

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664

Rev. Joseph Welschmeyer, Pastor



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

Fr. James Telthorst, Mattese — Ordained May 11, 1968
Fr. James Byrnes, Mattese — Ordained May 24, 1980
Fr. Gerald Meier, Webster Groves — Ordained March 26, 1966
Fr. Richard Lubeley, Webster Groves — Ordained June 7, 1949
Fr. Richard Creason, St. Louis — Ordained March 11, 1967
Fr. Richard Schilli, Eureka — Ordained May 21, 1977

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: NOVEMBER 29, 2009
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: November 30, 2009

MON,	8:00 AM	NO MASS
TUES,	8:00 AM	Mildred Wodjenski
WED,	8:00 AM	Vincent Pinson
THURS,	8:00 AM	Jerome Mertens
FRI,	8:00 AM	Bonnie Gabriel
SAT,	4:30 PM	Al Morgan
SUN,	8:00 AM	The People of the Parish
	10:00 AM	Ace DeClue

ENVELOPES.....\$3,651.00
LOOSE\$248.00
CHILDREN...(2)... \$4.00
VOTIVE LIGHTS..... \$39.00
Kenrick Seminary ...\$50.00
Human Development . \$175.00 Retired Religious.. \$5.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL\$115.00

FOR THE WEEK OF:
November 22, 2009
RECEIVED: \$3,899.00

SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT, 4:30 C. Mary Jane Leonard SUN, 8:00 Geraldine Skiles SUN, 10:00 Maureen Mills

LECTORS

SAT, 4:30 Charlie Schloemer SUN, 8:00 Paul Villmer SUN, 10:00 Robert Mills

MUSIC
SAT 4:30-Chala Short
SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards
SUN 10:00-Anita Govero

SERVERS
SAT 4:30- McKenzie Smith, Morgan Logsdan, Lane Short
SUN 8:00- Jake Mathis, Jeremy Mathis, Chris Mathis
SUN 10:00- Amanda Fulbright, Peyton Cabral, MaddeRae Kelly



**DRIVER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
SUNDAY: Darryl McCauley**



GIFT BEARERS
4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Leonard
8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Chad Long
10:00 Mr. & Mrs. Andy Laramore



**HEAVENLY DUSTERS
Sharon Forrester**



**TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES
THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE:**
High Score: Dr. Jim Robart (103 pts)
Low Score: Harold Courtois (22 pts)

THE ST. JAMES HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
The Youth Group would like to invite other High School Students to come and help plan the float for this year's Christmas Parade December 5, 2009 . The next meeting will be on Wednesday, **December 2, 2009.**

PARISH COUNCIL
The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Basement.

THE LADIES SODALITY
The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Sodality will be Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Just a reminder do not forget your cookies.

Would the person who has the dish towels from the Parish Hall, please return them as soon as possible. Thank You.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
If you have any ideas for music and accompaniments for the Christmas Eve Mass at 7:30 PM, please contact Father Joe.

Catechists and their aides for our Parish School of Religion will be blessed at all Masses this weekend. This is in conjunction with the blessing of the Advent wreath and lighting of the first candle of our liturgical season of Advent.

St. James P.S.R.
The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, December 2nd at **6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. Confirmation Class will also meet this week.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for your donations of crafts or bakery items for their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 5, 2009 FROM 7:00 am TO 1:00 pm. You may drop donated items off at the Parish Hall on Friday, December 4th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm or the day of the Bazaar. This is the only fund raiser the St. Vincent de Paul Society has in order to raise money for the needy in the community for Christmas and emergency help through out the year.

ADVENT GIVING TREE
The Advent Giving Tree is up and The St. Vincent de Paul Society are asking you to please take a tag. All gifts need to be returned To Church no later than Sunday, December 13th so that they can pack the gifts with the Christmas boxes to be given out on Saturday, December 19th.

CHICKEN & BEEF DINNER
The Knights of Columbus of Washington County will be having a Chicken & Beef Dinner on Sunday, December 6th from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the K. C. Hall in Old Mines.

LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY
We are still in need of photos of our people in the military, shut-ins and those that did not have an opportunity to have their photo taken. Please mail us a photo or drop it off at the Rectory.(Be sure to put name on it).

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS: Beginning this year the Children's Christmas will be at 5:00 PM on December 24th. We are still planning at this time to have the 7:30 PM Mass, Midnight Mass and 9:00 AM Mass on Christmas day.

Just A Reminder: Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception.
Mass Times: 8:00 AM—Noon—and 7:00 PM

POTOSI HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND: We would like to congratulate the Band on many awards this season and especially our own members: Amanda Fulbright, Kristin Eye, Alisa Brickey, Krystal Pingel and Stephen Johnson.

ATTENTION SERVERS
We are in need of servers for our Christmas Masses Dec. 24: 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM, Midnight & Dec. 25th: 9:00 AM. Please call the Rectory (438-4686) and volunteer for the Christmas Masses.

Please observe the following directives of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal:

- The faithful should observe silence in preparation for the celebration of Mass in the church, sacristy, vesting room, and in adjacent areas so that all may dispose themselves for Mass.
- The faithful should bow during the creed at the words "by the power of the Holy Spirit."
- The faithful should stand after the celebrant says the "Pray brothers and sisters. . ." and before the response "May the Lord. . ."
- The communicant is to bow his or her head before receiving the Body of the Lord and again when receiving the Precious Blood.

Deanery Meeting: The priests and deacons who serve in the various parishes of the Festus Deanery met here at St. James Church on Tuesday, Nov. 24th. The program began at 11:30 am with "Mid-day Prayer" in the liturgy of the hours (divine office). Afterwards the dean, Fr. Pat Christopher of Mary Queen of Peace in House Springs, led the meeting in the "confirmation classroom". Mr. Dan Henriod of the Archdiocesan Offices spoke on the parish demographics and population for parishes in Jefferson and Washington Counties. The program ended with a meal of soup and sandwiches prepared by parish ladies in the parish hall. This is the first time in 18 years that St. James Parish hosted a deanery meeting.

According to the statistics provided, St. James, Potosi, has the distinction of being the largest geographical land mass of all the 200 parishes of the archdiocese of St. Louis. The percentage of the population with our parish boundaries are **8%** Catholic. The other **92%** belongs to other Christian churches or they are unchurched/no religious affiliation.

Candidates for the Parish Council Election
Each year in November, terms of service of several parish council representatives come to a conclusion. Our parish council members Brian Pashia and Cheryl Gibson conclude their leadership as representatives this month of November 2009.

In January 2010 the parish will conduct an election to choose two representatives for three year terms. Our parish is grateful for the three years of service and leadership Brian and Cheryl invested in the good, and the progress of St. James Parish. Brian has served as representative and as parish council president. Cheryl Gibson has served as representative and as secretary of the council. Please watch the bulletin for more information on this later.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
The Potosi Ministerial Alliance "**Community Wide Thanksgiving Service**" was held on Monday night, Nov. 23rd at the First Assembly of God Church, N. Missouri St. As pastor of St. James Catholic Church, I would like to thank our parishioners who came both to give me some support. They also joined in giving thanks, praying, singing and enjoying some refreshments with our fellow Christians "up the hill" from us. Rev. Bobbie Browne Jr., the host pastor at the Assembly of God Church, also expressed his appreciation for our parishioners in attendance.

It is safe to say that your pastor Fr. Joe Welschmeyer is the first Catholic priest in Potosi, to participate and give the closing prayer at the Assembly of God Church. It was encouraging to see some of you in the combined community choir led by Mrs. Beverly McColloch,. The Potosi High School "Acapella Choir" led by Mrs. Emily Lewis was most inspiring and both choirs brought a spirit of reverence to a hectic world.

THANK YOU
The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to extend a Special Thank You to the **Potosi Rotary Club** for their generous donation of \$2,000.00 and also to the **Potosi High School students** for their collection of can goods for the Food Pantry.