

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

LUKE 23:42

## The Hero King

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### Reflect

**What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?**

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## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* *November 23, 2025*



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### Mass Schedule November 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**  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend @ St. James; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> weekend @ St. Joachim)

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, Nov. 24th @ St. Joachim**

**Tuesday, Nov. 25th**  
**George Pinson**

**Wednesday, Nov. 26th**  
**@ St. Joachim**

**Thursday, Nov. 27th:**  
**Raymond J. Degonia**

**Friday, Nov. 28th:**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, Nov. 29th:**  
**Linda & Bernard Pashia Family**

**Sunday, Nov. 30th:**  
**Parish Family**

### Confessions:

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



# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
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## November 29th & 30th

### Lector:

Saturday 4pm: Laura Allen  
Sunday 10am: Danny Mueller

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 10am
C: Vikki Neier	Kim Coleman
L: Annette Portell	Diane McGirl
R: Paul Villmer	Mary Roy

### Servers

Saturday 4pm: Lane & Madison Battreal  
Sunday 10am: Meadow Henson

### Music:

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



### Heavenly Dusters

Jeanne DeGonia 11/21-11/28  
Faye Jarvis 12/5-12/12  
Diane Mull 12/19-12/26

### Altar Linens

Connie Scott 11/24-12/1  
Faye Jarvis 12/8-12/15  
Glenda Farrow 12/22-12/29

### Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 11/25  
Pat & Tina 12/2  
Mary Ann & Donna 12/9

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

## Weekly Collection 11/16/2025

Envelopes:	\$5940.00
Loose:	397.00
Online Giving	15.00
Maintenance:	137.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	940.00
Votive:	17.00
Retired Religious	40.00
Human Development	259.00
Archdiocese of the Military	70.00
Stained Glass	500.00

**Total Giving: \$8315.00**  
# of Contributors: 57



November 23, 2025

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."

COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your

## \*\*\*\*FORMED\*\*\*\*

### Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

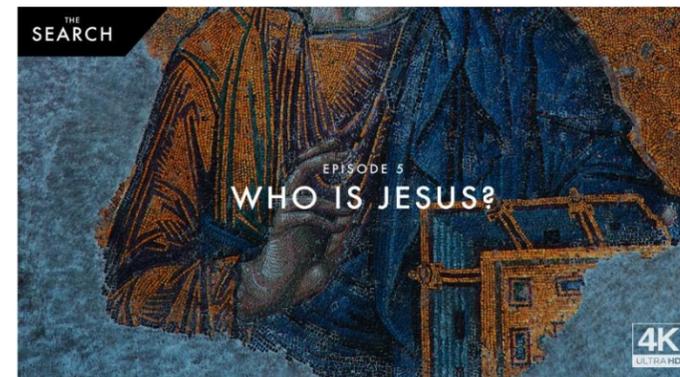
### Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna |

SEEK23 Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

### Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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\*Enter our parish's zipcode 63664  
\*Enter your name and your email address.  
\*Enjoy!



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

**MONDAY**  
November 24  
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20  
Lk 21:1-4

**TUESDAY**  
November 25  
Weekday  
Dn 2:31-45  
Lk 21:5-11

**WEDNESDAY**  
November 26  
Weekday  
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28  
Lk 21:12-19

**THURSDAY**  
November 27  
Thanksgiving Day (US)  
Sir 50:22-24  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Lk 17:11-19

**FRIDAY**  
November 28  
Weekday  
Dn 7:2-14  
Lk 21:29-33

**SATURDAY**  
November 29  
Weekday  
Dn 7:15-27  
Lk 21:34-36

**SUNDAY**  
November 30  
First Sunday of Advent  
Is 2:1-5  
Rom 13:11-14  
Mt 24:37-44

# Good News!

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)  
2 Samuel 5:1-3 / Colossians 1:12-20 / Luke 23:35-43

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

There are currently 12 candidates participating in the Period of Inquiry, 5 candidates from St. James and 6 candidates and 1 catechumen from St. Joachim. Please pray for them as they continue their journey.

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.

**Pope Leo XIV, General Audience  
11/19/2025**

Dear brothers and sisters,  
in our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope," today we consider Christ's Resurrection and its impact on the challenges of today's world, especially in living out integral ecology. If we allow it, Christ's salvific act can transform all our relationships: with God, with other people and with creation. Like Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, who turned around to look at Jesus, we too must allow the seed of Christian hope to bear fruit, convert our hearts and influence the ways we respond to the issues that we face. As followers of Jesus, we are called to promote lifestyles and policies that focus on the protection of human dignity and of all of creation. Let us ask for the grace to see our struggles through the gaze of the Resurrection and may we influence the world with hope and Easter joy.

**Men's Faith Sharing Group**

Men, we are changing our days/times for meeting. We would love to have you join us! We will be meeting on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 6:30pm. Please join us in prayer and fellowship! Hope to see you there.

The Giving Tree is once again full of present tags for Christmas for Kids children. We will need your gifts back to church by Sunday, November 30th.



**Ladies Sodality**

We would like to welcome new members to join our Ladies Sodality. Our next meeting is on Dec. 2nd from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please consider joining us!

**Bulletin Advertising**

We are now accepting advertisers for the back of our bulletin. The cost is \$180 per year. This will help offset the cost of paper & ink for the bulletin. Please call or email the office for more details. If you are interested, all we need is a business card to get you added onto the back. Thanks!

**Mass Intentions**

What are Mass intentions?  
When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular person, or intention. By doing so special graces from God are applied upon that person or intention. The act of offering prayers for the dead at Mass goes back to AD 235. Canon Law also confirms this practice and states, "In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating, or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention" (Can. 945 §1).

For whom can I request a Mass be offered?  
Anyone may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons. For example, Masses can be offered *in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.*

To schedule a mass intention, please call the Parish office during business hours or email the office at [stjameschurch@centurylink.net](mailto:stjameschurch@centurylink.net). We will be in need of more mass intentions soon.

**Parish Calendar**

**Nov 24:** Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm

**Nov 27:** Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8am

**Nov 28:** Decorating for Advent

**Nov 30:** Sunday Brunch after 10am Mass

**Dec 2:** Ladies Sodality meeting 5:30pm

**Dec 3:** 1st Reconciliation for PSR students @ St. Joachim 6pm- All Students are encouraged to attend

**Dec 4:** Christmas Parade

**Dec 8:** Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm

**St. James PSR NEWS**

There are some calendar updates for PSR as there have been a few changes.

\*On 12/3 in lieu of class here at St. James, everyone is encouraged to attend the Reconciliation service at St. Joachim. The service will be at 6:00pm with confessions after. Our 2nd grade students will be making their 1st Reconciliation that evening. There will be multiple priests available there.

\*We will be decorating the float in the church parking lot at 4:00pm on 12/4. Anyone that can attend is needed. Immediately following, we will move to Red Wing to line up for the parade. We ask that all PSR students that can attend the parade do so.

\*Our "Welcome Baby Jesus" party has been moved to 12/10. This is a regular PSR night.

\*Our Parish Christmas play & choir celebration will be on 12/17. As this is also a regular PSR night, all children will participate and families are encouraged to attend.

*From Dr. Melissa Cordia*

**THE COUNCIL'S CORNER**

Parish Council met on Nov 11 @ 5:30PM. There will be no meeting in December. Any parishioners with questions or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

\*We want to thank our St. James ladies and our St. Joachim ladies for working together for the funeral dinner for Aurelia Wills. By our two parishes working together, we had a wonderful dinner that was greatly appreciated by the family.

\*We want to extend a big thank you to all of the ladies who participated in the Paint Party fundraiser for our PSR. Again, we had ladies from both parishes as well as other friends who supported us. Thanks to all who came!

\*\*Don't forget to RSVP for the November brunch! Email or call the parish office.

**\*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

St. James Food Pantry provided food to 250 families (677 individuals) on Nov.15th. We only packed for 200 families. If it hadn't have been for the 500 items collected by our PSR students, we would have run out of food! Thanks to all our amazing volunteer! Also thanks to those who bought turkeys or contributed financially. Our mission thrives because of you!

*If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.*

*St. Vincent de Paul*

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

**Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to volunteer as a group to help with these tasks. We are still accepting help! If you haven't signed up with the office, please call during business hours or email the office. If you would like to help decorate for Christmas, the date set is December 23 after morning mass.**

\*\*We will be asking for volunteers to help with setting up for Palm Sunday and Easter so keep that in mind. Its not too early to let the office know that you would like to help.

**Christmas for Life**

**DECEMBER 14, 2025**  
**Doors Open @ 1 PM**  
**Dinner Starts @ 2 PM**

**St. Joachim School Cafeteria**  
 We are looking for Hosts  
 Come Decorate Your Table  
 Each Table Seats 8 People - \$160 Per Table  
 Tables Must Be Reserved in Advance  
*Seating is limited*

**Deadline to RSVP - Nov. 14th**  
 Contact the Parish Office at 573.438.6181  
**JOIN US FOR MUSIC, DINNER, AND**  
**A DYNAMIC SPEAKER**  
**OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN**



Dear Father Dattilo,

Your generous support of Glennon Sunday is a beautiful reflection of Christ's love and mercy. We are grateful for your faith-filled leadership and the difference you make in the lives of children and families across our community.

Sincerely,  
 Emily Phelps  
 Annual Giving Manager  
 SSMHealth Cardinal Glennon  
 Children's Hospital



**The Many Titles of Mary**  
 A Mini-Retreat for Women

Sunday, December 7, 2025  
 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 St. Joseph - Bonne Terre

Join us for a Women's Advent Retreat with guest speaker Jennifer Meehan as we prepare our hearts for the season of hope and expectation.

**There is no cost to attend.**  
**A light lunch will be provided.**

**Please RSVP by November 24**  
**call or text 573-631-5076**

**Caring Hearts Christmas Meal**

Join us for a Christmas meal on Friday December 19 from 11:30am-12:30pm at the Caring Hearts Family Resource Center located in the shopping center next to Save a Lot grocery store.  
 RSVP to Mande by 12-12-25 at 573-436-2000



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**  
**BRUNCH**

**NOVEMBER**  
**30TH**

Join us after Mass for a joyful morning of food, fellowship, & faith! Bring your family & friends as we gather to give thanks & share in community.

Please RSVP by contacting the Parish Office at 573.438.4686 or by dropping a note in the Sunday Collections. Please include a head count.