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August 16, 2026

Twentieth 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

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63664**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 17:  
@ St. Joachim: Mark  
Gloriod

Tuesday, August 18:  
Glen Gelhot

Wednesday, August 19: @  
St. Joachim: Arlene Boyer

Thursday, August 20:  
Healing for Nicki Portell

Friday, August 21:  
@ St. Joachim: Carley  
Coleman

Saturday Aug 22:  
4pm: @ St. Joachim:  
Parish Family

Sunday Aug 23:  
8am: Parish Family  
10am: @ St. Joachim:  
Anton M. Dattilo

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 23: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:  
Saturday 4pm:  
Sunday 8am: Jeanne DeGonia

Eucharistic Ministers:  
  
Saturday 4pm Sunday 8am  
C: Jamie Thompson  
L: Glenda Farrow  
R: Don Thompson

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 18: Mary Campbell  
Thursday August 20: Vicki Thurmond  
Tuesday August 25: Joyce Politte  
Thursday August 27: Rhonda Politte  
Tuesday September 1: Catherine Dickey  
Thursday September 3: Judy Wright

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

Heavenly Dusters  
Dianne Mull 8/21  
Bobbie Heifner 8/28  
Nancy Davis 9/4  
Laura Allen 9/11

Altar Linens  
Diane McGirl 8/17  
Glenda Whitten 8/24  
Kathy Pashia 8/31  
Bobbie Heifner 9/7

Money Counters  
Pat & Tina 8/18  
Mary Ann & Donna 8/25  
Becky & Rhonda 9/1  
Jeanne & Rhonda 9/8

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| Weekly Collection 08/09/26 |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Envelopes:                 | 1940.00 |
| Loose:                     | 103.00  |
| Online Giving:             | 225.00  |
| Maintenance:               | 275.00  |
| St. Vincent de Paul:       | 1091.00 |
| Votives:                   | 14.00   |
| Missionary CO-OP:          | 200.00  |
| Assumption of Mary:        | 0.00    |

Total Giving: \$3848.00  
  
# of Contributors: 26  
  
Thank you for your generosity!



August 16, 2026  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
  
“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” - ROMANS 11:29  
  
God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God’s salvation plan.

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

Mark Your Calendars!  
PSR Registration Night is September 9th!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
  
St. Vincent de Paul collection:  
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,  
Boxed Cereal, powdered milk, breakfast items  
  
August 16, 2026  
See Christ in the Poor

St. Vincent de Paul taught that when we serve those in need, we encounter Christ Himself. Every day, Vincentians strive to live this calling by offering friendship, understanding, and assistance to neighbors experiencing hardship. Our mission is not only to provide material aid but also to remind each person that they are loved by God and valued by their community. Thank you for helping us continue this important ministry through your prayers, generosity, and service.  
  
Join our ministry in our Parish.  
Call 573-436-0859 for more information.  
[www.svdpstl.org/give](http://www.svdpstl.org/give)

OCIA  
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults  
  
Interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning more about the Catholic Faith? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
  
\*Formal OCIA classes will resume August 20 @ 6PM AT THE INCARNATE WORD CENTER AT ST. JOACHIM.  
  
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.



Caring Hearts Fundraisers

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!!! Your support is appreciated!



\*\*ATTENTION\*\*

The Caring Hearts fundraising TRIVIA NIGHT originally scheduled for August 15th has been cancelled for now.

We plan to reschedule in the near future. Please watch the bulletin for updates. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



August 16<sup>th</sup>

“No sin, failure, humiliation or exclusion can diminish the profound value of a human life that God has willed and called into being. The fundamental dignity of each person, therefore, is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified.”



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Pope Leo XIV, General Audience, August 12,2026

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing series of catechesis on the [Second Vatican Council](#)’s Constitution on the liturgy, [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), we reflect today on the liturgical year and its relevance for the faithful. The liturgical year is not a static representation of past events, but an encounter with Christ himself, who desires to immerse his people in the mysteries of the history of salvation. The day on which Christ rose from the dead is the core of the liturgical year, and foreshadows Christ’s second coming, when we will all rise again. For this reason, it is essential for the faithful to sanctify the Lord’s Day by gathering to celebrate the Eucharist. May our active participation and steadfast witness help us to enter ever more deeply into the reality of belonging to Christ, and may we anticipate with hope his coming in glory.

EMMAUS YOUTH Ministry

**Next Meeting**  
Our next meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the IVVC 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://rbgy/mfereu>

T-shirts are available for pickup. If you haven't already picked them up, you may get them from the Parish Office. We are working on designs for our next t-shirt fundraiser!



Reflection on Matthew 15:21-28

The encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman is one of the most striking moments in the Gospel because it reveals a faith that refuses to give up. She approaches Jesus from outside the boundaries of Israel, yet her heart is already wide open to Him. Even when she meets resistance, she stays rooted in trust: “*Lord, help me.*” Her persistence is not stubbornness—it is love. She knows who Jesus is, and she refuses to walk away from the only One who can heal her daughter. This passage invites us to examine how we approach God in our own moments of need. Do we give up when prayer feels unanswered, or do we continue to place our hope in Christ even when the path is difficult? The Canaanite woman shows that authentic faith is not fragile. It is bold, humble, and tenacious. She kneels before Jesus, not demanding a miracle, but trusting His mercy. In our parish life, we meet many people who carry heavy burdens—illness, family struggles, grief, uncertainty. This Gospel reminds us that Jesus sees and honors the faith that keeps turning toward Him. Like the woman, we are invited to pray with confidence, to persevere, and to believe that God’s grace reaches beyond every boundary we imagine. May her words become our own simple prayer this week: “*Lord, help me.*” And may we trust that He hears us.



The Queenship of Mary reminds us that God exalts the humble. Mary’s crown is not one of earthly power but of perfect love—love that said yes to God, stood at the foot of the Cross, and continues to intercede for her children. Her Queenship shows us that true greatness is found in surrender to God’s will. As Queen, Mary does not rule from afar; she draws close to us, guiding us gently toward her Son. In her, we see what humanity was meant to be—radiant with grace, faithful in trial, and completely open to God. May her crowned glory inspire us to live with the same trust, humility, and courage, confident that her maternal care leads us ever closer to Christ our King. This Feast is celebrated on August 22.

August Parish Calendar

- August 17: Rural Clinic Here
- August 20: Formal OCIA begins 6:30pm @ St. Joachim
- August 27: OCIA @ St. Joachim 6:30pm
- August 30: Fifth Sunday Brunch after 8am Mass



Dear St. Joachim and St. James Parish Families,

Thank you for walking with me and my family through the sickness, death, and funeral of my daughter, Karen. Jesus" compassionate love for us was made known through your prayers, hugs, cards, food, flowers, and many acts of kindness. Thank you to Father Tony, Deacon TJ Wild, servers, musicians, lectors, special ministers and the many who were present for her beautiful funeral Mass. It is a privilege to belong to this Family of God. You are in my daily prayers.

Joyce Politte  
John Michael, Maddie, Dave Skrodzki, and Ellie Corn  
Cindy, Chris and Ava  
Patrick, Stacey, Cam, and Lucy

"The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on earth, continuing His life and His works, laboring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus.”

~St. John Eudes (Feast Day is Aug. 19)

# Good News!

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 56:1, 6–7 / Romans 11:13–15, 29–32

/ Matthew 15:21–28

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Not once, not twice, but three times in today’s gospel, Jesus dismisses the Canaanite woman who comes to him for help. First, he refuses to speak to her. Then, he says he has come only for “the lost sheep” of Israel. Finally, he compares her to a dog. In ancient Judaism, dogs were considered unclean animals, and to call someone a dog was a harsh insult. How does it feel to hear Jesus speak to a woman in this way? We must admit that it does not sound like the Jesus we know and love.

With the trajectory of the encounter headed downhill (and picking up speed), it is hard to imagine that anything could be done at this point to change the outcome. If I were in her situation, I would have been so offended after the third dismissal that I would have simply slammed the door on the way out. But, remarkably, the story takes a 90-degree turn when the Canaanite woman enters into a verbal joust with Jesus and jolts him into taking her seriously. Very seriously. Jesus praises her for her faith.

“Faith in what?” one might ask. Perhaps faith that this relationship could still turn around. Faith that the antagonistic plotline of history between Jews and Canaanites could still change. Faith that Jesus could still be something other than a dismissive man. Faith that an ignored voice might still be worth hearing. Do we have the praiseworthy faith of the Canaanite woman? Do we still believe that troublesome interactions can yet be redeemed? ●

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**MONDAY**

August 17

Weekday

Ez 24:15–23

Mt 19:16–22

**TUESDAY**

August 18

Weekday

Ez 28:1–10

Mt 19:23–30

**WEDNESDAY**

August 19

Weekday

Ez 34:1–11

Mt 20:1–16

**THURSDAY**

August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot

and Doctor of the Church

Ez 36:23–28

Mt 22:1–14

**FRIDAY**

August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 37:1–14

Mt 22:34–40

**SATURDAY**

August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1–7ab

Mt 23:1–12

**SUNDAY**

August 23

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19–23

Rom 11:33–36

Mt 16:13–20

# Dear Padre

August 16, 2026

**What does the Church teach about evolution?**

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin’s evolutionary theory (On the *Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn’t written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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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.

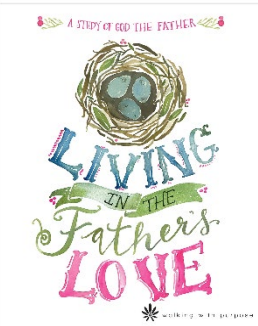
It is called **Living in the Father’s Love**.

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.



## **Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS Week #3- Faith That Unites and Heals the Family** **August 16 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)**

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” (Matthew 15:28)

**Couple Prayer:** Lord, increase our faith as a couple. Like the Canaanite woman, may we persistently bring our children’s needs to You. Unite us in trust so Your mercy flows through our family. Amen. .

**Marriage Motivation Tip:** Practice “persistent prayer” together for your children and marriage. Shared faith in action—especially during challenges—deepens your unity with God and each other.

**Couple Conversation Question:** What is one area in our family life where we need greater faith right now, and how can we support each other in trusting God more?

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



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# 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!



# Steubenville Questions?

*What is Steubenville?* Steubenville is a Catholic conference to help enrich your life in Christ...that is the “book” definition. Steubenville is so much more than that. It’s seeing thousands of our youth all come together, that love Jesus, praise and worship Him.

*Have you ever thought about attending a Steubenville conference?* If you have ever thought about attending a Steubenville conference, but were on the fence, jump. Jump into immersing yourself into a more personal relationship with Jesus. Jump into joining so many other youths show how much they love Christ.

*Ok.....so I have decided I want to attend the next conference; what do I need to do?* Simple; you can contact me, Angie, at the following email address:

[stjoachimyouthministry2023@gmail.com](mailto:stjoachimyouthministry2023@gmail.com) and let me know. I am so excited that you would like to attend and would love to have you join us. It is one of the most amazing times you will ever have.

*Do you really need to know this early if I am interested in going?* Yes, the sooner I know, the better. I need to have an idea of how many spots to reserve for our group.

*Is there an age restriction?* Yes; you must be going into high school through a graduating senior to attend the conference.

*Alright; I’ve decided I’m going; what is the cost?* Depending on the number of people that attend, cost can vary anywhere from \$400 - \$550 per person. We stay off campus, so the cost is slightly more; however, we do not have to bring our own bedding.

*What if I cannot afford to pay?* That is where all our fundraising comes in. The only payment that is required is the \$50 *non -fundable* deposit. **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNDRAISING.** If you do not participate in the fundraising, then you are responsible for the full amount to attend. It is not fair to the other participants, parents, or the youth leaders to do all the fundraising and you reap the benefits.

If you are interested in attending Steubenville or even have questions about it, please do not hesitate to ask me any questions; that is what I am here for.

Steubenville is one of the most amazing experiences you will be able to experience in your faith journey, and I truly hope we can be a part of it.

