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July 5, 2026

Fourteenth 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 6:
@ St. Joachim:
Christine & Burgess Barton

Tuesday, July 7:
Dan Declue

Wednesday, July 8: @
St. Joachim:
Mary Alice Portell

Thursday, July 9:
Charles & Mary Gibson

Friday, July 10:
@ St. Joachim:
JoAnne Hahn

Saturday July 11:
4pm: @St. Joachim

Sunday July 12:
8am: Parish
Family(St.Joachim)
10am:Thomas DeGonia

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 12: Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Lector:

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 10am
C:	Maureen Mills
L:	Mary Roy
R:	Marvin Wright

Servers

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 10am: Need Volunteers

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 7: Mary Campbell
Thursday July 9: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday July 14: Joyce Politte
Thursday July 16: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday July 21: Catherine Dickey
Thursday July 23: Judy Wright

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

Heavenly Dusters

Diane Mull 7/10
Bobbie Heifner 7/17
Need Volunteer 7/24
Laura Allen 7/31

Altar Linens

Diane McGirl 7/6
Glenda Whitten 7/13
Bobbie Heifner 7/20
Diane McGirl 7/27

Money Counters

Becky & Rhonda 7/7
Jeanne & Rhonda 7/14
Pat & Tina 7/21
Mary Ann & Donna 7/28

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You !!
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Weekly Collection
06/28/26

Envelopes:	1935.00
Loose:	170.00
Online Giving	20.00
Maintenance:	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	121.00
Votives:	0.00
Church in Africa	20.00
Peter's Pence	1050.00

Total Giving: \$3326.00
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FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

July 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden
light.” - MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good
stewards, we may think that God is
asking too much of us when He calls
us to generously share our time, talent
and treasure. However, we must
remember that we are not “owners”
of anything, we are merely
“stewards” of the gifts God has given
us. All He is asking is that we give
back a small portion, in gratitude, of
what He has already given to us.

Reflection on Matthew 11:25–30

In this Gospel, Jesus opens His heart. He reveals what moves
Him, what consoles Him, and what He longs to give. It is one of
the most tender passages in all of Scripture.

**God reveals Himself to the humble

Jesus praises the Father for hiding divine mysteries from “the
wise and the learned” and revealing them to “little ones.” This is
not an insult to intelligence. It is a revelation of **how God
works**. God is found not through brilliance, but through
openness. Not through mastery, but through **poverty of spirit**.
Not through control, but through **childlike trust**. The “little
ones” are those who know they need God. They are teachable,
receptive, uncluttered by pride. They make room for grace.

****Jesus invites us into His own relationship with the
Father** Jesus says, “No one knows the Father except the Son and
anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.” This is
astonishing: Jesus is offering us **His own intimacy** with the
Father. Christianity is not primarily a moral system or a set of
doctrines. It is **a relationship**—a sharing in the very life of the
Trinity. Jesus is not merely teaching us about God. He is
bringing us into God.

***“Come to me”—the heart of the Gospel

Then comes the invitation that has healed countless souls:
**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will
give you rest.”**
This is not a command. It is a plea. It is the voice of a Savior
who sees our exhaustion.
We carry burdens:
the weight of expectations
the ache of disappointment
the fatigue of trying to be enough
the wounds we hide
the sins we cannot shake
Jesus does not say, “Fix yourself first.” He says, **“Come.”**

**The gentleness of Christ is our refuge

Jesus describes His heart with two words: **gentle** and **humble**.
He is not harsh. He is not demanding. He is not waiting to scold
us. His heart bends low. His heart receives. His heart heals.
To take His yoke is not to take on more weight—it is to **walk
beside Him**, letting Him carry what we cannot.

**Rest is not escape—it is communion

The “rest” Jesus offers is not mere relief from stress. It is the
deep peace that comes from being **held by God**.
It is the rest of knowing:
I am loved.
I am safe.
I do not have to save myself.
I can stop pretending.
I can be small, and God will be great for me.
This rest is found not in withdrawing from life, but in living life
with Christ at the center.



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.

*"6. Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities,
wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong
choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and
transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression
of his unfailing love (Magnifica Humanitas, 50).*

The Catholic Church teaches that every human person has
dignity simply because he or she is created by God. It is
not something we earn or lose based on what we can do,
how much money we have, our success, or even the
mistakes we have made. Our worth comes first from
God's love, which is given to us freely and never taken
away.

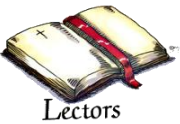
This is especially important today in a world shaped by
artificial intelligence and productivity culture. People
aren't valuable because they are efficient, useful, or “high
performing.” Unlike machines, human beings are not
defined by output. We are loved by God first, and that love
is what gives every life its unshakable worth."

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We are in need of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic
Ministers, especially for the 4pm and 8am Masses. If you
can help or have questions, please contact Father Tony or
the parish office for more details.



From May 29th–31st, the 1st Annual Southern Vicariate Mission Trip partnered with the Washington County Community Partnership for three days of service in our community. Volunteers worked on projects such as painting, gardening, and making home repairs while also spending time getting to know local residents. Through their hard work and kindness, they helped improve homes and build lasting connections throughout Washington County.



Big Thanks to George Herrera, Director of Social Outreach of Southern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the wonderful volunteers from: St. Francis of Assisi in Oakville, St. Joseph in Farmington, St. Joachim in Old Mines, and St. James in Potosi.



THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

****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!

“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, 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

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 5, 2026 | Neighbors Helping Neighbors

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” — Matthew 25:40

Every day, across our Archdiocese have already helped more than 242,000 neighbors in need through home visits, emergency assistance, food support, and compassionate friendship.

When you support St. Vincent de Paul, you help struggling families remain housed, keep utilities connected, and put food on the table. Your gift becomes a tangible expression of Christ's love.

Will you answer the call of Matthew 25? Consider making a donation to our parish conference or joining fellow parishioners as a Vincentian volunteer. Together, we can bring hope and help to those who need it most.



Parish Calendar

- July 9:** OCIA Biblical Walk Through The Mass 6:30pm at St. Joachim
- July 9:** Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am
- July 10:** Clarity House Rosary and Mass 6:00pm
- July 13:** St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm
- July 14:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm
- July 18:** Food Pantry Distribution Day 10am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica for the Bicentennial Jubilee
- July 20-July 25:** Father Tony is on vacation
- July 23-OCIA** Biblical Walk Through The mass 6:30pm at St. Joachim
- July 25-26:** Coop Speaker Weekend; Special Collection

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: 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).



Good News!

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zechariah 9:9–10 / Romans 8:9, 11–13 /

Matthew 11:25–30

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The invention of the yoke 6,000 years ago marked one of the great advances in human history. The yoke—a wooden beam fitted across the neck—harnessed the energy of two cattle pulling in the same direction, hastening the tilling of soil and transport of goods.

It is easy to see why, among many ancient peoples, the yoke became a symbol of subjugation. When the Roman army won a battle, they forced defeated soldiers to walk beneath a “yoke” of spears to indicate they were now in a state of servitude. The prophet Jeremiah once walked through Jerusalem wearing a yoke to warn the people they were about to be conquered by Babylon.

In Judaism, however, the Torah was also sometimes referred to as a yoke. It was a law to be submitted to, but it also was a way of life that offered an alternative to the cruel “yokes” imposed by kings. The Book of Sirach encourages youth to “Take [Torah’s] yoke upon your neck; that your mind may receive her teaching.... See for yourselves! I have labored only a little but have found much” (Sirach 51:26–27).

It is unclear exactly what Jesus meant when he invited us to accept *his* yoke, but it is likely that he was echoing the invitation of Sirach. He wanted us to know that following God’s law makes it possible for us to work together, accomplishing much that we could not do on our own. And that God’s law is a gentle law—one that enables rather than oppresses. Are you willing to receive Christ’s gentle teaching and make it your own? ●

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MONDAY

July 6

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17c–

18, 21–22

Mt 9:18–26

TUESDAY

July 7

Weekday

Hos 8:4–7, 11–13

Mt 9:32–38

WEDNESDAY

July 8

Weekday

Hos 10:1–3, 7–8,

12

Mt 10:1–7

THURSDAY

July 9

Weekday

Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9

Mt 10:7–15

FRIDAY

July 10

Weekday

Hos 14:2–10

Mt 10:16–23

SATURDAY

July 11

St. Benedict,

Abbot

Is 6:1–8

Mt 10:24–33

SUNDAY

July 12

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10–11

Rom 8:18–23

Mt 13:1–23 or

13:1–9

Dear Padre

July 5, 2026

Is it appropriate to display the American flag in our church?

A diocesan bishop—who often delegates this matter to the discretion of the pastor—determines regulations on whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic church. Displaying the flag, and a book of remembrance for those serving in the armed forces, seems to have originated in many US parishes during World War II. The practice has continued through subsequent wars and national tragedies.

While the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy advised that national symbols should not be *permanent* fixtures of a worship space, they may be appropriate at worship services on a civil holiday, etc. This same committee discouraged pastors from displaying the American flag within the sanctuary itself—a space reserved for the altar, ambo, presidential chair, and tabernacle—but instead to place the flag in the vestibule of the church together with a book of petitions for the living and deceased.

Fundamentally, a church building is where the liturgical assembly gathers as one body in Christ—the same Christ of the Eucharist who is beyond time and place, who came to unite our divisions. “The church building is a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God—who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones*, 2000). ●

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July 2026

**For a New Outpouring
of the Holy Spirit**

As we mark the Bicentennial of the **Archdiocese of St. Louis** on July 18, we pray for a new Pentecost in our time. May the Holy Spirit descend upon our parishes, schools, and ministries with fresh power and grace, renewing our Church with boldness, creativity, and joy. Set our hearts ablaze, O Lord, so that we may become radiant witnesses of the Gospel—a light to the world and a beacon of hope for generations to come.

Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS Week #1- Finding Rest and Gentleness in Each Other’s Arms
Sunday, July 5, 2026 (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday Scripture: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

Couple Prayer: Lord Jesus, You invite us to come to You when we are weary. Help us as husband and wife to be gentle with one another, to carry each other’s burdens with meekness and love. May our home be a place of rest and joy in Your presence. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: Practice “soft starts” when discussing challenges—begin with affection or appreciation. This builds emotional safety and deepens intimacy, mirroring Christ’s gentle heart.

Couple Conversation Question: When do you feel most rested and loved in our marriage? What small thing can I do this week to help you feel lighter and closer to me?

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



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