

Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025

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Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jan 12th
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Jan 13th:
Marvel Chazelle

Wednesday, Jan 14th
@ St. Joachim

Thursday, Jan 15th:
Dan Declue

Friday, Jan 16th:
@ St. Joachim

Saturday, Jan 17th:
Mark Coleman

Sunday, Jan 18th:
Bob Short

Confessions:

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

St. James Parish Family

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Potosi, MO 63664



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January 17th & 18th
Lector:
Saturday 4pm: Bob Mills
Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden

Eucharistic Ministers:
Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am
C: Laura Allen Kim Coleman
L: Paul Villmer Diane McGirl
R: Maureen Mills Mary Roy

Servers
Saturday 4pm: Aubrianne McGoveran
Sunday 10am: Joshua & Penelope Kearns

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

Heavenly Dusters
Faye Jarvis 1/16-1/23
Diane Mull 1/30-2/6
Jeanne DeGonia 2/13-2/20

Altar Linens
Glenda Farrow 1/5-1/12
Connie Scott 1/19-1/26
Faye Jarvis 2/2-2/9

Money Counters
Becky & Rhonda 1/13
Jeanne & Rhonda 1/20
Pat & Tina 1/27
Mary Ann & Donna 2/3

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

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St. Louis Review	35.00
Total Giving:	\$6298.25
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January 11, 2026
The Baptism of Our Lord

“John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?””
MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

This Week On Formed

Reborn

Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.

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MONDAY
January 12
Weekday
1 Sm 1:1-8
Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY
January 13
Weekday
1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY
January 14
Weekday
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY
January 15
Weekday
1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY
January 16
Weekday
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY
January 17
St. Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY
January 18
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Good News!

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17

MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St. Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5–6). ●

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White House Retreat

Do you find it difficult to find time to truly relax, quiet your mind and talk to God? A retreat at White House is the perfect opportunity to find peace, quiet and inspiration your soul is looking for. It’s like a 3-day vacation with God! Join the women of our parish on our annual retreat from March 16 to March 19, 2026. Retreats at White House are silent, guided retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. All of your meals are provided and everyone receives their own private accommodations. There is no set fee to attend; White House operates on a free-will offering basis. To register call Vicki Thurmond at the parish office or email to register. We have a limited number of spots available so please don’t wait to call. You

COMING SOON!

New Online Giving Portal

Dear Parishioners,

We have exciting news! We are always looking for ways to use your contribution dollars wisely. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has given us the opportunity to take advantage of a new online giving portal at no additional cost. Currently, we utilize Our Sunday Visitor as our online giving portal which costs the parish monthly user fees. The new portal is directly connected to our current contribution software program, Servant Keeper. This change will not only benefit the parish by saving money but will also give you access to up to date giving information.

We will be implementing the change effective February 1, 2026 to give everyone plenty of time to make the switch to online giving should you choose to do so. Those who are current online givers will receive a separate letter giving specific details on how to make the switch. If you've never given online and are interested in setting up an account, please look forward to seeing instructions in upcoming church bulletins and Facebook posts. This is an easy-to-use portal with very simple instructions on how to set up and manage your online giving. We believe this is a positive change for both the parish and you, our valued parishioners.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the parish office. Our phone number is 573-438-4686 and email is stjameschurch@centurylink.net. We will be happy to answer any questions and to guide you through this process.

Sincerely,
Vicki Thurmond
Parish Secretary

Rev. Anthony Dattilo
Pastor

Angie Mitchell
Business Manager

Benefits of Servant Keeper Online Giving:

- Secure and convenient online giving options.
- Accessible from desktop, tablet, or mobile devices.
- Recurring giving options to simplify your donations.

January 11th

“Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“A Prayer for Hope”

9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena *9 Days for Life*, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

9 DAYS
FOR LIFE

pray to protect
HUMAN LIFE
JANUARY 16-24

9daysforlife.com

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

The Catechumens and Candidates are eagerly awaiting the coming of Jesus in Baptism and the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please pray for Catechumens: Keith Blankman, Joey Thebeau, Judy Vance, Caitlyn Gibson, Anthony, Lilly Pashia and family, Jerry Randall, Chris McCoy and Inquirer, Jerry Goza.

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.



THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

Our next meeting is January 13 @ 5:30pm.
“Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.” *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*
***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
FEEL FREE TO
CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON
@ 314-605-6268***

St. James PSR NEWS

Just a reminder that classes resume on January 7.

From Dr. Melissa Cordia

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Thank You!

**Trip#2650
Oct. 4-12, 2026**

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With Spiritual Director:
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Parish Calendar

- Jan 12:** St. Vincent de Paul 6pm
- Jan 12:** Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm
- Jan 13:** Eucharistic Adoration 9am-4:45pm
- Jan 13:** Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm
- Jan 13:** KC Men's Meeting 6:30pm
- Jan 14:** Parish Office closed for meeting
- Jan 17:** Food Pantry Distribution Day
- Jan 19:** Rural Clinic is here
- Jan 26:** Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm

Ladies Sodality

We would like to welcome new members to join our Ladies Sodality. Our next meeting is on February 3rd from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please consider joining us!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. James Food Pantry provided food for 183 families (504 individuals) on Saturday, December 20th. Thanks to all our packers and those who helped on Saturday with the distribution. Many thanks to our generous church family!

"Let us love God, my sisters and brothers, Let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow."
St. Vincent de Paul

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

Bicentennial Jubilee

A Legacy of Faith. A Future of Hope.

Throughout 2026, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is celebrating its 200th anniversary with the Bicentennial Jubilee. This Jubilee invites us to celebrate our heritage, rekindle our hope, and let Christ's light shine through prayer, storytelling, service, and unity.

As you celebrate, we'd love to see and share those moments! Tag your photos and stories with **#ArchSTL200**

ArchSTL200.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski's Intention

January 2026

Thanksgiving for 200 Years of Grace

We pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Catholic faith in the **Archdiocese of St. Louis** over the past 200 years. May we honor the legacy of those who came before us by living with renewed joy, hope, and commitment to the Gospel.

Heavenly Father,

you are the giver of all that is good.

We give you thanks for 200 years of faith, grace, and mission in the **Archdiocese of St. Louis**.

As we celebrate this bicentennial, we remember with gratitude and thankfulness, all those who have helped to build the Church here: clergy, religious, and lay faithful.

Strengthen us in our resolve to carry forward their legacy with love and courage.

Through the intercession of **Saint Louis**, our patron and king, **Saint Vincent de Paul**, and **Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne**, give to us hearts rooted in justice, holiness, and charity.

May we continue to be a beacon of the Gospel in our time, faithful to Christ and alive in the Spirit.

Bless our archdiocese with unity, renewal, and vocations as we journey into the future.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Saint Louis, pray for us.
Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, pray for us.*

Lenten Bible Study

We will be offering a study this Lent at St. Joachim for those interested. We will be studying **Scripture and Apologetics**. This study will help you understand and defend our Catholic faith with our Non-Catholic brothers and sisters. We will cover some of the major points of division surrounding our Catholic beliefs and help you explain and back that up with scripture.

There is a study guide. The cost is \$5 to offset the cost of paper & ink. You will need to provide your own binder or folder. This is not a video based study so be prepared for homework and reading.

Recommended Books for supplementary reading are:

- **Catholic & Christian** by Alan Schreck.
- **Reasons to Believe** by Scott Hahn
- **Made for More** by Curtis Martin
- **The Well-Versed Catholic** booklets by Ascension Press

Sessions should last about an hour. We will have two classes again this time, Monday evening at 6pm in the Incarnate Word Center and Wednesday morning after the 8:15am Mass in the Incarnate Word Center.

The Monday class will begin on February 9. The Wednesday class will begin on February 11. There will be 6 sessions but because of the Rural Clinic schedule and my annual White House Retreat, our schedule will not be weekly. We will have a few times where we get a week or two between classes. I apologize for that but it's simply unavoidable. If you would like to join us, please let Vicki know by text (573-854-1257) or email (vickithurmond@gmail.com) or in person.



For the battle belongs to the Lord.

~ 1 Samuel 17:47

Steubenville STL Mid-America 2026

Our group registration will be February 5th of 2026.

Who can attend?	Incoming Freshman through graduating Senior
When?	July 17 th - 19 th
Where?	Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
Cost?	We will stay off campus at a nearby hotel, so the conference cost is \$185. There is a \$50 non-refu deposit due February 26 th

If you are a youth participant that would like to attend, please contact the pa office or email sjoachimvouthministry2023@gmail.com.

We would **LOVE** to have a large group this year!

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

"for freedom, Christ has set you free." -Gal. 5:

A Morning of Reflection on Freedom & Disordered Attachme

Saturday, January 31, 2026

8:30am - 12:30pm

Knights of Columbus Hall - Hillsboro MO

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ALL ARE WELCOME

To register, please use the QR code or this link:
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