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October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. JAMES
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**



Month of the Holy Rosary



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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, Oct 12:
@ St. Joachim: Vickie
Worthen

Tuesday, Oct 13:
Charles Gibson

Wednesday, Oct 14: @
St. Joachim: Teachers &
Students in the School

Thursday, Oct 15:
Ben & Ellen DeClue

Friday, Oct 16:
@ St. Joachim: Karen
Politte-Corn

Saturday Oct 17:
4pm: Vickie Worthen

Sunday Oct 18:
8am: Parish Family
10am: @ St. Joachim: Fr.
Ted Pieper

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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October 18: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm: Paul Villmer
Sunday 8am: Mary Susan Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 8am
C:Vikkie Neier Jamie Thompson
L:Judy East Donald Thompson
R:Laura Allen Jim Politte

Servers
Saturday 4pm: Aubrianne McGovern
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 13: Catherine Dickey
Thursday October 15: Judy Wright
Tuesday October 20: Mary Campbell
Thursday October 22: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday October 27: Joyce Politte
Thursday October 29: Rhonda Politte

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

Heavenly Dusters
Laura Allen 10/16
Nancy Davis 10/23
Kathy Pashia 10/30
Jeanne DeGonia 11/6

Altar Linens
Diane McGirl 10/12
Glenda Whitten 10/19
Kathy Pashia 10/26
Bobbie Heifner 11/2

Money Counters
Pat & Tina 10/13
Mary Ann & Donna 10/20
Becky & Rhonda 10/27
Jeanne & Rhonda 11/3

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Weekly Collection 10/04/26

Envelopes:	6395.00
Loose:	347.00
Online Giving:	420.00
Maintenance:	360.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	851.00
Votives:	9.00
World Mission Sunday	30.00
Permanent Diaconate	65.00

Total Giving: \$8477.00

of Contributors: 58

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October 11, 2026 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My God will fully supply whatever you need...” - PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don’t live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it’s just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

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

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

Sunday, October 11
SVdP spells the HOPE You Make Hope Possible!

Here’s a letter to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul from a Neighbor helped:
“I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for the kindness the Society of St. Vincent de Paul extended to me during one of the most challenging seasons of my life. When I reached out, I never imagined how deeply your compassion would encourage my heart. I have been unemployed for a couple of years. While I have been grateful for temporary employment opportunities throughout these years, securing permanent employment has remained an ongoing challenge. This journey has included many moments of uncertainty, disappointment, and financial hardship. Thank you for taking the time to listen with such genuine care and understanding. Your willingness to serve is a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action. The gas cards you graciously provided may have seemed like a simple gift, but to me they represented so much more. They represented hope when I was discouraged and reassurance that God is still with me through faithful servants like you. Please extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who makes this ministry possible. Every monetary contribution, every volunteer hour, every prayer, and every act of generosity become a tangible expression of God's grace. I hope donors know that every contribution they make—regardless of the amount—is an investment in God's Kingdom, His hands extended to those in need, and His love made visible. Their faithfulness becomes a living testimony to Christ's command to ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”
~ Margaret (name changed to protect the Neighbor’s privacy)

This is the hope you bring to our Neighbors in Need. Thank you!



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

Oct 15 @ 6:30pm in the Incarnate Word Center:
Session Topic: Places in the Church

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.

Our next meeting is MONDAY, November 2nd at 5:30pm in the rectory meeting room.

Parish School of Religion(PSR)

The PSR students will be holding a canned food drive on Saturday, November 7th from 9-12pm at Sav-A-Lot in Potosi. All donations will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

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!

**We now have a debit/credit card machine available for making cemetery payments, donations to funeral dinners, and other donations.

**The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, October 14 for an Archdiocese meeting.

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

Schedule for St. Joachim: **Schedule for St. James:**

Oct 14
Oct 21(meet in church);
Oct 28

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!



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.

**SOUP & CHILI DINNER
AND AUCTION**

DATE: OCT 17, 2026
TIME: AFTER 4PM MASS
**LOCATION: ST. JAMES
PARISH HALL**

- There will be a 50/50 Drawing
- We will have Nativity pieces to auction off
- Antique dishes and many other antiques available for auction
- All are welcome! Come enjoy some good food and good fellowship.
- If you would like to bring soup or chili, please contact the parish office(573-438-4686) or Bobbie Heifner (573-210-4884)



Potosi HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

Southern Vicariate Director of Social Outreach Office
Inviting St. James in Potosi, St. Joachim in Old Mines, and St. Stephen in Richwoods

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
SETUP BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.

Join us for an evening of community, fellowship, and Halloween fun as we hand out candy to families in Potosi!

- Everyone is encouraged to bring as much candy as you can.
- If you have Halloween decorations or inflatable blow-ups, please bring them.
- We will have access to electricity nearby.
- We will be decorating one designated parking area.
- Please park at the courthouse and walk across the street to our setup location.
- An update regarding our exact location will be shared as we get closer to the event.

AFTER TRUNK OR TREAT

We will gather at St. James Parish Hall and the outdoor pavilion for adult fellowship and festivities (BYO-Beverages).

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31!

More information will be shared as we get closer.
♥ We look forward to seeing you there! ♥

**🌿 Reflection for Our Parish Family on
Matthew 22:1-14**

At St. James Catholic Church, we know what it means to be invited by the Lord. Our patron, St. James the Greater, was called from his fishing boat into a life of discipleship, courage, and witness. Today's Gospel mirrors that same call.

Jesus tells of a king who prepares a wedding feast—lavish, joyful, overflowing with grace. Yet many ignore the invitation. Their excuses sound familiar: work, distractions, routines, the feeling that God can wait. But the king keeps inviting, sending his servants into the streets to gather *everyone*. This is the heart of our parish mission: **no one is beyond the reach of Christ's invitation.**

Here at St. James, we strive to be those servants—reaching out to the overlooked, the hesitant, the searching, the wounded, and the curious. The feast is ready, and our parish is meant to be a doorway into that joy.

The wedding garment in the parable reminds us that saying “yes” to God is only the beginning. St. James himself shows what the garment looks like: a life marked by courage, conversion, and steadfast love for Christ. For us, the garment is woven from prayer, Sunday worship, acts of charity, and a willingness to let grace reshape our hearts. The Gospel ends with a challenge: **“Many are called, but few are chosen.”** Not because God limits His mercy, but because the invitation must be accepted with a transformed life. As a parish named for an apostle, we are called not only to enter the feast, but to help others enter it—and to live in a way that honors the One who invites us.

🌿 For our Parish Prayer

Lord, through the intercession of St. James the Greater, help our parish respond wholeheartedly to Your invitation. Clothe us in the garment of Christ—faith, charity, and courage—so that our community becomes a living sign of Your feast.

**Pope Leo XIV
General Audience
October 7, 2026**

Dear brothers and sisters, we return this morning to our reflection on [*Gaudium et Spes*](#), considering the Church's mission in the contemporary world. As the Son of God became incarnate to fulfill his redemptive mission, so the Church dwells in the world as a living sign of God's plan to reconcile the world to himself. By discerning the signs of the times through the lens of the Gospel, she carries out this task by helping people respond to the profound questions of life and contributing to society through her witness of faith and charity. To be effective in this mission, the Church depends on every baptized person cooperating with the grace of the Holy Spirit and seeking holiness. The lay faithful, in particular, are called to animate the culture in which they live with a Christian spirit. In our call to build up the Kingdom of God, may we renew our efforts toward personal sanctification, justice and fraternal love, and thus be signs of hope for all people.

Hello
October



Parish Calendar

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

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

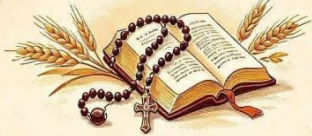
Oct 30: Bible Study 9am

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

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.

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 <i>Ct. Ahány Mary Mary Claret Ottery Memorial</i>
Oct 28	Sts. Simon & Jude Feast
Oct 31	St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Optional Memorial
Oct 31	St. Feast ◊ Memorial ◊ Optional Memorial

■ Feast ▽ Memorial

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 12
Weekday
Gal 4:22–24,
26–27, 31–5:1
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday

October 13
Weekday
Gal 5:1–6
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday

October 14
Weekday
Gal 5:18–25
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday

October 15
*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*
Eph 1:1–10
Lk 11:47–54

Friday

October 16
Weekday
Eph 1:11–14
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday

October 17
*St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr*
Eph 1:15–23
Lk 12:8–12

Sunday

October 18
*Twenty-ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Is 45:1, 4–6
1 Thes 1:1–5b
Mt 22:15–21

Good News!

October 11, 2026
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 25:6–10a / Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20 /
Matthew 22:1–14 or 22:1–10
MIGUEL DULICK

The closer Jesus gets to his death, the more targeted are his parables, specifically to the “chief priests and elders.” He has no patience with their hypocrisy.

The wedding feast has a long history in the prophets and the psalms, always a glorious celebration of love and delight—God marrying the chosen people. But in today’s gospel, Jesus speaks of the feast as a massacre. When the guests refuse to attend his son’s wedding, and they even kill the messengers sent to invite them, the enraged king amasses his troops to destroy “those murderers” and burn their city to the ground. So, the chosen people are un-chosen. Then, the king tries again, this time sending the servants to “whomever [they] find.” And then comes a beautiful moment: the servants invite the “bad (literally, “evil”) and good alike,” and they fill up the hall! This echoes Jesus’ own promise of the cross: “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself” (John 12:32).

There is one more twist to the story that keeps Jesus in his own uncompromising space. When the king spots a guest without a “wedding garment,” he binds him hand and foot and throws him out into the darkness. Pretty scary—but do stay with Jesus. Accept the invitation to the banquet. And let Jesus dress you in his own garment of grace. ●

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Emmaus Youth Ministry

Halloween
We will be 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 your 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.



ATTENTION!!

The Knights of Columbus Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities has been in existence since 1970. This year's drive is **Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10 and is**



commonly called “The Tootsie Roll Drive.” You can find Knights on street intersections across the entire state of Missouri. You’ll find them in front of Dierbergs, Walmart, Save-a-Lot and many other stores as well as street corners. This weekend, our Knights of Columbus will be outside after Mass. They all will be wearing bright yellow vests, passing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations to help children with special needs.

And if you miss them there, you can support them by making your gift online closer to the drive at

<https://tinyurl.com/tootsierolldrivestjames>.

Proceeds from the Tootsie Roll Drive will benefit the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. The Knights Center provides comprehensive diagnosis, intervention family support and professional education services.

In 1981, the Knights Center was the first center in the region dedicated to children with intellectual developmental disorders, and in 2007 was designated as a Missouri Center for Autism by the Department of Mental Health.

With continuous funding provided through the Missouri Columbian Charities and the Illinois State Council, Missouri and Illinois local councils, the center serves over 2,500 children a year. Because of your generous support, we are able to identify a child’s developmental disorder at an early age. As a result, we are able to prescribe early intervention treatment that allows each child to reach his or her fullest potential.

AN ARDENT HEART

The Sacred Heart of Jesus



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An Ardent Heart

This film tells the dramatic story of Lupe Valdes, a best-selling writer who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in search of inspiration for her next novel. Guided by an expert in sacred mysteries, she discovers the historical evidence of the mystical revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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.



This Week on Formed **St. Teresa of Avila**

A powerful epic mini-series shot on location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history, St. Teresa of Avila. With meticulous attention to detail and historical accuracy, this acclaimed major film production is the definitive film on the life of this great saint.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2394226/>

- *Go to <http://signup.formed.org>
- *Enter our parish’s zip code 63664
- *Enter your name and your email address.
- *Enjoy!

Invitation to the Wedding Feast



I'M TOO BUSY.

Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



THE KING INVITES YOU TO HIS SON'S WEDDING!

This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven.



WHY AREN'T YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

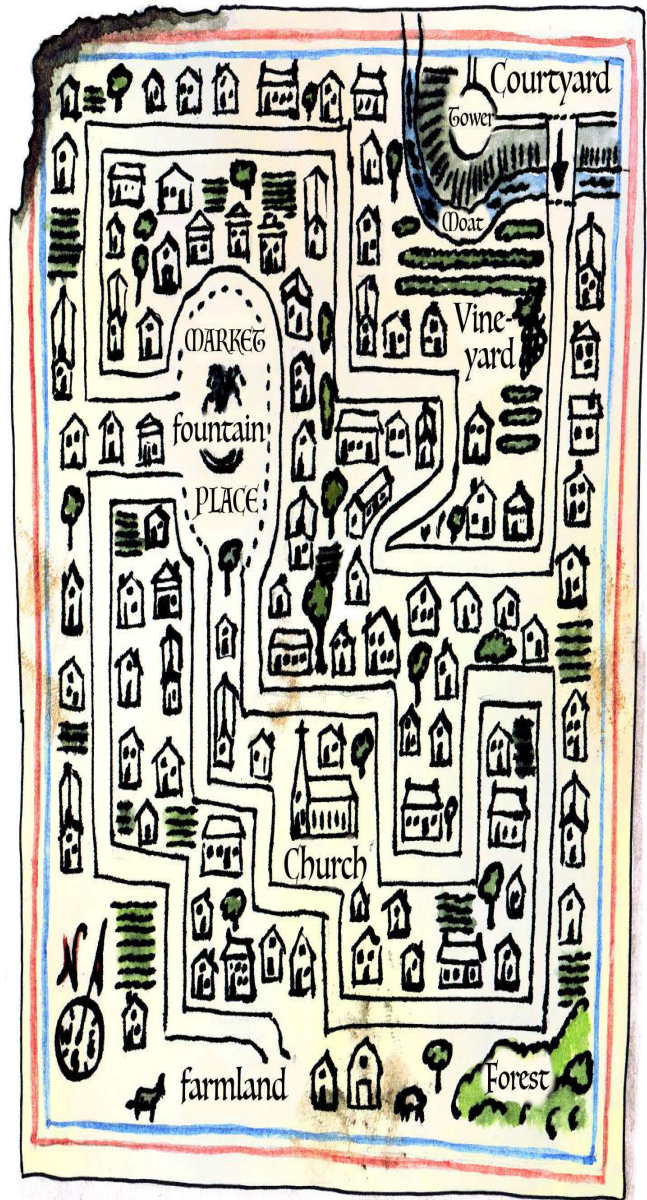
Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!

Answers to True or False: 1 false 2 true 3 true 4 false 5 true 6 true 7 true

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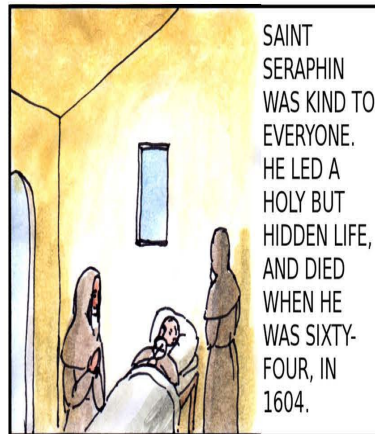
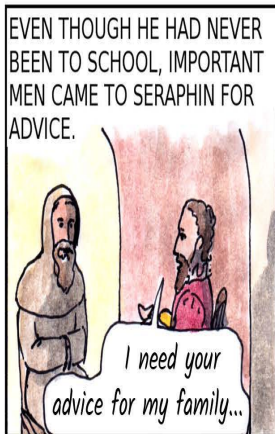
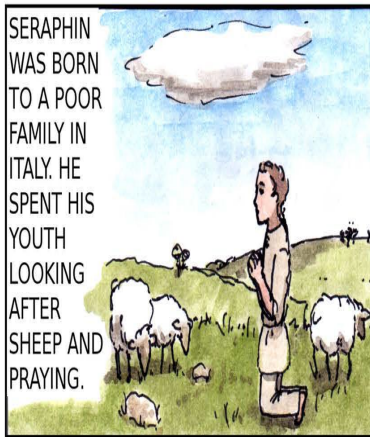


The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

Saint Seraphin

October 12



SAINT SERAPHIN NEVER DID ANYTHING GREAT OR IMPORTANT, BUT HE DID EVERYTHING WITH GREAT LOVE FOR GOD. HE TRIED TO BE LIKE SAINT FRANCIS IN HIS ZEAL AND LOVE OF THE POOR. LIKE SAINT SERAPHIN, WE CAN IMITATE THE SAINTS AND DO EVERY LITTLE THING OUT OF LOVE OF GOD.

True or False:

Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?
2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?
3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?
4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?
5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?
6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?
7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?

