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June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass Schedule

July 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. Joachim
10am @ St. James

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 29:

@ St. Joachim:
Janet & Gig Hopkins

Tuesday, June 30:

Anton M. Dattilo

Wednesday, July 1: @

St. Joachim:
Charles & Ann Pratt

Thursday, July 2:

Fr. Larry Huber

Friday, July 3:

@ St. Joachim:
Francis Rundel

Saturday July 4:

8am: Glen Gelhot
4pm: Buckshot East

Sunday July 5:

8am: Fran Pashia
(@St.Joachim)
10am: Janet Coleman

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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July 5: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm: Paul Villmer
Sunday 10am: Danny Mueller

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am
C: Laura Allen Marvin Wright
L: Maureen Mills Kim Coleman
R: Vikki Neier Diane McGirl

Servers
Saturday 4pm: Madison Battreal
Sunday 10am: Joshua & Penelope Kearns
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 June 29: Catherine Dickey
Thursday July 2: Mary Campbell
Tuesday July 7: Mary Campbell
Thursday July 9: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday July 14: Joyce Politte
Thursday July 16: Rhonda Politte

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

Heavenly Dusters
Jeanne DeGonia 7/3
Diane Mull 7/10
Bobbie Heifner 7/17
Need Volunteer 7/24

Altar Linens
Bobbie Heifner 6/29
Diane McGirl 7/6
Glenda Whitten 7/13
Bobbie Heifner 7/20

Money Counters
Mary Ann & Donna 6/30
Becky & Rhonda 7/7
Jeanne & Rhonda 7/14
Pat & Tina 7/21



Weekly Collection 06/21/26

Envelopes:	2535.00
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Maintenance:	360.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	183.00
Votives:	6.00
Cemetery Upkeep	45.00
Cardinal Glennon	30.00
Peter's Pence	10.00
Total Giving:	\$3564.00
# of Contributors:	46



June 28, 2026 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

What It Means to “Pick Up Our Cross”

Reflection on Matthew 10:37–42

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus calls His disciples to a love and commitment that reaches the very center of life. When He says, “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me,” He is not speaking about suffering in general, but about the cost of true discipleship.

To pick up our cross means placing Christ first. Jesus invites us to love Him above every other attachment—not to diminish our love for family, but to order our hearts rightly. When we choose His way even when it is difficult or misunderstood, we carry the cross of fidelity.

To pick up our cross means embracing sacrifice. The cross represents the willingness to let go of comfort, ego, and self-will. Following Christ often asks us to surrender our preferences, forgive when it is hard, or stand firm in faith when it is unpopular.

To pick up our cross means trusting that real life is found in Christ. Jesus teaches that those who “lose” their life for His sake will find it. Every act of surrender becomes a doorway to deeper freedom, peace, and identity in Him.

To pick up our cross means living love in small, concrete ways. Jesus ends this passage by praising even a simple cup of cold water given in His name. The daily crosses we carry often look like quiet acts of service, patience, kindness, and generosity—especially toward “the little ones.”

As disciples, we carry our crosses not with despair but with hope, knowing that every sacrifice united to Christ becomes a path to life.



Nedra & I would like to thank everyone for the kind comments & expressions of gratitude upon our retirements. We would like to thank everyone who attended the reception and/or sent cards or gifts. The response was very heartwarming after 42 years of practice. We will miss the patient interactions.

Thanks again to everyone!

Dr. Paul & Nedra Villmer



Magnifica Humanitas

Pope Leo XIV issued his first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas on May 25, 2026. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing the 10 most powerful quotes from this encyclical courtesy of Ascension Press.

"5. Let us not be afraid to get our hands dirty on the “construction site” of our time (Magnifica Humanitas, 16).

The Church does not call us to passivity or withdrawal. In the spirit of the Gospel, the world (especially in this age shaped by artificial intelligence and rapid change) is not something to simply watch from a distance, but something to help shape with wisdom and love. As Christians, we are called to participate in the real life of society--culture, technology, politics, education--bringing the light of Christ into it. Rather than retreating into isolation, we are invited to be present in the world as faithful witnesses, working for what is true and good."

**direct quote from the following article:
https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/10-most-powerful-quotes-from-pope-leo-xiv-s-first-encyclical-magnifica-humanitas?srsId=AfmBOoow5KlXT1kz8-Sj2-mHTgFx8QImAk1_TW_-2quCsNefOt63GC4C

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We are in need of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the 4pm and 8am Masses. If you can help or have questions, please contact Father Tony or the parish office for more details.





All for Jesus

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

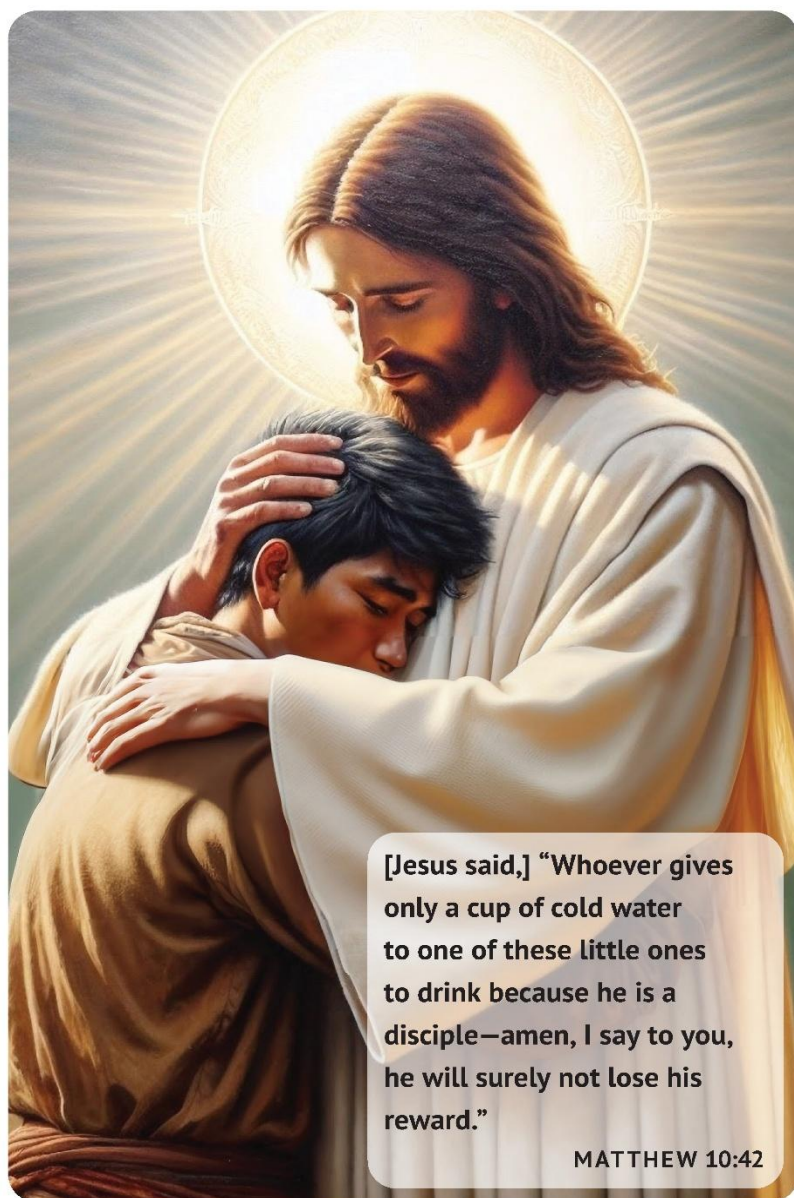
I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one." It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! ●



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Reflect

*Have I read a whole gospel
from start to finish?*



THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

** The Parish Council would like to thank the Ladies Sodality & our Knights of Columbus for their recent donation to help purchase our beautiful new statue of Mary located between the church & the Parish Hall. These organizations wouldn't have been able to make these donations without the generosity & support of you, our parishioners who have supported their fundraising activities of the fish fries & bake sales. Your generosity in supporting these groups goes right back into our parish in many ways. We are grateful for your continued support of all of the organizations here at St. James.

**Our next meeting is August 11 @ 5:30pm. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be on August 30th.

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR ISSUES,
FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268.**

Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is Aug. 4. The hall pantry & cleaning day is rescheduled for Aug. 10. We would like to organize a garden committee to plant flowers in the containers around the church grounds. All parishioners are invited to come bless our church with your gardening skills.

Bobbie Heifner, President

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We were able to serve 163 families (406 total individuals) with 112 of them who were 65 & older this month through the generosity of our parishioners & other generous donors. We thank all those who donate their time, talent & treasure to help our community. We especially thank those who help us pack and distribute on our pantry distribution day.

*"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance."
St. Vincent de Paul*

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June 28 | Neighbors Helping Neighbors

For generations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has served people in need through a simple but powerful mission: neighbors helping neighbors.

Vincentian volunteers provide compassionate assistance to families facing financial hardship, offering both practical help and encouragement during difficult times.

Your support allows this work to continue.

Please consider donating to your parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference or visiting www.svdpstl.org to help neighbors in need throughout the St. Louis region.



Parish Calendar

July 3: Parish Office will be closed

July 4: First Saturday 8am Mass w/Adoration & Confessions & Benediction

July 9: OCIA Biblical Walk Through The Mass 6:30pm at St. Joachim

July 9: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

July 10: Clarity House Rosary and Mass 6:00pm

July 13: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm

July 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

July 18: Food Pantry Distribution Day
10am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica for the Bicentennial Jubilee

July 20-July 25: Father Tony is on vacation

July 25-26: Coop Speaker Weekend; Special

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

*OCIA will offer *Biblical Walk Through the Mass* with Dr. Edward Sri in the Incarnate Word Center on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during the summer for our OCIA class and anyone else that wants to attend. Mark the dates on your calendar: July 9 and 23, and August 6. Everyone is invited to participate.

*Formal OCIA classes will resume August 20. 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).



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2 Chronicles 7:14

****Everyone is invited to attend this prayer service. St. James has been given the honor of tolling our bells for the moment of silence. Father Tony will be joining the other ministers and would love to see a great turnout from our St. James & St. Joachim parishioners. Hope to see you there!**

Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS Week #4- - Sacrificial Love & New Life
Sunday, June 28, 2026 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday Scripture: “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:38-39)

Couple Prayer: Jesus, You call us to take up our cross together. In hardships, help us die to selfishness so our marriage may rise to new life in You. Grant us generous, hopeful hearts. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: True marital joy often comes through sacrifice—prioritizing your spouse, serving during tough times, or letting go of personal comforts. These build Resurrection hope in your union.

Couple Conversation Question: What cross are we carrying as a couple right now, and how might “losing our life” for each other (and for Christ) lead to greater hope and fruitfulness?

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

MONDAY
June 15
Weekday
1 Kgs 21:1-16
Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY
June 16
Weekday
1 Kgs 21:17-29
Mt 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY
June 17
Weekday
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY
June 18
Weekday
Sir 48:1-14
Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY
June 19
Weekday
2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
Mt 6:19-23

SATURDAY
June 20
Weekday
2 Chr 24:17-25
Mt 6:24-34

SUNDAY
June 21
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:10-13
Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

Dear Padre

June 28, 2026

I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example. ●

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