

Dear Padre

January 25, 2026

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●

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201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026



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Mass Schedule
January 2026

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)

**MASS
INTENTIONS FOR
THE WEEK**

Monday, Jan
26th
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Jan
27th:
**Charles & Mary
Gibson**

Wednesday, Jan
28th:
@ St. Joachim

Thursday, Jan
29th:
Joann Thebeau

Friday, Jan 30th:
@ St. Joachim

Saturday, Jan
31st:
**Linda & Bernard
Pashia Family**

Sunday, Feb 1st:
Betty Matthews

Confessions:



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

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Feb 1, 2026

Lector:

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 8am: Jamie Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 8am
C:	Glenda Farrow
L:	Don Thompson
R:	Jim Politte

Servers

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 8am: Ava West

Music:

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

Heavenly Dusters

Diane Mull 1/30-2/6
Jeanne DeGonia 2/13-2/20
Faye Jarvis 2/27-3/6

Altar Linens

Faye Jarvis 2/2-2/9
Glenda Farrow 2/16-2/23
Connie Scott 3/2-3/9

Money Counters

Pat & Tina 1/27
Mary Ann & Donna 2/3
Becky & Rhonda 2/10
Jeanne & Rhonda 2/17

(FYI: The office is open on Mondays if you would like to count on Mondays.)

Weekly Collection 01/18/25

<u>Envelopes:</u>	\$3010.00
<u>Loose:</u>	199.00
<u>Online Giving</u>	120.00
<u>Maintenance:</u>	13.00
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	140.00
<u>Votives:</u>	24.75
<u>St. Louis Review</u>	100.00
<u>First Offering</u>	20.00

Total Giving: \$3626.75
of Contributors: 54

Thank you for your generosity!



January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."
Matthew 4:22
Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

This Week On Formed

St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.

The Story of St. John Bosco

Learn the inspiring story of the life of St. John Bosco in this audio reflection intended for kids. We celebrate his feast day on January 31.

Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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MONDAY
January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8
or Ti 1:1-5
Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY
January 27
Weekday
2 Sm 6:12b-15,
17-19
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY
January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY
January 29
Weekday
2 Sm 7:18-19,
24-29
Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY
January 30
Weekday
2 Sm 11:1-4a,
5-10a, 13-17
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY
January 31
St. John Bosco,
Priest
2 Sm 12:1-7a,
10-17
Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY
February 1
Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

Good News!

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 /

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

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White House Retreat

Do you find it difficult to find time to truly relax, quiet your mind and talk to God? A retreat at White House is the perfect opportunity to find peace, quiet and inspiration your soul is looking for. It's like a 3-day vacation with God! Join the women of our parish on our annual retreat from March 16 to March 19, 2026. Retreats at White House are silent, guided retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. All of your meals are provided and everyone receives their own private accommodations. There is no set fee to attend; White House operates on a free-will offering basis. To register call Vicki Thurmond at the parish office or email to register. We have a limited number of spots available so please don't wait to call. You can also visit www.whitehouseretreat.org to find additional dates.



WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

New Online Giving Portal

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/StJamesCatholic/member/login>

Dear Parishioners,

We have exciting news! We are always looking for ways to use your contribution dollars wisely. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has given us the opportunity to take advantage of a new online giving portal at no additional cost. Currently, we utilize Our Sunday Visitor as our online giving portal which costs the parish monthly user fees. The new portal is directly connected to our current contribution software program, Servant Keeper. This change will not only benefit the parish by saving money but will also give you access to up to date giving information.

We will be implementing the change effective February 1, 2026 to give everyone plenty of time to make the switch to online giving should you choose to do so. Those who are current online givers will receive a separate letter giving specific details on how to make the switch. If you've never given online and are interested in setting up an account, please look forward to seeing instructions in upcoming church bulletins and Facebook posts. This is an easy-to-use portal with very simple instructions on how to set up and manage your online giving. We believe this is a positive change for both the parish and you, our valued parishioners.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the parish office. Our phone number is 573-438-4686 and email is stjameschurch@centurylink.net. We will be happy to answer any questions and to guide you through this process.

Sincerely,
Vicki Thurmond
Parish Secretary

Rev. Anthony Dattilo
Pastor

Angie Mitchell
Business Manager

Benefits of Servant Keeper Online Giving:

- Secure and convenient online giving options.
- Accessible from desktop, tablet, or mobile devices.
- Recurring giving options to simplify your donations

NEW ONLINE GIVING PORTAL STEPS



Pope Leo XIV, General Audience: January 21, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we continue our Catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum of the Second Vatican Council by considering the role of the Son of God in Divine Revelation. God's revelation of himself to his people through words and deeds over the centuries reached its fulfilment in the incarnation of the Word, when God became man. Indeed, "the most intimate truth revealed about God and human salvation shines forth in Christ, who is himself both the mediator and the fulfilment of revelation" (Dei Verbum, 2). The Son, through his incarnation, life, death and resurrection, not only allows us to see the Father in him, but also invites us to enter into his very own relationship with the Father, by virtue of the action of the Spirit. By accepting this invitation, we become sons and daughters through the Son and participants in God's nature. Let us be filled with gratitude as we ponder our sublime vocation as God's beloved children, entrusting ourselves to the Father with boundless confidence.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260121-udienza-generale.html>

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Our next meeting is Feb 10th @ 5:30pm. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch is March 29th after 10am Mass. Mark your calendar now! See the bulletin article about the Catholic Men's Conference on Feb 7. We encourage our men to attend. If interested, let Eric know. Don't let cost be an obstacle. We will be covering the cost for at least 10 men.

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

St. James PSR NEWS

PSR is back in full swing. We are looking forward to spring!

From Dr. Melissa Cordia

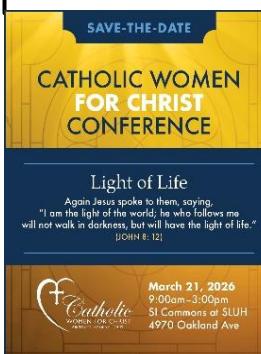
Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is on February 3rd from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Parish Hall. We have elected new officers. Our new President is Bobbie Heifner, Vice-President is Kim Coleman, Secretary is Laura Allen, and Treasurer is Diane McGirl. We will be hosting Indoor Dining Fish Fries on February 27th and March 27th, serving beginning at 4pm until sell out. Please mark your calendars. The chili/soup cook off has been cancelled to allow us to host these fish fries.

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

The Catechumens and Candidates are eagerly awaiting the coming of Jesus in Baptism and the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please pray for Catechumens: Keith Blankman, Joey Thebeau, Judy Vance, Caitlyn Gibson, Anthony, Lilly Pashia and family, Jerry Randall, Chris McCoy and Inquirer, Jerry Goza.

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, in being fully received, or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact the parish office, or call coordinator, Joyce Politte 636-328-1343. All are welcome.



Catholic Women for Christ is back for 2026! Join us on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Si Commons at St. Louis University High School with ladies from around the Archdiocese of St. Louis for a day of spiritual talks, prayer, and community. We will explore the theme "Light of Life" and discuss how we see the Light, walk in the Light, and become the Light.

To register and for more information, visit www.catholicwomenforchrist.org

Parish Calendar

Feb 2: Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm

Feb 3: Ladies Sodality Meeting 5:30pm

Feb 7: First Saturday Mass 8am w/Adoration & Benediction

Feb 10: Eucharistic Adoration 9-4:45pm
Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

Feb 11: Parish Office will have a delayed opening 11-3 (Vicki has bible study @ St. Joachim)

Feb 13: Bible Study begins 9am (parish office)
Clarity House Retreat 6pm

Feb 16: Rural Clinic here
Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm
Parish Office Closed for Holiday
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm

Feb 18: Ash Wednesday 7pm Mass
Parish Office will have a delayed opening 11-3 (Vicki has bible study @ St. Joachim)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry served 127 families (356 individuals). Thanks again to our packers and those who braved the cold weather on Distribution day!

"God demands first the heart... then the work."
St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat, spaghetti w/ meat, canned stew, tuna



Catholic Men for Christ 2026 is fast approaching! Join us on Saturday, February 7th 2026 at Si Commons at St. Louis University High School with men from around the Archdiocese of St. Louis as we **explore the theme: "Light of Light": See the Light; Walk in the Light; Be the Light.** The conference will be an opportunity for spiritual talks, prayer, the sacraments, and community.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ben Akers

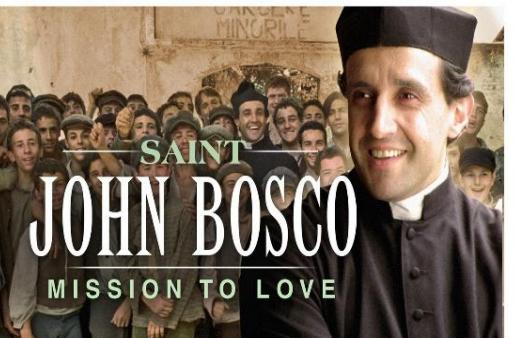
Dr. Ben Akers is a highly sought after international Catholic speaker in discipleship, spirituality, and Scripture. He is an Associate Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute and the Chief Mission Officer of the FORMED.org platform, which is a streaming platform providing trustworthy and inspiring Catholic video, audio, and eBook content from more than 60 other partners. Previously, Dr. Akers served as the director of the Denver Catholic Biblical and Catechetical Schools and was an adjunct for the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. He studied theology in the heart of the Catholic Church in Rome, Italy.

He and his wife are blessed with three daughters and two sons and reside in St. Louis.

Keynote Speaker: Paul George

Paul has the past 30 years serving in various capacities, including president of a non-profit, speaker, mentor, consultant, and author. He has spoken over 2 million people worldwide, helping people know, understand, and live in the true and authentic freedom they were created to live in. He is the author of *Rethink Happiness* and his most recent best-selling book for men, *Holy Grit*, was released in 2023. Paul has written two devotionals for men as well. Paul holds a master's degree in Theological Studies from the University of Dallas. It's his role as a husband and father that he cherishes the most. Paul and his wife Gretchen have been married for twenty-eight years; they are the proud parents of five – Marie (and her husband Matt, grandson Jude), Jacob, Sarah, Clare, and Addie. He is a former college athlete and an avid lover of the outdoors.

**Contact Eric Aubuchon or the parish office if you are interested in attending this life-changing conference as soon as possible



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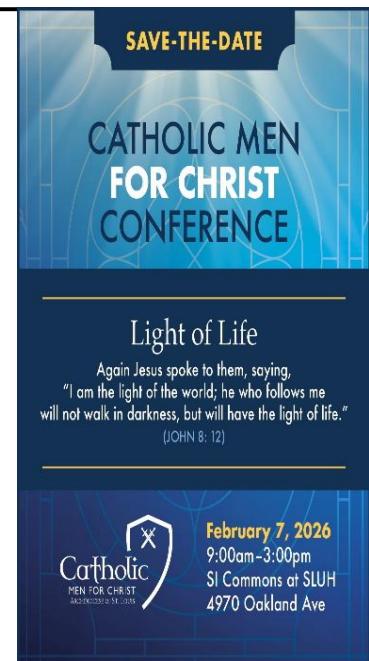
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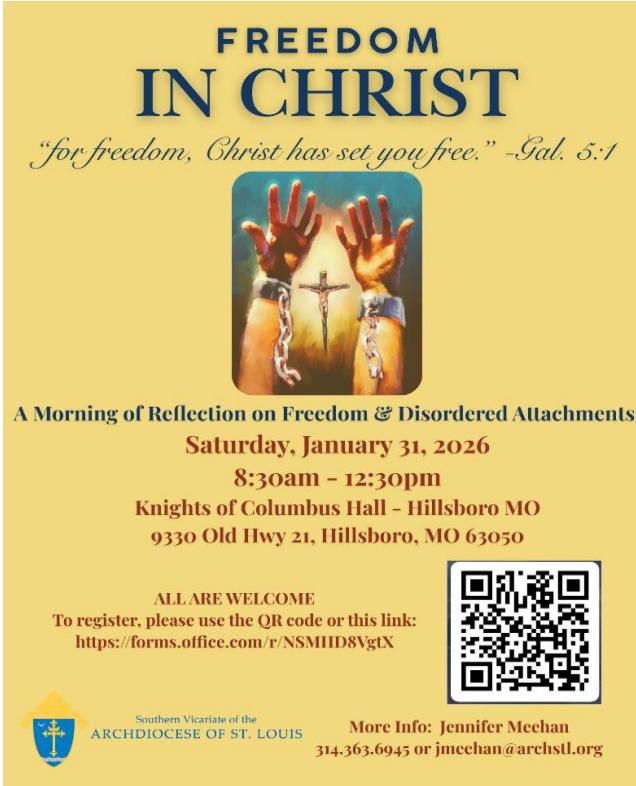
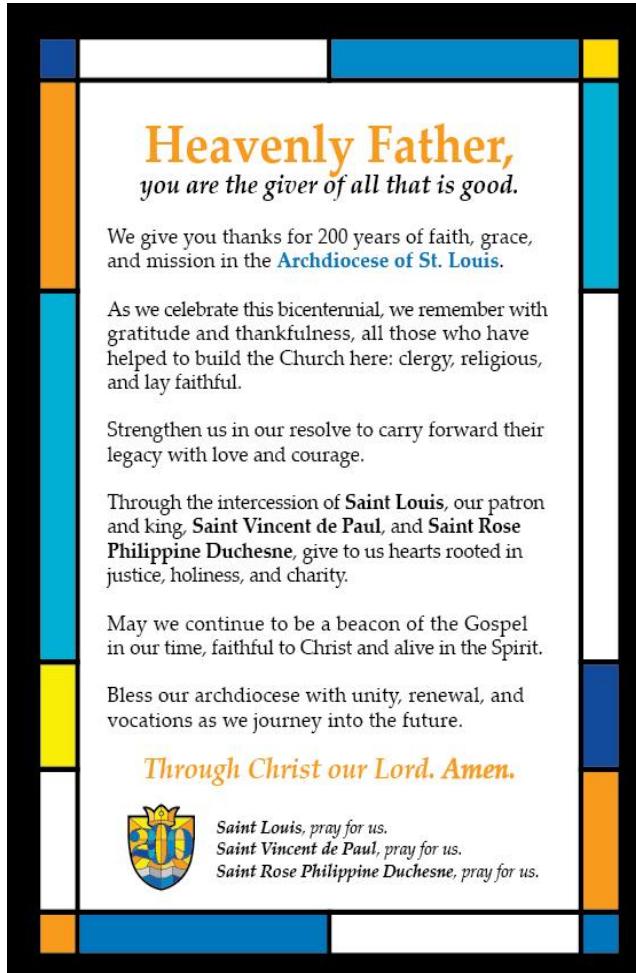
Lenten Bible Study

We will be offering a study this Lent at St. Joachim for those interested. We will be studying Scripture and Apologetics. **I do have enough interest to have a Friday morning session here at St. James at 9am. We will begin on Feb 13th at St. James.** This study will help you understand and defend our Catholic faith with our Non-Catholic brothers and sisters. We will cover some of the major points of division surrounding our Catholic beliefs and help you explain and back that up with scripture.

There is a study guide. The cost is \$5 to offset the cost of paper & ink. You will need to provide your own binder or folder. This is not a video based study so be prepared for homework and reading.

Sessions should last about an hour. We will have two classes again this time at St. Joachim, Monday evening at 6pm in the Incarnate Word Center and Wednesday morning after the 8:15am Mass in the Incarnate Word Center. St. James will have a Friday morning, 9am session available as well.

The Monday class will begin on February 9. The Wednesday class will begin on February 11. The Friday session will begin on Feb. 13. There will be 6 sessions but because of the Rural Clinic schedule and my annual White House Retreat, our schedule will not be weekly. We will have a few times where we get a week or two between classes. I apologize for that but it's simply unavoidable. If you would like to join us, please let Vicki know by text (573-854-1257) or email (vickithurmond@gmail.com) or in person.



For the battle belongs to the Lord.

~ 1 Samuel 17:47

Steubenville STL Mid-America 2026

Our group registration will be February 5th of 2026.

Who can attend?	Incoming Freshman through graduating Senior
When?	July 17 th - 19 th
Where?	Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
Cost?	We will stay off campus at a nearby hotel, so the conference cost is \$185. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit due February 26 th

If you are a youth participant that would like to attend, please contact the parish office or email sjoachimyouthministry2023@gmail.com.



St. Joachim Catholic School