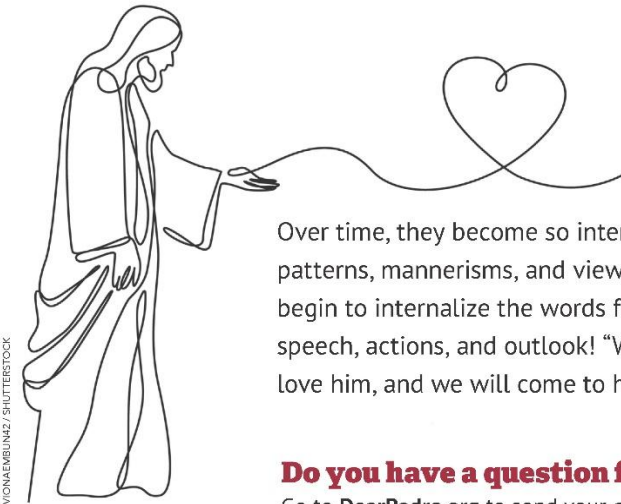


Dear Padre,

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

“Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text” (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word “love” appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, “sin” appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily “should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God’s word on “love” is far too prevalent to overlook.



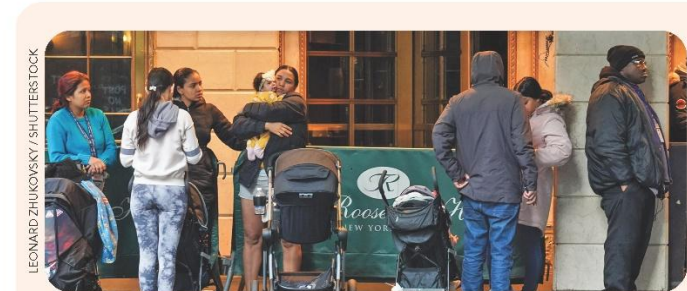
Pope Francis called God’s word “a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best.” In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other’s speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God’s “love letter” and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church’s social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

<p>Monday September 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab Jn 1:47-51</p> <p>Tuesday September 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56</p> <p>Wednesday October 1 <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62</p>	<p>Thursday October 2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Mt 18:1-5, 10</p> <p>Friday October 3 <i>Weekday</i> Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16</p> <p>Saturday October 4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24</p> <p>Sunday October 5 <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10</p>
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 29th
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday, September 30th:
Christine Cable Tietjen

Wednesday, October 1st
@ St. Joachim

Thursday, October 2nd:
Joseph David Snead

Friday, October 3rd
@ St. Joachim

Saturday, October 4th
8am: **Norma Coleman**
4pm: **Bill Moore**

Sunday, September 28th:
Lisa Gillam

Confessions:



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

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



October 4th & 5th

Lector:

Saturday 4pm: Paul Villmer
Sunday 8am: Jamie Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers:

<u>Saturday 4pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8am</u>
C: Laura Allen	Glenda Farrow
L: Vikki Neier	Don Thompson
R: Annette Portell	Donna Kennon

Servers

Saturday 4pm: Meadow Henson & Aubrienne McGovern

Sunday 8am: Ava West

Music:

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

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

Heavenly Dusters

Diane Mull 9/26-10/3
Jeanne Degonia
10/10-10/17

Altar Linens

Glenda Farrow 09/29-10/06
Connie Scott 10/13-10/20

Money Counters

Pat & Tina 10/7

Staff
Rev. Anthony Dattilo- Pastor
AnthonyDattilo@archstl.org
Phone: 573-436-0580 (St. Joachim Rectory)

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

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

Judy East: Custodian

Tommy Roy: On Call Maintenance

St. James PSR
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Co-Coordinator
Jamie Thompson
Co-Coordinator
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Weekly Collection 09/21/2025

<u>Envelopes:</u>	\$3948.00
<u>Loose:</u>	450.00
<u>Online Giving</u>	15.00
<u>Maintenance:</u>	75.00
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	47.00
<u>Votive:</u>	4.00
<u>PSR</u>	810.00
<u>Stained Glass Windows</u>	1015.00
<u>Funeral Stole Fee</u>	225.00
Total Giving:	\$6589.00

Thank you for your generosity!



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."
LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the

Parish Calendar

October 7: Ladies Sodality Meeting @ 1pm

October 13: St. Vincent DePaul meeting @ 6pm

October 14: Parish Council Meeting @ 5:30pm

October 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 6:30pm

Pope Leo XIV, General Audience 09/24/2025

When it seems we have hit rock bottom, let us remember that this is the very place from which God is able to begin a new creation. This creation is made of people raised up, with hearts forgiven and tears wiped away. No place is too distant, no heart too closed, no tomb is too tightly sealed to keep out God's love.

St. James PSR NEWS

St. James PSR classes began Sept 17th. It is not too late to register! Please stop by the PSR office and we will get you registered. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces. We want to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation!

On October 4th, 2025 the 49th Annual Respect Life Conference will take place!

The Holy Mass and Rosary are at 9am at the Cardinal Rigali Center in St. Louis, MO. The conference starts at 11am and concludes at 3pm. There is a \$25 charge for adults and a \$10 charge for teens. Admission includes your lunch and all conference program and informational materials. (See the poster by the

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Parish Council will be meeting Oct 14th @ 5:30PM
Any parishioners with questions 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!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. James Food Pantry served 163 families equaling 427 individuals from our community on Saturday Sept. 20th. Thank you to all who helped pack the food on the 1st Wednesday (every month) and all who helped with distribution on Saturday (3rd Saturday of every month). Also thanks to all who generously donate to the pantry. This mission couldn't thrive without you.

"We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting others. . . To do this is to preach the Gospel by words and works." St. Vincent de Paul



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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 at 573-438-4686, or call coordinator, Joyce Politte 636-328-1343. Fall sessions began on Thursday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joachim in the Incarnate Word Center. All are welcome.

hope into action

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, what does it mean to bring Hope into Action in our hurting & desperate world?

Join us for a morning of reflection exploring how we are called to be **Pilgrims of Hope in Action** in both practical and aspirational ways



Saturday, October 18

8:30am-12noon

Parish Hall - St. Joseph Farmington
10 N Long Ave St,
Farmington, MO 63640

For more information, please contact:

Jennifer Meehan at 314.363.6945 or jmeehan@archstl.org
or George Herrera at 314.857.3179 or georgeherrera@archstl.org

Please register via email or this QR code:



A STEWARD IS

the Servant

OF ALL



A grateful and generous heart is the fruit of prayer, participation and generosity.

**STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**



THROUGH HIM

Every good thing comes from God. We are His children. We are called to treat others the same and participate in the life of the Church.



WITH HIM

Every time we receive the Eucharist, we join Jesus in His passion, death and resurrection. Through Holy Communion we unite ourselves with Jesus to do God's will.



IN HIM

Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice. It is the fruit of an encounter with a person – Jesus Christ. People who meet Jesus are transformed – yesterday, today and tomorrow.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

PARISHIONERS

Joe DeClue 8-25
Ed Kennon 8-25
Renee DeClue 8-25

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Levi Kessel 8-25
Kelly Pryor 8-25
Ed Rolwes 8-25
Sharon Fryman 8-25
Jesa Glatczak 8-25
Christina Willcut 8-25
Barb Wells 8-25
Mike Seitz 8-25
Amy Shepard 8-25
George Declue 8-25
Nancy Declue 8-25
Theresa Huff 8-25
Faye Merseal 8-25
Kim Orrick 8-25
Lela Scheckel 8-25
Karen Terrill 8-25
Will Nations 8-25
Eloise Nash & Family 8-25
Bonnie Mills 8-25
Marcia Compton 8-25
Jerry Castillo 8-25

SHUT-INS

& NURSING HOMES

D. DeClue 8-25
Mary Agnes DeClue 8-25
Jeanie Emily 8-25
J. Gamber 8-25
B. Gasperec 8-25
S Johnson 8-25
M Kuhl 8-25
V Ray 8-25
Mrs. Wise 8-25
Barb Paul 8-25

Numbers after the Names indicates the date the individual was put on the sick List. If you are aware of any changes, please call the office with updates. Thank you and God Bless!

(Revised Sept.2025)

We Need Your Help Please

Have you moved, or have you changed your Phone number? Are you new to our parish? If so, please call the office to register, or update your information.

573-438-4686

Also,

I'm needing to update my list of Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and servers. If anyone in the parish is doing or is willing to do these helpful duties, please let me know by stopping by the office, emailing at stjameschurch@centurylink.net or calling the office. It would be very appreciated. Thanks!

~~Vicki Thurmond, Parish Secretary

Fall Bible Study

We are studying the Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled. We will be meeting on Monday evenings @6pm; Wednesday mornings after the 8:15am Mass and Wednesday evenings @6pm in the Incarnate Word Center at St. Joachim. Monday classes bSeptember 21 and Wed. classes start September 24. Each session will last approximately an hour. Its not too late to join us!

If you have any questions, please call/text Vicki Thurmond at 573-854-1257 or email at vickithurmond@gmail.com.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Calcutta After Communion

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your Spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus! Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Adapted from a prayer written by St. John Henry Newman

October: Month of the Holy Rosary From Pope Leo XIV

The Church dedicates the coming month of October to the #HolyRosary. I invite everyone to pray the Rosary for #Peace each day of the month—individually, in the family, in community. On Saturday, October 11, at 6:00 PM, we will pray the Rosary together in St. Peter's Square, during the vigil of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also recalling the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council.

**St. Joseph Fall Festival
Bonne Terre, MO
September 28th
11:00am-4:00pm**

You are invited! Join us for a day of fun!

- *\$500 Grand Prize Raffle
- *Corn Hole
- *Music by Fame 'N' Fortune
- *Fried Chicken, Kettle Beef, Our famous Liver
- *Dumplings, all sides, rolls, desserts, drinks
- *Adults \$15 Children 12 & under \$7
- *Beer/Sangria/Vendors/Chili Stand
- *Flea Market/Fire Truck/Country
- *Store/Children's Games and Bounce House

*****FORMED*****

St. Therese | Littlest Saints

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions. St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel. St. Jerome | Catholic Saints An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

- *Go to <http://signup.formed.org>
- *Enter our parish's zipcode 63664
- *Enter your name and your email address.
- *Enjoy!

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Good Shepherd Catholic Church
In the Fr. Weiberg Hall
Enter through Gray Double Doors
703 3rd St, Hillsboro, MO 63050
OCT 15TH 2025
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Presentation begins at 5:45
Ministry Fair to follow

Questions? Reach out to your Parish Ambassador, Mary Saale at dmarysaale@gmail.com



La Fete De L'Automne 2025
Sunday October 5th
11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Flag Raising 11am



302 ans des Français dans le Comté Washington!
302 years of the French in Washington County

Come to experience, eat, and shop:

- ☞ Country Store & La Boulangerie (The Bakery)
- ☞ 1800's Crafts and Demonstrations
- ☞ Photo sittings at the Old Noad Boyer Cabin
- ☞ Gunsmithing
- ☞ Log Home Museum and Genealogy
- ☞ Apple Butter Making
- ☞ Story Telling
- ☞ Les Croquinoles, French Sausage, Corn on the Cob, and Ham & Beans
- ☞ Cake Walk and Silent Auction to support OMAHS

French Music by Dennis Stroughmatt

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North from Potosi - Hwy 21 past the South entrance to Washington State Park, then turn Right on Hwy CC. Then Right on Cannon Mines Road (first paved road to the right at the bottom of the hill). Parking available in fields along Cannon Mines Rd., watch for parking signs.