



Best Friends

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Henry David Thoreau was a naturalist and philosopher who lived in Concord, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s. He spent a year living in a small one-room cabin in the woods at Walden Pond “because,” he said, “I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear.” Thoreau seems to have sought the same reality pursued by the author of the Book of Wisdom, who preferred Lady Wisdom to power, deemed riches to be nothing, and loved wisdom more than health or beauty.

Like the man who comes to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to inherit eternal life, most of us have a difficult time surrendering that to which we cling. It may be our possessions, our power to control others, the need to be youthful and stylishly dressed, or an addiction to drugs or gambling or pornography—anything that has become our “best friend.” Just as the apostles wonder who can then be saved, all of us wonder, because we, too, have one or another such “best friends.” It is God who breaks through, says Jesus. It may be a painful breaking through; it may be an upheaval; it may not be until the end of our lives. Always, it is God who ultimately turns us around. ●

Reflect

Who or what is your “best friend” that replaces God in your life?

[Jesus said,] “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

MARK 10:21

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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.	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 Joseph Kobuszewski and family	
Mon.	Oct 14	No Mass	
Tue.	Oct 15	No Mass	
Wed.	Oct 16	No Mass	
Thu.	Oct 17	No Mass	
Fri.	Oct 18	No Mass	
Sat.	Oct 19	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Kenneth Raymond Schrick	
Sat.	Oct 19	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
		Mass for the People	
Sun.	Oct 20	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Phillip Wilson	
Sun.	Oct 20	10:00 am	St. Mary's
		Heidi Rutar healing and for her 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.

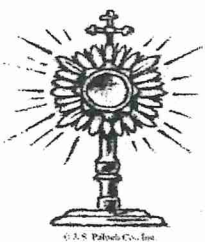
Building a Lasting Legacy- Strategies for Securing Your Parish's Future
November 19, 6:00-7:00 pm
St. Joseph School
Mitch Nolan from the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas will give valuable information on how your contributions can provide long term stability. Sign up in the back of all churches. 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.

Day of Prayer for the Health and Wellness of Clergy and Men and Women Religious- October 18
This day is designed to provide spiritual support to our church ministers who tirelessly serve our Church and the people of God. For prayers and more information visit: sjvcenter.org/dayofprayer

World Mission Sunday, October 20
Please give generously to this collection which helps over 1,100 dioceses who cannot sustain themselves.

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



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.

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

October 6, 2024	
Projects and Maintenance.....	325.00
Plate.....	270.00
Cemetery.....	8400.00
Masses.....	30.00
Farm rent.....	9000.00
Support.....	1180.00
	Total\$19,205.00

Octoberfest
October 6, 2024
 Support.....1710.00

October Appointments

Ushers: Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

Lay Ministers: Lesa Brose, Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen

October 20

Lector: RaeAnn Allen

Musicians: Karen Heinen, Dawna Ross

Servers: Jack Nellis, Jett Nellis

Gifts: Alan Coker Family

Finances: Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Beth Brown

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

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

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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.

The Altar Society will be hosting the annual Sr Citizen Dinner Monday 10/14/2024 at 6:00pm with bingo to follow dinner. Anyone who wishes to contribute a covered dish please deliver to the church basement by 5:30 that evening. Thank you!

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.

The Mass of Innocents

Oct 20 at 1pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
 This Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, recognizes the value of children who died before or shortly after birth, as well as the grief felt by their parents, grandparents and loved ones. Whether or not you have personally experienced this loss, you are welcome to come commemorate these little ones and offer prayerful support to their families. Light refreshments to follow. No RSVP necessary.

Upcoming important dates:

- **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



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

Dear Padre,

When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 14 Weekday Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1 Lk 11:29–32	October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Gal 5:1–6 Lk 11:37–41	October 16 Weekday Gal 5:18–25 Lk 11:42–46	October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Eph 1:1–10 Lk 11:47–54	October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10–17b Lk 10:1–9	October 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Eph 1:15–23 Lk 12:8–12	October 20 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53:10–11 Heb 4:14–16 Mk 10:35–45 or 10:42–45



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home “sorrowful” with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: “At what point is my faith?”

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 10, 2021

Solidarity

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on **Solidarity**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Solidarity is "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."¹ We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. The person is social in nature; we develop and flourish within a community. As baptized members of the community of the Church, we are part of one body in Christ and we are also part of one global human family.²

In *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) Pope Francis places solidarity at the center of what it means to cultivate social friendship as one family:

*Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land, and housing, the denial of social and labor rights.*³

Thus, solidarity affects not only the goals we pursue in public life, but also the way we pursue them—ever mindful that we are all brothers and sisters, all children of God.

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In imitation of the Good Samaritan, we seek to be neighbor to all.⁴ We are called to practice “radical solidarity” by accompanying pregnant women to choose life and by offering support to new mothers and their children.⁵ As neighbors to all, we also advocate for families affected by poverty, unemployment, or illness, individuals struggling with mental illness or addiction, the elderly and those with disabilities, and all whose livelihoods and homes are endangered by climate change.⁶

In countries ravaged by war, such as Ukraine, West Africa, and the Middle East, we must “touch the wounded flesh of the victims” and support efforts for relief and peace,⁷ while also working collaboratively to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons.⁸

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We seek policies that “welcome, protect, promote, and integrate” migrants and refugees who arrive at our borders, and which aid development in countries of origin.⁹

Racism is an obstacle to solidarity, and we strive to root it out not only by examining our hearts individually, but also by looking critically at our policies and institutions.¹⁰

In a culture that overemphasizes the accumulation of wealth, we must not forget our “obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development.”¹¹

As we seek to foster solidarity in hearts and policies, let us pray with Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti*:

*Lord, Father of our human family . . . Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. Amen.*¹²

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 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193, quoting St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (On Social Concerns)*, no. 38. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27.)
 2 Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)*, no. 25b. See also: USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 52-54.
 3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)*, no. 116, quoting *Address to Participants in the Meeting of Popular Movements (October 28, 2014)*.
 4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 80.
 5 USCCB Chairmen, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.
 6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’ (On Care for Our Common Home)*, nos. 25, 48-49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth)*, nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, no. 31.
 7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 261.
 8 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 262. See also: St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, nos. 23-24.
 9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 129 and 132. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 62.
 10 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter Against Racism*, 2018. See also: *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 20, 41, and 97.
 11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 118.
 12 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 287.