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August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST. JAMES
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**



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**Mass Schedule
August 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, August 10:
@ St. Joachim: see St.
Joachim bulletin

Tuesday, August 11:
John Murphy

Wednesday, August 12: @
St. Joachim: see St.
Joachim bulletin

Thursday, August 13:
Joan Knott

Friday, August 14:
@ St. Joachim: see St.
Joachim bulletin

Saturday Aug 15:
4pm: Billy E. Cain/Janet
Carol Kincaid Berry

Sunday Aug 16:
8am: Peter M. Knight

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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August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Eucharistic Ministers:
 Saturday 4pm Sunday 8am
 C:Vikkie Neier Don Thompson
 L:Judy East Donna Kennon
 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 August 11: Catherine Dickey
Thursday August 13: Judy Wright
Tuesday August 18: Mary Campbell
Thursday August 20: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday August 25: Joyce Politte
Thursday August 27: Rhonda Politte

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

Heavenly Dusters

Jeanne DeGonia 8/14
 Dianne Mull 8/21
 Bobbie Heifner 8/28
 Nancy Davis 9/4

Altar Linens

Bobbie Heifner 8/10
 Diane McGirl 8/17
 Glenda Whitten 8/24
 Kathy Pashia 8/31

Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 8/11
 Pat & Tina 8/18
 Mary Ann & Donna 8/25
 Becky & Rhonda 9/1

Thank You!!

Weekly Collection 08/02/26

Envelopes: 3117.00
Loose: 303.00
Online Giving: 325.00
Maintenance: 55.00
St. Vincent de Paul: 382.00
Votives: 16.00
Church in Africa: 20.00
Missionary CO-OP: 150.00
Assumption of Mary: 5.00
Cemetery: 25.00

Total Giving: \$4398.00

of Contributors: 40

Thank you for your generosity!



August 9, 2026 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This week we were notified by Donald Thompson, President of First State Community Bank in Potosi, that we would be receiving a check from a grant submitted by his bank on our behalf. We were grateful & thrilled to hear this! On Friday, July 31, 2026, a check for \$10,000 was delivered & presented to The St. James Pantry by Donald Thompson & his Vice-President, Blake Yount & was accepted by Jack & Rhonda Politte on behalf of all the workers at the pantry! In order for us to receive this very generous award, FSCB partnered with FHLB Des Moines through The Member Impact Fund by donating \$2500 of the total award. The remaining \$7500 was provided by The Member Impact Fund-MO operated out of Des Moines to make the total grant of \$10,000. This money can be used in a number of ways to benefit the pantry & those we serve. We are assessing needs & deciding how best to put this grant to good use. We are feeling blessed!

THANK YOU FIRST STATE COMMUNITY BANK!!



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

August 9, 2026
See Christ in the Poor

St. Vincent de Paul taught that when we serve those in need, we encounter Christ Himself. Every day, Vincentians strive to live this calling by offering friendship, understanding, and assistance to neighbors experiencing hardship. Our mission is not only to provide material aid but also to remind each person that they are loved by God and valued by their community. Thank you for helping us continue this important ministry through your prayers, generosity, and service.

Join our ministry in our Parish.
 Call 573-436-0859 for more information.
www.svdpstl.org/give

Mark Your Calendars!

PSR Registration Night is September 9th!



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

****CATECHIST TEAM MEETING AUGUST 13 @ 6PM**

*Formal OCIA classes will resume **August 20 @ 6PM AT THE INCARNATE WORD CENTER AT ST. JOACHIM.**

If interested in becoming Catholic, are missing the Sacrament of 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

Our pantry/hall cleanup is on August 10. We need everyone's help so please bring yourself, your spouse, and anyone who would be willing to help. Many hands make light work!

Our next meeting is **Sept 7.**





Caring Hearts Fundraisers

Caring Hearts Family Resource Center is raffling off this rifle between now and Oct. 17th when the drawing will take place at the RIDE FOR LIFE at the Red Barn in Caledonia.

Tickets will be sold at the Washington Co. Fair and other upcoming events. Please support the pro-life cause!!! Your support is appreciated!

They also have two other fundraisers that they are asking for support for. Information is included below.

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

**Our next meeting is August 11 @ 5:30pm.

Mark Your Calendars! Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be on August 30th after the 8am Mass. Please join us for some great food and fellowship! The Ladies Sodality will be honoring the Ladies who are retiring after their many years of selfless service to our parish. We are so grateful for all their work and help throughout the years. Come celebrate them with us!

"Following St. James, we strive to lead our parish with humility, strengthen our community, and walk together toward Christ."

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR ISSUES,**

August is traditionally dedicated to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**, inviting the faithful to draw closer to the tenderness, purity, and maternal love of Our Blessed Mother. Her Heart—perfectly united to the Heart of Jesus—shows us what it means to love God without hesitation and to trust Him in every circumstance. The Church highlights Mary's Heart as a model of:

- **Deep humility**
- **Perfect obedience to God's will**
- **Compassion for all who suffer**
- **A mother's care for the Church**

During August, Catholics are encouraged to honor the Immaculate Heart through simple yet meaningful practices: praying the Rosary, offering small sacrifices for peace in the world, attending Mass more frequently, or consecrating one's home and family to Mary's Heart.

This month reminds us that Mary's Heart is not distant. It is a refuge of consolation, a source of strength, and a gentle path leading us ever closer to her Son. May August be a time of renewed devotion and deeper trust in the loving Heart of our Mother.



August 10: Ladies Sodality Pantry Cleaning Day 9am

August 11: Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

August 13: OCIA Team Meeting @ St. Joachim 6pm

August 14: Clarity House Rosary & Mass 6pm

August 15: Food Pantry Distribution Day 7am-9am

August 17: Rural Clinic Here

August 20: Formal OCIA begins 6:30pm @ St. Joachim

August 27: OCIA @ St. Joachim 6:30pm

August 30: Fifth Sunday Brunch after 8am Mass

Reflection on Matthew 14:22-33

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus meets the disciples in the midst of a storm. The waves are high, the wind is fierce, and fear has taken hold of their hearts. Yet it is precisely *there*—in the chaos—that Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, revealing that no storm is stronger than His presence. Peter's boldness is inspiring: he steps out of the boat at Jesus' word. But when he focuses on the wind instead of the Lord, he begins to sink. Still, Jesus does not hesitate. He reaches out, lifts him up, and brings him back to safety.

This passage reminds us that faith is not the absence of fear; it is choosing to look toward Christ even when fear surrounds us. Our lives have their own storms—illness, uncertainty, family struggles, financial worries—but Jesus comes to us in all of them. His hand is always extended.

As we move through the week, let us ask for the grace to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. When we falter, may we trust that He will lift us up, calm our hearts, and lead us back to peace.



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Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski's Intention

August 2026

For Holy Leadership in Church and Society

We pray for those entrusted with leadership within the Church, in public life, and in every household and workplace. Through the intercession of St. Louis, King of France, may all leaders be guided by faith, humility, courage, and justice. As we honor our archdiocesan patron, may we recommit ourselves to leading with integrity and serving the common good.

MONDAY
August 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10
Jn 12:24-26

TUESDAY
August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8-3:4
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY
August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY
August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1-12
Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY
August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63
or 16:59-63
Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY
August 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

SUNDAY
August 16
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

Dear Padre

August 2, 2026

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, "Do this in memory of me." But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

"The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed" (Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America, 24). (Also see General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (GIRM 281). "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (GIRM 85). Still, pastors "should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (GIRM 282). ♦

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

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Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS Week #2- Listening to God's Soft Voice Amid Life's Storms

August 9 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

"After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound... Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave."

Couple Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the busyness of parenting, help us quiet our hearts to hear Your gentle voice. Draw us closer to You and to one another, so our home becomes a place of peace and faithful listening. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: Create a simple "whisper moment" each week—perhaps a quiet walk or evening check-in—to listen to God and to each other without distractions. This builds resilience against family storms.

Couple Conversation Question: When do we most clearly hear God's voice in our marriage and family life, and how can we make space for that more often?

Find more ways to strengthen and energize your marriage at ArchSTL.org/Jubilant-Marriages



This Week on Formed

Triumph of the Heart

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis.

The New Eve | Lector: Mary | Episode 1

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."

Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

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We will be offering a fall bible study for women on Wednesday (St. Joachim) & Friday mornings (St. James) starting in September. It is called **Living in the Father's Love**. In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? **Living in the Father's Love** will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

This brief but powerful Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.

Living in the Father's Love is ideal if you are...

*Looking for a short but powerful Bible study this season

*Doubting whether God really loves you

*Wondering how to improve your relationship with God and others

*Searching for purpose

*Only have time for a short study that has the power to transform your life

If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Vicki Thurmond at 573-854-1257. The cost of the books is \$27. Books will need to be prepaid before the study starts to ensure timely delivery of the books.



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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

August 9th

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"



Mother Teresa's Humility List

1. Speak as little as possible about yourself.
2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.
3. Avoid curiosity.
4. Do not interfere in the affairs of others.
5. Accept small irritations with good humor.
6. Do not dwell on the faults of others.
7. Accept censures even if unmerited.
8. Give in to the will of others.
9. Accept insults and injuries.
10. Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.
11. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.
12. Do not seek to be admired and loved.
13. Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.
14. Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.
15. Choose always the most difficult task.

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Steubenville Questions?

What is Steubenville? Steubenville is a Catholic conference to help enrich your life in Christ...that is the "book" definition. Steubenville is so much more than that. It's seeing thousands of our youth all come together, that love Jesus, praise and worship Him.

Have you ever thought about attending a Steubenville conference? If you have ever thought about attending a Steubenville conference, but were on the fence, jump. Jump into immersing yourself into a more personal relationship with Jesus. Jump into joining so many other youths show how much they love Christ.

Ok.....so I have decided I want to attend the next conference; what do I need to do? Simple; you can contact me, Angie, at the following email address:

stjoachimyouthministry2033@gmail.com and let me know. I am so excited that you would like to attend and would love to have you join us. It is one of the most amazing times you will ever have.

Do you really need to know this early if I am interested in going? Yes, the sooner I know, the better. I need to have an idea of how many spots to reserve for our group.

Is there an age restriction? Yes; you must be going into high school through a graduating senior to attend the conference.

.....more information to come next week



**Pope Leo XIV, General Audience,
August 5, 2026**

"Today we turn our attention to the ecclesial dimension of the Church's liturgical prayer. Far from avoiding the world and its needs, all prayer, especially in the entire liturgy, is the essential dimension of our humanity."

Pope Leo XIV reminded the Church that prayer—especially the liturgy—is the heart of Christian life. He emphasized that in a culture driven by speed and technology, prayer can easily be forgotten or reduced to a personal habit rather than a true encounter with God. The Holy Father expressed particular concern that many families no longer pray together, urging Catholics to revive simple daily moments of prayer in the home.

He encouraged the faithful to rediscover the Liturgy of the Hours, calling each prayer of the day "an act of hope" that sanctifies time and keeps the Church united. Pope Leo's message invites us to place God first, allowing the rhythm of prayer to shape our days and strengthen our life as a parish community.