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August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



(Photo courtesy of Jeremy Boyer)

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

Sunday: 8am @  
St. James  
10am @ St. Joachim

• **Email:**  
**stjameschurch@centurylink.net**

• **Phone: 573-438-4686**

**201 N Missouri St. Potosi, MO  
63664**

**www.stjames-potosi.org**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, August 24:**  
**@ St. Joachim: Janice  
Heifner**

**Tuesday, August 25:**  
**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**Wednesday, August 26: @  
St. Joachim: Jeff Kamper**

**Thursday, August 27:**  
**Charlotte Stroup**

**Friday, August 28:**  
**@ St. Joachim: Joe  
Daugherty**

**Saturday Aug 29:**  
**4pm: @ St. Joachim:  
Parish Family**

**Sunday Aug 30:**  
**8am: Michael & Kate  
Moxley**  
**10am: @ St. Joachim:  
Deceased Robart Family**

**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**



St. James Staff



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Co-Coordinator

August 30: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Eucharistic Ministers:  
  
Saturday 4pm Sunday 8am  
C: Jamie Thompson  
L: Jim Politte  
R: Donna Kennon

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

Daily Mass Lectors  
Tuesday August 25: Joyce Politte  
Thursday August 27: Rhonda Politte  
Tuesday September 1: Catherine Dickey  
Thursday September 3: Judy Wright  
Tuesday September 8: Mary Campbell  
Thursday September 10: Vicki Thurmond

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

Heavenly Dusters  
Bobbie Heifner 8/28  
Nancy Davis 9/4  
Laura Allen 9/11  
Kathy Pashia 9/18

Altar Linens  
Glenda Whitten 8/24  
Kathy Pashia 8/31  
Bobbie Heifner 9/7  
Diane McGirl 9/14

Money Counters  
Mary Ann & Donna 8/25  
Becky & Rhonda 9/1  
Jeanne & Rhonda 9/8  
Pat & Tina 9/15

Thank You !!

Weekly Collection 08/16/26

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Envelopes:           | 5495.00 |
| Loose:               | 293.00  |
| Online Giving:       | 105.00  |
| Maintenance:         | 75.00   |
| St. Vincent de Paul: | 129.50  |
| Votives:             | 29.00   |
| Assumption of Mary:  | 242.00  |

Total Giving: \$6368.50

# of Contributors: 48

Thank you for your generosity!



August 123, 2026  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” - ROMANS 11:35  
St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

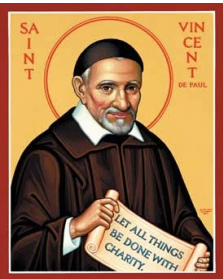
\*\*Our next meeting is September 15 @ 5:30pm.  
  
Mark Your Calendars! Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be on August 30th after the 8am Mass. Please join us for some great food and fellowship! The Ladies Sodality will be honoring the Ladies who are retiring after their many years of selfless service 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, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our Pantry Distribution day was August 15th. We served 164 families (389 individuals) with 101 served age 65 & up. Of those 65 and up, 3 are raising grandchildren. We thank all our volunteers who help with the distribution and we especially thank all our generous donors who help support the pantry with your money and donations. We couldn't serve the needy in our community without your generosity and dedication to our mission.  
  
"The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them." St. Vincent de Paul  
  
St. Vincent de Paul collection:  
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,  
Boxed Cereal, powdered milk, breakfast items

August 23, 2026  
Called to Serve  
  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers a unique opportunity to live your Catholic faith through direct service to those in need.

Vincentsians come from all walks of life, but they share one mission: to grow spiritually through friendship and service. Whether you can give a few hours each month or participate regularly, there is a place for you in this ministry.  
  
Consider joining your parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference and discover how serving others can transform your own life.  
  
Call 573-436-0859 for more information.



Interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning more about the Catholic Faith? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
  
August 27 @ 6:30pm in the Incarnate Word Center:  
What is Faith?  
  
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 was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped! It was much needed and greatly appreciated!  
  
Our next meeting is Sept 1.  
  
Mark Your Calendars!  
PSR Registration Night is September 9th!  
  
PSR  
Parish School of Religion  
  
“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross.”  
  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”



## Who Do You Say That I Am?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**“W**ho do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●



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Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.”

MATTHEW 16:16

### Reflect

**How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)**

### Reflection on Matthew 16:13–20

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus brings His disciples to a moment of truth. He doesn’t ask them for a report on public opinion; He asks for something far deeper: “*But who do you say that I am?*” It is a question that cuts through noise, expectations, and fear. Peter’s answer—“*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*”—becomes the foundation of his mission and the turning point of the Church’s story.

Peter speaks boldly, yet Jesus reminds him that this insight is pure gift. Faith is never something we manufacture; it is something we receive. God reveals Himself to hearts willing to listen. Peter, with all his imperfections, becomes the “rock” not because he is strong, but because he is open. Christ builds His Church on people who allow grace to shape their understanding and courage to shape their witness. This passage also reveals something about Jesus: He entrusts real responsibility to His followers. The keys of the Kingdom symbolize authority, but also service, stewardship, and fidelity. Peter is called to strengthen others, to guard the truth, and to lead with humility. In our own way, each of us receives a share in that mission. Every time we profess Christ—through our words, our choices, our compassion—we participate in the Church’s foundation.

Today, Jesus asks us the same question He asked Peter. Not as a test, but as an invitation: *Who do you say that I am in your life?* Our answer shapes how we pray, how we forgive, how we face suffering, and how we hope. When we declare Him the Son of the living God, we allow His strength to steady our weakness and His truth to guide our steps.

May we welcome the Father’s revelation, speak our faith with Peter’s boldness, and live our mission with the quiet confidence that Christ Himself is building His Church in us.

### 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!!!

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★ Caring Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center ★

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Call: 873-436-2000  
Visit: caringheartspnc.org

THANK YOU FOR HELPING SUPPORT LIFE AND HOPE!



### Parish Calendar

- August 27: OCIA @ St. Joachim 6:30pm
- August 30: Fifth Sunday Brunch after 8am Mass
- Sept 1: Ladies Sodality 5:30pm
- Sept 3: OCIA (at St. Joachim) 6:30pm
- Sept 5: First Saturday Mass & Adoration 8am
- Sept 7: Parish Office closed for Labor Day
- Sept 8: Parish Council 5:30pm  
Knights of Columbus 6:30pm
- Sept 9: PSR Registration Night
- Sept 10: OCIA(at St. Joachim) 6:30pm
- Sept 11: Clarity House Rosary & Mass 6pm
- Sept 12: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am
- Sept 14: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm
- Sept 17: OCIA (at St. Joachim) 6:30pm
- Sept 19: Food Pantry Distribution Day 7am-9am
- Sept 20: Emmaus Youth Group Meeting at St. Joachim in the Incarnate Word Center  
6pm: ALL STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADES FROM ST. JAMES ARE WELCOME!
- Sept 21: Rural Clinic here

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**Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS**  
**Week #4- Built on the Rock of Christ for Lasting Legacy**

August 23 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

*“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church... I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.”*

**Couple Prayer:** Jesus, You are the Rock of our marriage and family. Build our home on You so nothing can prevail against it. Grant us the grace to lead our children to Your Kingdom. Amen..

**Marriage Motivation Tip:** Regularly reaffirm your sacramental foundation—recall your wedding vows or renew them simply. Anchor decisions in Christ to create a stable, faith-filled legacy for your children.

**Couple Conversation Question:** How can we more intentionally build our family life on Christ as the solid rock, especially as we guide our children?

Find more ways to strengthen and energize your marriage at [ArchSTL.org/Jubilant-Marriages](http://ArchSTL.org/Jubilant-Marriages)



**MONDAY**  
August 24  
*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

Rv 21:9b–14  
Jn 1:45–51

**TUESDAY**  
August 25  
*Weekday*  
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17

Mt 23:23–26

**WEDNESDAY**  
August 26  
*Weekday*  
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18

Mt 23:27–32

**THURSDAY**  
August 27  
*St. Monica*  
1 Cor 1:1–9  
Mt 24:42–51

**FRIDAY**  
August 28  
*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Cor 1:17–25

Mt 25:1–13

**SATURDAY**  
August 29  
*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
1 Cor 1:26–31

Mk 6:17–29

**SUNDAY**  
August 30  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 20:7–9

Rom 12:1–2

Mt 16:21–27

# Dear Padre

August 23, 2026

**Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?**

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●

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**Pope Leo XIV**  
**General Audience**  
**August 19, 2026**

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the [Second Vatican Council](#)’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), today we consider the importance of sacred music. Indeed, singing and playing a musical instrument are acts of prayer. Music thus fosters our unity in praising God and opens our hearts to be fashioned by his grace. Far from being merely decorative, therefore, sacred music is a treasure of profound value. It should always be dignified, draw inspiration from Sacred Scripture and reflect the grandeur of the mystery celebrated. Sacred music is also to reflect local cultures, expressing the authentic traditions of peoples, while promoting the universal Church’s musical heritage. The Council also emphasized the need for solid liturgical formation and education in sacred music. Dear brothers and sisters, in the liturgy, may we join together in love, and – in the words of Saint Ignatius of Antioch – “with one voice sing to the Father through Jesus Christ.”

**This Week on Formed**

**The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints**

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

**Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints**

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

**Restless Heart**

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

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

We will be offering a fall bible study for women on Wednesday (St. Joachim) on September 23rd and will be weekly (except for one week) & Friday mornings (St. James) starting on September 18th. The Friday study at St. James will be every two weeks.

It is called **Living in the Father’s Love**.

This is not a video based study. You will need the book to participate. There are 6 sessions total.

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.

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 September 1 to ensure timely delivery of the books.



# EMMAUS YOUTH MINISTRY

You are invited

We are growing!! Youth from St. James and St. Joachim are invited to join us!!  
Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - graduating Seniors!!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the IWC Building. We are looking forward to meeting and catching up with you all. It’s been too long!!

Save the Date

December 13<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our Christmas for Life dinner. More information to follow.

Fundraising

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



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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

# SUNDAY BRUNCH

Start your Sunday off right with our delicious and decadent Sunday Brunch! Join us after 8am Mass for a morning of fellowship, with a wide variety of brunch classics to satisfy your cravings.

**Date: August 30, 2026**

**Time: After 8am Mass**

**Location: St. James Catholic Church**

Join us for Sunday Brunch and start your day off right with delicious food, drinks, and relaxation. See you there! Everyone is invited! Please join us for fellowship and great food!



# St. Joachim ~ Old Mines, MO

## Fall Festival

**Saturday, September 12, 2026**

Mass at 4 p.m.

Fun starts at 5 p.m. & ends at 8 p.m.

Circle "P" Smokehouse, Winery, Beer Garden, 50/50 Raffle, Mystery Box, and Main Raffle Chances sold.

Music by MusicManiac



**Sunday, September 13, 2026**

Mass at 10 a.m.

Roast Beef & Chicken Dinners

Serving starts at 11 a.m., with music until 6 p.m.

Raffles, Games, Pull Tabs, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats,  
Cotton Candy, Funnel Cakes, Beer Wagon, Drink Wagon.

Music by Dustin Coleman and TnT Acoustics

Raffle Tickets will be available that day or stop by the Parish Office.

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