



Who Do People Say You Are?

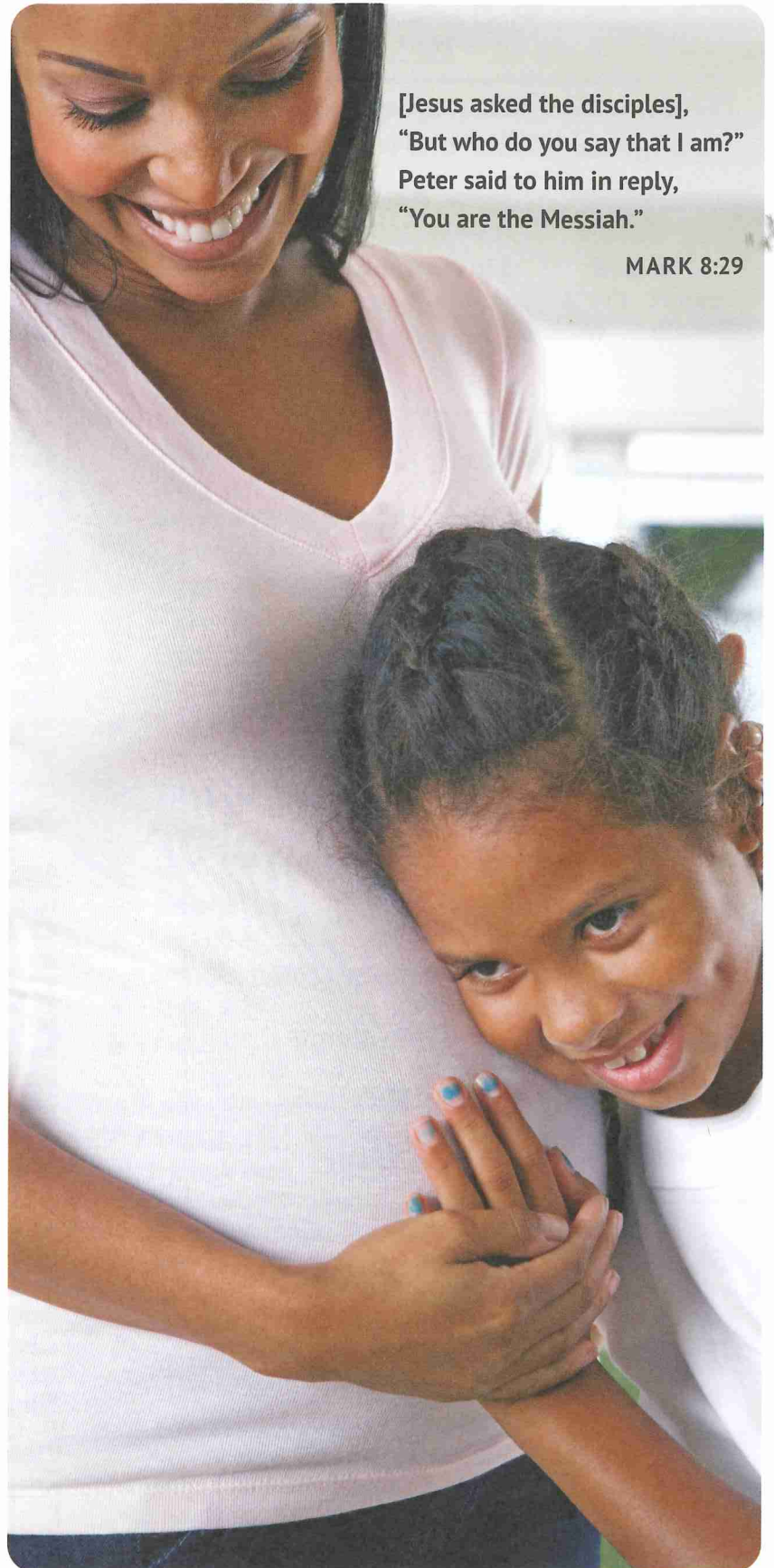
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Pain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

*Does your suffering reflect your values,
your commitment to follow Jesus?*



[Jesus asked the disciples],
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Messiah."

MARK 8:29

St. Joseph Catholic Church,
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

Dec. 2022

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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 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	
Mon.	Sep 16	No Mass	
Tue.	Sep 17	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	†	Phyllis Sieve	
Wed.	Sep 18	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Bob Schneider	
Thu.	Sep 19	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	†	Leo Grollmes	
Fri.	Sep 20	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Larry Clark	
Sat.	Sep 21	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Paul and Mary Lemke	
Sat.	Sep 21	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	†	Barbara Easthouse	
Sun.	Sep 22	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	John J. and Billie Sidoti	
Sun.	Sep 22	10:00 am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	

September 28/29

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

Archbishop Naumann September Prayer Intentions:

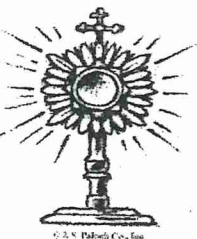
*Pray for all students that during the school year, they may develop the gifts and talents God has given them in order to praise God and serve others
*Pray that every Catholic may deepen their friendship with Jesus through encountering Him by bringing His love to refugees, migrants, the poor, the sick, and the suffering.

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. Please visit <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-and-peace/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship> to read, download or print the document in PDF. Please pray for fair and honest elections.

All are invited to celebrate Respect Life Month's kick-off Mass with Archbishop Naumann. There will be a reception following Mass with donuts and a light lunch. Several Archdiocesan life-affirming ministries will be present to share information. Respect Life Sunday Mass with Archbishop Naumann Sunday, October 6th, 9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Catholic Church Lenexa KS

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

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



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
Dorothy Herring	

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

Contributions

September 8, 2024

Plate.....	164.00
Projects and maintenance.....	75.00
Masses.....	5.00
Cemetery.....	6.00
Leaven.....	125.00
Support.....	955.00
Total	\$1924.00

September Appointments

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

September 22

Lector: Larry Martin
Musicians: Karen Heinen, Dawna Ross
Servers: Jack Nellis, Jett Nellis
Gifts: Taylor Allen
Finances: Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns
Sacristan: Matthew Hamon

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.

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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

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

GIVE BACK TO VALLEY MATCH DAY - SEPTEMBER 21ST 9am to 2pm (in person event) Kendall Bank Hall

Visit www.givebacktovalley.com for details. You can have **one** check made out to the Valley Falls Community Foundation and distribute it to any of the 45 groups on Sept. 21st. You can also participate online, we website for details. There are matching funds from the Patterson Family Foundation again this year.

-The Knights will cook lunch downtown.

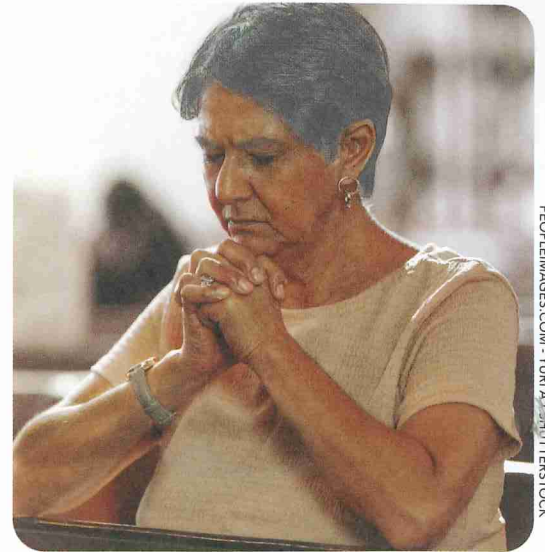
St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

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

Dear Padre,

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?".... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Monday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

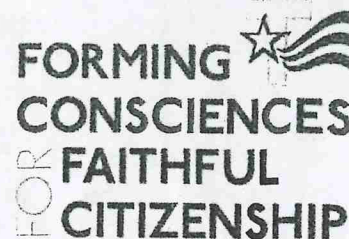
Saturday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Sunday

September 22
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16–4:3
Mk 9:30–37

Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹ The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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¹ *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.