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October 4, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



Month of the Holy Rosary



(Photo courtesy of Jeremy Boyer)

Mass Schedule October 2026

Monday: 8am @
St Joachim

Tuesday: 8:15am @
St. James

Wednesday: 8:15am @
St. Joachim

Thursday: 8am @
St. James

Friday: 8am @
St. Joachim

Saturday 4pm
(1st & 3rd weekend @
St. James; 2nd & 4th
weekend @
St. Joachim)

Sunday: 8am @
St. James
10am @ St. Joachim

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63664**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct 5:
@ St. Joachim: Angie
Keuss

Tuesday, Oct 6:
Julie Sumpter & Family

Wednesday, Oct 7: @
St. Joachim: Angie Keuss

Thursday, Oct 8:
For Christian Unity in our
County, Nation & World

Friday, Oct 9:
@ St. Joachim: Rhonda
Thebeau

Saturday Oct 10:
4pm: @ St. Joachim:
Parish Family

Sunday Oct 11:
8am: Anton M. Dattilo
10am: @ St. Joachim:
Steve Harris

Mass Intentions are \$10.
Please call the office or
drop by to schedule them.

CONFESSIONS

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



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Co-Coordinator

October 11: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 8am: Jeanne DeGonia

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 8am
C:	Jamie Thompson
L:	Donna Kennon
R:	Glenda Farrow

Servers

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 8am: Ava West

Music:

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

Daily Mass Lectors

Tuesday October 6: Joyce Politte
Thursday October 8: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday October 13: Catherine Dickey
Thursday October 15: Judy Wright
Tuesday October 20: Mary Campbell
Thursday October 22: Vicki Thurmond

**If you cannot be available for your scheduled day, please notify the parish office. Thank you!

Heavenly Dusters

Bobbie Heifner 10/9
Laura Allen 10/16
Nancy Davis 10/23
Kathy Pashia 10/30

Altar Linens

Bobbie Heifner 10/5
Diane McGirl 10/12
Glenda Whitten 10/19
Kathy Pashia 10/26

Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 10/6
Pat & Tina 10/13
Mary Ann & Donna 10/20
Becky & Rhonda 10/27

Thank You !!
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Weekly Collection 09/27/26

Envelopes:	1735.00
Loose:	370.00
Online Giving:	40.00
Maintenance:	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	543.00
Votives:	26.00

Total Giving: \$2739.00

of Contributors: 28

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October 4, 2026 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

**Our next meeting is November 10 @ 5:30pm.

*We are in need of Lectors, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to serve in these ministries, please let the parish office know. This is open to St. Joachim parishioners as well. We ask that you be added to the schedule. We have scheduled ministers each week. If you are not scheduled, we ask that you allow the scheduled ministers time to reach the altar before coming forward. Thank you for your time and dedication to these ministries.

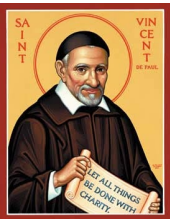
*We are also in need of sacristans to help set up the altar for Mass and open up church for Mass when needed. Please call the office if you would like to help.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We served 178 families for a total of 460 individuals with 99 of those aged 65 & up. This was a big increase from last month. The need is great in our community. We thank all our volunteers who selflessly give of their time to help those in need. We thank all those who donate money & food to the pantry. We couldn't do this without you.

St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,
Boxed Cereal, powdered milk, breakfast items



Sunday, October 4
It’s Cartober! Donate your vehicle and Help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

Tired of spending so much time and money on vehicle maintenance and repairs? Make this October, Cartober, when you donate a car, truck, RV, or boat to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Spare yourself the headache of never-ending repair bills or the hassles of selling your car yourself. Plus, your car donation is tax-deductible. Free towing. Tax deductible. Simple process. Free pick-up. By donating your car, truck, van, boat, motorcycle, or mobile home, you can turn an unused vehicle into hope for those in need. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps fund vital programs that support our Neighbors in Need. To learn more, call 800-322-8284 or visit www.svdpusacars.com.



Interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning more about the Catholic Faith? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Oct 8 @ 6:30pm in the Incarnate Word Center:
Session Topic: The Church Year

If interested in becoming Catholic, are missing any of the Initiation Sacraments (First Communion, Penance, Confirmation) or in learning more about the Catholic Faith, call St. Joachim or St. James rectories or Vicki Thurmond (573-854-1257). If scheduling is an issue, please don't hesitate to reach out as we can try to make arrangements to help accommodate your schedule.

Ladies Sodality

We will be hosting a Chili/Soup Cookoff & Antique Auction on October 17 following the 4pm Mass. Please bring your favorite soup or chili to share with everyone. We will be auctioning off Nativity pieces, antique kitchen dishes from the Parish kitchen and other antique items. There will also a 50/50. There will be a sign up list in the church bulletin board for those bringing chili/soup.

Our next meeting is October 6th at 5:30pm in the rectory meeting room.

Parish School of Religion(PSR)

St. James PSR supports families in forming children in the Catholic faith, offering solid teaching, prayer, and community for those not enrolled in Catholic school. If you have any questions or would like to enroll your child, please contact the parish office for more information.

Dr. Melissa Cordia

From the Parish Office:

**Mass Intentions are scheduled a month out so if you need to request a specific date, please call the office to make sure the date is available. Thank you!

**You may have noticed we are having issues with our sound system on the altar. We have a temporary fix for now with a wireless microphone. Lectors, please make sure to switch the microphone on before reading the announcements. There is a permanent solution in the works.



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Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski's Intention

October 2026

For a Living Faith Passed On

We remember with deep gratitude the pioneers of our Catholic faith who journeyed to these lands centuries ago—from early missionaries like **Father Jacques Marquette** to the bishops, clergy, religious, and lay faithful who gave their lives in service to the Gospel. May their courage and fidelity inspire us to pass on the Catholic faith with the same conviction and joy.



1st Annual Washington County Christmas Church Tours

The beauty, history, and spirit of Christmas will be on full display as Washington County hosts its first Christmas Church Tour on Thursday, December 17, from 2:00–8:00 p.m.

This free, self-guided event invites residents and visitors to tour participating churches throughout the county and enjoy beautifully decorated sanctuaries, traditional nativities, Christmas trees, and other seasonal displays.

Washington County is blessed with a rich heritage of churches that have served as the heart of our communities for generations. The tour is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate their beauty and history while celebrating the faith, fellowship, and true meaning of Christmas. Guests may visit as many participating churches as they wish throughout the afternoon and evening. There is no cost to attend, and everyone is welcome.

****St. James will be participating in this event. We are in need of a few volunteers to help greet people from 2pm-4pm and 4pm-8pm.**

CHILI/SOUP COOKOFF AND ANTIQUE AUCTION

DATE: OCT 17, 2026
TIME: AFTER 4PM MASS
LOCATION: PARISH HALL

- Bring your soup or chili to share with everyone
- There will be a 50/50 Drawing
- We will have Nativity pieces to auction off
- Antique dishes and many other antiques available for auction





Come to the 12th
Rosary Festival
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
At
Saint Anne's Church
5391 Hwy. Y
French Village, MO 63036
Rosary begins 11:30 AM
Mass 12 PM
Lunch to follow - No charge
All are invited
Sponsored by
Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine
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🌿 Reflection for Our Parish Family on Matthew 21:33-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of a landowner who lovingly prepares a vineyard and entrusts it to tenants. When the time for harvest comes, the tenants refuse to give the owner what belongs to him. They reject the servants, and finally they reject the son. The parable is meant to awaken the heart. It reminds us that God has entrusted His vineyard to us—not somewhere far away, but here in our parish, our families, our community, and our daily lives.

At **St. James**, the Lord has planted seeds of faith for generations. He has given us the sacraments, a parish family that supports one another, and countless opportunities to grow in holiness. The question Jesus places before us is simple and challenging: ***Are we producing fruit?*** Not merely activity, but the fruit of mercy, forgiveness, generosity, and a deeper love for Christ.

The tenants in the parable wanted the vineyard without the relationship. But the Kingdom of God is built on relationship—with Christ, the cornerstone, and with one another. When we welcome Him, when we listen to His Word, when we serve with humility, the vineyard flourishes.

This week, let's ask ourselves: ***What fruit is God hoping to see from St. James? From my own heart?*** May we offer Him a harvest worthy of the love He has poured into our parish.

Glory to Christ the King Cross Exhibit and Presentation by Ken and Mary Ann Duppong

All are invited to view an exhibit consisting of over 100 crucifixes and crosses from around the world. Guest speaker, Len Hornung, will be presenting new information regarding the Holy Face of Jesus each day during the exhibit. The exhibit will also include displays featuring Saint Francis of Assisi and Mary of the Rosary. Also, Ken and Mary Duppong, parents of "Servant of God" Michelle Duppong, will speak during the Exhibit on Sunday, October 11. They will share inspiring stories of their daughter including testimonies of her witness and intercession.

Dates: October 11-13 in the Shrine Visitor Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville, MO.

For more details, including times, please visit amm.org or visit the Association of the Miraculous Medal Facebook page.

Mark Your Calendar!

We will be having a Planning Meeting for Future Parish Fundraising on November 3 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. We want everyone who can attend to please attend. We need your input and ideas to discuss future fundraising ideas for the parish. Come prepared to share your thoughts and concerns. We will be discussing the Parish picnic and other fundraising ideas for throughout the year.

Hello
October



Parish Calendar

Oct 6: Ladies Sodality Meeting 5:30pm
(Rectory Basement)

Oct 7: PSR
Office opens at 11am

Oct 8: OCIA at St. Joachim 6:30pm

Oct 9: Parish Office is closed for Archdiocese Training
Clarity House Rosary & Mass 6pm

Oct 10: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

Oct 12: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm

Oct 13: Adoration and Benediction
Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30pm

Oct 14: PSR
Office Closed for Curia Meeting in STL

Oct 15: OCIA at St. Joachim 6:30pm

Oct 16: Bible Study 9am

Oct 17: Food Pantry Distribution 7am-9am
Chili/Soup Cookoff & Antique Auction
after 4pm Mass in the Parish Hall

Oct 19: Rural Clinic here

Oct 21: PSR
Office opens at 11am

Oct 22: Community Christmas Dinner Meeting
@ St. Joachim 5pm

Oct 24: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

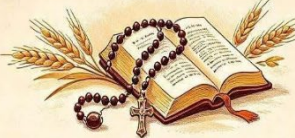
Oct 28: PSR
Office opens at 11am

Oct 29: OCIA at St. Joachim 6:30pm

Oct 30: Bible Study 9am

Oct 31: Trunk or Treat (Join us in the Town Square)

OCTOBER CALENDAR
OF FEASTS AND SAINTS



Oct 1

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Memorial

Oct 2

Holy Guardian Angels Memorial

Oct 4

St. Francis of Assisi Memorial

Oct 5

St. Faustina Kowalska Optional Memorial

Oct 6

St. Bruno Optional Memorial

Oct 7

Our Lady of the Rosary Memorial

Oct 9

St. Denis / St. John Henry Optional Memorial

Oct 11

St. John XXIII Optional Memorial

Oct 14

St. Callistus I Optional Memorial

Oct 15

St. Teresa of Avila Memorial

Oct 16

St. Hedwig / St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Optional Memorial

Oct 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch Memorial

Oct 18

St. Luke the Evangelist Feast

Oct 19

Sts. Brébeuf & Jogues / St. Paul of the Cross Optional Memorial

Oct 21

St. Pedro Calungsod Feast

Oct 22

St. John Paul II Optional Memorial

Oct 23

St. John of Capistrano Optional Memorial

Oct 28

Sts. Simon & Jude Feast

Oct 31

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Optional Memorial

Oct 31

St. Feast ◊ Memorial ◊ Optional Memorial

◼ Feast

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CADET AREA LIFE CHAIN
OCTOBER 18, 2026
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Location : 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 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

Monday

October 5

Weekday

Gal 1:6–12

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 6

Weekday

Gal 1:13–24

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 2:1–2, 7–14

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 8

Weekday

Gal 3:1–5

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 9

Weekday

Gal 3:7–14

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 10

Weekday

Gal 3:22–29

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 11

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14, 19–20

Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

Good News!

September 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezekiel 18:25–28 / Philippians 2:1–11 or 2:1–5 / Matthew 21:28–32

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today’s gospel. Who hasn’t had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus’ parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God’s dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God’s kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God’s coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God’s ways were more receptive to John the Baptist’s preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus’ message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God’s greatest delight would be to have children who say “yes” and then follow through on their word! •

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Emmaus Youth Ministry

Halloween

We will passing out candy and popcorn at the Trunk or Treat in Potosi at the town square. We would love for our youth group to participate! If you are able to make it, please let me know, so we can plan a head.





Next Meeting Date

Our next meeting date is October 18th at 5:30

Don't forget your assignment! Look at your bible and your birthdate; pick out you favorite verse so we can discuss.

Save the Date

December 13th we will be hosting our Christmas for Life dinner. We are looking for table hosts. If you would be interested in hosting a table, contact the Parish Office and talk to Angie.





Please be advised of our expectations at St. James Catholic Church regarding children at Mass: Children are not simply the future of the Catholic Church. They are part of the Church right now!

*If your kids are loud, please still come to Mass.

*If you’re running late because getting everyone dressed and out the door was a battle, please still come to Mass.

*If your toddler won’t sit still, please still come to Mass.

*If your baby needs to eat, please still come to Mass.

*If your child asks questions at the least convenient moment, please still come to Mass.

*If someone cries, drops a toy, or has to make their third trip to the bathroom, please still come to Mass.

*If your child doesn’t know all the prayers, responses, or exactly when to sit, stand, and kneel, please still come to Mass.

*If you feel like you spent the entire Mass managing your children and heard approximately 12% of the homily, please still come to Mass.

*If Sunday morning feels messy instead of peaceful, please still come to Mass.

*If you’re worried your children are distracting the people around you, please still come to Mass.

*If your child has a disability or special needs, please still come to Mass.

Children do not learn how to be part of the Church by staying home until they can sit quietly. They learn by being here.

*They learn the Sign of the Cross by watching us make it.

*They learn the prayers by hearing us pray them.

*They learn the Scriptures by hearing the Word of God proclaimed.

*They learn reverence by watching us kneel.

*They learn that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist by seeing the love and reverence with which we approach to receive Him.

*They learn that the Church is their home because we make room for them here.

The wiggles, whispers, crying babies, and little voices are not signs that children don't belong at Mass. They are signs that the Church is alive.

So bring the babies. Bring the toddlers. Bring the big kids. Sit in the front so the littles can see. Step out when you need to... but always come back in.

At Baptism, these children became members of the Body of Christ. They belong here. They need the grace of the sacraments, the example of their parents, and the love and patience of their parish family.

Children are not simply the future of the Catholic Church. They are part of the Church right now!

Credit: St. Pius X Catholic Church in Lafayette, LA thanks for the reminder!

Toy Drive

The Parishes of St. Joachim and St. James, as well as St. Stephen’s Chapel have come together to host a Community Christmas for families and friends who are less fortunate and in need.

We are excited to be partnering with the Office of Education and Formation for our Toy Drive.

We currently have FOUR Catholic Schools collecting toys during the month of October.

Any extra toys that have been collected will be donated to local organizations (fostering, youth ranch, etc.)



May God continue to bless us and guide us along our path towards His Community Christmas event this December.



Living in the Father’s Love

Fall Women’s Bible Study

Schedule for St. Joachim:

Oct 7

Oct 14

Oct 21(meet in church);

Oct 28

Schedule for St. James:

Oct 16

Oct 30

Nov 13

Dec 4

**Please note the dates-there have been a few changes.

**Joyce Politte will be leading the St. Joachim study going forward. Thank you, Joyce!

This Week on Formed

Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.

*Go to <http://signup.formed.org>

*Enter our parish’s zip code 63664

*Enter your name and your email address.

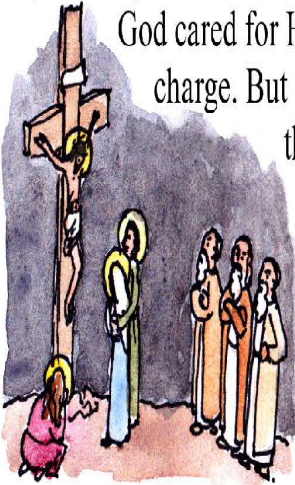
*Enjoy!

Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him.



In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!

GOD GAVE
ME TALENTS
TO HELP
OTHERS...



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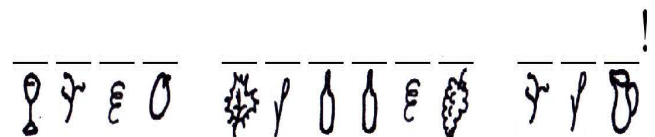
Answer to Word-Find: God sent His Son.
Answer to front puzzle: They killed him.

The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4th, 2026

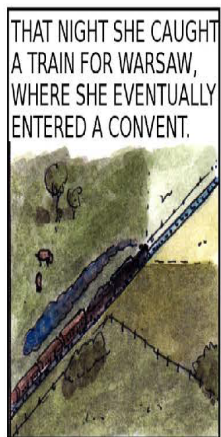
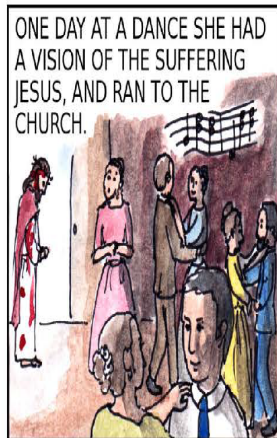
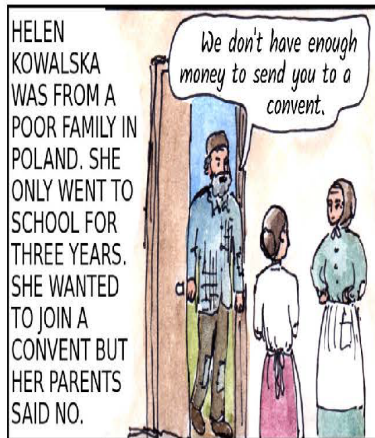


*What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?
Use the code below to find out.*



Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

October 5



OUR LORD USED SAINT FAUSTINA, WHO HAD BEEN A SIMPLE COUNTRY GIRL, TO TEACH THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT HIS GREAT MERCY. SHE WROTE WHAT HAPPENED IN HER VISIONS IN NOTEBOOKS. ONE OF THE GREATEST PRAYERS THAT JESUS GAVE HER WAS THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.

The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

DGWITOPDSON
EVINEYARDSW
AENHNPRESSI
TSEEARASETL
HEIRNOBPROL
RINITDLEVNL
EZATSUECAEE
WEGATCHTND
IDANBEATTSS
SOICOMESSNE
OWNERKILLED

Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."