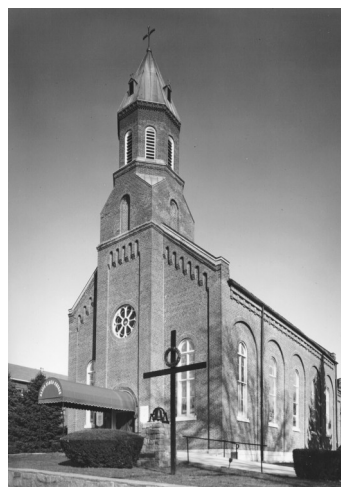


St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



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Confessions: Saturday
4:00 until Last One

Baptism: Arranged
by appointment

Marriages: Arranged by
appointment at least 6
months prior.

**TO REQUEST PRAYER
CHAIN PRAYERS CALL:**
Glenda Farrow 573-438-2672

Worship:
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri.
8:00 AM

Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Office Hours:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Mon - Fri

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK JANUARY 7TH & 8TH

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT, 4:30
C. Maureen Mills
L. Robert Mills
R. Cheryl Gibson

SUN, 8:00
Don Thompson
Jim Politte
Betty Mathews

SUN, 10:00
Jan Coleman
Brett Dickey
Geraldine Skiles

LECTORS

SAT, 4:30
Paul Villmer

SUN, 8:00
Jamie Thompson

SUN, 10:00
Stephanie Bone



SERVERS

SAT 4:30- Amber Jones, Jacob Jones, Kierann Wilkinson
SUN 8:00- Chris Mathis, Tamara Mathews, Jeremy Mathis
SUN 10:00- Kiley Dickey, Karter Dickey, Gracie Boyer



DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
SUNDAY: Jim Chazelle



GIFT BEARERS
4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Denny Short
8:00 Jeannie Skaggs & Connie Scott
10:00 Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Skiles



HEAVENLY DUSTERS
Glenda Farrow & Bess Lalumondiere

Marriage Encounter Weekend: "to make a good marriage better". For dates and registration call 314-469-7317 or www.stl.wvme.org

Pre-Cana Conference: 314-792-7182

Catholic Family Services: 314-544-3800

Birthright: 1-800-300-3518 Hotline: 1-800-550-4900

Contact Project Rachel: 314-792-7565 or the website:
www.stlprojectrachel.org



**TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES
THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE:**
High Score: Robert Coleman (112 pts)
Jim Leonard (112 pts)
Low Score: Gerri Black (23pts)



The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Parish School of Religion Christmas Program:
On January 4th, 2012 at 6:30 PM, the 4th Grade students along with their teachers, Geraldine Heifner, and Judy Cain will be performing a **Christmas play in the Parish Hall.** ALL parents and parishioners are invited to attend.

Practice for the Christmas Program will be Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

PASTOR'S PARISH THANKS & APPRECIATION

I would like to thank all who decorated our church interior and exterior for the Christmas Holidays! I also thank all of our organists, choristers, lectors, altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, PSR children and teachers/catechists, and those who cleaned and prepared our church for the Christmas holidays. At the same time, I want to thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Collection (\$652.00) for the "current" needs of Kenrick Glenn Seminary in St. Louis. This Christmas collection is a standard Christmas tradition in our archdiocese. This is separate and distinct from the ongoing, "Faith For the Future" 3 year capitol campaign for or seminary's infrastructure and physical plant needs.

As a pastor, I challenge each of you some time to consider how many persons it takes just to prepare and to make sure everything is "in place and right order" for the celebration of even one Sunday Mass. Then imagine this for the beauty that each parishioner beholds, and whatever visitor and guest to our parish takes with them, as an enshrined memory of our celebration of Christmas, "Christ's Mass."

Pastor's Personal Thanks

As you pastor, I, Fr. Joe Welschmeyer, received many greetings, heartfelt personal wishes, Christmas cards, prayers, and gifts of money, fresh fruit, some baked goods and special gifts. I will try and acknowledge these personally and in the postal mail. That will take me a bit of time. For now, please know that I am grateful for your Christmas gifts and kindness to me. (Fr. Joe Welschmeyer)

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

Are you a man who wants to make a difference in the world?

2012 Annual Conference

"I have called you by name, you are mine"

Sat, Feb 4 Peabody Opera House

Speakers: Msgr. Stuart Swetland, Fr. Joe Kempf, Fr. Michael Lightner, and Dn. Ralph Poyo

Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Archbishop Robert Carlson
Early registration open now at www.catholicmenforchrist.org

Ladies! Please put on your calendar THE SECOND ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI - March 31, 2012

The Ladies Sodality

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Sodality will be Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Rectory Basement.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please note date change on the St. Vincent de Paul meeting. The regular monthly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be **Monday, January 9, 2012** in the St. James Food Pantry.

The Rectory Office will be **CLOSED**, Monday, January 2, 2012 in celebration of New Year's Day.

"Come Back to Sunday Mass"

[This material was ripped off (lifted, if you like), from a blog column written by **Archbishop Timothy Dolan**, the present archbishop of New York City. A native of Holy Infant Parish, Ballwin, Mo. he was a delightful man. He attended and participated in all our major celebrations at Holy Infant Parish. When I (Fr. Joe Welschmeyer) served at Holy Infant, he was the archbishop of Milwaukee, WI. Here is his food for thought from Sunday, January 7, 2010.]

"If you want your faith to wither up and die, quit going to *Sunday Mass*. As the body will die without food, the soul will expire without nourishment. That sustenance comes at the *Sunday Eucharist*."

How's this for a New Year's Resolution? *Get back to Sunday Mass!*

You reading this probably already do it. Keep it up. How about giving this article to someone who no longer goes? **Get ready for the excuses:**

- "Sunday is our only free time together." (Great, what better way to spend that time than by praying together at Mass).
- "I pray my own way." (Nice idea. But, odds are, you don't pray).
- "The sermon is boring." (You may have a point)
- "I hate all the changes at Mass." (see below)
- "I want more changes at Mass." (see above)
- "Until the church makes some changes in its teaching, I'm staying away." (But, don't we go to Mass to ask God to change us, not to tell God how we want Him and His Church to change to suit us?)
- "everybody there is a hypocrite and are always judging me." (Who's judging whom here?)

... and the list goes on. And the simple fact remains: the Eucharist is the most beautiful, powerful prayer that we have. To miss it is to miss Jesus — His word, His People, His presence, His Body and Blood."

Who do you know, that you could mail this "Come back to Mass" paper to, or even share this with them in person?

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

When all the hustle and bustle of the holidays are past — don't you and your spouse deserve a wonderful weekend away together? Think about refreshing your relationship at a Marriage Encounter weekend on February 3-5 or April 27-29, 2012. For information on weekends, call 314-469-7317 or visit www.stl-wvme.org.

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LOOSE\$547.86

CHILDREN..... 1..\$1.00

VOTIVE LIGHTS..... \$41.00

Christmas Gift \$2,116.00

Immaculate Conception... \$10.00 Solemnity of Mary..\$6.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL\$437.00

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