ's Resurrection pours forth the hope that gives us a foretaste of deep and joyful calm, despite the fatigue of daily life. Only Christ can give us this

https://www.vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/audiences/2025/documents/202 51015-udienza-generale.html

everlasting peace.





Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

6:00 pm

Cost: \$40 per person

Open to Ages 12 & Up

### What's Included

- Step-by-step painting session guided by a local artist
- All painting supplies provided
- Snacks and water provided
- Fun, laughter, and a masterpiece to take home

CONTACT US

RSVP to Kim Coleman

314-808-2207

All proceeds will benefit St.

James PSR program

### October 19th

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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