

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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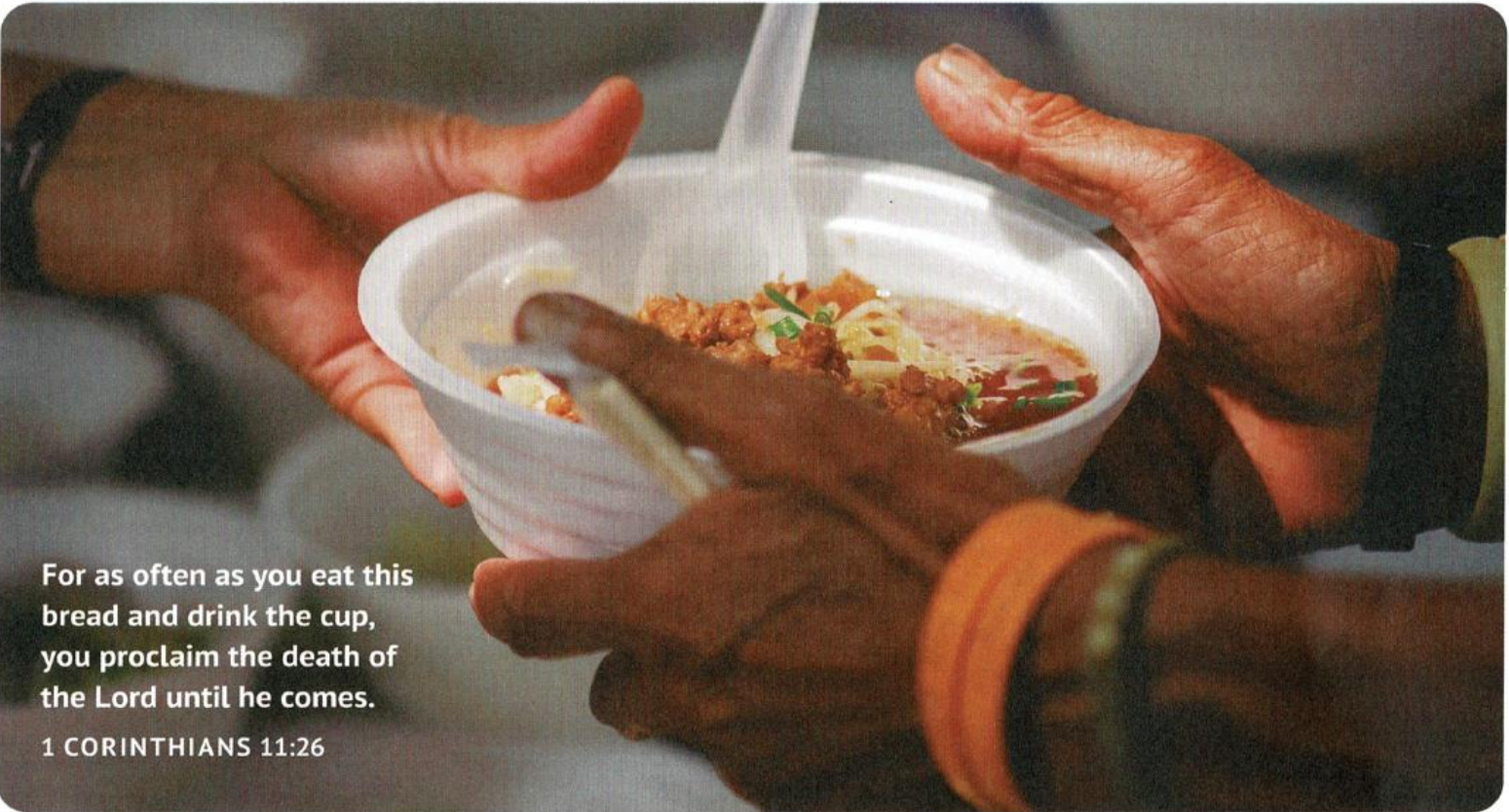
A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS
There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.
ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday June 23 Weekday Gn 12:1–9 Mt 7:1–5	Thursday June 26 Weekday Gn 16:1–12, 15–16 or 16:6b–12, 15–16 Mt 7:21–29	Saturday June 28 Weekday Gn 18:1–15 Mt 8:5–17
Tuesday June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Is 49:1–6 Acts 13:22–26 Lk 1:57–66, 80	Friday June 27 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Ez 34:11–16 Rom 5:5b–11 Lk 15:3–7	Sunday June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1–11 2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18 Mt 16:13–19
Wednesday June 25 Weekday Gn 15:1–12, 17–18 Mt 7:15–20		

Do you have a question for the Padre?
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 22, 2025
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (C)
Genesis 14:18–20 / 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 / Luke 9:11b–17



Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver’s license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger’s kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today’s Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that “deserted” place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life’s storms. ●

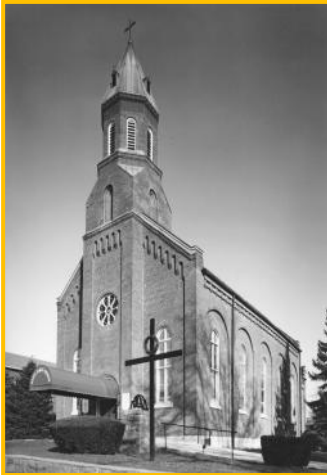
Reflect

Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.

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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



JUNE 2025
Mass Schedule

St. Joachim	Mon:	8:00 AM
St. James	Tues:	8:15 AM
St. Joachim	Wed:	8:15 AM
St. James	Thurs:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Fri:	8:00 AM
St. James	First Sat:	8:00 AM
St. James 1st & 3rd	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. Joachim 2nd/4th	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. James	Sun:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun:	10:00 AM

HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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www.stjames-potosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church

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Confessions:
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;
prior to Sat evening Mass
Or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

June 16, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Jun 17 TUE 8:15AM Bess Lalumondier

Jun 18 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Jun 19 THU 8:00AM Julius & Fran Cordia

Jun 20 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Jun 21 SAT 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim

Jun 22 SUN 8:00 AM Baby AJ Richardson

Jun 22 SUN 10:00 AM Mass @ St. Joachim

June 15, 2025

Envelopes \$1151.00
Loose Collection \$343.00
Votive \$7.00
SVD \$32.00

Maintenance \$20.00
Cemetery \$25.00
Windows \$15.00

June 28th

Lectors

Sundav 08:00 am

Jeanne DeGonia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Jamie Thompson
L: Glenda Farrow
R: Don Thompson

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim
Sun: 8:00 am Ava West & Bryce Griffin

Music:

Sat: 4:00 pm. Chala
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

St Vincent DePaul JUNE collection: Canned Meats: Potted meat, canned chicken , canned tuna, beefaroni ect.

Faith, Hope, and Charity



June Heavenly Dusters
Faye Jarvis 6/20, 6/27



June Alter Linens
Connie Scott 6/23,6/30

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Saint Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua

"This is the first major feature length drama on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, the beloved miracle worker and one of the most popular saints in Christian history. Made in Italy with top-notch acting talent, and superb cinematography, this is an outstanding film on the amazing life of St. Anthony. It presents Anthony as a dynamic and appealing person who sacrificed wealth, popularity, and family for the Kingdom of God.

Born into a Portugese noble family in 1195, Anthony defied his father's wishes that he become a knight and, instead, followed the call of God to become a monk, eventually joining the Franciscans as a follower of St. Francis of Assisi. Anthony became renowned for his powerful preaching and his miracles that won countless souls to Christ. The film follows his travels through Italy, his mission to Morocco, and his meeting with St. Francis. It beautifully portrays the power of his preaching, the holiness of his life, his love for the poor and oppressed, and the wonders of his miracles. Actor Daniele Liotti gives a truly memorable inspiring and performance as St. Anthony."

- Go to : <http://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 63664
- Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!

What's on the Calendar???

June 21: SUMMER BEGINS

June 21: Food Pantry

June 22: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 27: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 28: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 28: Mens Faith Sharing

June 29: St Stephens Picnic

June 28-29 St. Joseph's Parish Picnic

July 4: Happy Birthday America



St. Joseph's Parish Picnic
June 28-29

Saturday

Free Concert by Fame 'n' Fortune @ 6:30
Lots of different food booths.

Sunday

Live Entertainment 12-5
Kids & Adult Games
Food and Drinks all Day



Online Giving is an option if you are tired of remembering to write a check or fill your envelope.

J.M.J.
6/01/25

I would like to thank all those who ran and worked the St. James Parish Picnic: especially Jaimie and Don Thompson, and all those who worked at the Picnic. I would like to thank all those who donated their time, talent, and treasure to make our Picnic a spiritual and material success. I had a wonderful time being at the Picnic. I appreciated all the arduous work and the commitment of dedicated Parishioners who put their heart and soul into the Picnic. The food was delicious. I had a pork-steak dinner and took two meals home for Fr. Dyer and I to eat on Monday. Fr. Dyer and I loved the meal. I also had the Hamburgers, they were also Delicious. The corn was really tasty too. I appreciate all the parishioners who Worked as a community of faith to serve one another and all those who came to the Picnic. Above all I thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the beautiful weather and for The safe and successful day. May our Lord bless our parish of St. James.
God bless you all!
Fr. Tony Dattilo

Bible Study June 26th

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday evening June 26 from 6:30 p.m-7:30 p.m. in the Incarnate Word Center, St. Joachim. We will be embarking on a Quick Journey Through the Bible ,an eight-part series taught by Jeff Cavins who provides an excellent introduction and overview of the bible from a Catholic perspective. The half hour talks are complemented by group discussion questions. This is a great way to "get your feet wet" and learn how to begin authentic Bible Study. Mark your calendars: June 26, July 10 and 24, and August 7. Bring your Bible.

Wanted: New or Gently Used DVD Player for the Incarnate Word Center to be used for OCIA, Bible Study, and Youth Group meetings.

Join us in the Parish Hall Saturday, June 28th @ 7:30AM - 8:30AM for Men's Faith Sharing. Let us walk our faith journey together, and build each other up.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPEL ANNUAL PICNIC
11514 HIGHWAY A
RICHWOODS, MO 63071
11 A.M.-5 P.M.WITH 10 A.M. MASS
SUNDAY JUNE 29TH
We will be serving a Country Fried Chicken Dinner, with a Dessert and Drink.
Adults are \$15 a plate
Dinner is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music

Games

Drinks

50/50 drawing

Grand Raffle Winners
\$500- Macklen Davis (Donated Back)
Quilt- Margie Miner
Propane- Dorothy Henry
Cardinal Tickets- Suzanne Short
Grill- Catherine Dicky
Adirondack Chair- Anette Portell

Money for the TV donated, will be split between St. Joachim School and St. James Windows

When: July 23rd
Who: PSR Family Pool Party
Where: Elks Club
Time: 6-8 PM
Food Will Be Provided



St. James PSR NEWS
Contact Laura at 573-366-5235 with any questions.

