

Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

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



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us,

too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Monday April 13 Easter Weekday Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8	Thursday April 16 Easter Weekday Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	Sunday April 19 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35
Tuesday April 14 Easter Weekday Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	Friday April 17 Easter Weekday Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	
Wednesday April 15 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	Saturday April 18 Easter Weekday Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21	

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

"When I went for adoration, I heard these words: ... Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls (Diary, 1074)."

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

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St. James Catholic Church 201 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664

Sunday of Divine Mercy April 12, 2026



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Mass Schedule April 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. James)
10:00 AM (St. Joachim)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 13:
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday, April 14:
Peter M. Knight

Wednesday, April 15:
@ St. Joachim

Thursday, April 16:
Betty Matthews

Friday, April 17:
@ St. Joachim

Saturday, April 18:
Mike "Coach" Nickelson

Sunday, April 19:
Dan Declue

Mass Intentions are \$10. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to offer a Mass intention.

Confessions:

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

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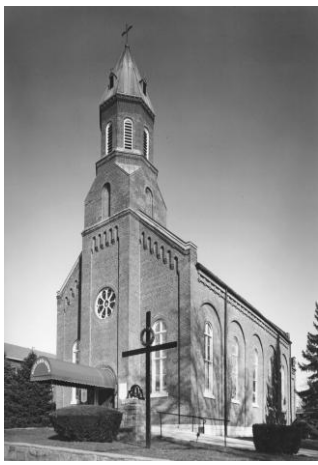
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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street

Potosi, MO 63664



April 19th Third Sunday of Easter

Lector:

Saturday 4pm: Laura Allen
 Sunday 8am: Jeanne DeGonia

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 8am
C: Vikkie Neier	Glenda Farrow
L: Judy East	Jim Politte
R: Paul Villmer	Donna Kennon

Servers

Saturday 4pm: Lane Battreal & Madison Battreal
 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 4/10-4/17
 Bobbie Heifner 4/24

Altar Linens

Bobbie Heifner 4/13
 Diane McGirl 4/20
 Bobbie Heifner 4/27

Money Counters

Becky & Rhonda 4/14
 Jeanne & Rhonda 4/21
 Pat & Tina 4/28

(I am in the office on Monday's for anyone who wants to count on that day. I do go to Mass @ St. Joachim first before coming in to the office.)

Staff
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 Pastor**
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Rev. Vince Nyman-
 Associate Pastor
 Phone: 314-614-0718

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 Office Manager (part-time)

Vicki Thurmond
 Parish Secretary (part-time)
stjameschurch@centurylink.net

Judy East: Custodian

Tommy Roy: On Call Maintenance

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

Weekly Collection 03/29/26

Envelopes:	1900.00
Loose:	311.00
Online Giving	120.00
Maintenance:	40.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	110.00
Votives:	4.00
Catholic Home Missions	1272.00
Easter Flowers	45.00
Total Giving:	\$2613.00
# of Contributors:	37
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

Weekly Collection 04/05/26

Envelopes:	1060.00
Loose:	394.00
Online Giving	545.00
Maintenance:	45.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	165.00
Holy Land:	170.00
Retired Religious:	872.00
Easter Flowers:	20.00
Easter Offering:	2905.00
Total Giving:	\$6176.00
# of Contributors:	56

Daily Mass Lectors

Tuesday April 14: Mary Campbell
Thursday April 16: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday April 21: Joyce Politte
Thursday April 23: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday April 28: Catherine Dickey
Thursday April 30: Judy Wright

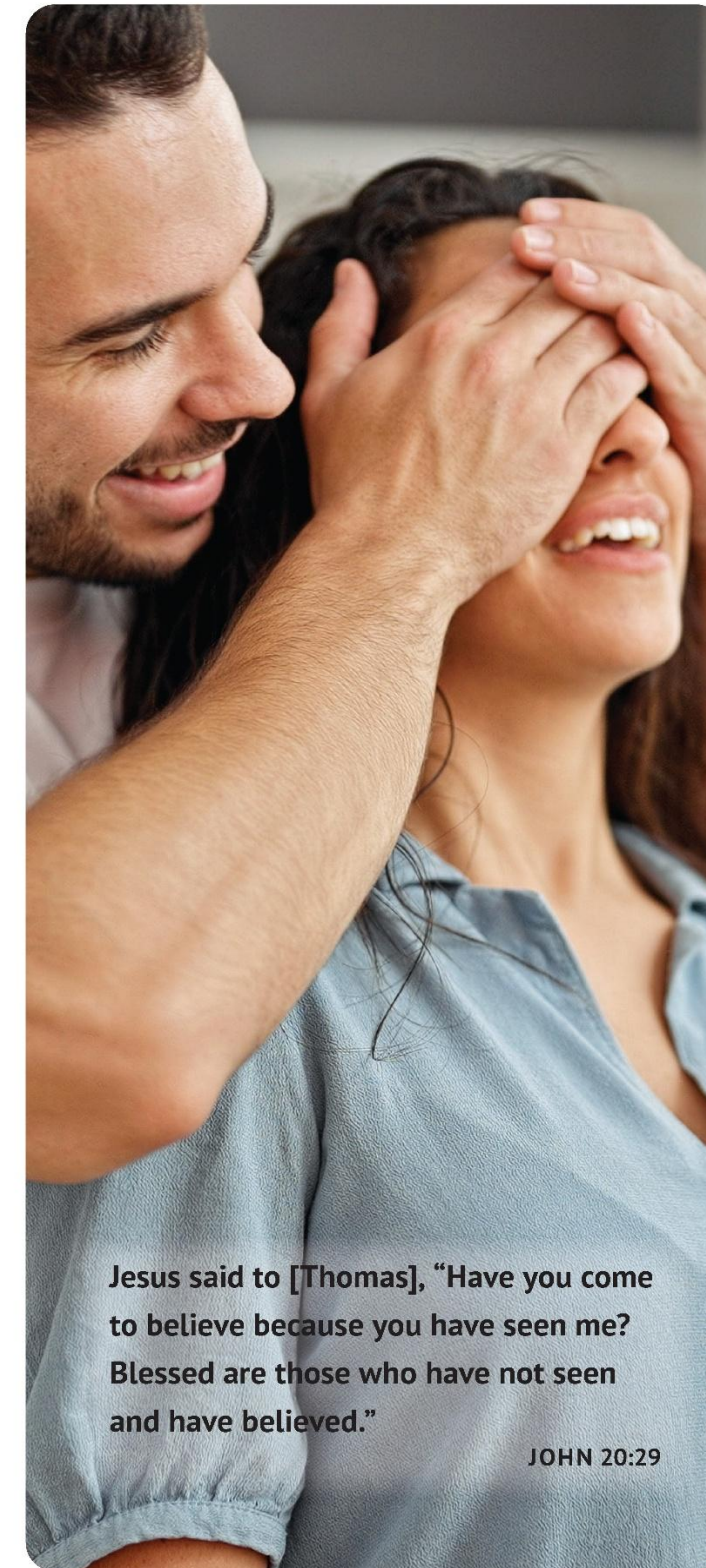
**If you cannot be available for your scheduled day, please notify the parish office. Thank you!

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31



Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

The Importance of Trust

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

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At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

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Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

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

Welcome Judy, Chris, Anthony, Lilly, Anthony Dillon, and Annabelle to the Catholic Church and the parishes of St. Joachim and St. James. You have been called by name and have answered the call to follow Jesus through the waters of Baptism and the Profession of Faith. You have been anointed as a Christian and a believer in the one true God. As you continue the journey of Faith, be assured of the continue prayers and support of the parish families of St. Joachim and St. James.

The OCIA process continues on April 9 with the Period of Mystagogy (breaking open the Paschal mysteries). That evening, the OCIA group will also celebrate with the neophytes with a light supper.

Pope Leo XIV, General Audience, April 8, 2026

There is no human experience that God does not redeem. When lived in union with the passion of the Lord, even suffering can become a path to holiness. The grace that converts & transforms life strengthens us in every trial. It doesn't point us toward a distant ideal, but towards the encounter with God, who became man out of love. (posted on X, April 8, 2026)

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Our next meeting is April 14th @ 5:30pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Fifth Sunday Brunch an enjoyable event. 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

First Communion: May 3 at 10am Mass

Confirmation: April 25 at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis at 10am.

Please pray for our students, who are receiving sacraments this year.

From Dr. Melissa Cordia

Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is May 5 at 5:30pm. We will not be meeting during June or July. Meetings will resume in August.

Diane Mull will be training Heavenly Dusters April 10th & 17th @ 1pm if anyone would be interested in learning how to clean the altar.

We will be having a spring cleaning day at the Parish Hall on April 27th at 9am. We would welcome and appreciate any help on that day. The supply closet will be cleaned out to help accommodate the Knights of Columbus, the Picnic Committee, and the Ladies Sodality.

Bobbie Heifner, President



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St. James Food Pantry served 144 families (379 individuals) on Saturday March 21st. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers! Our mission thrives because of you!

"Extend your mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping."

St. Vincent de Paul

**St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,**

Parish Calendar

April 13: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm

April 14: Adoration & Benediction @ 4:45
Parish Council 5:30pm
KC Men's Meeting 6:30pm

April 18: Food Pantry Distribution Day

April 18-19: ACA Weekend

April 20: Rural Clinic Here

April 23: Parish Office Closed

April 25: Men's Faith Sharing Group
Confirmation @ the Cathedral Basilica
St. Louis at 10am

April 25-26: ACA Weekend

April 30: Picnic Meeting at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

May 2-3: ACA Weekend

May 2: 8am Mass with Adoration/Benediction

Lenten Bible Study

Session 6: Justification
Session 7: Who is Jesus?

MONDAY 6PM (ST. JOACHIM)
Session 6) April 13l Session 7)

WEDNESDAY 9:15AM (ST. JOACHIM)
Session 6) April 22; Session 7)April 29

FRIDAY 9AM (ST. JAMES)
Session 6) April 24; Session 7) May 8


****If you have any questions, please text or call Vicki at 573-854-1257**

THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to everyone who decorated the church, donated flowers, our altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, those who got their feet washed, our OCIA team and everyone who attended our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. It was a beautiful and Holy experience!

Father Tony

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Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski's Intention

April 2026
For Vocations and Missionary Disciples

We pray that the Jubilee year may stir new vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and lay ministry. Inspired by 200 years of missionary zeal in the **Archdiocese of St. Louis**, may every baptized Catholic hear the call to live as a joyful disciple, actively sharing Christ's light in our parishes, schools, families, and communities.



St. Anne Sodality of St. Joachim Catholic Church,
St. Stephen and St. Joseph Chapels

SPRING

Craft and Vendor Bazaar

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: St. Joachim School Cafeteria
10120 Crest Rd, Cadet, MO 63630

Crafters and Vendors from local area!

Browse, Shop and have Lunch!

Basket Raffle! **Quilt Raffle!** **Bakery!**

Tables (8') can be reserved for \$15 payment. For vendor registration and table reservation call or text Shanna @ 573.210.7278 and leave a complete message with callback info.



This Week On Formed

Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on Formed includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.

Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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2026 Parish Picnic
Mark Your Calendars: June 7th

**Next Picnic Meeting is on April 30 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

We are in need of volunteers for all areas of the picnic. We **CANNOT** do this without you! Please let us know where you can help. You can contact the office or fill out the sheet in the bulletin and drop it in the basket in church.

PARISH FAMILY; The Bottle Game was a HUGE Success last year!! So, we are planning it again this year!

It's not too early to start this year with planning for the Picnic... "the Bottle Game" is back. We are asking all to bring a "bottle of...?" (examples; shampoo, wine, ketchup, mustard, pickles, lotion, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, syrup, 2 liter soda, honey, jelly, vanilla, cooking oil, etc.) that we will use for this fundraiser. The way this will work is, we will sell the same number of "chances" that we have for the number of "bottles" that we receive, the tickets will be numbered, the bottles will be numbered, each ticket will cost \$3 to purchase, so you can see that this will be a good fundraiser for the church, just think you might end up with a bottle of

We would ask that you please make sure when you are making your purchase for these items to please check the expiration date on any perishable food items.

We will put 3 boxes/containers in the back of church, not in the vestibule – under the pew in front of the cry room for all to place their bottles in. It's not too early to start collecting, so bring your bottles.

Thank you all for your support of our Parish!



St. James Gun Raffle 2026

Join the fun!!!!
Tickets will be sold starting March 1 until the drawing after Mass on May 16, 2026. There are 4 guns being raffled. Cost of the tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Please see Don Thompson or Paul & Nedra Villmer for tickets. They will be selling the tickets after the Masses.

Picnic Raffle Tickets

It's time to start selling raffle tickets for the picnic. They are available in the back of church in a basket. Please take some and help us sell the tickets. They can be turned in at the office, through the collection basket or to Don & Jamie Thompson. There are great prizes available! \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.

<p><i>St. James Catholic Church</i> Annual Church Picnic Sunday, June 7, 2026</p> <p>Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____</p>	<p><i>St. James Catholic Church</i> Annual Picnic = Sunday, June 7, 2026</p> <p>8 Great Prizes To Be Awarded!</p> <p>1st Prize = \$500 Cash 2nd Prize = Set of 4 tires from Purcell Tire 3rd Prize = Quilt, made by St. James Quilters 4th Prize = 200 Gallons of Propane 5th Prize = 7 cu. ft. chest freezer, donated by Ladies Sodality 6th Prize = 4 Cardinal Tickets 7th Prize = Barbecue Grill 8th Prize = Adirondack Chair</p>	<p>11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fried Chicken or Pork Steak Dinners Games, Country Store Hot Dogs, Burgers, Pull Tabs, Bingo, Bounce Houses, Comhole Tourn. Music by TnT Acoustics Donation: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00</p> <p>Summer Fun For All Ages At St. James</p>
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Country Store

It's time to start collecting items for the Country Store. We are looking for the following items:

- Baked goods (to be delivered the day of the picnic) such as pies, breads, cookies, jams & jellies
- Home Canned Goods
- Home decor
- Starter plants for gardening
- Tea Towels
- Craft items
- Embroidered or crocheted items
- Anything unique and homemade

Placemat Ads

It's not too early to get your space reserved for our placemats for the picnic.

1. Small size- \$30
2. Medium size- \$60
3. Large size- \$120


The placemat ads can be for a business or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Kim Coleman if interested at 314-808-2207 or email kcoleman2@elara.com.



First Communion

Students

Please pray for our students:

- *Lily Lou Litton
 - *Kennedy Cordia
 - *Hudson Gibson
- 



Confirmation

Students

Please pray for our students:

- *Adrienne Ruby Thebeau
 - *Elizabeth Victoria Boyer
 - *Hazel Marie Griffin
 - *Lillian Sophia Portell
 - *Allyssandra Pearl Kirby
- 