Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship



includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ."

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

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



Monday

September 22 Weekday Ezr 1:1–6

Lk 8:16-18 **Tuesday**

September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20 Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

September 24 Weekday Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday September 25 *Weekday* Hg 1:1–8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26 *Weekday* Hg 2:1–9

Lk 9:18-22 **Saturday**

September 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4–7
1 Tm 6:11–16
Lk 16:19–31



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule September 2025

Mon: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Tues: 8:15 AM (St. James)

Wed: 8:15 AM (St. Joachim)

Thurs: 8:00 AM (St. James)

Fri: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

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

Month @ St. James)

Saturday: 4:00 PM

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

4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

10:00 AM (St. James)

Confessions:



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

appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday,
September 22nd
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday,
September 23rd:
Joann Thebeau

Wednesday,
September 24th
@ St. Joachim

Thursday,
September 25th:
Marvel Chazelle

Friday,
September 26th @
St. Joachim

Saturday, September 27th:

@ St. Joachim

Sunday, September 28th:

Theresa Smith

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664

Saturday 4pm

Saturday 4pm:

Sat: 4:00 pm. Chala

Sunday 10am: Vincent Pashia

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little

C:

R:

Servers

Music:

Way Band

September 28th

Lector:

Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 10am

Nikki Warden

Marvin Wright

David Woodland



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Weekly Collection 09/14/2025

Envelopes: \$2205.00 443.00 Loose: Online Giving 15.00 25.00 Maintenance: St. Vincent de Paul: 541.00 Votive: 16.50 **PSR** Donations 800.00 Catholic University 5.00 50.00 **Flowers**



\$4100.50

Total Giving:

meat, potted meat, canned chicken, canned tuna, beefaroni, etc

St. Vincent de Paul collection: Canned

Heavenly Dusters

Diane Mull 9/26-10/3 Marilyn Carter & Jeanne Degonia 10/10-10/17

Altar Linens

Glenda Farrow 09/29-10/06 Connie Scott 10/13-10/20

Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 9/30

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God

Parish Calendar

October 7: Ladies Sodality Meeting @1pm

October 13: St. Vincent DePaul meeting @ 6pm

October 14: Parish Council Meeting @5:30pm

October 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting @6:30pm

Pope Leo XIV, General Audience 09/17/2025

We live as if life were never enough. We rush to produce, to prove ourselves, to keep up. But the Gospel teaches us that knowing how to stop is an act of trust that we must learn to perform. Life does not always depend on what we do, but also in knowing how to let go of what we have been able to do. At times we seek quick answers, immediate solutions. But God works in depth, in the slow time of trust.

St. James PSR NEWS

St. James PSR classes began Sept 17th. It is not too late to register! Please stop by the PSR office and we will get you registered. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces. We want to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, in being fully received, or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact the parish office, or call coordinator, Joyce Politte 636-328-1343. Fall sessions began on Thursday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.at St.Joachim in the Incarnate Word Center. All are welcome.

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Parish Council will be meeting Oct 14th @ 5:30PM Any parishioners will question or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.
GOD BLESS!

Mass Intentions

What are Mass intentions?

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular person, or intention. By doing so special graces from God are applied upon that person or intention. The act of offering prayers for the dead at Mass goes back to AD 235. Canon Law also confirms this practice and states, "In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating, or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention" (Can. 945 §1).

For whom can I request a Mass be offered? Anyone may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons. For example, Masses can be offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

To schedule a mass intention, please call the Parish office during business hours or leave a voicemail after hours. We will be in need of more mass intentions soon.

Stained Glass Window Update

We wanted to give you an update on the progress of our goal to fund the repairs for the stained glass windows. As of Sept. 10, 2025 we are at 37% of reaching our goal. We are still accepting donations and encourage you to help us fully fund these repairs. No amount is too small. With everyone's help and generosity, we can achieve our goal! Thank you to everyone who has already contributed and continue to contribute. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

On October 4th, 2025 the 49th Annual Respect Life Conference will take place!

The Holy Mass and Rosary are at 9am at the Cardinal Rigali Center in St. Louis, MO. The conference starts at 11am and concludes at 3pm. There is a \$25 charge for adults and a \$10 charge for teens. Admission includes your lunch and all conference program and informational materials. (See the poster by the front door of our church).

Join the RLA at the upcoming Pro-Life Apologetics

Workshop on Friday, September 19 at 6pm at Our Lady Parish in Festus (1550 St. Marys Ln, Festus, MO 63028); doors open at 5:30pm for a light dinner. At this interactive workshop, Kristina Churchman, training specialist with Justice for All, will teach us how to have "A Different Kind of Conversation", effective prolife conversations that change hearts and save lives. To RSVP for this free event, contact prolife@archstl.org or 314-792-7555. Learn more online:

https://www.archstl.org/event/pro-life-apologetics-workshop-2/

Old Mines Area Historical Society

Euchre Fun

September 20, 2025 4pm-?

Potosi Elks Club

Want to learn to play Euchre?
Want to help teach others to play Euchre?
Want to just play Euchre?

We have to eat...So...Available for purchase: Homemade Chicken & Dumplings Dinner (while supplies last); Desserts; Snacks

*No outside alcohol-Drinks available @ Elks bar *Special thanks to Potosi Elks for hosting!

Contact Cindy for any questions: 573-854-0508

Fall Bible Study

We will be participating in Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled. We will be meeting on Monday evenings @6pm; Wednesday mornings after the 8:15am Mass and Wednesday evenings @6pm in the Incarnate Word Center at St. Joachim. Monday classes will begin September 21 and Wed. classes start September 24. Each session will last approximately an hour.

If you have any questions, please call/text Vicki Thurmond at 573-854-1257 or email at vickithurmond@gmail.com.

St. Joseph Fall Festival Bonne Terre, MO September 28th 11:00am-4:00pm

You are invited! Join us for a day of fun!

- *\$500 Grand Prize Raffle
- *Corn Hole
- *Music by Fame 'N' Fortune
- *Fried Chicken, Kettle Beef, Our famous Liver
- *Dumplings, all sides, rolls, desserts, drinks
- *Adults \$15 Children 12 & under \$7
- *Beer/Sangria/Vendors/Chili Stand
- *Flea Market/Fire Truck/Country
- *Store/Children's Games and Bounce House

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Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church. Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist. Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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

*Enter our parish's zipcode 63664 *Enter your name and your email address.

ACA 2025 FINAL REPORT	
2025 Published Goal	\$17,640
Challenge Goal	-
New Donor Goal	13
Total to Date	\$10,170
Total Parishioners	230
Returned to Date	28
# of New Donors	5
# of Increased Contributions	10
Net Increase	595
# Maintained Contributions	10
# Decreased Contributions	2
Net Decrease	\$-140
Signed Refusal Cards Returned	1
Pledges Percent	11.74%
Prior Years Pledges Returned	13.91%
Cards Returned Percent	12.17%
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Matching Gift Cards Returned	0
Matching Gift Total	\$0

Our Volunteers Are Valuable!

We have always known that the many parishioners who volunteer to serve in our various parish organizations and ministries are most valuable. Now we have confirmation. Based on the average hourly wage, experts currently estimate that one hour of volunteer time is worth \$17.55. However, to us your volunteer time is invaluable. Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here at St. James. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our parish! Your time is worth everything to us!

Community News

On September 16, 2025 George
Herrera, Director of Social Outreach
for the Southern Vicariate of the
Archdiocese of St. Louis, conducted a
meeting in the banquet room of
Caring Hearts FRC which included a
number of local service providers
from several churches as well as
visitors from some of the St. Louis
parishes. They discussed possible new
ways to work more efficiently
together, sharing knowledge and
skills for the common good of all.

Mary Varni, Director of the Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) of the St. Louis Archdiocese, was also on hand. The RLA offers respect and legal protection of every human life from conception through a natural death with a focus on the most vulnerable among us.

Towards the end of this very pleasant and informative morning of sharing food and ideas, Ms. Varni presented Mande Robinson, Executive Director of Caring Hearts Family Resource Center, with a check for \$20,000! This was a major and very appreciated donation. The RLA is primarily funded through the Annual Catholic Appeal. These are your dollars coming right back into Washington County. Thank You!!!

