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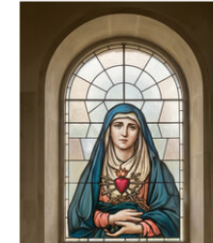
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September 27, 2026 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST. JAMES
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Month of Our Lady
of Sorrows



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**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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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Sept 28:
@ St. Joachim: Deacon
Steve Politte

Tuesday, Sept 29:
Joseph & Rae Arena

Wednesday, Sept 30: @
St. Joachim: For Christian
Unity in Our County,
Nation & Our World

Thursday, Oct 1:
Rae Arena

Friday, Oct 2:
@ St. Joachim: Dale Pratt &
Trevor Wild

Saturday Oct 3:
8am: Bess LaLumondiere
4pm: Tom DeGonia

Sunday Oct 4:
8am: Healing for Nicki
Portell
10am: @ St. Joachim: Betty
Eells

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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Laura Allen
Co-Coordinator
Jamie Thompson
Co-Coordinator

October 4: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm: Bob Mills
Sunday 8am: Jamie Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 8am
C:Laura Allen Don Thompson
L:Judy East Glenda Farrow
R:Maureen Mills Jim Politte

Servers
Saturday 4pm:Madison Battreal
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 September 29: Mary Campbell
Thursday October 1: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday October 6: Joyce Politte
Thursday October 8: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday October 13: Catherine Dickey
Thursday October 15: Judy Wright

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

Heavenly Dusters
Diane Mull 10/2
Bobbie Heifner 10/9
Laura Allen 10/16
Nancy Davis 10/23

Altar Linens
Kathy Pashia 9/28
Bobbie Heifner 10/5
Diane McGirl 10/12
Glenda Whitten 10/19

Money Counters
Becky & Rhonda 9/29
Jeanne & Rhonda 10/6
Pat & Tina 10/13
Mary Ann & Donna 10/20

Thank You !!

Weekly Collection 09/20/26

Envelopes:	2435.00
Loose:	417.00
Online Giving:	45.00
Maintenance:	15.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	545.00
Votives:	23.00

Total Giving: \$3480.00

of Contributors: 48

Thank you for your generosity!



September 27, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...” Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

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.

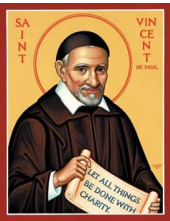
*We are also in need of sacristans to help set up the altar for Mass and open up church for Mass when needed. Please call the office if you would like to help.

***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



September 27, 2026
Living the Vincentian Mission

Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. His legacy lives on through ordinary people who choose to serve others with extraordinary love. Every food basket delivered, every utility bill paid, every family housed, every home visit made, and every prayer offered is a continuation of that mission. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to become part of this work. Through prayer, donations, volunteering, and advocacy, each of us can help bring hope and dignity to our neighbors in need. Together, let us continue the mission of St. Vincent de Paul and be a visible sign of God's love in our community. www.svdpstl.org



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

Oct 1 @ 6:30pm in the Incarnate Word Center:
Session Topic: The Mass

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:

**For the next 7 weeks, my Wednesday hours will be different. I will be working 11-4 to accommodate leading the Bible Study at St. Joachim. I apologize for the inconvenience.

**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.

**Pope Leo XIV
General Audience
September 23, 2026**

Dear brothers and sisters, as we continue our series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the meaning and value of human activity as presented by the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*. Revolutionary advances in science and technology in the past century have led some to assume that belief in God is now obsolete, and that true human autonomy can be affirmed only by emancipation from God. The Council Fathers emphasized, on the contrary, that “the achievements of the human race are a sign of God’s greatness and the fulfilment of his mysterious design” (n. 34). Indeed, far from inhibiting believers from being engaged in human activity, the Gospel message compels us to contribute to authentic human flourishing through our involvement in society. Let us carry out our daily activities with true charity, offering our work to the Lord both as a means for personal sanctification and as an expression of our desire ever more fully to bring about God’s kingdom, especially through pursuing the common good, caring for the needy and defending human dignity.



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.**

The Ride For Life!

SXS RIDE & BENEFIT

Supporting Caring Hearts Family Resource Center
Join us for a fun-filled day supporting a vital community resource serving families in Washington County!

Event Details and Activities
17 Date: October 17, 2026

Location: The Red Barn,
130 Webster Rd, Caledonia, MO.

Registration Opens at 8:30 AM

Cost: \$20 per vehicle

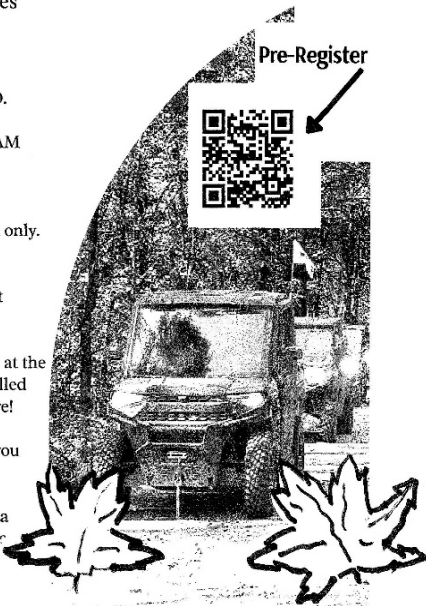
Ride route is gravel and asphalt only.
Trucks and Jeeps welcome!

Ride departs the Red Barn at
930am

Enjoy delicious food for sale at the
Red Barn: Biscuits & Gravy, Pulled
Pork, Chili, Hot Dogs, and More!

Play games for prizes while you
ride!

Donate to Caring Hearts for a
chance to win raffle prizes at the
end of the day!



**Caring Hearts
Fundraiser**

Caring Hearts Family Resource Center is raffling off a rifle between now and Oct. 17th when the drawing will take place at the **RIDE FOR LIFE** at the Red Barn in Caledonia. Please support the pro-life cause!!! Your support is appreciated!



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Reflection on Matthew 21:28-32

In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of two sons—one who refuses his father’s request but later repents, and one who agrees to help but never follows through. **It’s a story that speaks directly to the heart of discipleship here at St. James: God is always more interested in our conversion than in our appearances.**

Like the first son, many of us have moments when our “no” comes quickly—when we hesitate, resist, or feel unworthy of what God asks of us. Yet Jesus reminds us that the Father rejoices whenever we turn back, even imperfectly, and begin to live our “yes” through action. This is the path of real faith: not perfect words, but a willing heart that keeps returning to God.

As a parish named for St. James the Greater—a man who learned to follow Christ with courage and humility—we are invited to examine how our daily choices reflect our discipleship.

*Do our actions match the faith we profess?

*Where is the Lord calling us to change, to reconcile, or to begin again?

May our parish community be known not only for saying “yes” to God, but for living it with sincerity, generosity, and love.



St. Therese | Littlest Saints

Which flower in Jesus’s garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her “little” answer to these questions.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



Parish Calendar

- Oct 1: OCIA 6:30pm @ St. Joachim
- Oct 2: Bible Study 9am (Rectory Basement)
- Oct 3: 8am Mass and Adoration
- 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: 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)

Dear Padre

September 27, 2026

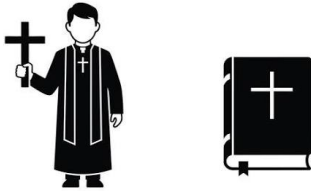
Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others. (See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) “Godparent” isn’t simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It’s an important role in a child’s faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, “Receive the light of Christ.” That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special “witness” who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Priesthood Sunday — September 27, 2026

Today we give heartfelt thanks for our priests, whose faithful service, quiet sacrifices, and steadfast love for Christ sustain our parish family. Thank you, Father Tony, Father Nyman & Father Dyer and all our priests, for bringing us the Eucharist, for absolving our sins, for preaching the Gospel, and for walking with us in every season of life. May God bless you abundantly for your generous “yes” to His call.

Monday

September 28

Weekday

Jb 1:6–22

Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday

September 29

*Sts. Michael,
Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels*

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

or Rv 12:7–12ab

Jn 1:47–51

Wednesday

September 30

*St. Jerome, Priest
and Doctor of the
Church*

Jb 9:1–12, 14–16

Lk 9:57–62

Thursday

October 1

*St. Thérèse of the
Child Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the
Church*

Jb 19:21–27

Lk 10:1–12

Friday

October 2

*The Holy Guardian
Angels*

Jb 38:1, 12–21;

40:3–5

Mt 18:1–5, 10

Saturday

October 3

Weekday

Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17

Lk 10:17–24

Sunday

October 4

*Twenty-seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Is 5:1–7

Phil 4:6–9

Mt 21:33–43

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

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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

Thank You!

To all of those that attend our last meeting. Our next meeting date will be in October. Pay attention to the bulletin for the date.

Don’t forget your assignment...look at all of the books in the Bible, and find the Chapters and verse that correlates to your birthday. Pick out your favorite one for our next discussion!

Fundraising

Our t-shirt fundraiser is active now. Order forms are available at the side of Church or in the Parish Office. We appreciate all of your support!

We have an ongoing fundraiser with Rada. The link to order is: <https://rb.gy/mfereu>

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.

This Week on Formed

St. Therese | Littlest Saints

Which flower in Jesus’s garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her “little” answer to these questions.

St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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

*Enter our parish’s zip code 63664

*Enter your name and
your email address.

*Enjoy!



Living in the Father’s Love Fall Women’s Bible Study

Schedule for St. Joachim:

Sept. 30

Oct 7

Oct 21 (meet in church);

Oct 28

Nov 4

Schedule for St. James:

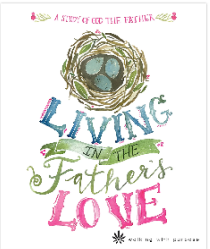
Oct 2

Oct 16

Oct 30

Nov 13

Dec 4



Community Christmas Dinner Update

On September 10th, 17 parishioners from St. James and St. Joachim came together for the first planning meeting for what we are calling “Community Christmas”. The turnout itself was encouraging. These volunteers understand the needs facing families in their own communities and willingly stepped forward to help make this effort a success for their neighbors.

Date: December 5th

Time: Doors Open 1 pm – 3 pm

Parish SVDP and other ministries participating:

St. Joachim – Dennis Boyer (SVDP President)

St. James - Rhonda Politte (POC, SVDP)

St. Stephens – Barb Rulo

Background

Last year, the Southern Vicariate partnered with Raven’s Ministry and Caring Hearts to provide a Thanksgiving meal for neighbors in need. After seeing the continued needs reflected through our local food pantries, Conversations with St. James and St. Joachim started about creating something similar locally during the Christmas season.

Again, the response was immediate: 17 parishioners came together for the first brainstorming meeting and began turning the idea into a community effort.

Community Christmas

Expected attendance: 100–150 people, particularly families and individuals who have utilized the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and other local assistance.

Meal coordinators:

Dr. Paul Villmer - St. James

Monica Pratt - St. Joachim

Christmas for the Children

We are holding a Toy drive during the month of October.

We are asking for toys to be donated unwrapped. This way during our wrapping party, we can group the toys by gender and age appropriate.

Wrapped gifts will be provided on the day of event for children, infant through age 10, and Santa will be present.

Toy drive will run throughout October, partnering with our Archdiocesan Education community and inviting children and families from throughout the Southern Vicariate to help provide gifts for other children.

Queen of All Saints, Sacred Heart Valley Park, and Holy Family have already committed to hold a Toy Drive.

Thank you Fr. Dattilo, and Angie for saying yes to the idea. Thank you to everyone who has already said yes to helping make Community Christmas possible.

Sincerely,
George Herrera,
Director of Social Outreach
Southern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis



AMENDMENT 3

WHAT YOU CAN DO —

Know the Facts

Take Action

VOTE YES

Know the Facts:

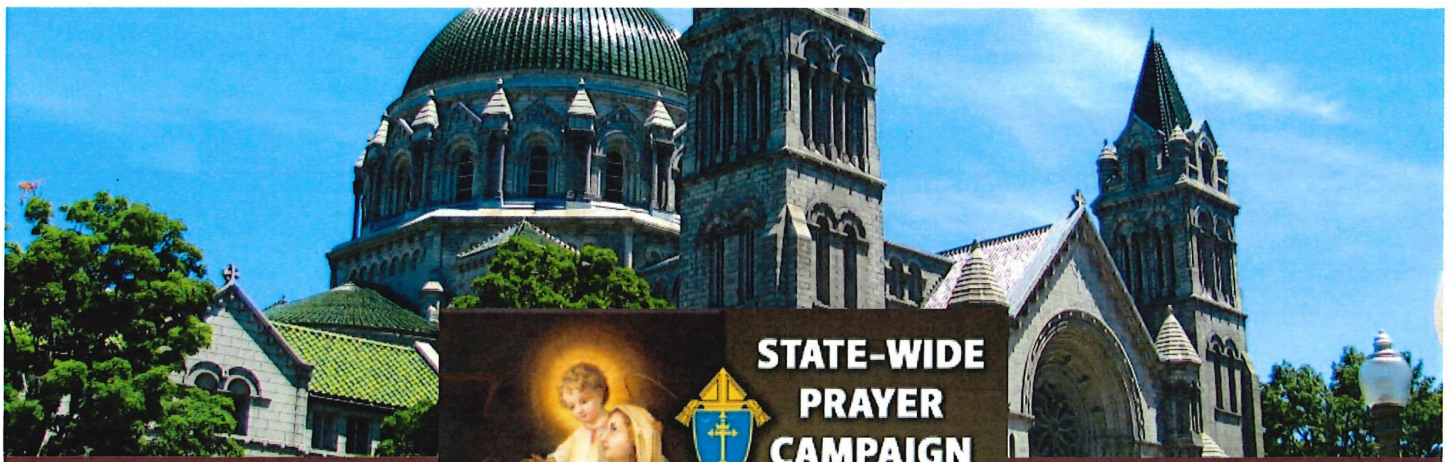
- In Nov. 2026, Missourians will be asked to restore pro-life protections in Amendment 3, which will:
 - ➔ Restore protections for the unborn
 - ➔ Require abortion clinics to meet high standards for safety and cleanliness
 - ➔ Ensure parental or judicial consent for minors
 - ➔ Severely limit public funding for abortion services
 - ➔ Prevent surgical or medical gender transition on minors

Take Action:

- **Pray for the success of Amendment 3!**
- Talk to your circle of influence—family, friends, individuals in your Church group, etc.—about the amendment. Key talking points on Amendment 3 include:
 - ➔ In Nov. 2024, Missouri narrowly passed a sweeping right to abortion in the State Constitution
 - ➔ With that State Constitutional Amendment, Missouri’s legislature lost the ability to set meaningful safeguards for the abortion industry, including:
 - ▶ Requirement that only doctors perform abortions
 - ▶ Requirement that parents be notified and give consent before their minor has an abortion
 - ▶ Requirement that abortion clinics be licensed and inspected
- Encourage others to join the Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network (“MOCAN”) at mocatholic.org to stay up to date on the latest campaign news.
- Visit herhealthherfuture.com to make a donation or find other ways you can get involved in the campaign.

MCC staff members are available to come speak to your parish regarding Amendment 3. Please visit mocatholic.org/speaker-request for more information.

VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 3!



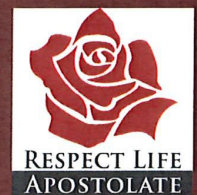
Prayer Campaign to Pass Pro-Life Amendment 3

The Catholic Bishops are calling the faithful and all people of good will in Missouri to pray and fast for the successful passing of Amendment 3.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is inviting all individuals, families, parishes, schools, and groups to join in this **“Yes on Amendment 3 Prayer Campaign”**:

1. Use the web link or QR code below to choose one or more days to pray.
2. Scroll to the corresponding day(s) on the prayer website.
3. Fill in your name and email (or that of your family, group, etc. praying; all emails will be kept private).
4. Commit to pray for this special intention before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, through our Blessed Mother’s intercession, on your chosen day(s).

Sign up at:
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To help promote the **“Yes on Amendment 3”** campaign, visit the Missouri Catholic Conference: <https://mocatholic.org/amendment-3/>