Dear Padre,

My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.



When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you. •

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 16	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22
Weekday	St. Ignatius of	St. Luke,	Sts. John de	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-ninth
Rom 1:1-7	Antioch, Bishop	Evangelist	Brébeuf and	Rom 4:1-8	Rom 4:13,	Sunday in
Lk 11:29-32	and Martyr	2 Tm 4:10-17b	Isaac Jogues,	Lk 12:1-7	16-18	Ordinary Time
	Rom 1:16-25	Lk 10:1-9	Priests, and		Lk 12:8-12	Is 45:1, 4-6
	Lk 11:37-41		Companions,			1 Thes 1:1-5b
			Martyrs			Mt 22:15-21
			Rom 3:21-30			
			Lk 11:47-54			



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The banquet hall is filled with the "excluded," those who are "outside," those who never seemed worthy to partake in a feast, in a wedding banquet. In fact, the master, the king, tells the messengers: "Call everyone, both good and bad. Everyone!"....He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 11, 2020



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 25:6-10a / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



Yes or No?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

onfronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only where we are but also how we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not

go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to God.

Reflect

When has going where you'd rather not go enriched your life?



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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664

OCTOBER 2023

Mass Schedule

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 & 4tl	ո Sat:	4:00 PM			
St. James	Sun	8:00 AM			
St. Joachim	Sun	10:00 am			
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Please check th	e Bullet	in for Ma			
T	imes.				

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: October 16, 2023

(1)	MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 17	TUE	8:15 AM	Warren & Connie Kincaid
Oct 18	WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 19	THU	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Oct 20	FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 21	SAT	4:00 PM	Lisa Gillam
Oct 22	SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
Oct 22	SUN	10:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)



Week of: October 8th, 2023

Envelope\$	3531.00	All Saints day\$	
Loose\$		All Souls day\$	
<i>SVDP</i> \$	2073.00	World Mission\$	10.00
Votive Lights\$		Permanent Deaconate\$	25.00
Light House\$ Main & Repairs On-Line donations		**Complete picnic income will in a future bulletin**	be poste

Special Ministers October 21 & 23, 2023

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm Bob Mills Sunday 8:00 am
Paul Villmer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

C: Laura Allen Don Thompson
L: Vikkie Neier Susan Broombaugh
R: Judy East Glenda Farrow

Servers:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 a.m Ava & Garryn West
Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)

Music:

Sat. 4:00 p.m. Chala Short Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

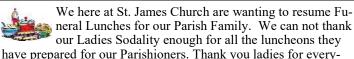
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

<u>Food of the Month of October</u>: Canned meats and canned pasta meals: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, canned beefaroni, spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc......

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 10/20: Jean Roberson Altar Linens: 10/30: Sharon Forrester



hing!

We have a new leader for our Funeral luncheon committee. Mrs. Kim Coleman has graciously taken this task over, but she NEEDS volunteers to help with the meals and fund raisers. We are hoping for enough volunteers so that we can take turns.

So please, all who are willing to step up and help take care of our parishioners, please call Kim Coleman @ 314-808-2207 or the office @ 438-4686.

We can NOT do this without the help of volunteers! WE NEED YOU!

"REMEMBER HOW PRECIOUS AND SHORT LIFE CAN BE. ENJOY TIME WITH THOSE YOU LOVE AND

WITH THOSE WHO LOVE YOU,
MAKING GOD THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE."
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION

Word of Life

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Prayer for Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

That the life of every person, from conception to natural death, will be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Oct 18: PSR in person class. 5:15 Chili, class begins @ 6:00 pm

Oct 22: World Mission Sunday: Special Collection

St. James QUILT BINGO!!! Doors open at 11:00 am

Oct 31: Trunk-or-Treat...more details coming

Nov 01: Holy Day: All Saints Day, Mass @ 12:00 noon, St. James

Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day: Mass @ 8:00 am, St. James

World Mission Sunday (October 22, 2023) Hearts on Fire

Embrace the missionary work of the Church with "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" this World Mission Sunday, October 22nd!

ON World Mission Sunday, we are reminded of the universal call of our Baptism to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather at Mass, our prayers, sacrifices and offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith support the Church's missions, enabling:

*Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith

- * 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children
- * 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- * Education for 26 million children
- * Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- * Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

As we pray & respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers, sacrifices and financial support, we support the life-giving presence of the Church in more than 1,100 mission dioceses. Learn more at www.archstl.org/WMS.

*****FORMED*****

Jesus & the Eucharist: God Is with Us: God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

DIVINE MERCY w/Fr. Michael Gaitley: 1 Season. Renowned speaker & author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximillian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. This fast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced..

For those that like to read: "Digital Disciple: Carlo Acutis and the Eucharist. Meet Carlo, an Italian fifteen-year-old computer geek who loved super heroes and video games, but most of all, the Holy Eucharist. This action-packed comic book highlights the final years of Blessed Carlo Acutis' life and how he became a digital disciple, creating a dynamic website and stunning display that taught others about the many remarkable Eucharistic miracles around the world. Readers will be captivated by Carlo, a likable teenage boy who continues to inspire the world by his simple life and extraordinary example of holiness. Read on line through "Formed"

To sign up for "Formed"

Go to: https://signup.formed.org/

Enter our parish's zip code

Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

Missionary Discipleship Repentance

The readings today talk much about the Lord's goodness and how He provides for His people in abundance. However, we should turn our attention to the idea of repentance. Why? Because repentance is the qualification for truly relishing what the Lord provides for us. In the Gospel, there is a man who comes to the wedding banquet but is cast out because he is not wearing a wedding garment. In the parable, the wedding garment is a symbol for repentance, a change of heart and mind, which is the condition for entrance into the kingdom. Through repentance, Christ transforms our faith and allows us to continue this transformation process in a life of good deeds (Mt 7:21–23). If we want to feast on the riches of God, it is essential for us to repent and turn away from our sins. How do you need to repent in order to be prepared for the wedding banquet?



St. James QUILT BINGO is back!!! Next Sunday October 22nd. St. James Parish Hall

Doors open at 11:00. Games start at 1:00 pm.

Quilts and comforters, cash and pull tabs. Serving homemade chili, hotdogs & nachos. Spread the word, bring your friends, come on out and have a great time supporting our Parish!!!

Special Events Scheduled at the National Shrine

Relics of beloved saints including St. Jude and members of the Vincentian Family will be on display at the historic National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 28 (Mass at 12:10 p.m.) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 29 (Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.). Guest Speaker Patty Schneier will present a talk titled "Live Life Like a Saint" at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. On Sunday, October 29, a music program will start at 12:30 p.m. Join fellow pilgrims in prayerful reflection and remembrance of all the saints of the Church. Questions? Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279 or go to www.amm.org for more information.

It's Respect Life Month! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit: respectlife.org/celebrate

Archdiocese of St. Louis to Hold Celebration of Life Mass on Saturday, October 21 at the Cathe- dral Basilica



On Saturday, October 21, starting at 8 a.m. the Archdiocese of St. Louis invites the faithful to celebrate Respect Life month with a special Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

This inspirational Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Madden, spiritual director for the Respect Life Apostolate, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and the Holy Rosary to follow. All are then invited to a reception in Boland Hall for light refreshments and fellowship afterwards

CADET AREA LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 15, 2023

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Knights of Columbus @ Old Mines on HWY 21 across from intersection 47.

Come join in on the PRO-LIFE Prayer witness to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; the Unborn.

St. James PSR NEWS



Next in-person class: October 18th, 5:15 Chili will be served class begins @ 6:00 pm. 6th—8th grade: Safe Touch Class.

Trunk or Treat: Tuesday, October 31st. More details to follow.

Confirmation Class will be assisting with several service projects this year. So please watch the bulletin for updates.

Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.



MONTH of the ROSARY

10 Ways to honor Our Lady of the Rosary in October ... and all year round

What the month of October means to Catholics and how to honor it in your home.

In the Catholic Church, each of the 12 months of the year has a devotional theme. It's a great way to bring special traditions, symbols, colors, and even foods into our faith life at home.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Here are 10 ways you can more closely align your life and home to the Rosary. Perhaps some of these wonderful devotions will stick around even after October is over!

1 Design and plant a rosary garden

It's still gardening season in October (think colorful mums and Gerbera daisies!), but you can begin planning this any time of year. What a wonderful and prayerful activity this could be for a whole family; or a deeply meditative task for you to undertake alone. Why not walk the mysteries of the Rosary in your own backyard, using special flowers, plants and statues to assist in prayer? Here are a few ideas ...

A rosary garden could have a statue of Mary as a focal point. Some statues even depict Mary holding a rosary. Ten stepping stones placed in a pattern could serve as markers for a decade of the Rosary. If spaced closely together, they could provide a visual aid for prayer; if spaced further apart you could step on each one while traveling the decade in prayer.

Plan what flowers you'll add over the year. Flowers chosen in tribute could include roses and any flower that traditionally evokes Mary, such as Marigolds (Mary's Gold). A Jesus and/or St. Joseph statue nearby would keep reminders of the Holy Family near you as you pray your Rosary.

Depending on the size of the garden you could have four areas: the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous. You can get creative with the flowers you choose for each. A joyful mystery garden could include embellishments such as a garden angel evoking the Annunciation. A sorrowful mystery garden could include a bench on which to sit and spend prayerful time with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. A glorious mystery garden could include bright celebratory colors to remind of the Resurrection's triumph. A luminous mystery garden could be composed of flowers only in yellow and white tones, to remind of light. You could even include scallop shells as a border accent, to remind of St. John the Baptist baptizing Jesus in the River Jordan. Let your creativity and prayers be your guide!

2 Set your dining table, mantel or other prominent area in your home with an Our Lady of the Rosary altar

Get a blue table cloth or runner to evoke Mary, or white to evoke her purity and adorn with a statue or picture of Our Lady and a bouquet of flowers you freshen all month and/or a candle (and there are many safe battery-operated candles these days!) to light at night. Since it is the month of the Rosary, include one prominently in your display.

3 Cook for the Queen

Make a special Marian-themed dinner. Here are some easy ideas: Since rosemary is the herb associated with Mary, you might try a dinner of rosemary chicken, and for dessert make a rosary or decade out of candies, small cookies or miniature cupcakes decorated with confectionery roses or edible flower petals on the top, or blue or white icing. Or make a Bundt cake, which is naturally molded in the shape of a crown and can help recall Mary's queenship. Decorate it colorfully.

4 Add Rosary-inspired prayers at special moments

Add a Hail Mary after grace before meals. Or add a less well-known Rosary-associated prayer before you eat, such as the Hail Holy Queen, the Fatima Prayer or the Apostle's Creed. Note that this could be a special month to read more about and consider doing a consecration to Mary.

5 Surround yourself with art and music that honors Mary

Whether it's Marian Gregorian chant, Bach's Magnificat, or Pavarotti's Ave Maria, fill your home with the beautiful sounds of homage to our heavenly mother. If you can play an instrument, you might try your hand at playing anything from "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother," to "Gentle Woman."

Also, why not contemplate a Marian masterpiece? Religious art isn't just for church. Search for classic works of art featuring Our Lady and find a favorite; then get a print for your home. Da Vinci, Raphael, Botticelli ... the possibilities for beautiful images are plentiful. Want to see a great image of Our Lady of the Rosary? Do a search for, "Our Lady of the Rosary," 1840, by Tommaso Minardi, "Our Lady of the Rosary" by Carlo Ceresa (1609-1679) or the stunning "Our Lady of the Rosary" attributed to García de Bouzas from Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

6 Read a Marian classic

Here are some suggestions: The Secret of the Rosary or True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis de Montford; The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary; The Imitation of Mary by Thomas a Kempis; The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God by Fulton Sheen.

7 Devote Saturdays to Mary's honor

Saturday is the day our Church sets aside for Our Blessed Mother. Make a visit to a church that has a Marian chapel or statue and ask for Mary's intercession. It's a great day to focus on her and let her prepare you for receiving her Son in the Eucharist, either at the Saturday Vigil or on Sunday. Consider going to Saturday Confession as part of that preparation.

8 Practice special acts of charity

Choose one of the noted feast days in October — for example, Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7), any Saturday (since all Saturdays are devoted to Mary) or the feast of Pope St. John Paul II on October 22 (he was famously devoted to the Rosary) — and do a special act of charity for someone in need. Offer it up to Jesus through Mary's Immaculate heart.

9 Pray the Rosary every day for the month of October or pray a family Rosary

If you don't already, why not start saying the Rosary every day. Or try saying a family Rosary or even just a decade together. Let each person share an intention they'd like the whole family to pray for.

10 Find ways to share the Rosary with others

Perhaps you can give rosary beads to a friend going through a challenging time, or bring a few to the local hospital or nursing home for any patients who might benefit from them. Perhaps you can join a group at church such as your parish Rosary Society and try the beautiful act of praying the Rosary with others. Maybe you could even start your own group or ask a family member or friend to join you once a month, on First Fridays or First Saturdays, for example, as a time to pray for each other and share time with Mary. If you are able to commit to praying the complete Rosary weekly, join the Rosary Confraternity and join your prayers to the prayers of all members, creating a beautiful bond of support and mutual prayer linking you to other members worldwide.

Annabelle Moseley - published on 10/01/19



Have you heard of the SEEK24 STL Conference? What is it?????

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Fellowship

Share the experience with your peers and dive into topics that really matter.

Inspiration

Choose which speaker sessions appeal to you. Our keynote speakers and special guests will inspire and encourage you to seek the heart of Christ's call.

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Join with students, friends, neighbors, coworkers and parishioners to listen, learn, pray and celebrate life in fellowship.

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Learn from a great collective of speakers about the truth, beauty, goodness and abundance we are all called to seek and experience.

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"Hope is something much bigger than anything

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Join us at Immaculate Conception Church for Chicken & Dumpling Dinner.

Sunday, November 5th

Immaculate Conception Church, Park Hills, MO
Parish Hall basement
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Quilt Raffle and Gift Basket Raffle

All proceeds go to the Mary & Martha Organization For community donations

Raffle Ticket Prizes:

1st Prize: Quilt
2nd Prize: \$200.00
3rd Prize: \$100.00
4th Prize: Baby quilt or \$50.00
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physical we may desire. It is about raising our eyes from a point on the horizon to the heavens and into eternity."

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