

Dear Padre,

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin	Day of Prayer	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16-23	1 Sm 16:1-13	and Martyr for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	1 Sm 24:3-21	Mk 3:13-19	Is 8:23-9:3
Mk 2:18-22	Mk 2:23-28	Mk 3:1-6	Mk 3:1-7	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
		Mk 3:7-12	Mk 3:10-21	Mk 3:20-21	Mt 4:12-23	or 4:12-17



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025

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St. James Catholic Church

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 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 19th
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Jan 20th:
Bob Jost

Wednesday, Jan 21st:
@ St. Joachim

Thursday, Jan 22nd:
Raymond J. DeGonia

Friday, Jan 23rd:
@ St. Joachim

Saturday, Jan 24th:
@ St. Joachim

Sunday, Jan 25th:
Garry West



Confessions:

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

St. James Parish Family

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January 25th

Lector:

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 10am: Bob Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 10am
C:	Nikki Warden
L:	Jamie Warden
R:	David Woodland

Servers

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 10am: Vincent Pashia

Music:

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

Heavenly Dusters

Faye Jarvis 1/16-1/23
Diane Mull 1/30-2/6
Jeanne DeGonia 2/13-2/20

Altar Linens

Connie Scott 1/19-1/26
Faye Jarvis 2/2-2/9
Glenda Farrow 2/16-2/23

Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 1/20
Pat & Tina 1/27
Mary Ann & Donna 2/3
Becky & Rhonda 2/10

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

Weekly Collection 01/11/25

Envelopes:	\$3495.00
Loose:	282.00
Online Giving	25.00
Maintenance:	35.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	88.00
Votives:	9.00
Christmas Offering	150.00
Seminary Collection	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00

Total Giving: \$4224.00
of Contributors: 27

Thank you for your generosity!

January 18, 2026 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

This Week On Formed

Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!

Martyrdom of St. Agnes | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today. This week, they are looking at The Martyrdom of St. Agnes as depicted by Zampieri Domenico.

The Story of Saint Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and we celebrate his feast on January 24. Enjoy this short audio reflection for kids.

*Go to <http://signup.formed.org>

*Enter our parish's zipcode 63664

*Enter your name and your email address.

*Enjoy!

MONDAY
January 19
Weekday
1 Sm 15:16-23
Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY
January 20
Weekday
1 Sm 16:1-13
Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY
January 21
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY
January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY
January 23
Weekday
1 Sm 24:3-21
Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY
January 24
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY
January 25
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23-9:3
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Good News!

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20-28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Ariës, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●

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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 the 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

COMING SOON!
New Online Giving Portal

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.

January 18th

"Even with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, a decision that returns the abortion issue to the electorate, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection under the law. Federal laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children, and many political leaders at the state and federal level, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Priorities at the Polls"

9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena
9 Days for Life, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

pray to protect
HUMAN LIFE
JANUARY 16-24

9daysforlife.com

Pope Leo XIV, General Audience: January 14, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters,
We begin our new series of catecheses on the [Second Vatican Council](#) by considering [Dei Verbum](#), the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. As today's Scripture reading reminds us, Jesus calls us friends because he has revealed to us everything that he has heard from the Father. It is through Revelation, which reaches its fullness in Jesus, the Word made flesh, that we are invited to share in God's life as his children in Christ. We are reminded that friendship with God is not only a gift, but also an invitation that requires a response, as in any relationship. To cultivate this friendship, we must spend time with God in prayer, both personally and especially through the Liturgy, where the community gathers to listen to the word of God with the guidance of the Church. Together, let us respond wholeheartedly to the Lord's invitation and discover in his friendship the true mystery of our salvation.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260114-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 have ordered a new outside Nativity scene for the church. We also will be having a chili-soup cook-off and dessert auction fundraiser to be held on February 21st after the 4pm Mass. Please make plans to join us!

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.



Parish Calendar

Jan 19: Rural Clinic is here

Jan 19: Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm

Jan 25: Training for Eucharistic Ministers after 10am Mass

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 16: Rural Clinic here
Parish Office Closed due to holiday
Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thanks to all our packers and those who helped on Saturday with the distribution. Many thanks to our generous church family!

"What food is to the body, prayer is to the soul, if persons were satisfied with taking a meal every three to four days, they would soon grow weak... they would be very weary, incapable of making any useful effort, and at last would have a body without strength or vigor. Soul not nourished by prayer becomes tired, weary, without strength, courage or power, a source of annoyance to others and unbearable to itself." 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

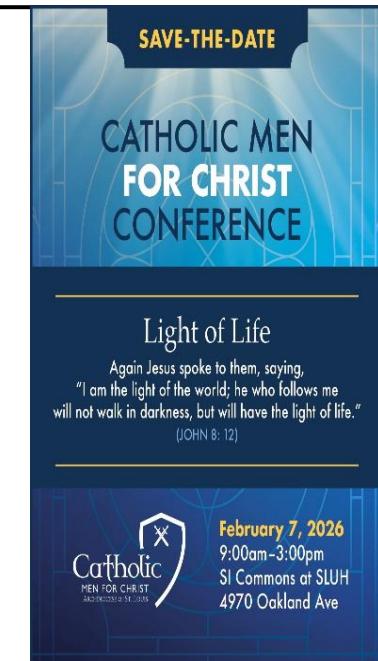
Dr. Ben Akers is a highly sought after international Catholic speaker in discipleship, spirituality, and Scripture. He is an Associate Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute and the Chief Mission Officer of the FORMED.org platform, which is a streaming platform providing trustworthy and inspiring 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



Lenten Bible Study

We will be offering a study this Lent at St. Joachim for those interested. We will be studying **Scripture and Apologetics**. 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.

Recommended Books for supplementary reading are:

- **Catholic & Christian** by Alan Schreck.
- **Reasons to Believe** by Scott Hahn
- **Made for More** by Curtis Martin

Sessions should last about an hour. We will have two classes again this time, Monday evening at 6pm in the Incarnate Word Center and Wednesday morning after the 8:15am Mass in the Incarnate Word Center.

The Monday class will begin on February 9. The Wednesday class will begin on February 11. 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.

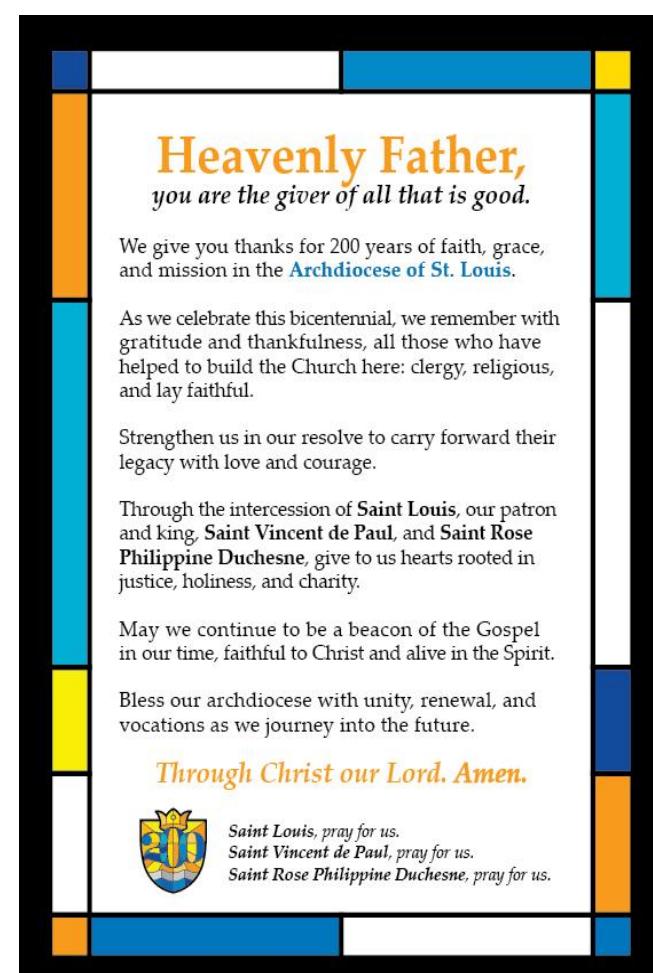


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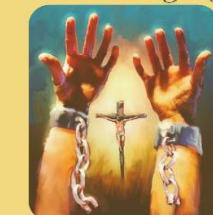


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"For freedom, Christ has set you free." -Gal. 5:1



A Morning of Reflection on Freedom & Disordered Attachments

Saturday, January 31, 2026

8:30am - 12:30pm

Knights of Columbus Hall - Hillsboro MO
9330 Old Hwy 21, Hillsboro, MO 63050

ALL ARE WELCOME
To register, please use the QR code or this link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/NSMIID8VgtX>



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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 17th - 19th

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 26th

If you are a youth participant that would like to attend, please contact the parish office or email stjoachimyouthministry2023@gmail.com.

We would **LOVE** to have a large group this year!

