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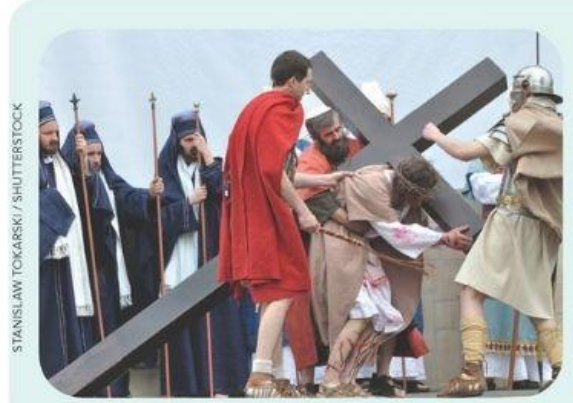
A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
Our Lady of Sorrows	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Tm 2:1-8	1 Tm 3:1-13	1 Tm 3:14-16	1 Tm 4:12-16	1 Tm 6:2c-12	Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	Am 8:4-7
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	Lk 7:11-17	Lk 7:31-35	Lk 7:36-50	Lk 8:1-3	1 Tm 6:13-16	1 Tm 2:1-8
					Lk 8:4-15	Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.
ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,
ROME, MAY 10, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 14, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17



When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, “Pain is weakness leaving the body.” Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one’s child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life’s joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul’s assertion that Jesus came and “emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross,” then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God’s spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

Reflect

*What emptying am I experiencing?
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?*



[Christ Jesus] emptied himself... becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

On October 4th, 2025 the 49th Annual Respect Life Conference will take place! The Holy Mass and Rosary are at 9am at the Cardinal Rigali Center in St. Louis, MO. The conference starts at 11am and concludes at 3pm. There is a \$25 charge for adults and a \$10 charge for teens. Admission includes your lunch and all conference program and informational materials. (See the poster by the front door of our church).

Join the RLA at the upcoming Pro-Life Apologetics Workshop on Friday, September 19 at 6pm at Our Lady Parish in Festus (1550 St. Marys Ln, Festus, MO 63028); doors open at 5:30pm for a light dinner. At this interactive workshop, Kristina Churchman, training specialist with Justice for All, will teach us how to have “A Different Kind of Conversation”, effective prolife conversations that change hearts and save lives. To RSVP for this free event, contact prolife@archstl.org or 314-792-7555. Learn more online: <https://www.archstl.org/event/pro-life-apologetics-workshop-2/>

**Old Mines Area Historical Society
Euchre Fun**
September 20, 2025
4pm-?
Potosi Elks Club

Want to learn to play Euchre?
Want to help teach others to play Euchre?
Want to just play Euchre?

We have to eat. . . So . . . Available for purchase:
Homemade Chicken & Dumplings Dinner (while supplies last); Desserts; Snacks

*No outside alcohol-Drinks available @ Elks bar
*Special thanks to Potosi Elks for hosting!

Contact Cindy for any questions: 573-854-0508



Mass at 4 p.m.
Fun starts at 5 p.m. & ends at 8 p.m.
The Drink Wagon, Circle “P” Smokehouse, Wineries,
Crawfish Races, 50/50 Chances, Beer Garden, Raffles
Music, Mystery Box Raffle

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Mass at 10 a.m.
Roast Beef & Chicken Dinners
Serving starts at 11 a.m., with music until 6 p.m.
Raffles, Mystery Box Raffle, Games, Pull Tabs, Hamburgers,
Hot Dogs, Brats, Cotton Candy, Funnel Cakes
Music by Southside Creole Playboys and TnT Acoustics
Raffle Tickets will be available that day or stop by the Parish Office
Old Mines, MO on Hwy 21
Rev. Anthony Dattilo, Pastor
Rev. Vincent Nyman, Associate Pastor
Call 573.438.6181 for more information

**St. Joseph Fall Festival
Bonne Terre, MO
September 28th
11:00am-4:00pm**
You are invited! Join us for a day of fun!

- \$500 Grand Prize Raffle
- Corn Hole
- Music by Fame ‘N’ Fortune
- Fried Chicken, Kettle Beef, Our famous Liver Dumplings, all sides, rolls, desserts, drinks
Adults \$15 Children 12 & under \$7
- Beer/Sangria/Vendors/Chili Stand
- Flea Market/Fire Truck/Country Store/Children’s Games and Bounce House

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



Mass Schedule September 2025

Mon: 8:00 AM (St.Joachim)
Tues: 8:15 AM (St.James)
Wed: 8:15 AM (St.Joachim)
Thurs: 8:00 AM (St.James)
Fri: 8:00 AM (St.Joachim)
Sat: 8:00 AM (1st Sat. of the Month @ St. James)

Saturday: 4:00 PM
(1st & 3rd weekend @ St. James;
2nd & 4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

Sunday 8:00 AM
(St. Joachim)
10:00 AM
(St. James)

E-MAIL:
stjameschurch@centurylink.net

WEBSITE:
www.stjames-potosi.org

Facebook: St. James Catholic Church

New Office Hours:

Monday: 9-3
Tuesday: 9-3
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9-3
Friday: Closed
Closed on Holy Days and Federal Holidays

Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion
Phone: 573-366-5235

Confessions:
Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm
Prior to Sat. evening Mass or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 15th @ St. Joachim

**Tuesday, September 16th:
Kenneth J. Gelhot**

Wednesday, September 17th @ St. Joachim

**Thursday, September 18th:
Charles & Mary Gibson**

Friday, September 19th @ St. Joachim

**Saturday, September 20th:
St. Joachim**

**Sunday, September 14th:
Parish Family**

Staff

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Melissa Cordia
Co-Coordinator
Laura Allen
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Jamie Thompson
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stjamespsr@gmail.com

Weekly Collection

09/07/2025

Envelopes:	\$4535.00
Loose:	855.00
Online Giving	15.00
Maintenance:	120.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	665.00
Votive:	10.00
Stained Glass:	100.00
Funeral Stole Fee	100.00
Catholic University	325.00
Flowers	50.00

Total Giving: \$6775.00

Heavenly Dusters
Faye Jarvis 9/12-09/19
Diane Mull 9/26-10/3
Altar Linens
Need volunteer 09/15-09/22
Glenda Farrow 09/29-10/06

September 20th & 21st

Lector:

Saturday 4pm: Paul Villmer
Sunday 10am: Bob Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

<u>Saturday 4pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10am</u>
C: Laura Allen	Diane McGirl
L: Judy East	Kim Coleman
R: Vikkie Neier	Mary Roy

Servers

Saturday 4pm: Lane Battreal & Madison Battreal
Sunday 10am: Daisy, Joshua & Penelope

Music:

Sat: 4:00 pm. Chala
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

St. Vincent de Paul collection: Canned meat, potted meat, canned chicken, canned tuna, beefaroni, etc.

Upcoming Events

September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows (memorial)

September 15: Rural Parish Clinic here

September 15: St. Vincent DePaul meeting @ 6pm

September 17: PSR 1st night of class @ 6pm

******FORMED******

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer. The Seven Sorrows of Mary | Brother Francis Join Brother Francis as he prays and explores the Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion!

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus come to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus’ example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the “kerygma” – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will be meeting Oct 14th @ 5:30PM
Any parishioners with questions or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.
GOD BLESS!

OCIA

A new cycle of OCIA sessions began August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Incarnate Word Center, St. Joachim Parish

St. James PSR NEWS

St. James PSR classes will begin Sept 17th. It is not too late to register! Please stop by the PSR office and we will get you registered. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces.

Pope Leo XIV, General Audience 09/10/2025

We face moments when holding things inside can slowly consume us. Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to cry out, as long as our cry is sincere, humble, and directed to the Father. A cry is never pointless, if it is born of love. And it is never ignored, if it is entrusted to God.

