A close-up photograph of two hands, one from a person with a dark sleeve and one from a person with a light sleeve, holding each other. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting with greenery and a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a warm, golden glow.

[Jesus said,] “A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.”

MARK 10:7-8

Living with Our Hungers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that “the heart asks more than life can give.” That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it. ●

Reflect

When do you feel a sense of longing and how do you seek to satisfy it?

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905 Broadway, P.O. Box 176, Valley Falls KS 66088

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

Jan. 2022

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.	Oct 5	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Darlene Haug	
Sat.	Oct 5	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	†	Arthur and Loretta Weishaar	
Sun.	Oct 6	8:00 am	St. Joseph
		Kenny and Mary Ann Weishaar Anniversary	
Sun.	Oct 6	10:00 AM	St. Mary's
		Respect Life Sunday	
Mon.	Oct 7	No Mass	
Tue.	Oct 8	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	†	Phyllis Sieve	
Wed.	Oct 9	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†		
Thu.	Oct 10	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	†	Melvin Brose	
Fri.	Oct 11	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†		
Sat.	Oct 12	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Gertrude Schrick	
Sat.	Oct 12	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	†	Gene and Darlene Sittenauer	
Sun.	Oct 13	8:00 am	St. Joseph
		Mass for the People	
Sun.	Oct 13	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	†	Doc Joe Kobuszewski and family	

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.



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary
Honor our Lady by making a commitment to pray the Rosary this month!

Father William will be gone for the World Priest Workshop October 14- October 18. During this time there will be no daily Mass, Confessions, or Adoration. If you need sacramental assistance during this time, please contact one of the area parishes or St. Benedict's Abbey.

Building a Lasting Legacy- Strategies for Securing Your Parish's Future
November 19, 6:00-7:00 pm
St. Joseph School

Mitch Nolan from the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas will give valuable information on how your contributions can provide long term stability. Sign up in the back of all churches. For more information or to sign up online: www.cfnek.org/events

All Souls' Day Mass and Book of Remembrance
Saturday, November 2, 8:00 am
St. Joseph Church
Pages in the back of all three churches. Please enter the names of loved ones who have died in the past year. Mass on All Souls Day will be offered for them. You may also bring pictures of your loved ones to put on display in church for the month of November.



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

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
Jeremy Heinen	Dorothy Herring
Heidi Rutar	

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

Contributions

September 28, 2024

Plate.....	39.00
Cemetery.....	100.00
Leaven.....	125.00
Support.....	605.00
Total	\$869.00

October Appointments

Ushers: Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

Lay Ministers: Lesa Brose, Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen

October 13

Lector: Mike Brose

Musicians: Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon

Servers: Jack Warth

Gifts: Tom Warth Family

Finances: Larry Martin, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Karin Hosler

St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

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

Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call) email calebcystal@hotmail.com

October K of C Family of the Month

Paul and Delores Miller Family

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council #6671 received the COLUMBIAN award this year for completing 16 programs in the Faith, Family, Community and Life categories.

OUR CEMETERY dead trees will soon be removed. It will cost us a total of \$8700 to remove 8 trees and grind the stumps. Donations would be appreciated if you want to help with the project.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND RAFFLE tickets are on sale through the Knights of Columbus. The drawing will have twenty-one prizes: one \$30,000; one \$10,000; five \$5,000; eight \$2,000; and seven prizes of \$1,000 each. Tickets are \$100 each or can be purchased in increments of \$20. Tickets can be purchased by October 6th from Tom Welsh or Donny Smith.

The RAM (Relationship Attachment Model)

Series is a powerful Church-Wide campaign that unites your church using one model of healthy relationships from Kindergarten through Adulthood. The first component we will start with is the adult couples. Learn how this model on managing your relationships can facilitate a healthy discussion on where your marriage is and what areas a couple decides to work on. The RAM series for high school, middle school and elementary school students will start after the first of the year. See the flyer in today's bulletin.

Oktoberfest. Another successful event last Saturday. Thank you to all the parishioners that supported, attended and worked at this year's event. We hope that even more parishioners will participate next year.

Upcoming important dates:

- **Oct. 5th and 6th** – Tootsie Roll Drive
- **Oct. 6th** – First Youth Mass
- **October 11th** Friday-Tootsie Roll drive at home football game vs JCN.
- **October 11th & 12th**- Junkfest and Valley Falls citywide garage sales (NCYC will not have sale this fall)
- **October 13th** Sunday- Vocation Support benefit breakfast after Mass for Dorothy Herring
- **Oct. 14th** – Senior Citizen supper and bingo
- **Oct. 22nd**-Parish Council Meeting
- **Nov. 6th** – Confirmation at St. Joseph's

Dear Padre,

Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn *Sub Tuum Presidium* (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ●

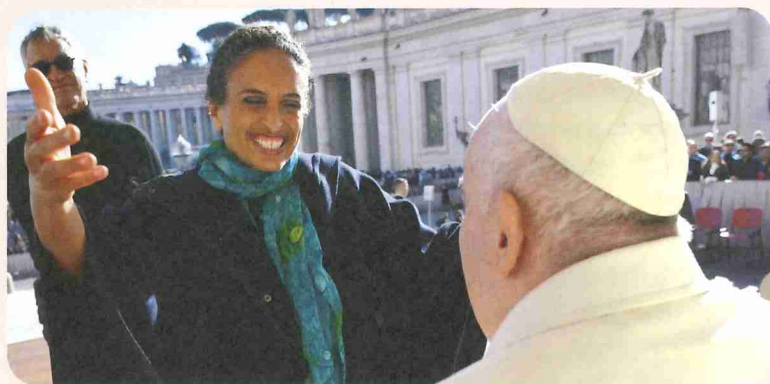


VIRGIN AND CHILD WITH ANGELS AND SAINTS / WIKICOMMONS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to submit your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



VATICAN MEDIA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 7, 2018

Monday

October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 1:6–12

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 8

Weekday

Gal 1:13–24

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 9

Weekday

Gal 2:1–2, 7–14

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 10

Weekday

Gal 3:1–5

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 11

Weekday

Gal 3:7–14

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 12

Weekday

Gal 3:22–29

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 13

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7–11

Heb 4:12–13

Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

VOCATION SUPPORT BREAKFAST

For Dorothy Herring

There will be a second collection, or you may donate at the breakfast after Mass.

Make any checks payable to the Knights of Columbus since we may get additional matching funds.

This will be our final support breakfast for Dorothy as she will be making her "first vows".

The letter on reverse side was received from Dorothy this spring.

THANKS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Knights will have a meeting on October 6th after Mass

Thanks to all of our Knights for your participation in the many Church and community events. Thanks especially for all your help on the Giving Back to Valley cookout and the Oktoberfest.

ALL men over 18 years old are INVITED to join the Knights. The first year is FREE. Ask for details. The Knights of Columbus has many opportunities to strengthen your Faith, serve your neighbors, and help protect your family with many financial products and services. Insurance is optional, but not required to join.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
Valley Falls, Kansas 66088

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

	<i>Description</i>	
Ordinary Collections (pg 4)	<i>Envelopes & Plate</i>	92,863.58
Other Contributions (pg 4)		5,473.10
Income from Parish Assets (pg 4)	<i>Rent = Farm & House and Interest</i>	19,384.56
Capital Fund Drives (pg 4) (Only Archbishop)	<i>Rebates</i>	4,830.50
Parish Ministry Program Receipts (pg 4)	<i>CCD</i>	5,129.97
Communication Apostolate (pg 5)	<i>Leaven</i>	232.00
Special Activities (pg 5)	<i>Altar Society</i>	4,275.52
Cemetery (pg 5)		2,170.00
Other Income (pg 5)		642.00
Receipts from Borrowing (pg 5)		-
Additional Parish Receipt Accounts (pg 5)		-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		135,001.23

DISBURSEMENTS - input as positive number, for example \$10.00 not (\$10.00)

Personal Expenses

Salaries - Church (pg 8)	<i>Priest</i>	20,333.18
Salaries - Operations (pg 8)	<i>Maintenance</i>	5,600.00
Salaries - Other (pg 8)	<i>CCD</i>	6,000.00
Contract Services (pg 8)		-
Personnel Related Expenses (pg 8)	<i>Payroll Taxes</i>	887.22
Total Personnel Expenses		32,820.40

Parish Operations

Maintenance (pg 9)	<i>Building & Lawn</i>	4,411.05
General Operations (pg 9)	<i>Utilities & Household Expense</i>	9,860.87
Insurance (pg 9)	<i>Building & Liability</i>	11,263.00
Travel (pg 9)		264.00
Administration (pg 9)	<i>Office & Copy Machine</i>	1,636.44
Professional Services (pg 10)		3,077.86
Cost of Borrowing (pg 10)		-
Other Parish Operations (pg 10)	<i>Property Taxes</i>	9,666.88
Total Parish Operations		40,180.10

Capital Expenditures

Equipment (pg 10)		23,446.65
Buildings (pg 10)		-
Land (pg 10)		-
Debt Reduction (pg 10)		-
Other (pg 11)		-
Total Capital Expenditures		23,446.65

Parish Programming & Services

Liturgical Supplies (pg 11)	<i>Altar & Missalettes</i>	2,345.20
Parish Ministry Program Supplies (pg 11)		7,265.41
Communication Apostolate (pg 11)	<i>Leaven & Bulletins</i>	1,908.32
Special Activities (pg 11)		5,330.32
Parish Cemetery (pg 11)	<i>Mowing</i>	3,535.00
Total Parish Programming & Services		20,384.25

Parish Responsibility in its Mission

To the World (pg 11)	<i>Missions</i>	-
Within the Archdiocese (pg 12)	<i>Assessments</i>	8,177.82
Within the Parish (pg 12)	<i>Altar Society</i>	3,184.43
Within the Community (pg 12)		-
Total Parish Responsibility in its Mission		11,362.25

Additional Disbursement Accounts (pg 12)

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		128,193.65
NET - (RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS)	Increase in cash	6,807.58

Dear St. Mary's Parish Members and Knights of Columbus,

Rejoice in the Risen Christ! Alleluia! I apologize for the lateness in this thank you letter, especially as the parish is so supportive of me and my community. I have been told by several sisters the support that the parish and individual members have given these past two years is very unusual for someone in formation, but I feel it is a reflection of the role St. Mary's has played in my life. It is not just the financial support, but also all the love and prayers that help me continue in my journey.

It has been a busy two months since I ended my canonical year in February. We celebrated Holy Week and the Triduum, and our Choir Chapel was fullest I have ever seen it for Easter Sunday. I am combining the Benedictine values *ora et labora*, work and prayer, outside of the community. I started a new job with Highland Community College as their Allied Health Coordinator in March. I oversee the nurse aide, medication aide and EMT programs throughout Northeast Kansas. Highland Community College has the largest coverage in the state for community colleges, covering 9 counties, with campuses in Atchison (Tech Center), Wamego and Baileyville (Western Center). The courses I oversee have classes at the campuses as well as a few high schools throughout the area, and clinicals in facilities as far west as Marysville. My office is at the Tech Center here in Atchison, so I am blessed to be able to be present at prayers and sometimes get to go home for lunch, but I will have to travel a little bit to the other campuses. It is such a joy for me to be able to serve in the rural Kansas communities, as well as helping to encourage high school students and adults in furthering their education. I continue to also carry out the ministry of the care of the sick, which St. Benedict tells us, "Care of the elderly and sick must come before all else." (RB 36)

Here at the Mount, we have been busying implementing an action plan for the Laudato Si Platform, which "empowers the universal Church and all people of good will to respond to Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical." The platform encourages families, parishes and dioceses, educational institutes, healthcare organizations, economic entities, organizations and groups, and religious orders to address seven areas that Pope Francis has identified in the care of our common home: response to the cry of the Earth and to the cry of the Poor; ecological economics, education, and spirituality; adoption of sustainable lifestyles; and community resilience and empowerment. One thing that has resulted out of our action plan is the Merrywood Garden, a community garden to help serve the needs of Atchison. This first year, the produce grown will go to Catholic Charities for distribution, but we hope to expand for individual community plots.

Even though I am working outside the monastery, I continue to serve the community in a variety of ways through liturgical, hospitality, technology and cleaning ministries. I help one of our sisters with technology so she can host hybrid oblate meetings six times a year here at the Mount. At her last meeting, we had oblates (associates) from coast to coast. It's such a joy that technology helps us stay in contact with so many and continue to share our Benedictine spirituality and hospitality, as well as a chance for me to get to know our oblates.

Please know that you are remembered in community and my prayers as well. You are always welcome to send special prayer requests, and that that you are welcome to come and visit, except on the first Sundays of each month, when we have our Sabbath Sundays, a time of silence, in our community. Our Sunday mass is at 10:15 am. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I continue on this journey that God is calling me to. This summer I will be moving out of the novitiate into a different living group, and I hope to go before the community this fall to request to make first vows, as I feel God is continuing to call me to religious life.

In Christ's love,
Novice Dorothy Herring
dherring@mountosb.org
785-633-2677

The RAM Series for Couples helps you build a stronger, more connected marriage—no matter where you are in your journey.

Invest in Your Marriage —No Matter the Season.

Date & Time

**Sundays,
October 13 to November 17, 2024
5:30 to 7:30 PM**

Location

**St. Mary's Immaculate
Conception Catholic Church
Valley Falls, KS**

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