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August 30, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass Schedule September 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

• **Email:**
stjameschurch@centurylink.net

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**201 N Missouri St. Potosi, MO
63664**

www.stjames-potosi.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 31:
@ St. Joachim: Ronald
Thebeau

Tuesday, Sept. 1:
Ronnie Thebeau

Wednesday, Sept. 2: @
St. Joachim: Charles &
Irene Coleman & Family

Thursday, Sept. 3:
Healing for Mary Ann Pratt

Friday, Sept. 4:
@ St. Joachim: Tracy
Coleman

Saturday Sept. 5:
8am: Snead/Coffey
Families
4pm: Vicki Worthen

Sunday Sept. 6:
8am: @ St. Joachim: Agnes
Lum
10am: Parish Family

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

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September 6: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:

Saturday 4pm: Mary Susan Campbell
 Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am
 C: Paul Villmer Kim Coleman
 L: Judy East Diane McGirl
 R: Maureen Mills Mary Roy

Servers

Saturday 4pm: Aubrianne McGoveran
 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 September 1: Catherine Dickey
 Thursday September 3: Judy Wright
 Tuesday September 8: Mary Campbell
 Thursday September 10: Vicki Thurmond
 Tuesday September 15: Joyce Polite
 Thursday September 17: Rhonda Polite

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

Heavenly Dusters

Nancy Davis 9/4
 Laura Allen 9/11
 Kathy Pashia 9/18
 Jeanne DeGonia 9/25

Altar Linens

Kathy Pashia 8/31
 Bobbie Heifner 9/7
 Diane McGirl 9/14
 Glenda Whitten 9/21

Money Counters

Becky & Rhonda 9/1
 Jeanne & Rhonda 9/8
 Pat & Tina 9/15
 Mary Ann & Donna 9/22

Weekly Collection 08/23/26

Envelopes:	1385.00
Loose:	118.00
Online Giving:	25.00
Maintenance:	65.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	182.00
Votives:	35.74
Assumption of Mary:	5.00

Total Giving: \$1815.74

of Contributors: 25

Thank you for your generosity!



August 30, 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Thank You!!

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

**Our next meeting is September 15 @ 5:30pm.

Please join us for some great food and fellowship following our 8am Mass this morning! 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."

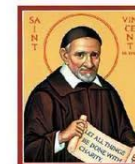
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our Pantry Distribution day was August 15th. We served 164 families (389 individuals) with 101 served age 65 & up. Of those 65 and up, 3 are raising grandchildren. We thank all our volunteers who help with the distribution and we especially thank all our generous donors who help support the pantry with your money and donations. We couldn't serve the needy in our community without your generosity and dedication to our mission.

"The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them." St. Vincent de Paul

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



August 30, 2026
 Labor Day Reflection

As Labor Day approaches, we honor the dignity of work and all those whose labor supports their families and strengthens our communities.

Yet many hardworking individuals still struggle to afford housing, utilities, food, and healthcare. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists workers and families facing financial challenges, helping them weather unexpected setbacks and remain stable.

Let us pray for all workers and recommit ourselves to supporting those who are striving to build better lives for themselves and their families.
www.svdpstl.org



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

Sept 3 @ 6:30pm in the Incarnate Word Center:
 Session Topic: The Holy Trinity

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

Our pantry/hall cleanup was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped! It was much needed and greatly appreciated!

Our next meeting is Sept 1.

Parish School of Religion(PSR)

PSR Teachers have already started working on activities and curriculum for this school year. Open house for parents and students is scheduled for September 9th at 6:00pm. There will be paperwork to fill out for the parents and a brief meeting about what we are working on for this year. For the kiddos, they will report to their new classrooms and meet their teachers for the year. We are looking forward to another great year!

Dr. Melissa Cordia

FROM THE OFFICE:

We have a couple of homebound parishioners in need of rides to weekend Mass. If you would be able to help them by offering a ride, it would be greatly appreciated. They are local right here in Potosi. Please call the office for more details. They are not particular to which Mass or location, they would just love to be able to attend Mass. Thank you in advance!

~Vicki Thurmond

St. Joachim ~ Old Mines, MO

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 12, 2026
Mass at 4 p.m.

Fun starts at 5 p.m. & ends at 8 p.m.
Circle "P" Smokehouse, Winery, Beer Garden, 50/50 Raffle, Mystery Box, and Main Raffle Chances sold.
Music by MusicManiac

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Mass at 10 a.m.

Roast Beef & Chicken Dinners
Serving starts at 11 a.m., with music until 6 p.m.
Raffles, Games, Pull Tabs, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Cotton Candy, Funnel Cakes, Beer Wagon, Drink Wagon.
Music by Dustin Coleman and TnT Acoustics
Raffle Tickets will be available that day or stop by the Parish Office.

St. Joachim Catholic Church
Old Mines, MO on Hwy 21
Rev. Anthony Datillo, Pastor
Rev. Vincent Nyman, Associate Pastor



ATTENTION!!

St. Joachim and St. James Parishes, along with George Herrera, with the Southern Vicariate Social Outreach, will be hosting a community Christmas luncheon/dinner on December 5th, at St. James. We will be hosting a meeting on September 8th from 5pm - 6pm to discuss ideas about the luncheon/dinner at St. Joachim, in the Incarnate Word Center. If you are interested in being a part of this core committee to discuss ideas, please join us! This would be a great opportunity for our ministries & our parishes to come together and serve the community.



The Ride For Life!

SXS RIDE & BENEFIT

Supporting Caring Hearts Family Resource Center
Join us for a fun-filled day supporting a vital community resource serving families in Washington County!

Event Details and Activities
Date: October 27, 2026
Location: The Red Barn, 130 Webster Rd, Caledonia, MO.
Registration Opens at 8:30 AM
Cost: \$20 per vehicle
Ride route is gravel and asphalt only. Trucks and Jeeps welcome!
Ride departs the Red Barn at 9:00am
Enjoy delicious food for sale at the Red Barn: Biscuits & Gravy, Pulled Pork, Chili, Hot Dogs, and More!
Play games for prizes while you ride!
Donate to Caring Hearts for a chance to win raffle prizes at the end of the day!

Pre-Register




Caring Hearts Fundraiser

Caring Hearts Family Resource Center is raffling off a rifle between now and Oct. 17th when the drawing will take place at the **RIDE FOR LIFE** at the Red Barn in Caledonia. Please support the pro-life cause!!! Your support is appreciated!



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Mother Teresa
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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Reflection on Matthew 16:21-27

This Gospel invites us to examine how we respond when God's will challenges our comfort. Peter loves Jesus deeply, yet he cannot imagine that suffering could be part of God's plan. His reaction is understandable: we all prefer a Messiah who conquers without sacrifice, a discipleship that costs us little. But Jesus firmly corrects him, revealing that the instinct to avoid the Cross is rooted in human fear, not divine wisdom.

Jesus then turns to all of us: *"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."* These words are not meant to discourage but to liberate. The crosses Christ asks us to carry are not random burdens; they are the places where love becomes real. To deny ourselves is not to erase our identity—it is to let go of the selfishness, pride, and fear that keep us from loving fully. To take up our cross is to embrace the responsibilities, sacrifices, and acts of fidelity that shape us into Christ's image.

Everyday discipleship looks like choosing patience when irritation feels easier, offering forgiveness when resentment feels justified, serving others when convenience tempts us to withdraw. These small crosses, carried with faith, become the way Christ transforms our hearts. Jesus promises that whoever loses their life for His sake will find it. In other words, when we stop clinging to our own plans and entrust ourselves to Him, we discover the deeper joy and freedom that only God can give.

This Gospel challenges us but also consoles us: Christ does not ask us to carry a cross He has not carried first. He walks ahead of us, strengthening us, and turning every sacrifice offered in love into a path toward resurrection. The question for us becomes: *Where is Christ inviting me to trust Him more deeply, even when His way feels demanding?* In saying yes, we discover that the Cross is never the end—it is the doorway to new life.

Sunday Matrimony Moments

Couples, use this simple content to enrich your marriage one-on-one each Sunday

9/6: Love That Unites
"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:15-20)

Couple Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are present whenever we come together in Your name. Give us the courage to speak truth in love and the humility to listen when corrected. Strengthen our bond so that our home becomes a place where Your presence is felt. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: Commit to approach difficult conversations privately and gently first. A soft word spoken in private often restores more than public confrontation ever could.

Couple Conversation Question: When was a time one of us "won the other over" through honest, loving dialogue, and how did it draw us closer to Christ?

Find more ways to make your marriage JUBILANT at
www.MarriageandFamilySTL.org

SEPTEMBER

Parish Calendar

August 30: Fifth Sunday Brunch after 8am Mass

Sept 1: Ladies Sodality 5:30pm

Sept 3: OCIA (at St. Joachim) 6:30pm

Sept 5: First Saturday Mass & Adoration 8am

Sept 7: Parish Office closed for Labor Day

Sept 8: Parish Council 5:30pm
Knights of Columbus 6:30pm

Sept 9: PSR Registration Night

Sept 10: OCIA(at St. Joachim) 6:30pm

Sept 11: Clarity House Rosary & Mass 6pm

Sept 12: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

Sept 14: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm

Sept 17: OCIA (at St. Joachim) 6:30pm

Sept 18: Finance Meeting 9:30am (at St. Joachim)

Sept 19: Food Pantry Distribution Day 7am-9am

Sept 20: Emmaus Youth Group Meeting at St. Joachim in the Incarnate Word Center 6pm: ALL STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADES FROM ST. JAMES ARE WELCOME!

Sept 21: Rural Clinic here



Good News!

August 30, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2

/ Matthew 16:21-27

MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—"Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—"Come after me" (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not too far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same "trigger" word: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

The cross! That's how the controversy started, when Peter "took Jesus aside" (literally, "collared" him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22)

How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don't even want to admit I'm a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God," and "Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God" (Romans 12:1-2). Everything for Jesus. ●

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MONDAY

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1-5

Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

September 3

St. Gregory the

Great, Pope and

Doctor of the

Church

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY

September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY

September 6

Twenty-third

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

Dear Padre

August 30, 2026

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Pope Leo XIV General Audience August 26, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, in this final catechesis on the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, we recall the reasons the Council Fathers promoted a liturgical reform. When the Church carries out a reform of the liturgy — a constant process of development across the centuries — there is an important distinction to be made between the divine, immutable elements, and the human elements, which may undergo various modifications. The need arose for the faithful to celebrate the liturgies more consciously and actively, not "as strangers and silent spectators," but participating fully in the salvific mystery. In this way, the Christian people learn to recognize sacred realities, offer themselves with and through the hands of the priest, and become more open to receiving God's grace. At every celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, let us ask for God's help to be strengthened on our journey and to enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord.

This Week on Formed

Cabrini

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

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Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

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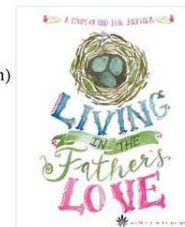
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Living in the Father's Love Fall Women's Bible Study

Our fall bible study for women will begin Wednesday (St. Joachim) on September 23rd and will be weekly (except for one week) & Friday mornings (St. James) starting on September 18th. The Friday study at St. James will be every two weeks.



It is called **Living in the Father's Love**.

This is not a video based study. You will need the book to participate. There are 6 sessions total.

Schedule for St. Joachim:

Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct 7
Oct 21 (meet in church);
Oct 28
Nov 4

Schedule for St. James:

Sept 18
Oct 9
Oct 23
Nov 6
Nov 20
Dec 4

EMMAUS YOUTH MINISTRY

You are invited

We are growing!! Youth from St. James and St. Joachim are invited to join us!!
Grades 6th - graduating Seniors!!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be September 20th at 6pm in the IWC Building. We are looking forward to meeting and catching up with you all. It's been too long!!

Save the Date

December 13th we will be hosting our Christmas for Life dinner. More information to follow.

Fundraising

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



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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on Pro-life Amendment 3

We, the Catholic Bishops of Missouri, are committed to protecting the sanctity and dignity of all human life, including the poor and needy, refugees and immigrants, prisoners on death row, and mothers and children.

In Missouri, this dignity is being threatened by the pro-abortion amendment passed in 2024. That amendment enshrined a sweeping right to abortion in the State Constitution and eliminated the legislature's ability to set common-sense safeguards for the abortion industry, including the requirement that only doctors perform abortions, the requirement that parents be notified and give consent before their minor child has an abortion, and the requirement that abortion clinics be licensed and inspected.

This year, Missourians will have the opportunity to restore those safeguards by voting for Amendment 3. The proposed constitutional amendment will protect women's health and safety and restore protections for the unborn.

We ask the faithful and all people of good will to join us in prayer and fasting for the success of Amendment 3 and to support each human person from conception to natural death.

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Approved March 25, 2026



WHAT YOU CAN DO —

Know the Facts

Take Action

VOTE YES

Know the Facts:

- In Nov. 2026, Missourians will be asked to restore pro-life protections in Amendment 3, which will:
 - Restore protections for the unborn
 - Require abortion clinics to meet high standards for safety and cleanliness
 - Ensure parental or judicial consent for minors
 - Severely limit public funding for abortion services
 - Prevent surgical or medical gender transition on minors

Take Action:

- **Pray for the success of Amendment 3!**
- Talk to your circle of influence—family, friends, individuals in your Church group, etc.—about the amendment. Key talking points on Amendment 3 include:
 - In Nov. 2024, Missouri narrowly passed a sweeping right to abortion in the State Constitution
 - With that State Constitutional Amendment, Missouri's legislature lost the ability to set meaningful safeguards for the abortion industry, including:
 - ▶ Requirement that only doctors perform abortions
 - ▶ Requirement that parents be notified and give consent before their minor has an abortion
 - ▶ Requirement that abortion clinics be licensed and inspected
- Encourage others to join the Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network ("MOCAN") at m catholic.org to stay up to date on the latest campaign news.
- Visit herhealthherfuture.com to make a donation or find other ways you can get involved in the campaign.

MCC staff members are available to come speak to your parish regarding Amendment 3. Please visit m catholic.org/speaker-request for more information.

VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 3!