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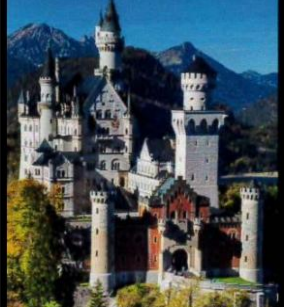


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June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Mass Schedule
June 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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, June 15: @ St. Joachim: Jeff Kamper
- Tuesday, June 16: In Honor of Fr. Dattilo's Ordination
- Wednesday, June 17: @ St. Joachim: Larry Juliette
- Thursday, June 18: Kate Moxley
- Friday, June 19: @ St. Joachim: Carley Coleman
- Saturday June 20: Terry & Karen Snead
6:30pm @ St. Joseph: George Pinson
- Sunday June 21:
8am: Bob Malloy
10am @ St. Joachim: Jimmy Harmon

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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June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm: Bob Mills
Sunday 8am: Mary Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers:
Saturday 4pm Sunday 8am
C: Vikkie Neier Donna Kennon
L: Judy East Glenda Farrow
R: Maureen Mills Jim Politte

Servers
Saturday 4pm: Madison Battreal
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 June 16: Mary Campbell
Thursday June 18: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday June 23: Joyce Politte
Thursday June 26: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday June 29: Catherine Dickey
Thursday July 2: Judy Wright

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

Heavenly Dusters

Laura Allen 6/19
Nancy Davis 6/26
Jeanne DeGonia 7/3
Diane Mull 7/10

Altar Linens

Diane McGirl 6/15
Glenda Whitten 6/22
Bobbie Heifner 6/29
Diane McGirl 7/6

Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 6/16
Pat & Tina 6/23
Mary Ann & Donna 6/30
Becky & Rhonda 7/7

Thank You !!
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Weekly Collection 06/07/26

Envelopes:	3830.00
Loose:	266.00
Online Giving	220.00
Maintenance:	0.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	493.00
Votives:	0.00
Cemetery Upkeep	100.00
Cardinal Glennon	135.00



June 14, 2026 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"
MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.



Retirement Reception

We would like to invite everyone to Dr. Paul Villmer's retirement reception on June 19, 2026 at St. James Church Parish Hall in Potosi, MO. The time is 5pm-8pm. Snacks and cake will be available. This will give the community a chance to thank Doc for his 42 years of dedication and service to our community here in Washington County.

Our parish extends our congratulations for your retirement and may God continue to bless you as you enter this new phase of your life.

June: The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Church dedicates the month of **June** to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, inviting the faithful to reflect on the depth of Christ's love. This devotion centers on the Heart of Jesus as a symbol of His mercy, compassion, and unending desire to draw every soul to Himself.

June is chosen because the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart**—celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi—almost always falls within this month. Over time, the entire month became a season for renewing trust in Christ's love.

The Sacred Heart reminds us that Jesus loves personally and sacrificially. His Heart, crowned with thorns and aflame with love, calls us to respond with faith, reparation, and deeper devotion.

Catholics honor the Sacred Heart in June through practices such as:

- *Praying the **Litany of the Sacred Heart**
- *Making an **Act of Consecration**
- *Attending **First Friday devotions**
- *Spending time in **Eucharistic adoration**



In a world marked by anxiety and division, the Sacred Heart stands as a refuge of peace. June invites us to return to the Heart of Christ—where love, mercy, and healing flow without measure.

BAKE SALE

St. Anne Sodality of St. Joachim Parish, St. Joseph & St. Stephen Chapel invites you to their Father's Day Bake Sale on June 21 after the 10am Mass

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.

"3. This is the blessing we implore from God; and the task that stands before us is that of being builders of communion, rather than architects of Babel. We are to be servants of the coming Kingdom, instead of lords of towers destined for ruin (Magnifica Humanitas, 16).

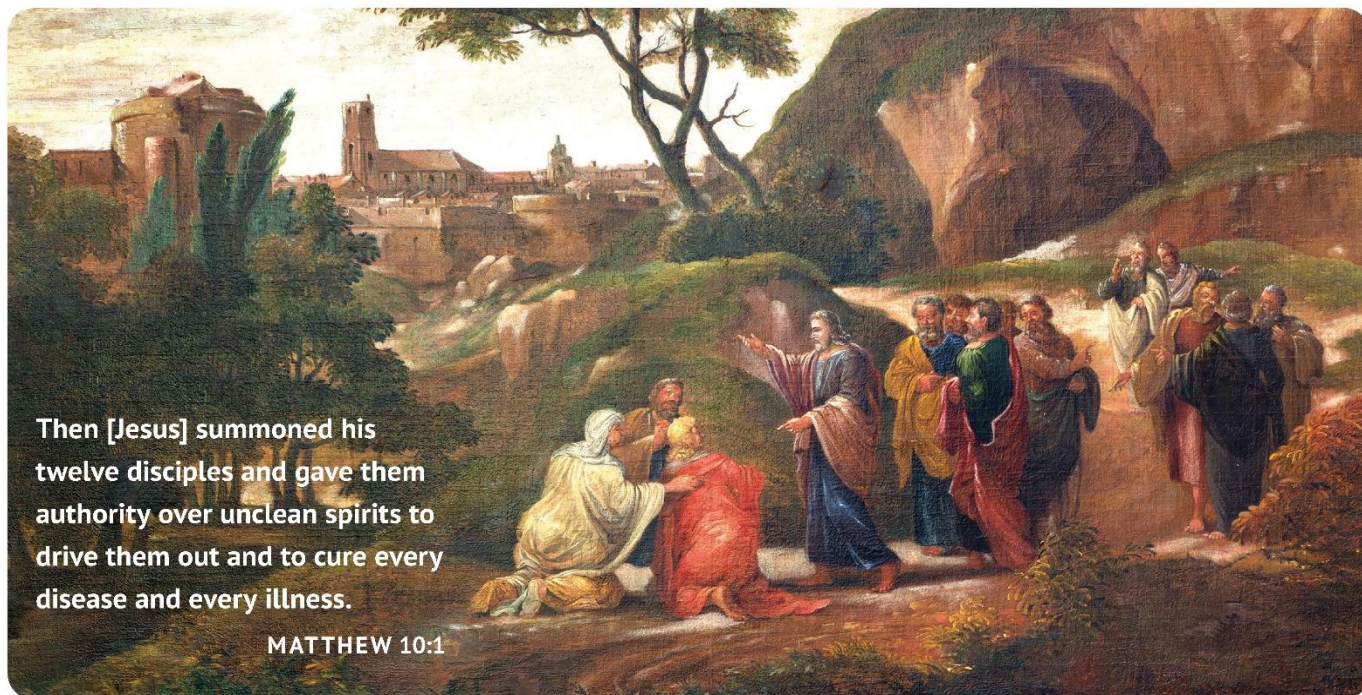
One of Pope Leo XIV's clearest and most significant biblical images in his encyclical is the story of the Tower of Babel. In this account, humanity tries to build a great city and tower through pride and self-reliance, but instead of unity, it leads to confusion and division, as people can no longer understand one another.

Pope Leo uses this image in the encyclical to show what happens when human power grows without humility or love. He warns that even modern social and technological systems can take on a "Babel-like" character if they are not rooted in God and ordered toward the good of others.

In contrast, he calls Christians to build true communion. He encourages us to build communities shaped by love of God and neighbor, and directed toward God's Kingdom rather than human pride." (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=AfmBOoow5KIXT1kz8-Sj2-mHTgFx8QImAk1_TW_-2quCsNefOt63GC4C

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



Then [Jesus] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

MATTHEW 10:1

Jesus Calls Together the Twelve

ANN M. GARRIDO

Almost everyone who has picked up a Bible has heard of the twelve tribes of Israel. Named after the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob, the twelve tribes feature prominently in the Hebrew Scriptures. The twelve tribes are freed from slavery in Egypt and enter the Promised Land together. They then choose from among themselves a king. What would Vacation Bible School be without stories of the twelve tribes?

But read beyond the familiar lore of VBS, and one quickly discovers that the twelve tribes did not remain united. First, the tribes in the North were conquered by the Assyrians. Later, the tribes of the South were decimated by the Babylonians. The family once called by God to become a holy nation was scattered by war and the political machinations of their own leaders. They became like sheep without a shepherd, no longer a flock.

And that is where Jesus steps in, as we read in today's gospel. As he looks at his people—God's chosen family—he sees how wounded and lost they are; how polarized they have become. Jesus knows what he needs to do. He calls together the Twelve—a significant number. Jesus saw himself as reuniting his people after a season of painful separation from one another.

Today, Jesus continues to call people to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Can you imagine your name included among the "twelve" as one who will help heal a divided nation? ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

Do I unite people by my words and actions, or am I more of a divider?

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

"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

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

June 14 | Food Insecurity in Our Area

Thousands of families across Missouri experience food insecurity during the year.

Many households must choose between paying for food, rent, or utilities.

In 2023 in St. Louis alone,

Overall Food Insecurity: ~18.4% of residents experience food insecurity, well above the Missouri state average of ~15.4%.

Child Food Insecurity: ~30.6% of children are food insecure, making the city a hotspot for child hunger in the region.

Severe Food Insecurity: ~8.4% of residents experience very limited access to food.

Many Neighbors in surrounding counties struggle as well.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps neighbors facing hunger through food pantries and emergency assistance.

If you are facing food insecurity, help may be available through your local St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

To support this mission or learn more, visit www.svdpstl.org.



Parish Calendar

June 15: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm
Rural Clinic here

June 18: OCIA Bible Study at St. Joachim
6:30pm Biblical Walk Through The Mass:
Everyone invited!

June 20: Food Pantry Distribution Day

St. James PSR NEWS

Enjoy your summer! Don't forget to attend Mass!

From Dr. Melissa Cordia



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: June 18, 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).



Ministry Leaders & Catechists
SUMMER
 —DAY OF—
REFLECTION

The three vicariates will join forces again this summer for an opportunity for anyone who works or volunteers in parish or school ministry to gather for a day of renewal in Christ.

Save the Date
 23 | July | 2026
 9:00am-3:30pm
 Mercy Retreat and Conference Center
 Registration Opens in May

Are you involved in ministries such as OCIA, PSR, Ladies Sodality, Lector, Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Council, St. Vincent de Paul, or any ministry role in the parish? We would love for you to join us! We would love to see St. James represented at this retreat day. Please consider joining us! If interested let Vicki at the office know and we will get you registered. Take a day and spend it renewing your spirit so you can minister to others. You cannot give from an empty cup and this is a wonderful to fill your cup and renew your soul. Call the office if you are interested.

- 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 14, 2026

I struggle to relate to traditional devotions like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any advice?

Christ instructed his followers to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (See Matthew 22:37.) We seek a deeper union with God not only through reason and understanding but also through feelings and affections. However, as Pope Francis pointed out, "Many people feel safer...in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will" (*Dilexit Nos* [On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ], 10). Descartes said of us, "I think, therefore I am," but it can also be said that "I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people" (*DN 14*).

Moreover, the heart "is the place of encounter" with God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2563). Pope Francis acknowledges that some people today may not find the Sacred Heart image to be meaningful (See *DN 2*), but it's "a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ...in whatever way we wish to picture him" (*DN 57*). "More than any other part of his body, the heart of Jesus" represents "his boundless love" (*DN 48*). Therefore, "any act of love or worship of his heart is thus 'really and truly given to Christ himself,' since it spontaneously refers back to him and is 'a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ'" (*DN 50*). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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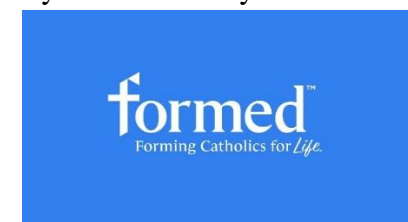
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Parish Picnic 2026 Update

**Thank you to our chairpersons, Don & Jamie Thompson, all our parishioners who worked so hard setting up and working the day of the picnic and to all of those who attended to help make this a successful picnic!

From Father Tony

Raffle Winners

1. \$500- Ally D.
2. Set of 4 tires from Purcell Tire-Marge Williams
3. Quilt by St. James Quilters-Marty Portell
4. 200 Gallons of Propane- Marty Portell
5. 7 cu. ft. Chest Freezer- Cat Dickey
6. 4 Cardinals Tickets- Courtney Henson
7. Barbecue Grill- Colleen Shepard
8. Adirondack Chair- William Emily
9. Bottle of Wine- Ariania D.

Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS Week #2 - Hope in Love Amid Weakness
 Sunday, June 14, 2026 (Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday Scripture: "While we were still sinners Christ died for us... we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son." (Romans 5:8, 10)

Couple Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your Son loved us even in our weakness. Strengthen our marriage covenant so that in moments of hurt or failure, we choose reconciliation and sacrificial love. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: Difficult seasons reveal the power of grace. Practice quick forgiveness and small acts of service, mirroring Christ's love that brings hope even when one or both feel "helpless."

Couple Conversation Question: When have we shown each other mercy during a difficult time, and how did it bring us closer?

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



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