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July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass Schedule

July 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. Joachim
10am @ St. James

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 20:

@ St. Joachim:
Angie & Jerry Rogers

Tuesday, July 21:

Mark Coleman

Wednesday, July 22: @

St. Joachim:
Nicki Portell

Thursday, July 23:

Bess LaLumondiere

Friday, July 24:

@ St. Joachim:
Frances "Frankie" Rundel

Saturday July 25:

4pm:@ St. Joachim
Parish Family

Sunday July 26:

8am: Dennis Sumpter @
St.Joachim
10am:Peter M. Knight

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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July 26th : Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 10am: Bob Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am
C: Maureen Mills
L: Marvin Wright
R: Danny Mueller

Servers

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 10am: Joshua & Penelope Kearns

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 July 21: Catherine Dickey
Thursday July 23: Judy Wright
Tuesday July 28: Mary Campbell
Thursday July 30: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday August 4: Joyce Politte
Thursday August 6: Rhonda Politte

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

Heavenly Dusters

Need Volunteer 7/24
Laura Allen 7/31
Nancy Davis 8/7
Jeanne DeGonia 8/14

Altar Linens

Bobbie Heifner 7/20
Diane McGirl 7/27
Glenda Whitten 8/3/26
Bobbie Heifner 8/10

Money Counters

Pat & Tina 7/21
Mary Ann & Donna 7/28
Becky & Rhonda 8/4
Jeanne & Rhonda 8/11

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Weekly Collection 07/12/26

Envelopes:	1717.00
Loose:	425.00
Online Giving	200.00
Maintenance:	15.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	442.00
Votives:	3.00
Church in Africa	2.00
Cemetery Upkeep	50.00
Peter's Pence	20.00

Total Giving: \$2874.00
of Contributors: 34
Thank you for your generosity!



July 19, 2026 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Reflection on Matthew 13:24-43 Wheat, Weeds, Mustard Seed, and Yeast

The heart of this Gospel is the patience and quiet power of God. Jesus gives three parables that reveal how the Kingdom grows—not through force or perfection, but through God’s steady work in the midst of human weakness.

1. The Wheat and the Weeds — God’s patience with a mixed world

Jesus tells of a field where wheat and weeds grow together. The servants want to pull the weeds immediately, but the master refuses. Why? Because uprooting the weeds too soon might destroy the wheat. This is a portrait of God’s mercy. The world is a mixture of good and evil. Our hearts are, too. Yet God does not rush to judge. He waits, giving every soul time to grow, to turn, to be healed. The message is challenging:

We are not the judges of others.
We must resist the temptation to “pull weeds” in people’s lives.
God alone sees clearly; God alone knows the right moment for judgment.
This parable invites us to trust God’s timing and to focus on cultivating the wheat in our own hearts.

2. The Mustard Seed — God works through small beginnings
The mustard seed is tiny, almost insignificant. Yet it becomes a large shrub where birds find shelter. Jesus is teaching us that the Kingdom grows through small, hidden acts of faith: a quiet prayer, a small sacrifice, a kind word, a moment of forgiveness. These seem small, but God multiplies them. This is especially comforting for anyone who feels their efforts are unnoticed or too small to matter. In God’s hands, nothing offered in love is ever wasted.

3. The Yeast — God transforms from within
Yeast disappears into the dough, yet it changes everything. This is how grace works: quietly, interiorly, persistently.
The Kingdom grows not by dramatic displays but by interior conversion—the slow softening of the heart, the gradual shaping of our desires toward God.
This parable reminds us that holiness is usually hidden. God is working in us even when we cannot see it.

4. The deeper message: God’s Kingdom grows in God’s way
Taken together, these parables teach a single truth: God’s Kingdom grows quietly, patiently, and powerfully—even in imperfect conditions.

We often want quick results, clear answers, visible progress. But Jesus shows us a God who works slowly, mercifully, and from within.

Our task is not to control the field, but to: stay faithful, sow good seed, trust God’s timing, and allow grace to work in the hidden places of our lives.



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.

"8. The most extraordinary scientific progress, the most astounding technical feats and the most amazing economic growth, unless accompanied by authentic moral and social progress, will in the long run go against man (Magnifica Humanitas, 94).

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that even the greatest scientific discoveries, technological breakthroughs, and economic growth are not enough on their own. If they are not guided by true moral growth and a concern for others, they can actually end up harming the very people they were meant to serve.
From a Catholic perspective, progress is not just about what we can achieve, but about who we are becoming. Real progress means growing in love, justice, and respect for human dignity. Without that, even the most impressive advances can lead to injustice, division, and a loss of what makes life truly human."

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“A cross carried simply, and without those returns of self-love which exaggerate troubles, is no longer a cross. Peaceable suffering is no longer suffering. We complain of suffering! We should have much more reason to complain of not suffering, since nothing makes us more like Our Lord than carrying His Cross. Oh, what a beautiful union of the soul with Our Lord Jesus Christ by the love and the virtue of His Cross!” St. John Vianney



[Jesus said to his disciples,] "If you
pull up the weeds you might uproot
the wheat along with them."

MATTHEW 13:29

Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. "He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]'" (Matthew 13:34-35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn't force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: "Whoever has ears ought to hear" (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it's his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn't God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it's difficult to tell the difference. Those who are "wheat" should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be "weeds." The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God's own time. ●

Reflect

Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?



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**Our next meeting is August 11 @ 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 ISSUES,**

Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is **Aug. 4**. The hall pantry & cleaning day is rescheduled for **Aug. 10**. At our Fifth Sunday Brunch after the 8am Mass on August 30th, we will be honoring our Ladies who are retiring after many years of invaluable service to our parish. We thank them for all they have done for our church community!

Bobbie Heifner, President

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We were able to serve 163 families (406 total individuals) with 112 of them who were 65 & older this month through the generosity of our parishioners & other generous donors. We thank all those who donate their time, talent & treasure to help our community. We especially thank those who help us pack and distribute on our pantry distribution day.

"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

July 19, 2026

The Power of a Home Visit

One of the unique ministries of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is the Home Visit. Vincentians meet neighbors where they are, listen to their concerns, pray with them, and offer assistance when possible.

The Home Visit is more than a service call—it is an encounter with Christ. We do not simply provide help; we build relationships rooted in dignity, compassion, and respect.

Through these visits, Vincentians often discover that the greatest gift we can offer is our presence.

Interested in learning more about becoming a Vincentian Member of the



Parish Calendar

July 20-July 27: Father Tony is on vacation

July 23-OCIA Biblical Walk Through The mass 6:30pm at St. Joachim

July 25-26: Co-op Speaker Weekend; Special Collection

July 25: Feast Day of St. James the Greater

July 25: Men's Faith Sharing Group @ 7am



Interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning more about the Catholic Faith? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation for 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: July 23 and August 6. Everyone is invited to participate.

****CATECHIST TEAM MEETING AUGUST 13 @ 6PM**

*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 accomodate your schedule.

Calvary Cemetery Update:

We are in the middle of grass cutting season. We would like to remind you of the policies regarding decorations, etc.

*No more than two decorations per grave. The cemetery reserves the right to remove & discard any excess decorations.

*No planting of flowers or shrubs, **NO SHEPHERD HOOKS**, no votive lights, solar lights, benches, decorative stepping stones or regular stepping stones, glass vases, eternal flames, balloons, whirling pinwheels/wind catchers, beer or soda cans or any other unsightly grave decorations are permitted nor are they appropriate.

*The cemetery is not responsible for theft or damage under any circumstances whatsoever.

*After internment, flowers will remain for two weekends after burial before removal.

*NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE CEMETERY

*Flowers and all grave decorations will be removed periodically by cemetery personnel as follows: **ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT DECEMBER AND JANUARY.**

MONDAY
July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1–4, 6–8
Mt 12:38–42

TUESDAY
July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Mt 12:46–50

WEDNESDAY
July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

THURSDAY
July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13
Mt 13:10–17

FRIDAY
July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14–17
Mt 13:18–23

SATURDAY
July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7–15
Mt 20:20–28

SUNDAY
July 26
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12
Rom 8:28–30
Mt 13:44–52 or 13:44–46

Dear Padre

July 19, 2026

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS Week #3- Patiently Cultivating Peace and Unity

July 19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

“The Lord is good and forgiving, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” (Psalm 86:5, adapted from the Responsorial)

Couple Prayer: Merciful God, You are patient with us. Grant us the grace to be patient and forgiving with one another. Help us weed out resentment and cultivate peace, so our marriage reflects Your steadfast love and grows in joyful unity. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: When conflict arises, pause to pray together briefly before responding. This fosters empathy, reduces defensiveness, and strengthens emotional and spiritual intimacy.

Couple Conversation Question: In what areas do we need more patience with each other right now? How can we better support one another to experience more peace and joy in our daily life?

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



This Week on Formed

St. James the Greater | Catholic Saints

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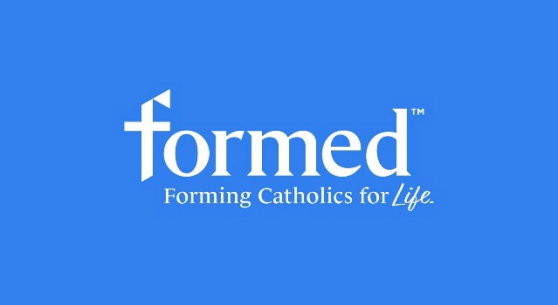
St. Bridget of Sweden | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of this medieval saint: St. Bridget of Sweden. A wife, mother, and visionary, St. Bridget was an evangelist both inside and outside the home. St. Bridget's visions of Christ's Nativity have greatly influenced its depiction in Christian art. Watch to find out more!

Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

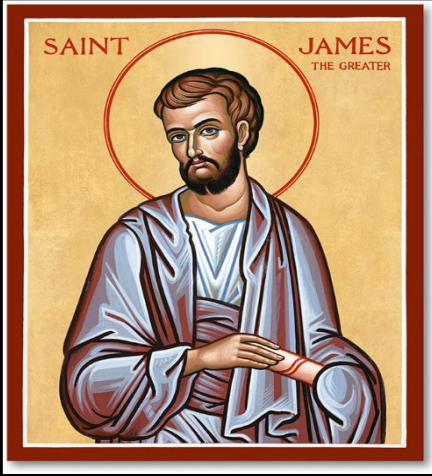
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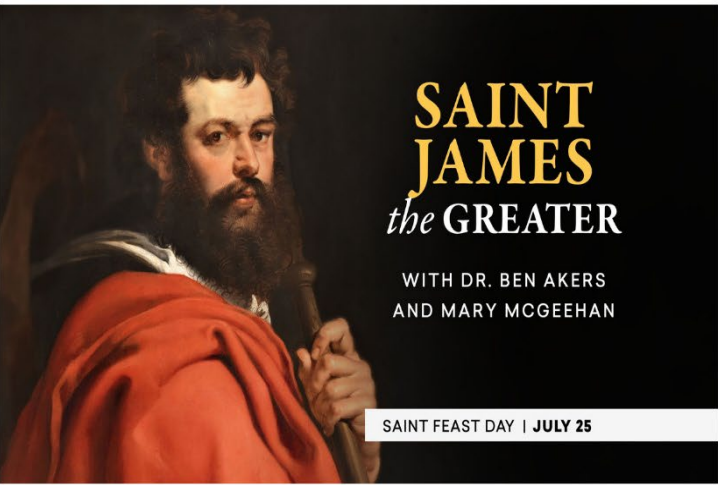
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“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Married Love and the Gift of Life”

Reflection on the Feast of St. James the Greater — July 25

St. James the Greater stands before us as a disciple of **courage, immediacy, and wholehearted love for Christ**. When Jesus called him, James left everything—boat, nets, family—to follow the Lord without hesitation. His life reminds us that true discipleship is not half-hearted; it is a bold “yes” that reshapes everything. James was also the first Apostle to give his life for the Gospel. His martyrdom shows that the path of Christ is not always easy, but it is always worth giving everything for. His witness encourages us to live our faith with conviction, to stand firm when it costs us something, and to trust that Christ is worth our whole heart. On this feast, we ask St. James to intercede for us: that we may follow Jesus with courage, serve with generosity, and walk our own pilgrim path with faith that God is leading us home.

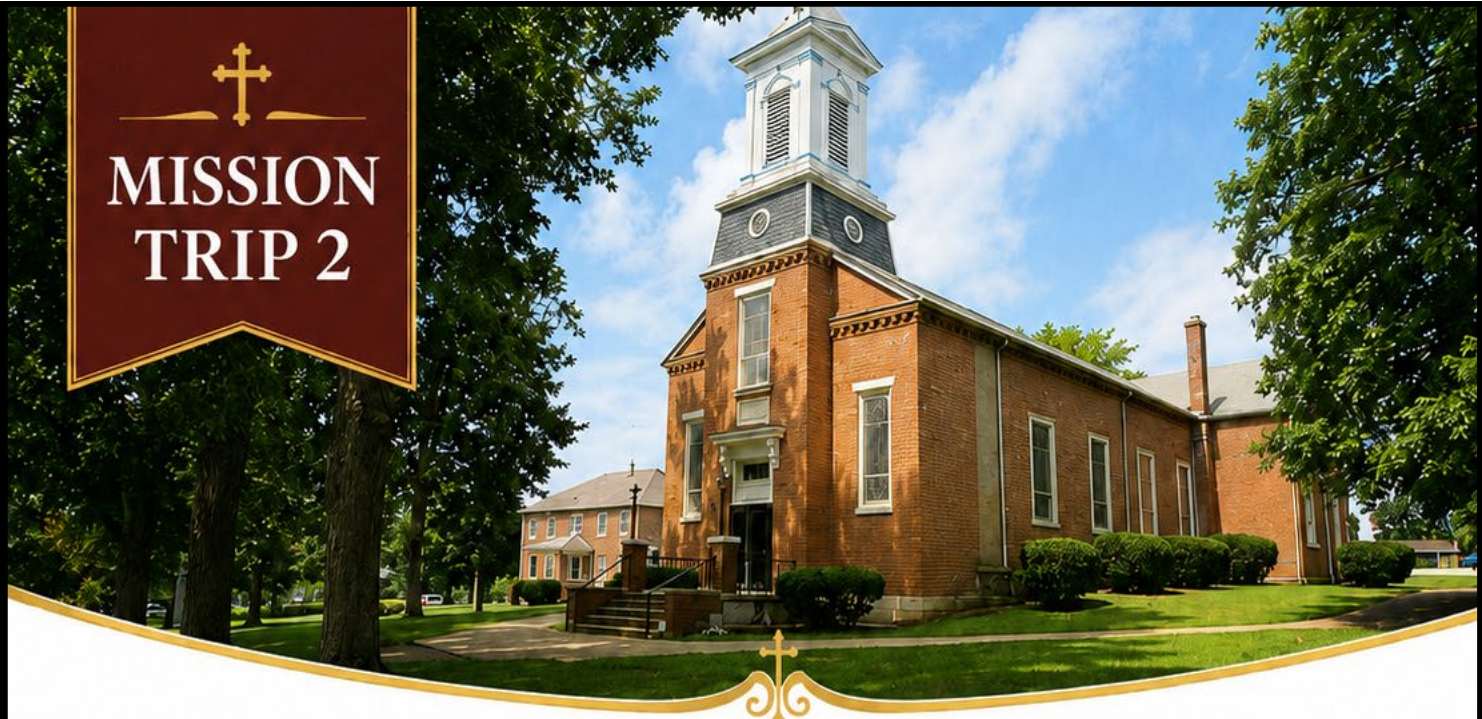


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MISSION TRIP 2

THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Come, let us rebuild. — Nehemiah 2:17

July 26–29

St. Joachim Parish • Cadet / Old Mines, Missouri
Youth Group from Nashville, Illinois

Inspired by the Old Testament story of Nehemiah, this mission trip centers on prayer, service, and renewal. A youth group from Nashville, Illinois, will stay at St. James Parish in Potosi while serving at St. Joachim Parish in Washington County. Their work will include painting, caring for the parish grounds, and giving much-needed attention to the historic gravesite adjacent to the church. Throughout their stay, the youth will also take part in spiritual formation.



Community Thank You BBQ

Tuesday Evening • 6:30 p.m.
Hosted at St. James Parish, Potosi

*All are welcome to join us in
thanking the youth for
their service.*



A SACRED AND HISTORIC PARISH

St. Joachim Catholic Church is a cornerstone of the Old Mines community. The parish was established in 1828 under the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Construction of the present church began shortly afterward, and the church was consecrated in 1831. It remains a fully operational church to this day.



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Parish Progress Report 7/13/2026

Saint James Parish-353
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2026 Published Goal	\$14,700		
Challenge Goal	\$0		
New donor Goal	13		
To date total	\$9,805		
Total Parishioners	227		
Returned to date	36		
Total Number of Donors	29		
# New Donors	7	Net New / Renewed	\$1,120
# Increased contributions	11	Net Increase	\$380
# Maintained contributions	8	Total from Maintained Donors	\$5,100
# Decreased contributions	3	Net Decrease	(\$1,555)
Signed refusal cards returned	7		
Pledges percent	12.78%		
Prior Year Pledges percent	11.74%		
Cards returned percent	15.86%		
Cards returned with matching gift	0		
Matching gift total	\$0		

Pledge breakdown by category	Count	Pledge Total
Non givers (Signed Refusals)	7	
Below \$150	13	\$840
\$150 - \$299	8	\$1,820
\$300 - \$499	5	\$1,825
\$500 - \$999	0	
Sponsors \$1,000 - \$2,499	2	\$2,820
Ambassadors \$2,500 - \$4,999	1	\$2,500
Endorsers \$5,000 - \$9,999	0	
Guarantors \$10,000 - \$14,999	0	
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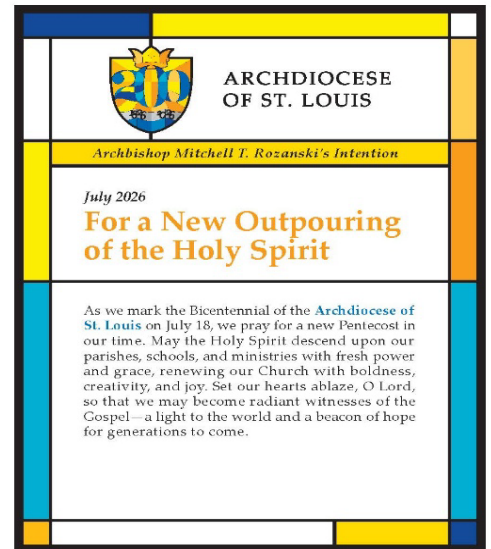
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We cordially invite you to join us for the
Holy Mass of Celebration
August 2, 2026, at 10 am

The Most Reverend
Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis
Celebrant
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We will have a light refreshments following Mass in the
school cafeteria.

All are Welcome!!



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Dear Parishioners,

I extend my personal invitation to all Catholic men, eighteen years of age or older, to join the Knights of Columbus, founded by Father Michael McGivney 140 years ago in Connecticut. For the Knights, commitment to family and personal responsibilities comes first, followed by support for their parish, local community and the Diocese. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, along with devotion to the Blessed Mother and Saints, are essential components in their life that strengthen their faith and commitment to serve.

The Knights have a new initiative called *Cor*, which is a flexible framework of prayer, small group formation and fraternity that helps focus men on Jesus through building Christ-centered brotherhood. The various activities of the organization help support the members to fulfill their Christian responsibilities. I myself am a Knight of Columbus and have witnessed the impact of this Catholic organization on families, our archdiocese, and society.

I encourage all Catholic men to consider becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our world needs more Catholic gentlemen who can witness to others how to be a good father, a loving husband, a devout Catholic and an active member of the Church. For more info, visit www.kofc.org and use promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join for free!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mitchell T. Rozanski

The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



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