



***Men Helping Men Step Up and
Become Better Spiritual Leaders
by Following Christ and the
Teachings of His Church***

Become the Spiritual Leader that
God Calls us to be in
Our Family, Our Community, and Our Church

Next monthly event: September 29, 2026

Speaker: Father Zac Povis

Virtue: The Pursuit of Happiness and the Ultimate Good

Corpus Christi Center

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Imperial, MO

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OPENING PRAYER

St Joseph,
Protecting father of the infant Jesus
and dedicated husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
We come before you for your powerful intercession and
protection. We turn to your courageous example to form
and shape us into a masculine presence that will lead
others
to the knowledge of God, our loving Father,
so that we can be examples for our family,
our church and our community.

We lift up to you, St Joseph, our joy and our pain,
our success and our struggles.
Through it all, with our sinfulness, may we persevere
in the mission of leading our families to Heaven.
St Joseph, we recognize the calm and protective presence
that
lifted up the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Son of God
through your love and protection.

Obtain for us, through your divine Son
All of the spiritual blessings needed to grow as His
disciples,
Strengthening not only our relationship to Him,
but also that of the entire Church.

AMEN

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7–9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING**Romans 12:1-2**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Questions from Mass Readings Small Group Discussions

QUESTION 1

Jeremiah says God's word became like fire burning in his heart (Jer 20:9). What truth or responsibility has God placed in you that you are tempted to hold back because speaking or acting on it may cost you?

QUESTION 2

Paul urges us not to conform ourselves to this age but to be transformed by renewal of the mind (Rom 12:2). Where are you most tempted to think like the surrounding culture rather than like Christ?

QUESTION 3

Jesus says whoever loses his life for his sake will find it (Mt 16:25). What part of your life, ego, schedule, or control is Jesus asking you to lose so something more faithful can be found? What would it look like this week to offer yourself as a living sacrifice for your family and those in your care?

TRINITY ACTS MEN'S RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2026

The Trinity ACTS Men's Retreat begins on September 17 with check in at 6pm at Our Lady Catholic Church. The retreat is presented by men from Our Lady, Sacred Heart, and Good Shepherd parishes. Transportation to and from the Marianist Retreat Center is provided. The retreat concludes on September 20 with the celebration of 11am Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Crystal City, MO. There is a luncheon for retreatants, their families, and the community directly after Mass.

For additional information, please contact Russ Hackmann at (314) 221-3888. Registration forms are available this evening.



THE BATTLE CRY

BECOMING MEN AFTER THE HEART OF ST. JOSEPH

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MEN'S RETREAT 2026



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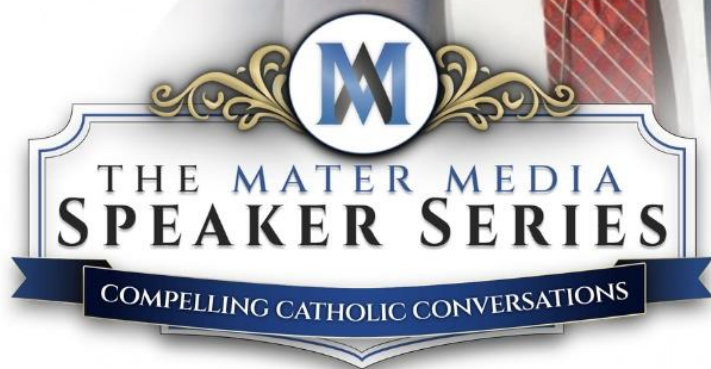
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INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER
JOHN O'LEARY
SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of
the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl
about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

