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May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### Mass Schedule May 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. Joachim  
10am @ St. James

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 25@ St.  
Joachim-Arlene Boyer

Tuesday, May 26:Fr.  
Fleming's Ordination  
Anniversary

Wednesday, May 27: @ St.  
Joachim-JoAnne Hahn

Thursday, May 28: Fr.  
Welschmeyer's Ordination  
Anniversary

Friday, May 29: @ St.  
Joachim-Brian Belt

Saturday May 30:  
Diana Koenitz & Family

Sunday May 31:  
8am @St. Joachim-Rev.  
Larry Huber

10am: Jason Wright

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**

**Meet our team**

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 Co-Coordinator  
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 Co-Coordinator  
**Jamie Thompson**  
 Co-Coordinator

**May 31st: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

**Lector:**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Saturday 4pm      Sunday 10am  
 C: Vikkie Neier      Nikki Warden  
 L: Judy East      Jamie Warden  
 R: Paul Villmer      Maureen Mills

**Servers**

Saturday 4pm: Madison Battreal  
 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**

**Thursday May 26:** Mary Campbell  
**Thursday May 28:** Vicki Thurmond  
**Tuesday June 2:** Joyce Politte  
**Thursday June 4:** Rhonda Politte  
**Tuesday June 9:** Catherine Dickey  
**Thursday June 11:** Judy Wright

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

**May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday**

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7*

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

**Weekly Collection 05/17/26**

Envelopes:	2480.00
Loose:	447.00
Online Giving	20.00
Maintenance:	65.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	34.00
Votives:	19.00

**Total Giving: \$3065.00**  
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**Heavenly Dusters**

Jeanne DeGonia 5/22  
 Diane Mull 5/29  
 Bobbie Heifner 6/5  
 Mary Campbell 6/12

**Altar Linens**

Bobbie Heifner 5/25  
 Glenna Whitten 6/1  
 Bobbie Heifner 6/8  
 Diane McGirl 6/15

**Money Counters**

Pat & Tina 5/26  
 Mary Ann & Donna 6/2  
 Becky & Rhonda 6/9

**FROM THE OFFICE:**

I have schedules made up for all ministries (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Heavenly Dusters & Altar Linens). These are available upon request for those who like to plan ahead. If you are unavailable for a specific date, please try to find someone to take your spot. I will do my very best to accommodate travel plans and any other special requests but I am human & make mistakes from time to time. I ask for your grace.

~~Vicki Thurmond, Parish Secretary



**The picnic is fast approaching! We have several updates for you.**

**\*Gun Raffle winners:**

- 1st: Becky Howell**
- 2nd: Judy Cain**
- 3rd: Hunter Belfield**
- 4th: Jamie Roy**

**\*Placemat Ads: If you haven't sent in your ad to Kim Coleman, please do so as soon as possible.**

**\*Picnic Raffle Tickets: Tickets are coming in slowly. Please help us sell these. They are located in the back of church in a basket. Help us out please!**

- \*Bottle Game: We need donations!**
- \*Kid's Game: We need prizes for the games!**
- \*Country Store: We need donations for the store.**
- \*Silent Auction: We need donations for the auction.**
- \*Bingo Prizes: We are in need of prizes for Bingo games.**
- \*Desserts: We are in need of desserts for the dinners.**

**\*\*Please contact the parish office or Don & Jamie Thompson if you have any questions.**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"

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**DATES:** May 29 - 31, 2026 (3-DAY TIME FRAME)

**LOCATION:** Washington County, Missouri

**WHO CAN JOIN:** Adults with electrical, plumbing or other construction skillset (Must have Protecting God's children) Youth who are entering into Junior or Senior year, or those Seniors who have graduated in 2026.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**  
 Let's come together to serve, love, and bring hope to our neighbors in need.

*"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*  
 -Matthew 25:40

Wishing you a blessed Pentecost Sunday. May the outpouring of the Spirit bring joy and wisdom to your life.

**Happy Pentecost Sunday**

# Dear Padre,

*I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?*

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Thursday	Saturday
May 18 Easter Weekday Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33	May 21 Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26	May 23 Easter Weekday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25
Tuesday	Friday	Sunday
May 19 Easter Weekday Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a	May 22 Easter Weekday Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19	May 24 Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23
Wednesday		
May 20 Easter Weekday Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19		

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Where are you...when the poor are blamed for their poverty, forgotten and discarded, in a world that values profit more than people? [W]here are you in a hyper-connected life where loneliness corrodes social bonds and makes us strangers even to ourselves?... Fraternity...means rediscovering the face of the other...the very image of God in the face of the poor, the refugee, and even the adversary.*

ADDRESS TO MEETING  
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SEPTEMBER 12, 2025



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### THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Our next meeting is August 11 @ 5:30pm. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be on August 30th.

**\*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268**

### St. James PSR NEWS

Enjoy your summer and please join us at the Parish Picnic on Sunday June 7! If you haven't volunteered somewhere, please reach out to the parish office or Jamie & Don Thompson to find out where you can help.

From Dr. Melissa Cordia

### 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

The St. James Food Pantry served 155 families (392 individuals) on yet another rainy distribution day, Saturday May 16th. Thank You to the group of men & women who pack on the First Wednesday and to all those who came on Saturday to give the food away. We couldn't do it without you!

*"Go to the poor: you will find God."*  
St. Vincent de Paul

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

### Pope Leo XIV General Audience May 20, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
as we continue our series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. This document teaches that the liturgy immerses us in the mystery of Christ's passion, death, resurrection and glorification. Through liturgical rites and prayers, and by the power of the Spirit, Jesus exercises his priesthood and sanctifies the Church, his spouse, uniting her to his own oblation to the Father. Indeed, Christ is present in the word that is proclaimed, in the sacraments, in the ministers, in the community, and most of all in the Eucharist. Let us allow ourselves to be shaped from within by the rites, symbols, gestures and above all by the living presence of Christ in the liturgy, which we will have further opportunity to explore.

### Parish Calendar

**May 24:** Blessing at the Cemetery of the new Divine Mercy Sign and the Cemetery after 10am Mass

**May 25:** Parish Office is Closed for Memorial Day

**June 4:** OCIA Bible Study at St. Joachim 6:30pm  
Biblical Walk Through The Mass:  
Everyone invited!

**June 6:** First Saturday 8am Mass with Adoration & Benediction

**June 7:** PARISH PICNIC 11AM-4:30PM

**June 9:** Knights of Columbus 6:30pm  
Adoration & Benediction 9am-4:45pm

**June 12:** Clarity House Rosary & Mass 6pm

**June 13:** Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

**June 15:** St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm  
Rural Clinic here

**June 18:** OCIA Bible Study at St. Joachim  
6:30pm Biblical Walk Through The Mass:  
Everyone invited!

### Interested in Becoming Catholic? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

\*OCIA will take a break during the month of May but 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. Mark the dates on your calendar: June 4 and 18, July 9 and 23, August 6. Everyone is invited to participate.

\*Formal OCIA classes will resume August 20. If interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, call St. Joachim or St. James rectories or Vicki Thurmond (573-854-1257).

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The Great Sharing

Pentecost is a feast equal to Christmas and Easter in importance. It is the official sending of the Holy Spirit into men and women.

We have been hearing Jesus talk about this moment in the Gospels for weeks now. We have been hearing that he will not leave us alone, but will send the Spirit, the Paraclete, to us.

Now it has happened.

- The Father is so much within Jesus that if you know Jesus you know the Father.
- Just as the Father is within Jesus, Jesus will be within us.
- This will happen through the sending of the Holy Spirit, who is the “insides” of Jesus and of the Father. The Spirit is the love they have for each other, the closeness, the great sharing. The first sign is that the apostles begin speaking in tongues. People from all different lands and languages gather and each understands the disciples’ words without any translation (First Reading). No small thing.

The reading then tells who the people in the crowd were:

Parthians, Medes and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, of Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia

Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene;

travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism; Cretans and Arabs.

Language students of today wish they could talk in so many languages, don’t they? But the real point is deeper than that.

God’s Holy Spirit means to bring us together, to allay differences, to let us hear other persons in the way they express themselves, not just to think about our own self. Each one has a “language” that expresses who they are (not a literal language, but an idiomatic way of speaking and acting that comes from the inside of who that person is). If you are able to hear, you can “listen through” characteristics and receive loving knowledge of that person, even if they have no intention of letting us in.

But that is so difficult, you say. Some people you run into are just plain annoying. “So-and-so just talks on and on and I think I will go crazy if there is a minute more.” How in the world can we “hear” another human being?

With the aid of the Holy Spirit.

It is not magic. The work of the Spirit is to listen for the “insides” of the other person, as we saw above. If you take Jesus seriously in the Gospel, you will hear with the aid of the Spirit, the Paraclete, which is Love given to the deepest part of you. Not Love instead of your own freedom, but Love as a help, a push (not a shove) toward caring for everything in God, of course, and what is best in other people, even troublesome ones.

It takes time to learn all this, of course, to clear the various blockages inside us that keep the Spirit at bay. Remember, we are being invited into the greatest closeness possible, the great sharing that is God himself. Yes it does take time. And we make a lot of mistakes. But God is willing to make us “temples of the Holy Spirit,” and to stay with us, strengthening us, guiding us, helping us to make Love a root in us.

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**MONDAY**

May 25  
*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34

**TUESDAY**

May 26  
*St. Philip Neri, Priest*

1 Pt 1:10-16 Mk 10:28-31

**WEDNESDAY**

May 27  
*Weekday*

1 Pt 1:18-25 Mk 10:32-45

**THURSDAY**

May 28  
*Weekday*

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Mk 10:46-52

**FRIDAY**

May 29  
*Weekday*

1 Pt 4:7-13 Mk 11:11-26

**SATURDAY**

May 30  
*Weekday*

Jude 17, 20b-25 Mk 11:27-33

**SUNDAY**

May 31  
*The Most Holy Trinity*

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

# Good News!

May 24, 2026  
**Pentecost Sunday (A)**

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23

ANN M. GARRIDO

**When reading aloud today’s passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do?** “Parthians, Medes, and Elamites.” Where is “Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia”? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God’s protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God’s law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such faraway, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●

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**MATRIMONY MOMENTS**

**WEEK #4 - Renewing Your Relationship Daily**

5/24/26 – Pentecost Sunday

“Peace be with you.” (John 20:19)



**Couple Prayer:**

Come, Holy Spirit! Breathe Your peace into our marriage. Give us the courage and humility to forgive quickly and completely, so that sacramental grace flows fresh in and through us every day. Amen.

**Marriage Motivation Tip:**

End the day with a simple “forgiveness check”. Briefly consider if there is any issue lingering from earlier in the day. Ask for and offer forgiveness. Pray an Our Father together. This can turn ordinary nights into a refreshing time of mercy and renewal.

**Couple Conversation Question:**

What is an example that shows how forgiveness has already brought healing and closeness to our marriage; and what is something we can commit to this week to keep the fountain of mercy and grace flowing between us?

## This Week on Formed

### Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri’s great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.

### The Wild Goose

The Wild Goose. “Wild Goose” was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

### The Victory of Joan of Arc

Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind audio drama, you’ll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God and her country in the most surprising and miraculous ways.

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- \*Enjoy!



## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

### Be Part of a United Offering of Prayer

This Bicentennial Jubilee is a historic moment for our Archdiocese—a time to come together as one Church in gratitude, hope, and trust in the Lord. Prayer intentions gathered from our parishes through *Prayer of the People* will be presented together at the Bicentennial Jubilee Mass on July 18, 2026 as an offering of faith and trust in God’s providence.

**Submit your prayer intention:**

- In the offertory basket
- At the parish office
- Online at [ArchSTL200.org/prayer](http://ArchSTL200.org/prayer)



### The Wild Goose | Trailer

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