

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664

Rev. Joseph Welschmeyer, Pastor

Gail Aubuchon, Parish Secretary —Leroy Jarvis, Maintenance
Kathy Thompson, PSR Principal



Our Prayers for the Priests listed is continued week by week for all Priests of our Diocese.

Fr. William Kester, St. Louis — Ordained, June 13, 1970
Fr. Victor Barnhart, Lemay — Ordained June 16, 1990
Fr. Thomas Keller, Florissant — Ordained May 24, 1997
Fr. Richard Coerver, Clover Bottom — Ordained May 22, 1976
Fr. William Kempf, Normandy — Ordained December 15, 1984
Fr. Kevin Mahoney, High Ridge — Ordained July 18, 1981

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

Phone: 573-438-4686

888-868-8188

Confessions: Saturday

4:00 until Last One

Baptism: Arranged
by appointment

Marriages: Arranged by
appointment at least 6
months prior.

Parish School of Religion Or Parish Hall

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DATE: **JANUARY 3, 2010**
"THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD"

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: January 4, 2009

MON,	8:00 AM	Mastin & Marie Roth
TUES,	8:00 AM	Vincent Pinson
WED,	8:00 AM	Martin Bourisaw
THURS,	8:00 AM	Ray & Hazel DeClue
FRI,	8:00 AM	Judy Hasenbeck
SAT,	4:30 PM	Mary Portell
SUN,	8:00 AM	The People of the Parish
	10:00 AM	Greg Edgar

ENVELOPES.....\$ 3,329.01
LOOSE\$178.46
Christmas Gifts...4,620.66
Immaculate Conception..\$20.00
CHILDREN...(3)... \$3.40
VOTIVE LIGHTS..... \$47.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL\$479.25

FOR THE WEEK OF:
December 27, 2009
RECEIVED: \$8,148.13

SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK JANUARY 9TH & 10TH

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT, 4:30 C. Leroy Jarvis	SUN, 8:00 Don Thompson	SUN, 10:00 Maureen Mills
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LECTORS

SAT, 4:30 Mary Jane Leonard	SUN, 8:00 Jamie Thompson	SUN, 10:00 Robert Mills
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SAT 4:30-Chala Short
SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards
SUN 10:00-Anita Govero



SAT 4:30- Macie Knott, Kiley Dickey, Audrey Chazelle
SUN 8:00- Mary Anna Allen, Hannah Allen, Eli Wilkinson
SUN 10:00- Alex Coleman, MaddeRae Kelly, Shianne Portell



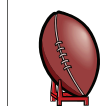
DRIVER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
SUNDAY: Kim Coleman



GIFT BEARERS
4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mercille
8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Mahlon McNabb
10:00 Mr. & Mrs. John McGuire



HEAVENLY DUSTERS
Laura DeGonia



TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES
THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE:
High Score: Dan DeClue (120 pts)
Low Score: Jon Boyer (Boo's) (16 pts)

Our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will resume at 7:00 pm on Thursday night, January 7th. Please enter the rectory basement meeting room by the outside entrance, by the rectory's white fence. We are now four months away from Holy Saturday's entrance, for those seeking adult baptism or full communion fellowship with the Catholic Church. Please join us. If unable to attend, please phone the rectory office at 438-4686.

Please Remember in your Prayers: The Family and Friends of Mary A. Portell, parishioner, (husband George Portell) the mother of Geraldine Heifner and numerous other parishioners. The Funeral Mass will be Monday, January 4, 2010 at 11:00 AM here at St. James Church.

**NO LADIES SODALITY MEETING THIS MONTH.
NO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING THIS**



The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Confirmation Class will also meet this week. Kathy and Kim would like to thank the students and parents for the nice gifts. Please remember to listen to KTJJ for cancellation of classes due to bad weather.

WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

Men, are you ready for more in life? It is not too early to start thinking about joining the men of our parish who make our **ANNUAL RETREAT** at White House Retreat, a beautiful facility overlooking the Mississippi River in south Saint Louis County. Our retreat begins on Thursday April the 8th and ends on Sunday the 11th. All men of the parish are invited. Don't miss out this year in the spiritual and physical renewal that benefits every man who makes a retreat. For your reservation or any questions contact me, your parish captain, Jeff Boyer: voice or text 573-291-3503 or email: jeff4967@centurytel.net

"Faith for the Future/ Kenrick-Glennon Seminary"

On the weekend of January 9 and 10th, our parish will have the opportunity for our parishioners to pick up your pledge cards for the current Kenrick Glennon Seminary, capital campaign. As pastor, I, Fr. Joe ask you to pick up and sign your pledge card, EVEN if you are unable to contribute to the capital campaign at this time. Any pledge you prayerfully wish to make, may be pain over a three year period.

When a capital campaign such as this is held in our archdiocese, the priests are naturally required to "go first" with our pledges. I have done this in November 2009. Personally, I could never have paid the entire amount which my seminary room, board and tuition costs to our archdiocese. Our archbishop Robert J. Carlton said the same thing on his personal circumstance as a seminarian, in a letter to we priests. Benefactors and the archdiocese made it possible for Joe Welschmeyer, to stand in among you leading you in workshop and providing the Sacraments to you. Just most recently a parishioner shared with me. "Father, I promised my parent I would do all in my power to have a priest come at the time of their death. Father, I was able to keep my promise to my parent."

We have seminarians in formation to serve our Catholic people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. There will be priests in the future to serve you, your children and your grandchildren. So I ask you to pray over this, and pick up your pledge card and sign it in the parish hall after the weekend Masses of January 9 and 10th. This is very much like we do with the Annual Catholic Appeal, and I thank our parishioner, Mr. Tom Worthen for chairing this project.

Welcome Fr. Tillman January 16 & 17th

On the weekend Masses of January 16 & 17th, Fr. Richard Tillman will celebrate at speak at all weekend Masses on behalf of the **Christian Foundation for Children and Aging** (CFCA). This is a Catholic organization which seeks to find those Catholics who are willing to "adopt" for financial support, individuals in need. At present, some of our parishioners and our ladies sodality organization are involved in this most worthwhile program. The pastor's deceased sister, Louise Groner, found this to be one of her most rewarding outlets for her personal life. The pastor will let Fr. Tillman inform you more by his speaking here on the topics. He will have information flyers to provide you on these dates. **Please NOTE:** Fr. Joe, our pastor will be away from the parish on that weekend January 16th and 17th.]

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 (\$712.00)for the "current" needs of Kenrick Glennon 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."

Parish Council Elections

At the weekend Masses of January 9 and 10th, we will conduct a paper ballot (secret ballot) election for two new representatives to our parish council. This will take place after the homily, so the ballots can be collected by our ushers. The term of service of these representatives is two years each. At this time our three candidates for council election are: 1) Perry Farrow 2)Dennis Blair and 3) Billie Courtois. The two representatives will attend the next scheduled parish council election on Tuesday night, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory basement meeting room. Parish council meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

"Resurrection Choir Appeal for Singers"

Due to the death of parishioner Mary A Portell, age 90, the parish office is sending out this **REQUEST** for volunteer singers for our **"Resurrection Choir"**. The Mass time is 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 4th here at St James. There is no experience required, no auditions. If you can climb the steps to the choir, we will sign you on. If you can not climb the steps then just come and sing in the congregation pews.

St. Augustine stated, "One who sings prays twice." In our Catholic tradition, those who sing at the funeral Mass and help prepare and serve the funeral luncheon after the burial, are doing their "corporal work of mercy" of helping to bury the dead, by these charitable acts of singing or helping with the funeral luncheon.

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)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Billie Brimm, from Anna, Illinois, sister of Lorin Gregory, parishioner. She died December 29, 2009 in Paducah, Kentucky.