

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza....children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Tuesday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 10
Weekday
Col 3:1-11
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 11
Weekday
Col 3:12-17
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 12
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15-17
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 9:13-18b / Philemon 9-10, 12-17 / Luke 14:25-33



"In the same way, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

LUKE 14:33

When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?

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Saint Carlo Acutis



Carlo Acutis, a Catholic Italian teenager who died in 2006, was canonized on September 7th. Acutis, a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist, has been the subject of interest around the world. Pope Francis referred to Carlo as a model of holiness in a digital age. Carlo's life should teach today's young people how to properly use and enjoy technology, including the internet and social media.

“To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan”

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London though his family moved to Milan shortly after. From an early age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents were not especially devout. His mom said she had been to Mass only for her First Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding but young Carlo's unique and unexplained devotion led to her deep conversion. The priest promoting his cause for sainthood noted that Carlo “managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily.”

What an inspiration for a child to model faith witness to a family!

He had a gift for empathy and was known for defending kids at school who got picked on, especially disabled kids. Carlo loved soccer and video games. He tried to stay disciplined and only played games for an hour a week even though he really wanted to play much more. He also bought computer programming books and taught himself computer coding and animation. He had a great devotion to Mary loved to pray the rosary. He went to Mass and confession as often as he could. He loved the Eucharist and was fascinated by Eucharistic miracles. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages—to the places of the saints, and to the sites of Eucharistic miracles. Using his research, he began creating what would eventually become a website to catalog and share the information with others. Carlo was concerned by people growing distant to the Church and the sacraments and desperately wanted to bring them back. On the site, he told people that "the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

At age 15, Carlo was diagnosed with an untreatable leukemia. He offered up his suffering for others coping with illness and said, “I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church.” Carlo died from his illness on Oct. 12, 2006. At his request he was buried in Assisi because of his love for St. Francis. His cause for canonization began in 2013 and he was designated “Venerable” in 2018. A healing miracle was attributed to his intercession and he was designated “Blessed” October 10. He was canonized a saint on September 7, 2025.

Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi said “Carlo is a boy of our time. A boy of the internet age, and a model of holiness of the digital age, as Pope Francis presented him in his letter to young people around the world. The computer . . . has become a way of going through the streets of the world, like the first disciples of Jesus, to bring to hearts and homes the announcement of true peace, that which quenches the thirst for the infinite that inhabits the human heart.”

Stewardship Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will – all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



Mass Schedule
September 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
(1st & 3rd weekend @St. James;
2nd & 4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

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

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Weekly Collection
08/31/2025

Envelopes:	\$1680.00
Loose:	159.00
Online Giving	35.60
Maintenance:	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	220.00
Votive:	10.00
Cemetery:	700.00
Funeral Stole Fee	225.00
Total Giving:	\$3209.60

Heavenly Dusters
Faye Jarvis 09/12-09/19
Marilyn Carter &
Jeannie Degonia 09/26-10/3

Altar Linens
Need volunteer 09/15-09/22
Glenda Farrow 09/29-10/06

Calendar of Events

September 1: LABOR DAY; Parish office will be closed

September 2: Ladies Sodality Meeting @1pm, Parish Hall

September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 9: Parish Council @ 5:30pm

September 9: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 6:30pm

September 10: PSR Registration & Meet the Teachers Night @ 6pm

September 12: Clarity House

September 17: PSR 1st night of class @ 6pm

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The Boy from Milan
You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo’s life was a testament to everyday holiness. St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies. Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer "Carlo Acutis: God’s Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

*Go to <http://signup.formed.org>
*Enter our parish’s zipcode 63664
*Enter your name and your email address. That’s it. You are in!
*Enjoy!

THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will be meeting Sept 9th @ 5:30PM
Any parishioners will question or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.
GOD BLESS

OCIA

A new cycle of OCIA sessions will began August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Incarnate Word Center, St. Joachim Parish

St. James PSR NEWS

St. James PSR registration will be on Sept 10th @ 6pm and classes will begin Sept 17th

We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces.

Pope Leo, General Audience 09/03/2025

Dear brothers and sisters, At the heart of the account of the Passion, in the most luminous and at the same time darkest moment of Jesus’ life, the Gospel of John gives us two words that contain an immense mystery: “I thirst” (19:28), and immediately afterwards: “It is finished” (19:30). These are his last words, but they are filled with a whole lifetime, revealing the meaning of the entire existence of the Son of God. On the cross, Jesus does not appear as a victorious hero, but as a suppliant for love. He does not proclaim, condemn or defend himself. He humbly asks for what he, alone, cannot give to himself in any way. The thirst of the Crucified Lord is not only the physiological need of a tortured body. It is also, and above all, the expression of a profound desire: that of love, of relationship, of communion. It is the silent cry of a God who, having wished to share everything of our human condition, also lets himself be overcome by this thirst. A God who is not ashamed to beg for a sip, because in that gesture he tells us that love, in order to be true, must also learn to ask and not only to give.

New Office Hours:

Monday: 9-3

Tuesday: 9-3

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9-3

Friday: Closed

Closed on Holy Days and Federal Holidays

Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion
Phone: 573-366-5235

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 8th @ St. Joachim

Tuesday, September 9th: Kenneth J. Gelhot

Wednesday, September 10th @ St. Joachim

Thursday, September 11th: Charles & Mary Gibson

Friday, September 12th @ St. Joachim

Saturday, September 13th: St. Joachim

Sunday, September 14th: Parish Family

September 14th
Lector:

Sunday 10am: Danny Mueller

Eucharistic Ministers:

<u>Saturday 4pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10am</u>
C:	Nikki Warden
L:	Maureen Mills
R:	Marvin Wright

Servers
Sunday 10am: Meadow Henson

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

St. Vincent de Paul collection: Canned meat, potted meat, canned chicken, canned tuna, beefaroni, etc.