

# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664

**Office Hours:**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Mon - Fri  
Phone: 573-438-4686  
888-868-8188  
Parish School of Religion  
Or Parish Hall  
Phone: 573-436-0144

**Worship:**  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri.  
8:00 AM  
Saturday: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM  
10:00 AM

### Staff

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**Confessions: Saturday**  
4:00 until Last One  
**Baptism:** Arranged  
by appointment  
**Marriages:** Arranged by  
appointment at least 6  
months prior.

**DATE: DECEMBER 25, 2011**  
**"CHRISTMAS DAY"**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: December 26, 2010

MON,	8:00 AM	Butch West	( St. Stephen)
TUES,	8:00 AM	NO MASS	(St. John, Apostle)
WED,	8:00 AM	NO MASS	(The Holy Innocents)
THURS,	8:00 AM	NO MASS	
FRI,	8:00 AM	NO MASS	(The Holy Family)
SAT,	4:30 PM	Mary (Welschmeyer) Wieggers	
SUN,	8:00 AM	The People of the Parish	
	10:00 AM	Dorothy Hornsey	

**ENVELOPES.....\$4,552.00**  
**LOOSE .....\$152.25**  
**CHILDREN..... 9..\$19.16**  
**VOTIVE LIGHTS..... \$51.00**  
**Roof Replacement.. \$125.00**  
**Immaculate Conception...\$20.00**  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ....\$ 181.00**

**FOR THE WEEK OF:**  
December 18, 2011  
**RECEIVED: \$4,765.25**

**Christmas Gifts..\$41.00**  
**Seminary ... \$16.00**

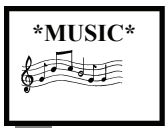
### SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK DECEMBER 31ST & JANUARY 1ST

#### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SAT, 4:30</b>	<b>SUN, 8:00</b>	<b>SUN, 10:00</b>
C. Laura Fulbright	Glenda Farrow	Randy Eaton
L. Diane McGirl	Susan Mathis	Jamie Warden
R. Charlie Schloemer	Sharon Forrester	Niki Warden

#### LECTORS

<b>SAT, 4:30</b>	<b>SUN, 8:00</b>	<b>SUN, 10:00</b>
Laura Fulbright	Susan Mathis	Carrie Cabral



**\*MUSIC\***  
SAT 4:30-Chala Short  
SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards  
SUN 10:00-Anita Govero & Julie Sumpter



SAT 4:30- Carli Pashia, Devin Moore, Allison Moore  
SUN 8:00- MaryAnna Allen, Hannah Allen, Brendon Harmon  
SUN 10:00- Kate Goza, Alaina Wright, Kalynn Mathews



**DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
**SUNDAY: Jim Chazelle**



**GIFT BEARERS**  
4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sell  
8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Corky Shellabarger  
10:00 Colleen Shepard & Hazel Skaggs



**HEAVENLY DUSTERS**  
**Jean Roberson**

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

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** "to make a good marriage better". For dates and registration call 314-469-7317 or [www.stl.wwme.org](http://www.stl.wwme.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](http://www.stlprojectrachel.org)



**TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES**  
**THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE:**  
**High Score: Kerry Leonard ( 128pts)**  
**Low Score: Ron Politte ( 39 pts)**  
**Benny Hanson (39 pts)**

The Rectory Office will be **CLOSED**, Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas. Fr. Joe will be away from Monday, Dec. 26th until the Vigil Mass December 31st. The office will be Open Tuesday, Dec 27 thru Friday Dec. 30th. In case of an emergency please call the rectory(438-4686) during the day and St. Joachim at night (438-6181).

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR—NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**SATURDAY, December 31st: 4:30 PM**  
**Sunday, January 1st: 8:00 AM & 10: 00 AM**



**NO PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION THIS WEEK!**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Remember to Smile at Those "Christmas Catholics" They Might Be Coming Home for Good!

This year when you find a stranger in your favorite pew at Christmas Mass, remember to welcome them warmly. Catholics Come Home commercials will begin airing throughout our region the week before Christmas. Hopefully, those who come to our Christmas Masses will be greeted by friendly faces and warm smiles that encourage them to come back often and truly feel at home in our parish of St. James the Apostle.

### Election Results: Parish Council

Our parishioners voted secret ballots at the Masses on the weekend of December 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>. The results are four new members will come onto the parish council in January 2012. Newly elected are Sr. Ann Schumacher SC, Tom Knott. Kathy Pashia and Tim Short. The term of these new representatives of the parish will serve two year terms. Tim Short received the fourth most votes, and would have been the alternate rep. Fr. Joe, using the pastor's prerogative to appoint Tim Short to become a regular, full time rep, to balance out the group.

The next scheduled meeting of the parish council will be Tuesday night, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish council meeting room in the rectory basement. That meeting will be the current parish council president, Ed Darling's last meeting to lead, as he completes his term of office.



### New Credentia Table

Have you noticed something new inside the back of our church (entrance)? The portable table has been taken away from the glass doors. In its stead, there is a new custom built credentia, with shelves and booklet holders, including a desk surface to write upon. Mr. Don Pashia designed, constructed and donated this oak table to St. James Church. When you wish Don a Merry Christmas, thank him for his craft, and his spirit of generosity to his parish which is very special to Mr. Pashia.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011 SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD "Not So Fast."

One year during Saint Francis of Assisi's life, Christmas fell on a Friday. Knowing the holy man's love of fasting in imitation of Jesus, the brothers asked Francis if he wished them to fast even though it was Christmas. "Fast?" Francis replied. "How can we fast on the feast of the Lord's birth? Rather we should smear the walls with meat!" Obviously not a vegetarian, and perhaps prompting a little queasiness in his hearers, Francis' point was that in celebrating the God-who-becomes-flesh even the walls rejoice! Nothing is held back from the God who held nothing back from us but who embraced our whole humanity. In your joy today, in your compassion, reconciliation, forgiveness, mercy, and justice, don't hold anything back. "[God] has spoken to us through the Son . . . who is the . . . very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word."

### ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Christmas 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
We are called to be *Alive in Christ!*

Christ lived among us as a man 2,000 years ago. After His passion, death and resurrection, He ascended to His Father. But we Christians believe that He will come again in glory on the last day. We also believe that He is with us here and now - in the holy Eucharist and all the sacraments, in our prayer and in the works we perform in His name, and wherever two or more are gathered as His Church.

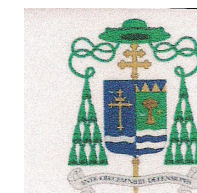
For many years, the people of the Archdiocese have made a special gift each year at Christmas to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. This collection enables us to pay the day-to-day expenses for the maintenance of the Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and our own Archdiocese. It is these men who will bring our faith, the faith given to us by Christ over 2000 years ago, to future generations of the faithful here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

This year, I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our seminarians. I also ask that you be generous with your donation to the Christmas Day collection in support of our seminarians. I also ask you to join me in praying for all our priests who share in the gift of the priesthood. These men are truly Christ with us.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and your family during this most blessed season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis



### A Very Special Thank You To:

Niki Warden (Designer, creator, artist) Perry & Glenda Farrow, Wes & Sharon Forrester, Glen Gerlhot, Jean Roberson, Carrie Cabral, Nedra Sitzes, and of course the church staff, Jim Harvey, and Gail Aubuchon for decorating and cleaning the church so beautiful for Christmas. I received so many compliments about the church.

Again, Thank you so very much. *Father Joe*

### Why Do Catholics Do That ?

### Why do some parishes offer Midnight Mass on Christmas?

Midnight Mass grew from a custom where people from the countryside gathered in the early monasteries on Christmas Eve to attend Confession, sing hymns, and to participate in the Eucharist. Afterwards, a feast lasted well into Christmas morning.



Midnight Mass, or Mass close to midnight, gathers us together to greet the newborn Christ Child. The readings for the liturgy of Midnight Mass proclaim the birth of Christ but also remind us that he came to offer salvation to all people.