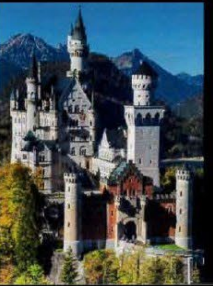
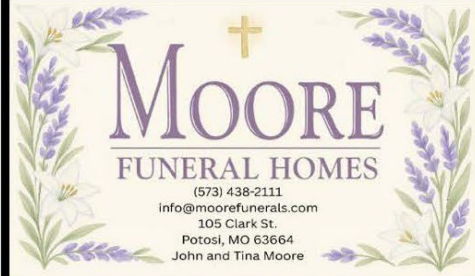


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October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



Month of the Holy Rosary



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Mass Schedule October 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

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• Phone: 573-438-4686

201 N Missouri St. Potosi, MO
63664

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct 26:
@ St. Joachim: Robert
Ross

Tuesday, Oct 27:
Dan DeClue

Wednesday, Oct 28: @
St. Joachim: Karen Politte-
Corn

Thursday, Oct 29:
Patsy Courtois

Friday, Oct 30:
@ St. Joachim: Charles &
Ann Pratt

Saturday Oct 31:
4pm: Alex Yarbrough

Sunday Nov 1:
8am: @ St. Joachim: Edith
Portell
10am: Donald Pashia

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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November 1: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm: Bob Mills
Sunday 10am: Mary Susan Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am
C:Paul Villmer Nikki Warden
L:Maureen Mills Jamie Warden
R:Vikki Neier David Woodland

Servers
Saturday 4pm: Aubrianne McGovern
Sunday 10am: Meadow Henson

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 October 27: Joyce Politte
Thursday October 29: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday November 3: Catherine Dickey
Thursday November 5: Judy Wright
Tuesday November 10: Mary Campbell
Thursday November 12: Vicki Thurmond

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

Heavenly Dusters
Jeanne DeGonia 11/6
Diane Mull 11/13/
Bobbie Heifner 11/20
Laura Allen 11/27

Altar Linens
Kathy Pashia 10/26
Bobbie Heifner 11/2
Diane McGirl 11/9
Glenda Whitten 11/16

Money Counters
Becky & Rhonda 10/27
Jeanne & Rhonda 11/3
Pat & Tina 11/10
Mary Ann & Donna 11/17

Thank You !!

Weekly Collection 10/18/26

Envelopes:	4355.00
Loose:	313.00
Online Giving:	45.00
Maintenance:	60.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	77.00
Votives:	13.00
World Mission Sunday	2770.00
Permanent Diaconate	10.00
Total Giving:	\$7643.00

of Contributors: 45

Thank you for your generosity!

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October 25, 2026 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” – MATTHEW 22:37

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

**Our next meeting is November 10 @ 5:30pm.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

“Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances.”
— St. Vincent de Paul

We served 164 families for a total of 430 individuals with 114 of those aged 65 & up. The need is great in our community. We thank all our volunteers who selflessly give of their time to help those in need. We thank all those who donate money & food to the pantry. We couldn't do this without you.

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

FRY DAY

FRIDAY

Fish Fry

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Oct 15 @ 6:30pm in the Incarnate Word Center:
Session Topic: The Saints

If interested in becoming Catholic, are missing any of the Initiation Sacraments (First Communion, Penance, 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

**We are collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes, personal hygiene items, deodorants, baby wipes and also canned goods that have pull tops for easy opening especially those with protein. There will be a basket in the church entrance for drop-off or you can drop items off at the parish office.

**Our next meeting is MONDAY, November 2nd at 5:30pm in the rectory meeting room.

Parish School of Religion(PSR)

The PSR students will be holding a canned food drive on Saturday, November 7th from 9-12pm at Sav-A-Lot in Potosi. All donations will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Dr. Melissa Cordia



Council #15935
Grand Knight-Brandon Smith

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Drive-Thru Fish Fry Dinner on November 6 from 11am-1pm. Please mark your calendars and enjoy some great food!



1st Annual Washington County Christmas Church Tours

The beauty, history, and spirit of Christmas will be on full display as Washington County hosts its first Christmas Church Tour on Thursday, December 17, from 2:00–8:00 p.m.

This free, self-guided event invites residents and visitors to tour participating churches throughout the county and enjoy beautifully decorated sanctuaries, traditional nativities, Christmas trees, and other seasonal displays.

Washington County is blessed with a rich heritage of churches that have served as the heart of our communities for generations. The tour is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate their beauty and history while celebrating the faith, fellowship, and true meaning of Christmas. Guests may visit as many participating churches as they wish throughout the afternoon and evening. There is no cost to attend, and everyone is welcome.

****St. James will be participating in this event. We are in need of a few volunteers to help greet people from 2pm-4pm and 4pm-8pm.**

JOIN US IN FIGHTING HUNGER!

ST. JAMES PSR FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Food Drive is here! Be part of a meaningful initiative to support families in need. Bring your donations and help us spread kindness!

November 7, 2026
9am-12pm
Sav-A-Lot
Potosi, MO

Most Needed Items:

Canned and dried foods	Breakfast Cereal	Nutritious snacks
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LEGACY SUNDAY
FAITH ACROSS GENERATIONS
ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Scan the code to hear this legacy story.
Or, visit: <https://bit.ly/legacysundayb>



Legacy Sunday reminds us of the sacrifices and generosity of those who came before us. We are now called to be stewards for those who will follow. Providing gifts through wills and estate plans is one way we can express gratitude, leave a legacy of faith, and support the mission of our parish for generations to come.



Potosi HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

Southern Vicariate Director of Social Outreach Office
Inviting St. James in Potosi, St. Joachim in Old Mines, and St. Stephen in Richwoods

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

SETUP BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.

Join us for an evening of community, fellowship, and Halloween fun as we hand out candy to families in Potosi!

- Everyone is encouraged to bring as much candy as you can.
- If you have Halloween decorations or inflatable blow-ups, please bring them.
- We will have access to electricity nearby.
- We will be decorating one designated parking area.
- Please park at the courthouse and walk across the street to our setup location.
- An update regarding our exact location will be shared as we get closer to the event.

AFTER TRUNK OR TREAT

We will gather at St. James Parish Hall and the outdoor pavilion for adult fellowship and festivities (BYO-Beverages).

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31!

More information will be shared as we get closer.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Reflection for Our Parish Family on
Matthew 22:34-40

The Gospel today brings us to the heart of Jesus’ teaching. When asked which commandment is the greatest, He doesn’t choose one of the many detailed laws of Israel. Instead, He goes straight to the center: **love God with your whole heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.** Everything else—every commandment, every tradition, every act of faith—hangs on these two.

For us at **St. James Parish**, this Gospel is both beautifully simple and deeply challenging. Loving God with our whole heart means more than Sunday worship; it means letting Him shape our choices, our priorities, and our relationships. It means trusting Him in the ordinary routines of life here in Potosi—at work, at home, in the quiet moments when no one sees.

And loving our neighbor as ourselves calls us to look around our parish community with new eyes. It invites us to patience with the people who frustrate us, generosity toward those in need, and compassion for those who carry hidden burdens. It means recognizing Christ in the familiar faces we see each week at **St. James**—at the altar, in the pews, in the parish hall, and even in the grocery store.

St. James the Greater, our patron, learned this love by walking closely with Jesus. His boldness, his zeal, and eventually his willingness to give his life all flowed from a heart transformed by love. Today’s Gospel invites us to follow that same path: to let love be the measure of our discipleship.

May our parish be known as a place where God is loved wholeheartedly and where every person is welcomed with the love Christ has shown us.

♦ **St. James Takeaway**
Jesus reminds us that the heart of our faith is simple: **love God first, and love our neighbor with the same care we desire for ourselves.** At St. James, this means letting our prayer lead to real charity, patience, and welcome. Like our patron, may we be known for bold love—rooted in Christ and lived in our community each day.

♦ **Parish Prayer**
Lord Jesus, Teach our hearts to love as You love. Strengthen our parish family at St. James to seek You above all things and to serve one another with generosity, patience, and joy. May Your love be the foundation of our faith and the light that guides our steps each day. Amen.

"Love, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, is to will the good of another over your own... In other words, we must put God over the desires of our heart, the desires of our soul, and the desires of our mind."
— Summa Theologiae

Hello October



Parish Calendar

- Oct 28: PSR
Office opens at 11am
- Oct 29: OCIA at St. Joachim 6:30pm
- Oct 30: Bible Study 9am
- Oct 31: Trunk or Treat (Join us in the Town Square, see flyer for more details)

Mark Your Calendar!

We will be having a Planning Meeting for Future Parish Fundraising on **November 3 at 6pm** in the Parish Hall. We want everyone who can attend to please attend. We need your input and ideas to discuss future fundraising ideas for the parish. Come prepared to share your thoughts and concerns. We will be discussing the Parish picnic and other fundraising ideas for throughout the year.

Southern Vicariate of the ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Morning of Hope & Healing

Please join us as we remember our loved ones lost to suicide with a Mass of Remembrance. Following the Mass, there will be opportunities to process our grief individually and as a group.

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:00am Mass
10:00am Healing Program

Our Lady Catholic Church
1550 St. Mary's Lane
Festus, MO 63028

Would you like us to remember someone by name and with a Memorial Candle? Please use the QR code below to register their name.

More Info: Jennifer Meehan,
Director of Pastoral Ministry
jmeehan@archstl.org
(314) 363-6945

Please register at this QR code or using this link:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/KyjgPDX7cj>

Good News!

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Exodus 22:20–26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 /
Matthew 22:34–40
FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Love makes the world go ‘round.” Or another saying: “Love is all you need.” Love, so necessary, so welcome, and seemingly so elusive. How can something be so needed, so valued, and so treasured and at the same time be so rare and even, at times, so difficult? Philosophers, poets, and scribes all provide different insights, each capturing something of the truth yet remaining somehow incomplete.

Jesus changes the context: love understood not as a feeling or as an emotion, but as a commandment. In God’s kingdom, love is not something you pursue or something you hope to find. Living in God’s kingdom, love is something you do. It is core; it is essential. It is how you live. It is how you form your judgments and perceptions. It is what energizes your choices and your decisions.

We come closer and closer each day to loving God fully when we understand the need to embrace the “unspoken” commandment: “[Jesus said,] ‘For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it’” (Matthew 16:25). •

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ST. JOACHIM SCHOOL
COMMUNITY SOUP
NIGHT

Beginning at 3:30p.m.
All are welcome to
attend. Free for
everyone.



10121 Crest Rd. Cadet Mo
St. Joachim Catholic School

Monday
October 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32–5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday
October 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday
October 28
Sts. Simon and
Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday
October 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday
October 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday
October 31
Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday
November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

Dear Padre

October 25, 2026
I occasionally need to be reminded why I should remain Catholic. Can you help?

Whether our faith was inherited at birth or adopted later, it’s healthy to periodically reexamine our beliefs and practices with the intent to grow closer to God. Saint Paul uses the metaphor of moving beyond milk to solid food to explain our maturing faith. (See Hebrews 5:12–14). Questions or doubts are not necessarily signs of crisis or disloyalty to God or the Church. Indeed, it’s often when we challenge pat answers that God moves us to a deeper meaning and stronger relationship—that is, if we’re steadfast on the path to holiness. People remain Catholic for numerous reasons, including:

- the Church’s belief in God’s goodness to us through the sacraments;
- a 2,000-year tradition of living the gospel in a universal, multicultural community of faith;
- a proven track record as an agent for personal and spiritual growth and social transformation.

When Church members’ behavior is contrary to Christ’s mission, and our confidence to remain is tested, it’s good to recall that the Church is divinely fortified and humanly composed. People remain Catholic because the Church exists to bring us into full communion with God, through Christ, by working toward the fullness of the kingdom. “The Church ‘is the visible plan of God’s love for humanity,’ because God desires ‘that the whole human race may become one people of god, form one body of Christ, and be built into one temple of the Holy Spirit’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 776). •

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Important Dates

October 18th ~ Youth Group meeting @ 5:30 in the IWC building.

October 31st ~ passing out candy & popcorn @ the Town square in Potosi. We will meet at 5:30 @ St. James to head to the square, set up and get ready.

Save the Date

December 13th ~ Christmas for Life dinner.

Fundraising

We have an ongoing fundraiser with Rada. The link to order is: <https://rb.gy/mfereu>

- TJ’s Pizza (due October 21st)
- T-shirts (due October 26th)
- Chest, boombox, and basket raffle (winner will be pulled Dec. 13th)

If you are planning to attend Steubenville, you are required to participate in the fundraising.

Living in the Father’s Love
Fall Women’s Bible Study



Schedule for St. Joachim:
Oct 28: Last session

Schedule for St. James:
Oct 30
Nov 13
Dec 4

This Week on Formed

What Catholics Believe About Halloween
Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.

Eternal Rest

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.

Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

- *Go to <http://signup.formed.org>
- *Enter our parish’s zip code 63664
- *Enter your name and your email address.
- *Enjoy!



Toy Drive

The Parishes of St. Joachim and St. James, as well as St. Stephen’s Chapel have come together to host a Community Christmas for families and friends who are less fortunate and in need.

We are excited to be partnering with the Office of Education and Formation for our Toy Drive.

We currently have FOUR Catholic Schools collecting toys during the month of October.

Any extra toys that have been collected will be donated to local organizations (fostering, youth ranch, etc.)



May God continue to bless us and guide us along our path towards His Community Christmas event this December.



October 25th

“The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary’s witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need
respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection



Eternal Rest | Trailer

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The Greatest Commandment



I WILL DO EVERYTHING TODAY FOR YOU, LORD! What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much?

Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows



that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?

Answers to front page: heart, soul and mind, mind, first, love, yourself, whole, TO LOVE GOD, Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul,

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25th, 2026

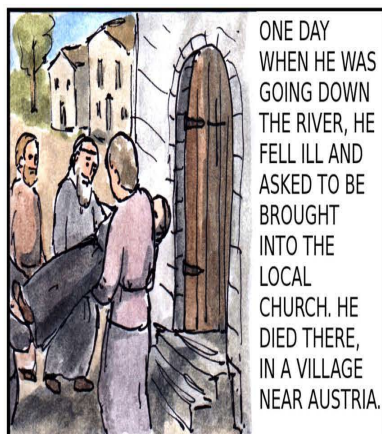
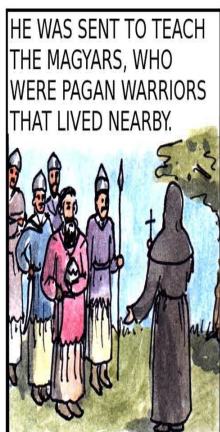
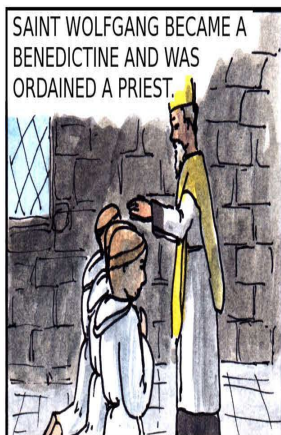
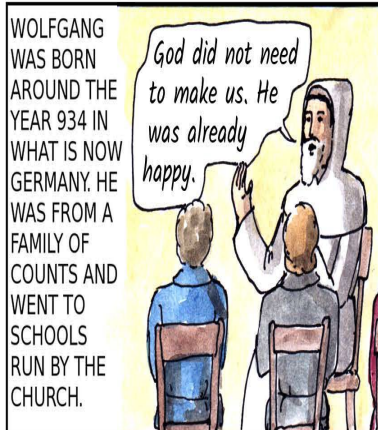


How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Saint Wolfgang

October 31



SAINT WOLFGANG WAS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PATRON SAINTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN EUROPE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE AGES. HE WAS THE TEACHER OF A FUTURE EMPEROR AND SEVERAL ARCHBISHOPS. HIS TEACHING KEPT THESE MEN CLOSE TO GOD AND HELPED THEM RULE WELL.

Unscramble The Gospel

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading, and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the ⁷ _____?" He said to him, "You

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shall love the ⁴ _____, your God, with all

DOLR

your ⁶ _____, with all your ⁸ _____,

ARTHE OSUL

and with all your ⁹ _____. This is the greatest

IDMN

and ¹ _____ commandment. The second is

SRTFI

like it: You shall ⁵ _____ your neighbour as

OEVL

² _____. The ³ _____

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law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

What is the most important thing for us to ever do?



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9