



## Life at the Edge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an “empty nest.” Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we’ve dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed

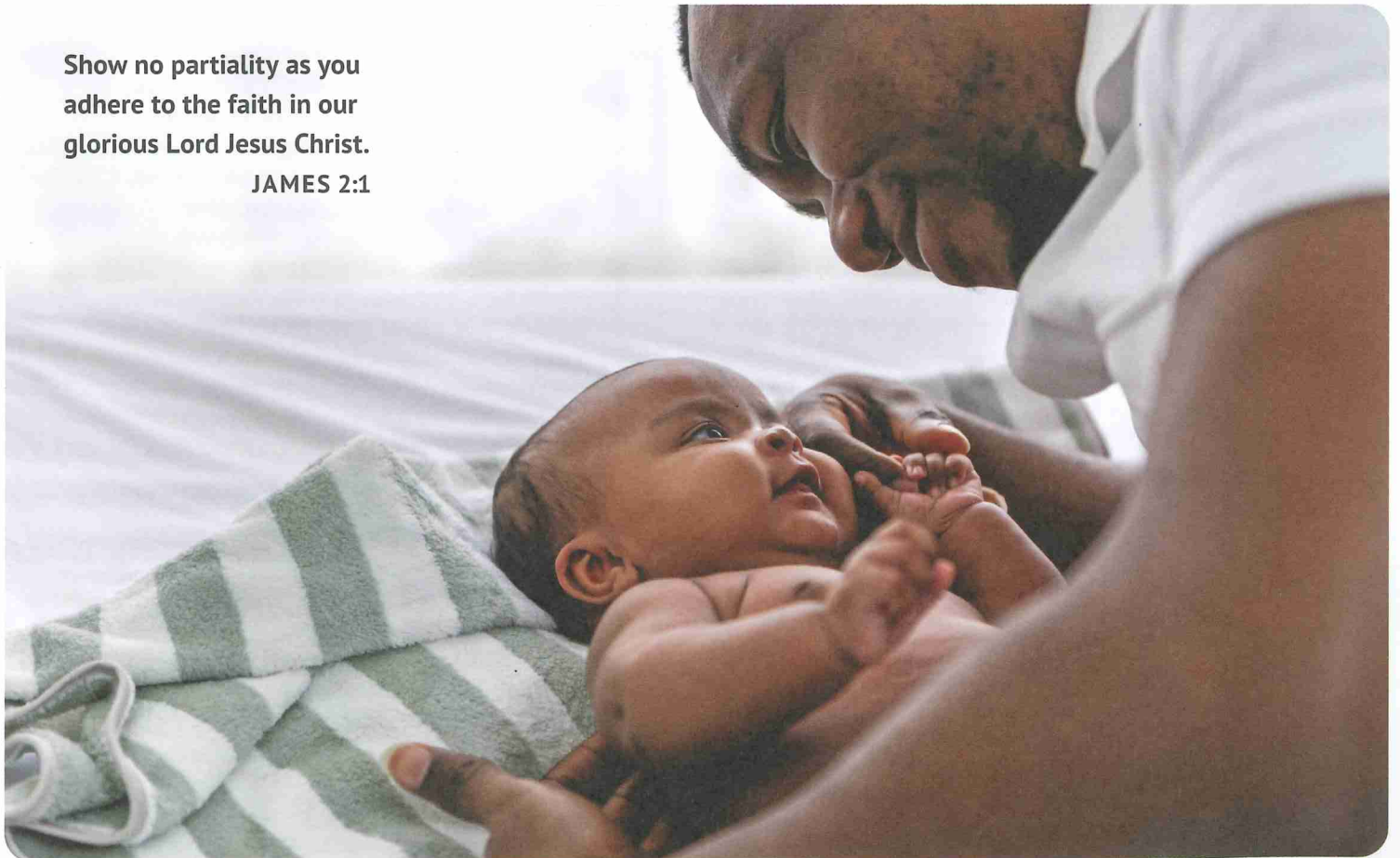
strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God’s presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life’s glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?” (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

### Reflect

*Do you feel God’s presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?*

**Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.**

**JAMES 2:1**



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221 N Sycamore Street, Nortonville KS 66060      www.stjosephsnortonville.com

**St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
905 Broadway, P.O. Box 176, Valley Falls KS 66088

**Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 18760 Rogers Road, Atchison KS 66002**

**Parishes Office:** 221 N Sycamore Street  
Nortonville, Kansas 66060

**Office hours:** M, W, F 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.  
**Phone:** 913-886-2030  
**E-mail:** sj.ic.cc.parishoffice@gmail.com

**Pastor:** Fr. William Dun-Dery  
**E-mail:** wdun-dery@archkck.org

**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation** Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass (Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph)

**Marriage** Six-month notice required  
18 months if annulments needed

**Anointing** Please let us know of any hospital admissions

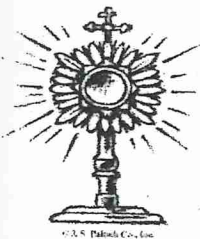
**Baptism** For Baptismal dates call the office;  
one Baptismal Class required

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Sat.	Sep 7	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Mary Katherine Lee	
Sat.	Sep 7	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
		Mass for the People	
Sun.	Sep 8	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Larry Clark	
Sun	Sep 8	10:00 AM	St. Mary's
		World Day for Grandparents and Elderly	
Mon.	Sep 9	No Mass	
Tue.	Sep 10	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	†	Phyllis Sieve	
Wed.	Sep 11	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Vince Bertels	
Thu.	Sep 12	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	†	Leo Grollmes	
Fri.	Sep 13	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Bill Weishaar	
Sat.	Sep 14	5:00 pm	St. Mary's
	†	Jim Grollmes	
Sat.	Sep 14	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
		Mass for the People	
Sun.	Sep 15	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Marie Ice	
Sun.	Sep 15	10:00 am	Corpus Christi
		Francis E. "Smitty" Schmidt	

**Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions**

St. Joseph  
Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
Corpus Christi  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, 4-4:45pm  
St. Mary's  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 11am- 12pm



**September 14/ 15**

Saturday, September 14: 5pm mass at St. Mary's  
Sunday, September 15: 10am mass at Corpus Christi  
followed by parish picnic

**September 28/29**

Saturday, September 28: 4:30pm mass at St. Mary's  
followed by Oktoberfest  
Sunday, September 29: 10am mass at Corpus Christi

**Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

**Lord, Faithful God**

You who created us in Your image,  
You who never leaves us alone  
And who accompanies us through every season of life,  
Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
And grant us, once again,  
The ability to discover ourselves  
And recognize that we are Your children.  
Renew our hearts with your Word  
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside  
May your spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness  
And teach us to say  
"I will not abandon you!"  
To those we meet on our journey  
With the help of your beloved Son  
May we not lose the taste for fraternity  
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness  
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope  
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
A day without loneliness, and a day abundant  
With the first-fruits of Your peace.  
Amen.

**Bulletin Submission deadline: Noon Wednesday**

**Mass Swap**

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kyle Perkis	Pat Maloney
Frank Werder	Bob Heinen
Emma Dockweiler	Rosella Hollis
Janet Schmidt	Chris Heinen
Greg Gillece	Tim Hosler
Phil Heuertz	Delores Miller
Virginia Grollmes	Roxie Herring
Ben Heuertz	Jeremy Heinen

Also pray for those serving in the Military, those with health issues and those who have no one to pray for them.

### Contributions

#### September 1, 2024

Plate.....	199.00
Projects and maintenance.....	525.00
Catholic Universities of America.....	20.00
Cemetery.....	100.00
Support.....	540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1284.00</b>

### September Appointments

**Ushers:** Mike Brose, Bill Heinen, Pat Sieve  
**Lay Ministers:** Mike Jones, Brandi Varner, Taylor Allen

#### September 14

**Lector:** Paisleigh Heinen  
**Musicians:** Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon  
**Servers:** Jack Warth  
**Gifts:** Nate Heinen Family  
**Finances:** Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian  
**Sacristan:** RaeAnn Allen

### What Is a Qualified Charitable Distribution

**(QCD)?** If you are age 70½ or older, you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. A qualified charitable distribution is not taxed, so the charity receives 100% of your donation. QCDs may also count toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) that people who are age 73 or older must meet each year. You can set up monthly, quarterly or yearly donations to any charity of your choice. It is an excellent way to donate to your Church or any other charity. Check with your tax professional to see if a QCD is advisable for you.

**Bulletin additions or corrections:** Contact Crystal Clark  
785-806-0262 (text or call)  
email [calebcrystal@hotmail.com](mailto:calebcrystal@hotmail.com)

### CCD Updates:

#### 1st class:

Kindergarten-5th grade: Wed., Sept. 4th, after school until 5 pm

6th-12th grade (includes Confirmation class): Sun., Sept. 8th, 6-7 pm

**Sundae Sunday:** following Mass, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

**CCD parent meeting** with JoLina in basement during Sundae Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Meet teachers while enjoying treats!

**Altar Society and Knights of Columbus** will meet after Mass Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest!

German music, beer, food and fun. Please register using the QR code on the flyer. It will help us determine how much food is needed. Sign up sheets are posted at the doors.

### September K of C Family of the Month

Larry Martin Family

### Upcoming important dates:

- **Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** Saturday–5 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** Sunday–10 AM Mass at Corpus Christi – Parish Picnic
- **Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday–6 PM RAM meeting - 7 PM Parish Council
- **Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** Saturday-Grasshopper Falls Day 9 am - 2 pm
- **Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** Saturday–4:30 PM Mass at St. Mary's 5:30 PM Oktoberfest
- **Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** Sunday–10 AM Mass at Corpus Christi
- **Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** – Tootsie Roll Drive
- **Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** – First Youth Mass
- **October 13<sup>th</sup>** Sunday- Vocation Support benefit breakfast after Mass
- **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Citizen supper and bingo
- **Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation at St. Joseph's

### St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

# Dear Padre,

**What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?**


That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? ....Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!....*

*The healing of the heart begins with listening....*

*We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us:*

**“Ephphatha, be opened!” Open your ears.**

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

## Monday

September 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
1 Cor 5:1–8  
Lk 6:6–11

## Tuesday

September 10  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 6:1–11  
Lk 6:12–19

## Wednesday

September 11  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 7:25–31  
Lk 6:20–26

## Thursday

September 12  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13  
Lk 6:27–38

## Friday

September 13  
*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27  
Lk 6:39–42

## Saturday

September 14  
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

## Sunday

September 15  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 50:4c–9a  
Jas 2:14–18  
Mk 8:27–35



SAVE THE DATE

# Oktoberfest

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

• DRINK • FOOD  
• MUSIC • DANCE

Presented by St. Mary's Immaculate  
Conception Catholic Church

5:30 to 8:30 PM

Valley Falls City Park  
400 Elm St, Valley Falls, KS

Scan QR code to register:



# Gaudeamus

A BENEFIT GALA FOR THE  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 • OVERLAND PARK CONVENTION CENTER

The Catholic Education Foundation's annual Gaudeamus gala is the catalyst for the transformation of students, families and communities in Northeast Kansas. Now in its 22nd year, Gaudeamus provides more than 80% of the revenue for CEF scholarships, ensuring students most in need have the opportunity to succeed and develop a relationship with Christ through Catholic education.

Thanks to the success of last year's Gaudeamus, CEF provided \$4.6 million in scholarships for the 2023-24 school year, helping 1,800 students - many living at or below the poverty level - receive a Catholic education.

This year, leaders in education, business, parishes and civic groups from across the region will gather at Gaudeamus as we honor the Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann for his incredible legacy of support for Catholic education.

Join us in honoring Archbishop Naumann by becoming a Gaudeamus sponsor, attending the event or making a meaningful gift today!

## 2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

To sponsor: please fill out the next page OR register online at [CEFGALA.ORG](https://CEFGALA.ORG)

### **PARTNER \$7,500**

*Equivalent to scholarships for 4 students*

Preferred seating for up to 10 guests

Logo recognition on-screen during event

Name recognition in the Gaudeamus program\*

Logo recognition and link on the Gaudeamus website

Logo recognition in CEF social media

### **TUTOR \$5,000**

*Equivalent to scholarships for 2 students*

Preferred seating for up to 10 guests

Name recognition on-screen during event

Name recognition in the Gaudeamus program\*

Logo recognition and link on the Gaudeamus website

Logo recognition in CEF social media

### **TABLE HOST \$2,800**

One reserved table of 10

Recognition in the Gaudeamus program\*

Name recognition on-screen during event

### **INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$280**

One reserved seat, preferred seating

*\*If committed by September 13, 2024.*

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Amy Meara at 913-721-1574 or [ameara@archkck.org](mailto:ameara@archkck.org)

# 2024 SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT

GAUDEAMUS BENEFIT GALA • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

Join us in honoring Archbishop Naumann by becoming a sponsor, planning to attend or making a meaningful gift today. Your support at any level gives more students the opportunity to succeed and develop a relationship with Christ through Catholic education.

**Yes! I want to sponsor the 2024 Gaudeamus benefit gala.**

Partner \$7,500

Table Host

Individual Tickets

Tutor \$5,000

I will purchase \_\_\_\_\_  
table(s) at \$2,800 per  
table of ten.

I will purchase \_\_\_\_\_  
ticket(s) at \$280 per  
ticket.

I/We decline any goods or services in exchange for sponsorship and will not attend.

I/We will not attend but I will celebrate with a tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Catholic Education Foundation to honor Archbishop Naumann.

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## PAYMENT

**Grand Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Enclosed** Payable to: Catholic Education Foundation

**Invoice Me** The Catholic Education Foundation will mail/email you an invoice.

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