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**May 10, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**ST. JAMES  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**



*(Photo courtesy of Jeremy Boyer)*

**Mass Schedule  
May 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  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend @  
St. James; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
weekend @  
St. Joachim)

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, May 11 @ St.  
Joachim

Tuesday, May 12: Mark  
Coleman

Wednesday, May 13: @ St.  
Joachim

Thursday, May 14: Bob Jost

Friday, May 15: @ St.  
Joachim

Saturday May 16:  
Mike "Coach" Nickelson

Sunday May 17: Parish  
Family

**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**



## St. James Staff

# Meet our team

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### May 17th Seventh Sunday of Easter

#### Lector:

Saturday 4pm: Bob Mills  
 Sunday 10am: Danny Mueller

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm      Sunday 10am  
 C: Laura Allen      Marvin Wright  
 L: Paul Villmer      Kim Coleman  
 R: Maureen Mills      David Woodland

#### Servers

Saturday 4pm: Madison Battreal & Abrienne McGovern  
 Sunday 10am: Joshua & Penelope Kearns

#### 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 May 12:** Joyce Politte  
**Thursday May 14:** Rhonda Politte  
**Tuesday May 19:** Catherine Dickey  
**Thursday May 21:** Judy Wright  
**Thursday May 26:** Mary Campbell  
**Thursday May 28:** Vicki Thurmond

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

#### 6th Sunday of Easter

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

### Weekly Collection 05/03/26

Envelopes:	7060.00
Loose:	357.00
Online Giving	320.00
Maintenance:	320.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	1152.00
Votives:	30.25
Retired Religious	20.00

**Total Giving: \$9259.25**  
 # of Contributors: 65

*Thank you for your generosity!*

#### Heavenly Dusters

Nancy Davis 5/15  
 Jeanne DeGonia 5/22  
 Diane Mull 5/29  
 Bobbie Heifner 6/5

#### Altar Linens

Glenda Whitten 5/11  
 Diane McGirl 5/18  
 Bobbie Heifner 5/25  
 Glenda Whitten 6/1

#### Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 5/12  
 Becky & Rhonda 5/19  
 Pat & Tina 5/26  
 Mary Ann & Donna 6/2

#### New Office Hours

**Monday:** 8am-3pm  
**Tuesday:** 7am-3pm  
**Wednesday:** 8am-3pm  
**Thursday:** 7am-3pm  
**Friday:** 8am-3pm

*Easter is not just a day to celebrate; it is a season to live with renewed faith and hope.*

**- Saint John Chrysostom**

# St. James Picnic News

## Our Picnic is June 7, 2026

### GUN RAFFLE

Join the fun!!!!  
 Tickets will be sold starting March 1 until the drawing after Mass on May 16, 2026. There are 4 guns being raffled. Cost of the tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Please see Don Thompson or Paul & Nedra Villmer for tickets. They will be selling the tickets after the Masses.

### PLACEMAT ADS

Spots are filling up for our placemats for the picnic. Don't miss out on your spot!  
 1. Small size- \$30  
 2. Medium size- \$60  
 3. Large size- \$120  
 . Please contact Kim Coleman if interested at 314-808-2207 or email [kcoleman2@elara.com](mailto:kcoleman2@elara.com).

### BINGO PRIZES

We are accepting prizes for the bingo games. Please drop off donations in the back of church or to the office.

### PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS

We need your help selling raffle tickets for the picnic. They are available in the back of church in a basket. Please take some and help us sell the tickets. They can be turned in at the office, through the collection basket or to Don & Jamie Thompson. There are great prizes available! \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.

### COUNTRY STORE

We are collecting items for the country store. Baked goods, canned goods, craft items, Home decor, starter plants, Anything unique or homemade.

### BOTTLE GAME

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. 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.

**YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE OR IN THE BASKETS IN CHURCH**



# Dear Padre,

## What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today’s complex and challenging history.*

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,  
JUNE 12, 2025



### 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*.

<b>Monday</b> May 11 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a	<b>Thursday</b> May 14 <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i> Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	<b>Sunday</b> May 17 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
<b>Tuesday</b> May 12 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	<b>Friday</b> May 15 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	
<b>Wednesday</b> May 13 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15	<b>Saturday</b> May 16 Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28	

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### THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

Our next meeting is May 12th @ 5:30pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Fifth Sunday Brunch an enjoyable event. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be on August 30th.

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

### St. James PSR NEWS

As our PSR year comes to an end, I find myself so very thankful our teachers, our students, our families, our Knights of Columbus, our church family, our pastor, and more in so many ways. St. James PSR has grown this year in numbers, and because of this we have grown in our faith. We had several young ladies confirmed and three sweet 2<sup>nd</sup> graders made their 1<sup>st</sup> communion. I know I speak for Mrs. Jamie Thompson and Mrs. Laura Allen as well when I say it is an honor and privilege to serve our Lord as we grow our parish youth. As we look forward to, we are already talking about summer work with teachers and students. At the beginning of the year, we aspired to grow our kiddos "Poco a poco". This is an Italian phrase meaning little by little or gradually. I feel like we have lived this and will continue to live this mission through the summer and into the fall. Thank you for all your support and faith. It really does take a village and I am blessed to part of this village.

From Dr. Melissa Cordia

### Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is Aug. 4. The hall pantry & cleaning day is rescheduled for Aug. 10. We would like to organize a garden committee to plant flowers in the containers around the church grounds. All parishioners are invited to come bless our church with your gardening skills.

Bobbie Heifner, President

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St. James Food Pantry served 124 families (313 individuals & 60 seniors 65yrs old and up) on Saturday April 17. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers! Our mission thrives because of you!

*"Extend your mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping."*

St. Vincent de Paul

**St. Vincent de Paul collection:  
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,**

### NEW ONLINE GIVING PORTAL

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/StJamesCatholic/member/login>



### Parish Calendar

- May 10:** May Crowning  
Happy Mother's Day!!
- May 12:** Adoration & Benediction @ 4:45pm  
Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm  
KC Men's Meeting 6:30pm
- May 16:** Food Pantry Distribution
- May 18:** Rural Clinic here
- May 23:** Men's Faith  
Sharing Group
- May 24:** Blessing at the Cemetery of the new  
Divine Mercy Sign and the Cemetery after 10am  
Mass



### From Father Tony:

We are in need of Adult Altar servers for Daily Mass and to serve with the children on Sunday Masses. Volunteers need to be married in the church (if married) and attend Prevent and Protect Training.

Thank you! Please call or email the office if interested or need more details.



**MATRIMONY MOMENTS**  
**WEEK #2 - Your Marriage as a Spiritual House of Faith**  
**5/10/26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**



*“but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your HOPE.” (1 Peter 3:15)*

**Couple Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, fill our marriage with living hope. Keep Christ enthroned in our hearts so that together we become a living sign of Your promises, encouraging one another through every season of our lives together. Amen.

**Marriage Motivation Tip:**

When worries arise, pause and name aloud one way God has already been faithful in your marriage story—then thank Him together, confident in His future faithfulness. This simple habit turns everyday trials into opportunities to witness hope as a married couple.

**Couple Conversation Question:**

What gives each of us hope for our future together, and how can we better share that hope with our children or others as a living testimony to our sacrament of Matrimony?

**Congratulations to our students who received their First Communion this past Sunday! May the Grace of God continue to bless you through the Sacrament of the Eucharist!**



**MONDAY**  
 May 11  
*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 16:11-15  
 Jn 15:26-16:4a

**TUESDAY**  
 May 12  
*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 16:22-34  
 Jn 16:5-11

**WEDNESDAY**  
 May 13  
*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1  
 Jn 16:12-15

**THURSDAY**  
 May 14  
*St. Matthias, Apostle*  
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
 Jn 15:9-17

**FRIDAY**  
 May 15  
*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 18:9-18  
 Jn 16:20-23

**SATURDAY**  
 May 16  
*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 18:23-28  
 Jn 16:23b-28

**SUNDAY**  
 May 17  
*The Ascension of the Lord*  
 Acts 1:1-11  
 Eph 1:17-23  
 Mt 28:16-20

# Good News!

May 10, 2026  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)**  
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21  
 FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●

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**Interested in Becoming Catholic? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

\*OCIA will take a break during the month of May but will offer *Biblical Walk Through the Mass* with Dr. Edward Sri in the Incarnate Word Center on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during the summer. Mark the dates on your calendar: June 4 and 18, July 9 and 23, August 6. Everyone is invited to participate.

\*Formal OCIA classes will resume August 20. If interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, call St. Joachim or St. James rectories or Vicki Thurmond (573-854-1257).

**This Week On Formed**

**St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints**

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.

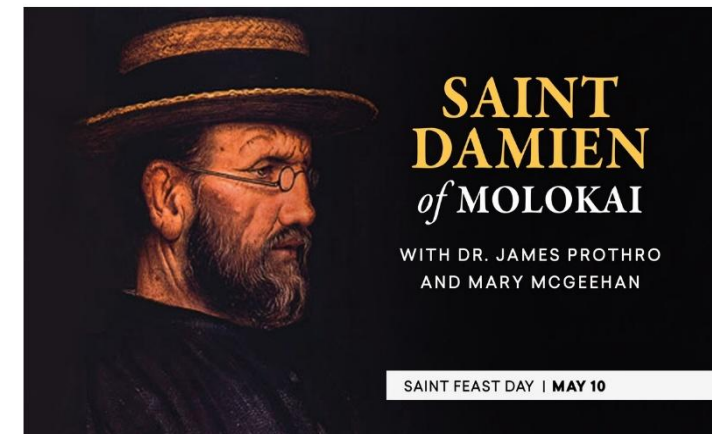
**The Sanctuary Youth Series**

The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.

**The Sanctuary Course for Catholics | Trailer**

This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

- \*Go to <http://signup.formed.org>
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- \*Enjoy!



## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Be Part of a United Offering of Prayer

This Bicentennial Jubilee is a historic moment for our Archdiocese—a time to come together as one Church in gratitude, hope, and trust in the Lord. Prayer intentions gathered from our parishes through *Prayer of the People* will be presented together at the Bicentennial Jubilee Mass on July 18, 2026 as an offering of faith and trust in God’s providence.

**Submit your prayer intention:**

- In the offertory basket
- At the parish office
- Online at [ArchSTL200.org/prayer](http://ArchSTL200.org/prayer)



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