

Dear Padre,

I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you."

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / Dear Padre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world.... He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)
Acts 14:21-27 / Revelation 21:1-5a / John 13:31-33a, 34-35



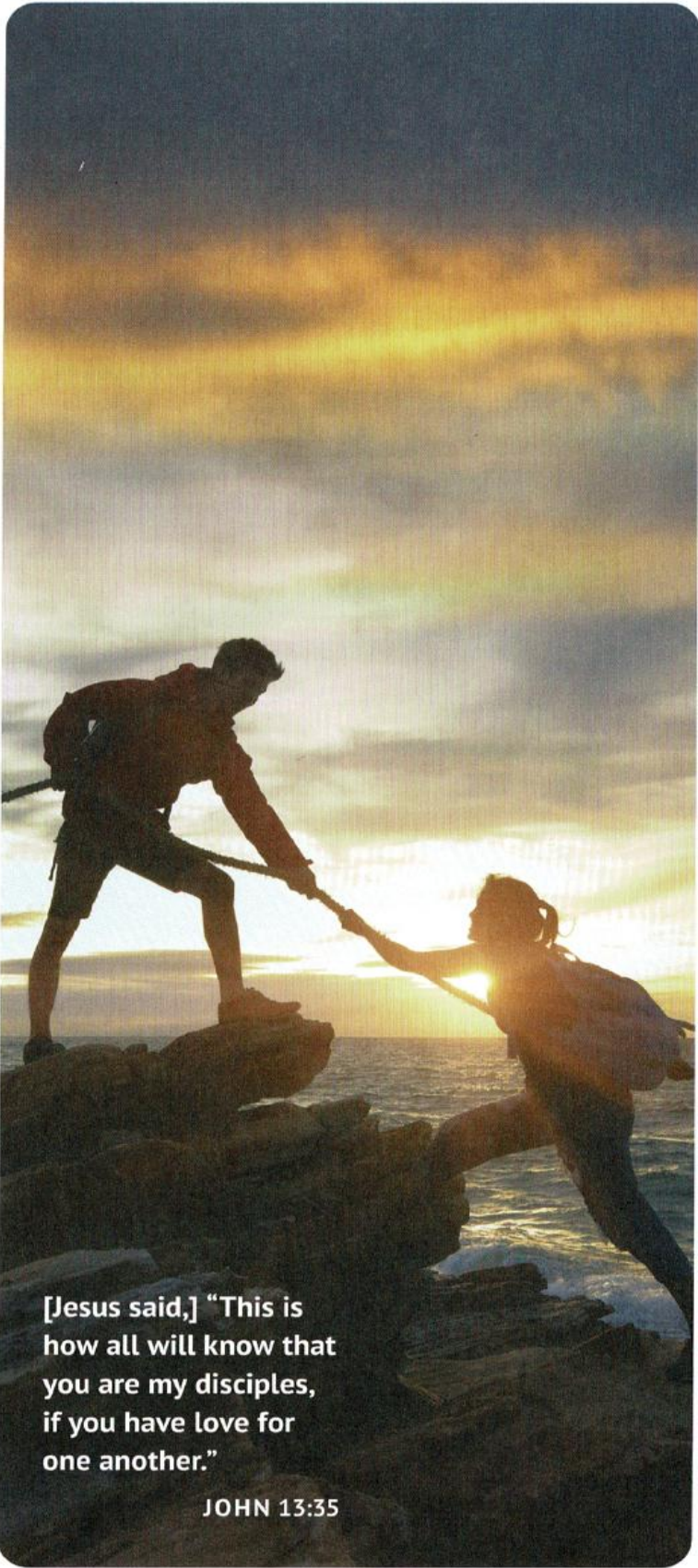
The Other Side of Love

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love. While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new.

Reflect

What is my definition of love?
How do I live it?



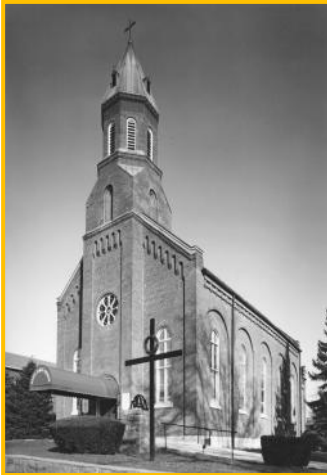
[Jesus said,] "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 13:35

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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



May 2025

Mass Schedule

St. Joachim	Mon:	8:00 AM
St. James	Tues:	8:15 AM
St. Joachim	Wed:	8:15 AM
St. James	Thurs:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Fri:	8:00 AM
St. James	First Sat:	8:00 AM
St. James 1st & 3rd	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. Joachim 2nd/4th	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. James	Sun:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun:	10:00 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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Confessions:

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;
prior to Sat evening Mass
Or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

May 19, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 20 TUE 8:15AM Mark Coleman

May 21 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 22 THU 8:00AM Marvel Chazelle

May 23 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 24 SAT 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 25 SUN 10:00 AM Joseph David Snead

May 11, 2025

Envelopes.....\$	1325.00
Loose.....\$	811.00
Votive.....\$	11.00
St. V.....\$	12.00
Maintenance.....\$	50.00
Online giving..... \$	35.60
Stainglass.....\$	515.00



May 25th

Lectors

Danny Mueller

Sunday 10:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C:Marvin Wright

L:Diane McGirl

R: Kim Coleman

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim

Sun: 10:00 am Daisy & Penelope

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 DePaul May collection: Canned Meats: Potted meat, canned chicken , canned tuna, beefaroni ect.

Faith, Hope, and Charity

April Heavenly Dusters

Diane Mull 5/23 5/30

April Alter Linens

Barb Coco 5/26 6/2

LAST PICNIC MEETING MAY 21ST PLEASE TRY
ATTENDING IF YOUR PARTICIPATING
AT THE EVENT.
!!!!LESS THEN 2 WEEKS AWAY!!!!



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Warrior for Christ: The Life of Joe Reali

Joe Reali was a dynamic young man whose passion was evident both on the football field and in how he lived his Catholic faith. Following his sudden and tragic death in 2015, thousands turned out for his wake and funeral, where they shared stories about Joe’s sacrificial love for others and his care for the downtrodden. Today, the legacy of this devout and fun-loving young man lives on through the Joseph Mario Reali Knights of Columbus Council 16261 in Woodbury, NY. Be inspired by Joe’s passion to spread the love of Christ, to live his faith in every aspect of his life, and his utter devotion to Mary, the Rosary, and the Sacraments. For youth in need of a new generation of witnesses to the Gospel, Joe Reali stands as a stark reminder that holiness remains in our grasp, and that we are all called to be Warriors for Christ

- GO to : <http://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish’s zip code 63664
- Enter your name and your email address. That’s it, you are in!

What’s on the Calendar???



May 19: Rural Health Clinic

May 17: Food Pantry

ARMED FORCES DAY

May 21: LAST PICNIC MGT @ 6pm

May 26: Memorial Day

May 29: The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JUNE 1: ANNUAL PICNIC

June 14: FLAG DAY

St. Joachim is making efforts to create a picnic for St. Stephens Chapel with fresh ideas and fun activities, live music, kids games, including Craft Vendors, pull tabs, beer stand, funnel cakes , and more. Fried Chicken Dinner from 11-3, hot dogs , hamburgers, and other goodies on the grounds from 11-5. We hope you will join us , Sunday June 29th from 11-5

"He will either shield you from suffering or
will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace and put aside all anxious
thoughts and imaginations."

—Saint Francis de Sales



Missionary Discipleship – Love one another as I have loved you

How do we love others like Jesus loves us?

May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter–

Love one another as I have loved you

To answer that question we have to ask ourselves: what are the qualities of Jesus’ love? His love is **free**. We didn’t have to earn it or work to receive it. Jesus just loves us with no strings attached. Jesus’ love is **total**, because He sacrificed everything for us even His life. His love is **faithful**, because no matter what we do He will never stop loving us! Finally, Jesus’ love is **fruitful**, because His love shines through us to others. Fruitful love begets more love. Another way for us to crosscheck whether we are loving as Jesus loves is by meditating on 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13. In this letter Paul describes the love that Jesus has for us and the kind of love we are called to have for others. This is the passage that says, “Love is patient, love is kind...” We can meditate on this by replacing the word “love” with the word “I” and ask ourselves if that is really true. For instance, we would say, “**I** am patient, **I** am kind...” and then be totally honest with ourselves to see if that is the truth. This week we can pray that Jesus will give us the strength and courage to love the way He does.

Nancy Davis is ACCEPTING craft donations & Baked Goods(that day) for the Country Store. Please consider donating.



BAKERS NEEDED!!!!

WE ARE IN NEED OF HOMEMADE PIES AND CAKES FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC DINNER.

GO GATHER THOSE DELICIOUS FAMILY FAVORITES AND BRING THEM SATURDAY MORNING , MAY 31ST OR THE MORNING OF THE PICNIC ON JUNE 1ST. THANK YOU



PARISH PICNIC JUNE 1ST, 2025



With our picnic approaching quickly we are going to start taking donations for bingo prizes!! Please contact Laura Allen ,Geraldine Heifner or the Church office if you would like to donate.

We are still
accepting BOTTLES for the Picnic also.
(PLEASE CHECK DATES)



The Placemats for the dining room are going to be a little different this year...instead of just asking businesses to purchase spots we are going to add a memorial (In Memory Of) . Anyone can purchase a spot (prices differ) . You can even add pictures. For more information contact Kim Coleman 314-808-2207.

St. James PSR NEWS

PSR 2025/2026 will be starting every Wednesday , more Information coming.

Contact Laura at 573-366-5235 with any questions.

