



Blessings of Many Shapes

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34-35).

Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came. ●

Reflect

Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] took [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

LUKE 2:22

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

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Nortonville, Kansas 66060
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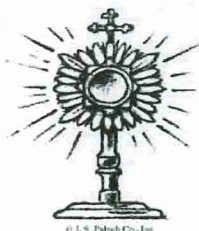
Pastor: Fr. William Dun-Dery
E-mail: wdun-dery@archkck.org

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.	Feb 1	5:00 pm	St. Mary's
†	Leroy Noll		
Sat.	Feb 1	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Feb 2	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Burr Nolting		
Sun.	Feb 2	10:00 am	Corpus Christi
†	Francis E. "Smitty" Schmidt		
Mon.	Feb 3	No Mass	
Tue.	Feb 4	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	Expectant Mothers		
Wed.	Feb 5	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Pat Domann		
Thu.	Feb 6	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	The Sick		
Fri.	Feb 7	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Bernard Weishaar		
Sat.	Feb 8	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Jerry Kramer		
Sat.	Feb 8	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Chuck Schuler		
Sun.	Feb 9	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
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†	Kenneth and Brad Glassel		



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 Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Inclement Weather Plan- if masses or parish activities need cancelled, it will be posted on Channels 13 and 27 and KNZA radio stations.



2025 Archbishop's Call to Share kicks off this weekend. Archbishop's homily will be read/played during all the weekend masses.

Tri-Parish Directory Update: All the individual pictures have been taken, but there is still more work to do before we can have the directories printed! We need a few people from each parish to collect/take photos of groups, classes, events, etc. and put them together to create the individual parish pages. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.

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The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kyle Perkis	Pat Maloney
Bob Heinen	Virginia Grollmes
Emma Dockweiler	Rosella Hollis
Janet Schmidt	Chris Heinen
Tim Hosler	Heidi Rutar
Phil Heuertz	Dolores Miller
Roxie Herring	Dorothy Herring
Jeremy Heinen	Bill Klenklen

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

February Appointments

Ushers: Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh, Chad Mooradian

Lay Ministers: Larry Heinen, Marietta Heinen, Dan Heinen

February 9

Lector: Youth Mass

Musicians: Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen

Servers: Tommy Welsh, Jack Warth

Gifts: Youth Mass

Finances: Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: Matthew Hamon



St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue

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St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will now meet at 11am following Mass each Sunday.

The **BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION** this year was \$760. The Knights of Columbus received an additional \$700 from funds designated at the Give Back to Valley Day. We will eventually reach a total of \$1500 so the national Knights pregnancy support program will send Birthright an additional check for \$300. Thanks to the Knights who furnished and cooked the breakfast. Thanks to all who supported this collection.

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION – The 28th annual conference will be held Saturday, March 8th at the Church of the Ascension in Overland Park.

For information on the speakers visit

www.menunderconstruction.org

Free tickets and transportation are available from Dan Heinen, 785-640-6769

Chili & Bingo

Saturday, February 1, 2025

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



6:00 pm

Chili Serving Begins

7:00 pm

Bingo Begins (approx.)

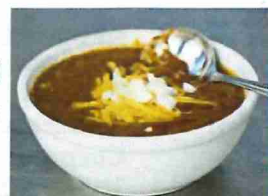
(preceded by) **5:00 pm - Mass**

CHILI – SOUP – ROLLS – PIE

ALL YOU CAN EAT !!!

and great bingo prizes!

Join us for an evening of
food, fun & fellowship!



Dear Padre,

What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22–38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Weekday	Weekday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 11:32–40	Heb 12:1–4	Heb 12:4–7, 11–15	Heb 12:18–19, 21–24	Heb 13:1–8	Heb 13:15–17, 20–21	Is 6:1–2a, 3–8
Mk 5:1–20	Mk 5:21–43	Mk 6:1–6	Mk 6:7–13	Mk 6:14–29	Mk 6:30–34	1 Cor 15:1–11 or 15:3–8, 11
						Lk 5:1–11



DANIEL IBÁÑEZ / CNA

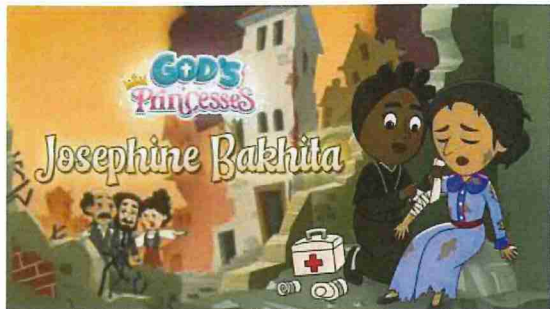
A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises.... Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna.... If, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.

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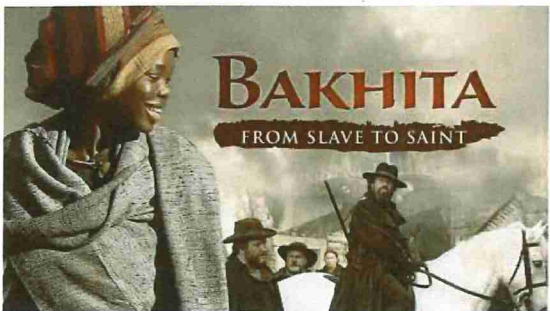
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