

# Dear Padre,

*A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?*

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



*The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent*

*yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience.... God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.*

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, JOY OF THE GOSPEL (EVANGELII GAUDIUM), NOVEMBER 24, 2013

### MONDAY

June 26  
Weekday  
Gn 12:1-9  
Mt 7:1-5

### TUESDAY

June 27  
Weekday  
Gn 13:2, 5-18  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

### WEDNESDAY

June 28  
St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr  
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18  
Mt 7:15-20

### THURSDAY

June 29  
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles  
Acts 12:1-11  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18  
Mt 16:13-19

### FRIDAY

June 30  
Weekday  
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22  
Mt 8:1-4

### SATURDAY

July 1  
Weekday  
Gn 18:1-15  
Mt 8:5-17

### SUNDAY

July 2  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11  
Mt 10:37-42

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Romans 5:12-15 / Matthew 10:26-33



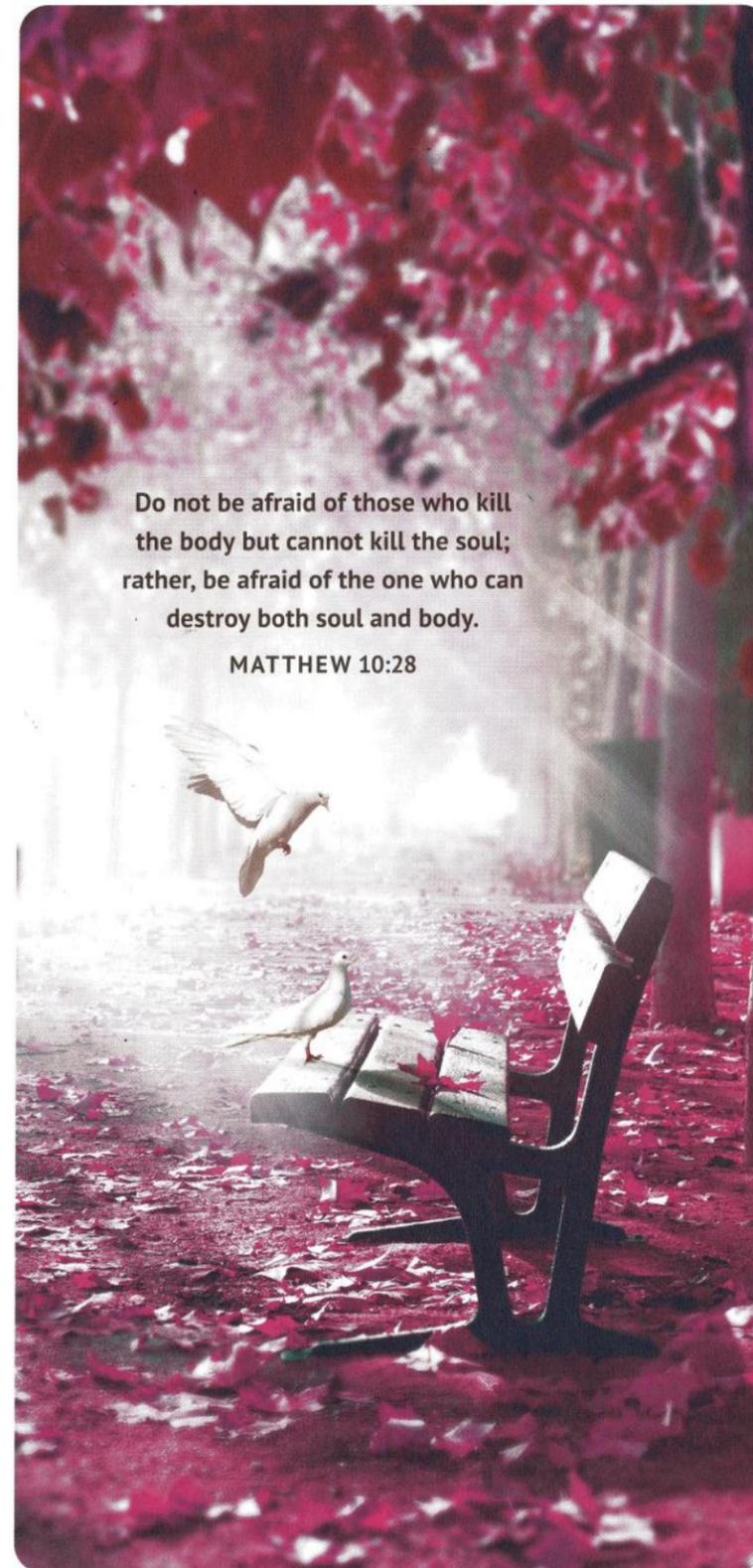
## What Is a Soul, if Not...?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he Gospel of Matthew warns that the greater danger is not about those who may kill the body, but rather it is about those who can destroy both body and soul. Indeed, what if our soul dies long before our body dies? What then has become of our living?

Henry David Thoreau spent a year at Walden Pond in 1845. He did not go to escape life, he said, but to preserve it, to live it more fully. “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived,” he wrote in *Walden* in 1854. “I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life.”

To have a soul is not as if some other-worldly reality has been given a home in our body. Rather, to have a soul is to have a source of hope even in the face of failure, to love in imitation of Jesus even when we are not loved, to see goodness even when it is hidden, to trust in God even when we are powerless. It is the source of mystery, of all that is transcendent, the home of all that is holy. ●



### Reflect

*How would you know if your soul was in danger?*



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# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



### Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	8:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

**\*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:**  
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

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www.stjamespotosi.org  
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Tuesday thru Thursday  
Phone: 573-438-4686

**Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion**  
Phone: 573-436-0144

### Confessions:

**Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM**  
**Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:  
**Jun 26, 2023**

MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Emily Parrish
WED	8:00 AM	Lee & Ann Short
THU	8:00 AM	Michael & Pat Pratt
THU	6:00 PM	Pope Francis
FRI	8:00 AM	Marilyn Coburn Kincaid
SAT	8:00 AM	John Seeney
SAT	4:30 PM	Parish Family
SUN	8:00 AM	Ona Bohannon
SUN	10:00 AM	Jacob Rolwes

**Week of: June 18, 2023**

Envelope.....\$	4196.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	150.00
Loose.....\$	744.15	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	76.00	Cemetery Maint.....\$	250.00
Votive Lights.....\$	49.00		
Light House.....\$			

### Special Ministers July 1 & 2, 2023

**Saturday 4:30 pm** Bob Mills  
**Lectors:**  
**Sunday 8:00 am** Susan Broombaugh  
**Sunday 10:00 am** Charlie Schloemer

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
**Saturday 4:30 pm** C: Judy East L: Laura Allen R: Annette Portell  
**Sunday 8:00 am** Don Thompson Jamie Thompson Sharon Forrester  
**Sunday 10:00 am** Dave Woodland Marvin Wright Kim Coleman

**Servers:**  
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Volunteers Please  
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ava & Garryn West  
Sun.10:00 a.m. Cole, Joshua & Penelope Kearns

**Music:**  
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short  
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards  
Sun.10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

**Food of the Month of June:** Breakfast items continue to be needed, but ALL items are appreciated! Thank you all for your continued generosity.

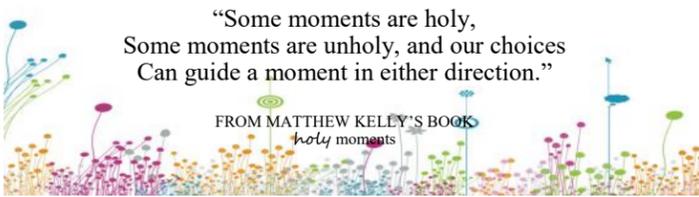
**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.**  
~We couldn't do it without you~  
Please think about volunteering for our Fall Picnic this year  
September 17, 20223

Heavenly Duster: **06/30:** Judy East  
Altar Linens: **06/26:** Barb Cocos

### Protecting God's Children

Anyone who is interested & willing to be a volunteer; i.e. teachers, aides, SVDP, chaperones for youth group, etc... must take the Safe Environment online course AND attend Protecting God's Children. To make this easier, we have been able to get an instructor to come here to St. James Church. The class will be held **July 12th, 6:30 pm here in the Parish Hall.**

For Online registration go to: <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>  
If you have any questions, call the office and I can help.



**Mass Offerings -**  
Masses can be said for the living also; birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

**Word of Life**  
"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."  
USCCB "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

For the preservation of religious freedom: That the right to freely worship God and live according to His commands will be protected and upheld; We pray to the Lord:

### What's on the Calendar???

Jun 28: Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall

Jul 01: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass, 8:00 am  
Jul 11: Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Jul 12: **Protecting God's Children, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall**

**June 30th, First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.** These "protomartyrs" of Rome were the first Christians persecuted en masse by the Emperor Nero in the year 64, before the martyrdom of Saints Peter & Paul. St. Peter crucified upside down in 64 AD and St. Paul beheaded in 67 AD. Nero was widely believed to have caused the fire that burned down much of Rome in the same year. He blamed the fire on the Christians & put them to death, many by crucifixion, being feeding to the wild animals in his circus, or by being tied to posts & lit up as human torches.

Today, the site of Nero's Circus, also the location of St. Peter's martyrdom, is marked by the Piazza dei Protomartiri Romani (Square of the Roman Protomartyrs) in the Vatican next to St. Peter's basilica. These martyrs were called the "Disciples of the Apostles" & their firmness in the face of their gruesome deaths were a powerful testimony that led to many conversions in the early Roman Church.



### Picnic News!!

Still in need of those bottles for our **bottle booth!** What about perfume bottles? Cologne bottles? Just a few more thoughts. The more bottles, the more fun!  
Our **Country Store** is also in need of those amazing handmade crafts and home-canned goods. Fall Picnic is only 3 months away and we all know how fast our summer's fly by.



If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie or Don Thompson

### Next mtg is June 28th 6:00 pm!



### \*\*\*\*\*FORMED\*\*\*\*\*

**St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father:** While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. Joseph of Nazareth stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue, a brilliant example of obedience to God and trust in Divine Providence. His role as protector of families in the difficulties of life and Patrol of the universal Church has never been more clearly needed. Now the Church has never been more clearly needed. Now, the Church is seeking to deepen its understanding of the Guardian of Jesus and of the Holy Family. Featuring interviews with leading experts and theologians, in addition to powerful first-hand testimonials—St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father provides viewers with a glimpse into one of the most incredible lives in all of human history—a figure whose spiritual fatherhood remains open to all of us.

**Faith Prevails: The Miracle of Bolsena:** An inspired retelling of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto, "Faith Prevails" follows the journey of Fr. Peter of Prague, a priest doubtful of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. When the Host begins to bleed during Mass, he must come to terms with his own disbelief while the witnesses of the miracle experience changes in their own faith. This film is based on the real event of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto, which was the catalyst for the institution of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (commonly known as the Feast of Corpus Christi). To read more, visit <https://faithprevailsmovie.com>

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Enter our parish's zip code  
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

### Missionary Discipleship

Trust in the Lord  
Three times in the Gospel today, our Lord tells the disciples that they should not be afraid. This phrase and related variants occur in Scripture more than any other phrase. We all struggle with worrying and being fearful about many aspects of our lives, but Christ reminds us to trust in Him and His abundant love for us. We have been adopted as sons and daughters of God by the death and Resurrection of Christ. We can live a new life in hopeful confidence that God will provide for our needs and care for us as the loving Father who desires who desires "all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

### First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass July 1st @ 8:00 am



First Five Saturdays Devotion to our Lady: each of the four practices of the First Saturdays is in reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is ultimately reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Communion of reparation is the summit of these practices. Together with the Sacrifice of the Mass, there could be no greater way to try to make reparation, which is needed now more than ever. In this way, we console her Heart and clear the way for the graces flowing forth from the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. Herein lies the super remedy, the First Saturdays, designed for our times, the best of times, the worst of times. Here is the remedy, the First Saturdays, implicitly contained in the Deposit of Faith all along. To fulfill the Fatima Message, spread the First Saturdays as Jesus requested (February 15, 1926).

"Little children, I am your mother, I love you and I desire that each of you be saved and thus be with me in Heaven. That is why, little children, pray, pray, pray until your life becomes prayer."

December 10th, 1925; Our Lady appeared together with the Child Jesus, Who spoke first to Lucia:

"Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment, while there is no one who does an act of reparation to withdraw them for her."

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."  
This week, know that you will bringing hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

### Why does the Catholic Church celebrate the birth of John the Baptist?

The Nativity of John the Baptist is a Christian feast day celebrating the birth of John the Baptist. Each year on **June 24** the Catholic Church honors the birth of John by reflecting on his unique role as the precursor of Jesus. The solemnity held on that date praises John as a worthy example of what it means to be a follower of Christ. A solemnity is the most significant feast the Church can establish. The sole biblical account of the birth of John the Baptist comes from the Gospel of Luke.

Christians have long interpreted the life of John the Baptist as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the circumstances of his birth, as recorded in the New Testament, are miraculous. John's pivotal place in the gospel is seen in the emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself, both set in parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. The sole biblical account of the birth of John the Baptist comes from the Gospel of Luke. John's parents, Zechariah or Zachary — a Jewish priest — and Elizabeth, were without children and both were beyond the age of child-bearing. During Zechariah's rotation to serve in the Temple in Jerusalem, he was chosen by lot to offer incense at the Golden Altar in the Holy Place. The Archangel Gabriel appeared to him and announced that he and his wife would give birth to a child, and that they should name him John, a name which was unfamiliar in Zechariah and Elizabeth's families. Acts 4:6 refers to a "John" among the high priests who challenged the apostles' preaching after Pentecost, so the name was not unknown within the wider priestly family. However, because Zechariah did not believe the message of Gabriel, he was rendered speechless until the time of John's birth. At that time, his relatives wanted to name the child after his father, and Zechariah wrote, "His name is John", whereupon he recovered his ability to speak (Luke 1:5-25; 1:57-66). Following Zechariah's obedience to the command of God, he was given the gift of prophecy and foretold the future ministry of Jesus.

### St. James PSR NEWS

This year St. James will have our annual Fall PICNIC, Sunday, **September 17th.** All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer to help in any way possible. Registration for Fall PSR 2023-2024 will be held in August. PSR will be going back to the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month. The first PSR class will be Wed. September 13th. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for future information. Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.

