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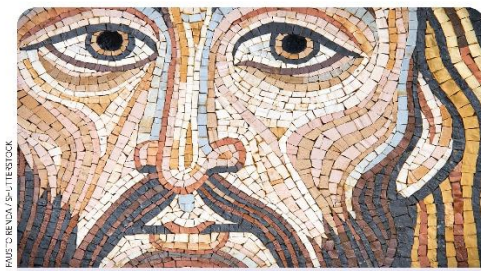
I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



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



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep.... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 25, 2025

Monday
MARCH 23
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62
Jn 8:1-11

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Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

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Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

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Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

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Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66 or
27:11-54

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

“Only in Christ do we find real love, and the fullness of life. And so I invite you today to look to Christ. When you wonder about the mystery of yourself, look to Christ who gives you the meaning of life.” – From the Address to High School Students, (October, 1979)

St. John Paul II

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St. James Catholic Church

201 N. Missouri Street

Potosi, MO 63664

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026



(Photo courtesy of Jeremy Boyer)

Mass Schedule March 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, Mar. 23:
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Mar. 24:
Healing for Mary Ann Pratt

Wednesday, Mar. 25:
@ St. Joachim

Thursday, Mar. 26:
Raymond J. DeGonia

Friday, Mar. 27:
6:30pm:
@ St. Joachim

Saturday, Mar. 28
@ St. Joachim

Sunday, Mar. 29:
Joleen Minnemer

Mass Intentions are \$10. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to offer a Mass intention.

Confessions:

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

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Potosi, MO 63664



March 29th Palm Sunday

Lector:

Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden
Danny Mueller

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 10am
C: Nikki Warden	
L: Kim Coleman	
R: David Woodland	

Servers

Saturday 4pm:
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

Jeanne DeGonia 3/27-4/3
Diane Mull 4/10-4/17

Altar Linens

Diane McGirl 3/23
Bobbie Heifner 3/30
Diane McGirl 4/6

Money Counters

Pat & Tina 3/24
Rhonda Politte & Pat Portell 3/31
Mary Ann & Donna 4/7
Becky & Rhonda 4/14

(I am in the office on Monday's for anyone who wants to count on that day. I do go to Mass @ St. Joachim first before coming in to the office.)

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Weekly Collection 03/15/26

Envelopes:	2725.00
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Votives:	10.00
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Total Giving: \$4952.00
of Contributors: 43
Thank you for your generosity!



March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Lenten Bible Study

Session 4: The Sacrament of Confession
Session 5: Mary
Session 6: Justification
Session 7: Who is Jesus?

Here are the dates for the study. Keep in mind that because of scheduling issues (availability of the buildings and my schedule) not all sessions will be in order each week. So, if you plan to jump around, please watch the schedule and attend when you are able.

MONDAY 6PM (ST. JOACHIM)

Session 4) March 23; Session 5) March 30; Session 6 & 7) Justification & Who is Jesus

WEDNESDAY 9:15AM (ST. JOACHIM)

Session 4) March 25; Session 5) April 1; Session 6 & 7) April 8

FRIDAY 9AM (ST. JAMES)

Session 4) March 27; Session 5) April 3; Session 6 & 7) April 10

**If you have any questions, please text or call Vicki at 573-854-1257

St. James Ladies Sodality



You're invited to our Dine In & Carry Out Fish Fry. Our menu will consist of Fried Shrimp(6pcs) or Swai fillets (4pcs). We will also have coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, baked beans, mac n cheese, and hushpuppies.

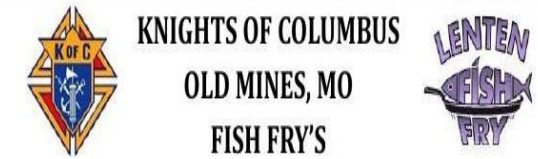
WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

- Golden fried fish & shrimp
- Refreshing drinks
- homemade desserts



COST
ADULTS: \$15
KIDS: \$8

DATE: MARCH 27TH
TIME: 4pm-until Sellout



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
OLD MINES, MO
FISH FRY'S

We will be serving February 18TH (Ash Wednesday), February 20TH, March 6TH, March 20TH, & April 3rd (Good Friday)

Serving 3 p.m. till Sold Out with Dine-in, Carry-Out, & Call In Available.

Serving: Fish, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fries, & Hushpuppies. Dessert & Drink Included

\$13 per Plate

FOLLOW ME AND I WILL
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF
MEN MATTHEW 4:19

Ladies Fish Fry Menu:

**Your choice of Swai fillets (4pcs) or Shrimp (6pcs); Childs plate of Swai fillets (2pcs)

**Sides include coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, baked beans, mac n cheese & hushpuppies

Daughters OF THE Most High King

A "Martha Retreat" for Women

Thursday, April 23, 2026
8:30am-2:30pm

Hillsboro Knights of Columbus
9330 Old Hwy 21, Hillsboro, MO 63050

ALL ARE WELCOME
To register, please use the QR code or this link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/geQahuoYBV>



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A "Martha" Retreat is for any woman who serves our Lord and His Church in any capacity

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03



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

Today, we hear the Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus. Just as Lazarus had the stench of death, we have the stench of sin, but we have the hope of resurrection. The elect, **Judy Vance** and **Anthony Pashia** come before us today to celebrate the third scrutiny to reveal what is weak, sick, and sinful in their lives so that it can be healed, and to acknowledge what is honorable, strong, and holy, so that it can be strengthened. Moreover, the Scrutinies are set forth to purify minds and hearts, to fortify against temptations, to convert intentions, and to awaken the will, so that they may cling more closely to Christ and pursue more vigorously their desire to love God. (# 141 OCIA).

We also remember candidates for full reception, **Chris McCoy** and **Lilly Pashia** as well as **Anthony II** and **Anabelle Pashia** who will be baptized with their Dad.

Morning of Prayer in Preparation for Baptism and Full Reception for the Elect, Candidates and Sponsors/Godparents Saturday morning, March 28 from 9-10 a.m.

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Our next meeting is April 14th @ 5:30pm. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch is March 29th after 10am Mass. Mark your calendar now!

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

"Parish development is our striving, as a community of Christian people, toward God." — Robert A. Gallagher, O.A.

St. James PSR NEWS

Rice Bowls were sent home with the kids on Ash Wednesday. There are more available in the back of church for those families that do not have kiddos in PSR. All bowls need to be returned the Sunday after Easter.

From Dr. Melissa Cordia

Ladies Sodality

Our next indoor dining/carryout Fish fry will be March 27th. Updated menu: Swai fish (4pcs) or Shrimp (6pcs) and child's plate (2pcs) along with sides, desserts & drinks! Can't wait to see everyone! Also we have two bake sales upcoming, March 13th & 20th from 11am-1pm.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St. James Pantry is humbled by its many near & far supporters. The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church has given us hundreds of dollars in food every month for several years. The Belgrade United Methodist Church delivered \$3000 in food from their month long collection.

Isn't it wonderful when Christians find ways to support one another and accomplish so much together?

Our St. James Pantry feeds about 140-175 families each month. God sends what we need by whispering to the generous hearts of His precious followers!

Thank you for your support in feeding those in need from Washington County.

From your St. Vincent de Paul Members

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

Parish Calendar

March 25: Parish Office open 11am-3pm

March 27: Bible Study at 9am in Parish Hall
Ladies Sodality Fish Fry in the Parish Hall w/Indoor Dining or Carryout's 4pm-Sell out Mass & Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

March 28: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

March 29: Fifth Sunday Brunch following the 10am Mass

March 31: Confessions w/ 3 priests 6pm-7:30pm

April 1: Parish Office open 11am-3pm

April 2: Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30pm
w/Adoration until 11pm
Parish Office closed for Holy Thursday

April 3: Parish Office closed for Good Friday

April 4: Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm (St. Joachim)

April 5: Easter Mass at 8am (St. James)
Easter Mass at 10am (St. Joachim)

April 7: Ladie's Sodality Meeting 5:30pm

April 8: Parish Office open 11am-3pm

April 10: Bible Study at 9am
Clarity House Rosary & Mass 6pm

Pope Leo XIV Quotes

"Fasting is a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin & evil with the help of grace & it must also include other forms of self-denial. Fasting should help us acquire a more sober lifestyle, since austerity alone makes the Christian life strong & authentic."

-Posted on X, March 20,2026

From the Office:

With the summer months looming, if you are a Eucharistic Minister, a lector or altar server, please notify the office in advance if you plan on traveling and will be gone. I try to keep a rotation schedule ready for 3 months at a time and this will help me keep these spots filled. I'm an organizer so I like to keep things planned in advance. Thank you!

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH

Join us for a joyful community gathering.

Sunday, March 29, 2026 | After 10am Mass

Hosted by

St. James Catholic Church

RSVP: 573-438-4686 or Just show up. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Mass & Stations of the Cross

March 20th ~ St. Joachim @ 6:30 PM

March 27th ~ St. James @ 6:30 PM

Confession Dates & Times

March 18th ~ St. James PSR Families ~ 6 PM

March 19th ~ St. Joachim ~ 10 AM - 2 PM

March 31st ~ St. James ~ 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Confessions ~ Saturday ~
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm or by Appointment

This Week On Formed

The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.

The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

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*Enter our parish's zip code 63664

*Enter your name and your email address.

*Enjoy!



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Good News!

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning "self," and *basileia*, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." ●

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2026 Parish Picnic

Mark Your Calendars: June 7th

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

We are in need of volunteers for all areas of the picnic. We **CANNOT** do this without you! Please let us know where you can help. You can contact the office or fill out the sheet in the bulletin and drop it in the basket in church.

PARISH FAMILY; The Bottle Game was a HUGE Success last year!! So, we are planning it again this year!

It's not too early to start this year with planning for the Picnic... "the Bottle Game" is back. We are asking all to bring a "bottle of...?" (examples; shampoo, wine, ketchup, mustard, pickles, lotion, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, syrup, 2 liter soda, honey, jelly, vanilla, cooking oil, etc.) that we will use for this fundraiser. The way this will work is, we will sell the same number of "chances" that we have for the number of "bottles" that we receive, the tickets will be numbered, the bottles will be numbered, each ticket will cost \$3 to purchase, so you can see that this will be a good fundraiser for the church, just think you might end up with a bottle of!
We would ask that you please make sure when you are making your purchase for these items to please check the expiration date on any perishable food items.

We will put 3 boxes/containers in the back of church, not in the vestibule – under the pew in front of the cry room for all to place their bottles in. It's not too early to start collecting, so bring your bottles.

Thank you all for your support of our Parish!



St. James Gun Raffle 2026

Join the fun!!!!

Tickets will be sold starting March 1 until the drawing after Mass on May 16, 2026. There are 4 guns being raffled. Cost of the tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Please see Don Thompson or Paul & Nedra Villmer for tickets. They will be selling the tickets after the Masses.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need of volunteers for all areas of the picnic. We can't do this without you. The success of our picnic depends on our wonderful volunteers. Please see Don & Jamie Thompson about volunteering.

Country Store

It's time to start collecting items for the Country Store. We are looking for the following items:

- Baked goods (to be delivered the day of the picnic) such as pies, breads, cookies, jams & jellies
- Home Canned Goods
- Home decor
- Starter plants for gardening
- Tea Towels
- Craft items
- Embroidered or crocheted items
- Anything unique and homemade

Placemat Ads

It's not too early to get your space reserved for our placemats for the picnic.

1. Small size- \$30
2. Medium size- \$60
3. Large size- \$120

The placemat ads can be for a business or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Kim Coleman if interested at 314-808-2207 or email kcoleman2@elara.com.