

# Dear Padre

February 8, 2026

## Are the readings at the beginning of Mass equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The Mass is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament. In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Stay With Us Lord), Pope St. John Paul II described these complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, the Pope likened the two parts of the revised liturgy to these disciples' journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then, they recognize Christ as they break bread.

The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow. Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Pope St. John Paul II admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite. ●

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**St. James Catholic Church**  
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***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***February 8, 2026***



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### Mass Schedule February 2026

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

**Sunday: 8:00 AM (St. James)**  
**10:00 AM (St. Joachim)**

### Confessions:

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



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, Feb 9**  
@ St. Joachim

**Tuesday, Feb 10:**  
**George**  
**Lalumondiere**

**Wednesday, Feb**  
**11:**  
@ St. Joachim

**Thursday, Feb**  
**12:**  
**Charles & Mary**  
**Gibson**

**Friday, Feb 13:**  
@ St. Joachim

**Saturday, Feb 14:**  
@ St. Joachim

**Sunday, Feb 15:**  
**Parish Family**

# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## February 15

### Lector:

Saturday 4pm:  
Sunday 8am: Mary Susan Campbell

### Eucharistic Ministers:

<u>Saturday 4pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8am</u>
C:	Jim Politte
L:	Donna Kennon
R:	Glenda Farrow

### Servers

Saturday 4pm:  
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

### Heavenly Dusters

Jeanne DeGonia 2/13-2/20  
**\*Need Volunteer\*** 2/27-3/6  
Diane Mull 3/13-3/20

### Altar Linens

Connie Scott  
2/16-2/23  
Bobbie Heifner 3/2-3/9  
**\*Need Volunteer\*** 3/16-3/23  
Diane McGirl 3/30-4/6

### Money Counters

Becky & Rhonda 2/10  
Jeanne & Rhonda 2/17  
Pat & Tina 2/24  
Rhonda Politte & Pat Portell 3/31  
*(I am in the office on Monday's for anyone who wants to count on that day. I do go to Mass first*

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## Weekly Collection 02/01/26

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<u>Online Giving</u>	35.00
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<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	772.00
<u>Votives:</u>	5.00

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*Thank you for your generosity!*

### FROM THE OFFICE: ATTENTION!

\*We are in need of volunteers for the Altar Linens and Heavenly Dusters ministries. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the office. Our parish depends on volunteers for these ministries. Please consider volunteering and giving back to our parish and especially to Jesus. We want to sincerely thank those ladies who have served so selflessly all these years. You are greatly appreciated!

## February 8, 2026

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16*

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

## This Week On Formed

### Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

### Beloved

Beloved uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? Beloved invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do" ... whether you said it last year or many years ago.

### Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science, & Miracles

The film follows a journalist, his ancestor who met Bernadette at Lourdes, and the story of a woman healed by Lourdes' waters, tracing three lives.

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**MONDAY**  
February 9  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
Mk 6:53-56

**TUESDAY**  
February 10  
*St. Scholastica, Virgin*  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, Mk 7:1-13

**WEDNESDAY**  
February 11  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 10:1-10  
Mk 7:14-23

**THURSDAY**  
February 12  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 11:4-13  
Mk 7:24-30

**FRIDAY**  
February 13  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19. Mk 7:31-37

**SATURDAY**  
February 14  
*Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*  
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Mk 8:1-10

**SUNDAY**  
February 15  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 15:15-20  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

# Good News!

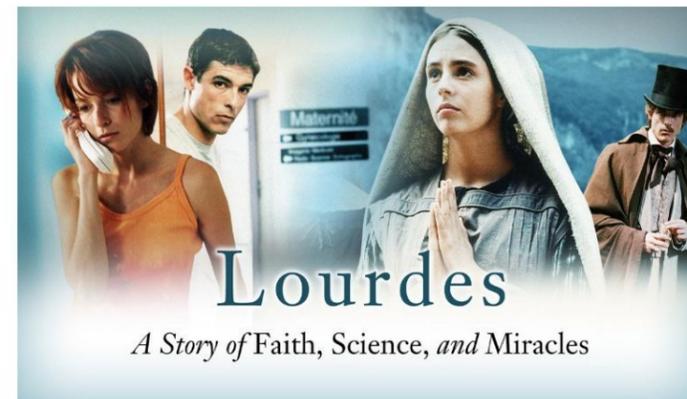
February 8, 2026  
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*  
Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16  
ANN M. GARRIDO

**Some years ago, I took a crash course in chaplaincy.** Chaplains are often called on to accompany people through life's gloomier seasons—be it in a hospital, in a nursing home, in prison, or following a disaster. As you might imagine, our training involved sessions on how to best alleviate the isolation and despair many people experience in these places and situations. Pray with people? Invite them outside into nature? Make sure physical discomfort is mitigated? All of these are good practices, my chaplain supervisor emphasized, but research indicates that the quickest way to lift the heaviness many feel is to get them involved in alleviating the suffering of others.

I suspect neither Isaiah nor Jesus would have been surprised by this research. In today's first reading, Isaiah says that if we feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless, if we clothe the naked and care for our family members in need, we will know what it means to have light in the midst of darkness, and our gloom will melt away as if under the noonday sun. Similarly, Jesus describes our good deeds as being like light, meant to be shared generously with others.

In recent years, we have seen an uptick in depression and anxiety, even among the young. We can be tempted to focus more inwardly on our own lives, our own griefs and shortcomings. Self-awareness is certainly a good trait to have! But, perhaps counterintuitively, today's readings remind us that our "wounds shall quickly be healed" more readily when we focus on the needs of others. ●

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**Pope Leo XIV, General Audience: February 4, 2026**

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum, we reflect on the divine and human authorship of Scripture. God is the principal author of Scripture and he chooses to reveal himself by using human language. Indeed, the various authors of Scripture are not passive instruments, but are divinely inspired to communicate the word of God by utilizing literary forms and creative methods that incorporate images and examples of their time. While Scripture is a text rooted in historical truth, it also contains a limitless spiritual depth that speaks to people of all times and places, communicating above all God's love and God's desire to save us. Let us thank God for his word that nourishes our lives, illumines our paths and reminds us of the promise of eternal life.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260204-udienza-generale.html>

**A Thought from St. Teresa of Avila**

*"Christ has no body now on earth, but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now."*

**2026 Parish Picnic  
Mark Your Calendars: June 7th**

Our next meeting is Thursday February 26th, 6:00 in the Parish Hall. We are in need of volunteers for all areas. Please join us at the meeting for more information.

**Parish Family;** The Bottle Game was a HUGE Success last year!! So, we are planning it again this year!

It's not too early to start this year with planning for the Picnic... "the Bottle Game" is back. 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. The way this will work is, we will sell the same number of "chances" that we have for the number of "bottles" that we receive, the tickets will be numbered, the bottles will be numbered, each ticket will cost \$3 to purchase, so you can see that this will be a good fundraiser for the church, just think you might end up with a bottle of .....

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.

We will put 3 boxes/containers in the back of church, not in the vestibule – under the pew in front of the cry room for all to place their bottles in. It's not too early to start collecting, so bring your bottles.

Thank you all for your support of our Parish!



**THE COUNCIL'S CORNER**

Our next meeting is Feb 10th @ 5:30pm. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch is March 29th after 10am Mass. Mark your calendar now! **\*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268\***

*"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." St. Dominic Savio*

**St. James PSR NEWS**

PSR is back in full swing. We are looking forward to spring!

*From Dr. Melissa Cordia*

**Ladies Sodality**

Our next meeting is on March 3rd from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Parish Hall. We have elected new officers. Our new President is Bobbie Heifner, Vice-President is Kim Coleman, Secretary is Laura Allen, and Treasurer is Diane McGirl. **We will be hosting Indoor Dining Fish Fries on February 27th and March 27th, serving beginning at 4pm until sell out. Please mark your calendars.** The chili/soup cook off has been cancelled to allow us to host these fish fries.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic? (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. All are welcome.

**ATTENTION:** Lent is fast approaching. We will be collecting your palms from last year for our ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please drop them off in the back of church or at the parish office. Thank you!



Catholic Women for Christ is back for 2026! Join us on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Si Commons at St. Louis University High School with ladies from around the Archdiocese of St. Louis for a day of spiritual talks, prayer, and community. We will explore the theme "Light of Life" and discuss how we see the Light, walk in the Light, and become the Light. To register and for more information, visit [www.catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://www.catholicwomenforchrist.org)

**Parish Calendar**

- Feb 10:** Eucharistic Adoration 9-4:45pm  
Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm  
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm
- Feb 11:** Parish Office will have a delayed opening 11-3 (Vicki has bible study @ St. Joachim)
- Feb 13:** Bible Study begins 9am (Parish hall)  
Clarity House Retreat 6pm
- Feb 16:** Rural Clinic here  
Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm  
Parish Office Closed for Holiday  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm
- Feb 18:** Ash Wednesday 7pm Mass  
Parish Office will have a delayed opening 11-3(Vicki has bible study @ St. Joachim)
- Feb 20:** Fish Fry 11-1 Drive Thru Only  
Ladies Sodality Bake Sale 11-1
- Feb 21:** Food Pantry Distribution 7am-9am
- Feb 21:** OMAHS Euchre Tournament after Mass(Parish Hall)
- Feb 26:** Parish Picnic Meeting 6pm (Parish Hall)

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry served 127 families (356 individuals). Thanks again to our packers and those who braved the cold weather on Distribution day!

*"God demands first the heart. . . then the work."  
St. Vincent de Paul*

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



**Lenten Bible Study**

There is a study guide. The cost is \$5 to offset the cost of paper & ink. If writing a check, please make it out to St. James Church. You will need to provide your own binder or folder. **YOU WILL NEED A BIBLE AND CATECHISM FOR THE CLASS.** The Catholic Catechism can be found online on Amazon. This is not a video-based study so be prepared for homework and reading. The following books are recommended as additional reading but are not necessary for the class.

**Catholic & Christian** by Alan Schreck

**Reasons to Believe** by Scott Hahn

**Made for More** by Curtis Martin

Sessions should last about an hour. We will have two classes again this time at St. Joachim, Monday evening at 6pm in the Incarnate Word Center and Wednesday morning after the 8:15am Mass in the Incarnate Word Center. St. James will have a Friday morning, 9am session available as well.

Here are the dates for the study. Keep in mind that because of scheduling issues (availability of the buildings and my schedule) not all sessions will be in order each week. So, if you plan to jump around, please watch the schedule and attend when you are able.

**MONDAY 6PM (ST. JOACHIM)**

- 1)Feb 9
- 2)Feb 16
- 3)March 9
- 4)March 23
- 5)March 30
- 6)April 6

**WEDNESDAY 9:15AM (ST. JOACHIM)**

- 1)Feb 11
- 2)Feb 18
- 3)March 11
- 4)March 25
- 5)April 1
- 6)April 8

**FRIDAY 9AM (ST. JAMES)**

- 1)Feb 13
- 2)Feb 27
- 3)March 13
- 4)March 27
- 5)April 3
- 6)April 10



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**FRY DAY  
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February 20th  
March 6th 11:00-1:00  
March 20th

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Ladies Sodality will have a

**BAKE  
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At all of the Men's Fish Fries  
Feb 20  
March 6  
March 20

**\$4/slice or \$20/whole cake or  
pie**



**RENDEZVOUS  
Breakfast**

February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Serving from 7 am - 10 am

Pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy,  
scrambled eggs, milk, orange juice and coffee

\$8 per person

Proceeds go to Emmaus Youth Group to help  
with the Steubenville Conference



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
OLD MINES, MO  
FISH FRY'S**



**We will be serving February 18<sup>th</sup> (Ash  
Wednesday), February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, March  
20<sup>th</sup>, & April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Good Friday)**  
Serving 3 p.m. till Sold Out with Dine-in, Carry-Out,  
& Call In Available.

Serving: Fish, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fries, &  
Hushpuppies. Dessert & Drink Included

\$13 per Plate

*FOLLOW ME AND I WILL  
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF  
MEN MATTHEW 4:19*



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February 2026  
**For Families  
and Young People**

We pray for families in every stage of life, and especially for children and youth - the future of our Church. As we mark 200 years of Catholic faith in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, may our homes, schools, and parishes be places where the light of Christ is passed on with joy, courage, and authenticity, forming young hearts for a new century of witness.

**Heavenly Father,  
you are the giver of all that is good.**

We give you thanks for 200 years of faith, grace, and mission in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

As we celebrate this bicentennial, we remember with gratitude and thankfulness, all those who have helped to build the Church here: clergy, religious, and lay faithful.

Strengthen us in our resolve to carry forward their legacy with love and courage.

Through the intercession of Saint Louis, our patron and king, Saint Vincent de Paul, and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, give to us hearts rooted in justice, holiness, and charity.

May we continue to be a beacon of the Gospel in our time, faithful to Christ and alive in the Spirit.

Bless our archdiocese with unity, renewal, and vocations as we journey into the future.

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Saint Louis, pray for us.  
Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.  
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, pray for us.



For the battle belongs to the Lord.

~ 1 Samuel 17:47

Steubenville STL Mid-America 2026

Our group registration will be February 5<sup>th</sup> of 2026.

**Who can attend?** Incoming Freshman through graduating Senior  
**When?** July 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Where?** Missouri State University, Springfield, MO  
**Cost?** We will stay off campus at a nearby hotel, so the conference cost is \$185. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit due February 26<sup>th</sup>

If you are a youth participant that would like to attend, please contact the parish office or email [stjoachimvouthministrv2023@gmail.com](mailto:stjoachimvouthministrv2023@gmail.com).

**Jesus  
is the  
Sweetest  
Name I Know!**

**DINNER AND AUCTION**

**Saturday, March 14, 2026  
at 5 p.m.  
Twin Eagle Lake Barn  
10254 Watersedge Rd  
Potosi, MO 63664**

**St. Joachim Catholic School**