A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a large, mature tree with a thick trunk and a dense canopy of green leaves. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating a dappled light effect. The tree's branches spread out across the frame, filling most of the image.

And raising his eyes
toward his disciples
he said: “Blessed are
you who are poor, for
the kingdom of God
is yours.”

LUKE 6:20

It's All about the Roots

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Where we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage “Bloom where you are planted” may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won’t do much blooming. We’ll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week’s gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What’s so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that’s where we put down our roots. In other words, if that’s what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn’t come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become “like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream” (Jeremiah 17:8). ●

Reflect

Where are your roots? Are you growing and thriving?

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

Dec. 2022

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Sacraments

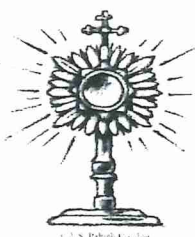
Reconciliation Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass (Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph)
Marriage Six-month notice required
18 months if annulments needed
Anointing Please let us know of any hospital admissions
Baptism For Baptismal dates call the office; one Baptismal Class required

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	Feb 15	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†		James Callahan
Sat.	Feb 15	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	†		Gene and Darlene Sittenauer
Sun.	Feb 16	8:00 am	St. Joseph
			Mass for the People
Sun.	Feb 16	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	†		Liv. and Dec. members of Feuerborn family
Mon.	Feb 17	No Mass	
Tue.	Feb 18	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	†		Gladys and Gervase Dun-Dery
Wed.	Feb 19	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†		Vince Bertels
Thu.	Feb 20	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	†		Anthony, Dorothy, and John Heinen
Fri.	Feb 21	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†		August and Agnes Lohman
Sat.	Feb 22	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†		Joan and Carl Noll
Sat.	Feb 22	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	†		Don and Gladys Bertels
Sun.	Feb 23	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†		Patrick and Carol McCreary
Sun.	Feb 23	10:00 am	St. Mary's
			Mass for the People

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



Donation update

Corpus Christi- \$970 of \$6,000
St. Mary's- \$1,780 of \$11,000
St. Joseph- \$2,980 of \$11,000

Thank you to everyone who has already donated!
Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the *Archbishop's Call to Share*.

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.

Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent- Dr. Ray Guarendi will be speaking at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, on "Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent" on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Dr. Ray is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, "Living Right With Dr. Ray" can be seen on EWTN Global Catholic Network and is aired in 140 countries.

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, March 1/ 2- This collection supports the Church in over 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from communist rule. It also aids communities that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

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 23

Lector: Taylor Allen

Musicians: Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon

Servers: Jack Nellis, Jett Nellis

Gifts: Brooks Glassel Family

Finances: Larry Martin, Dristy Burns

Sacristan: Karin Hosler

Contributions

February 9, 2025

Cemetery.....	25,000.00
Masses.....	20.00
Black and Indian Missions.....	20.00
Plate.....	97.00
Support.....	1025.00
Total	\$26,512.00

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 calebcrysal@hotmail.com

Requesting Masses to Be Celebrated

As part of our obligation, the faithful are required to cause masses to be said for their own intentions and the intentions/needs of others: For the Sick, For the Dead, For Particular needs, In thanksgiving, etc. Please, let us grow the habit of requesting masses especially that in recent times, we have not had intentions from the faithful for the weekday masses at St. Mary's church. God bless.

CHILI-BINGO was a successful and fun activity and we made \$2835. Thank you for all your participation whether it was food and prize donations, setting up the hall, working the event and the final cleanup. All help was appreciated.

FATHER LAZAR CARASALA is visiting for several months. Fr. Lazar is assisting his cousin, Fr. Arul Carasala in Seneca.

On **Sunday, March 2nd**, Fr. Lazar will be the celebrant for the Youth Mass. There will be a reception for him after Mass.

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION is Saturday, March 8th. Free tickets and transportation are still available. Call Dan Heinen at 785-640-6759.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS at 6 PM followed by devotions at 7 PM:

Sunday, March 16th @ Coal Creek Church

Sunday, March 23rd @ Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 30th @ Catholic Church

Sunday, April 6th @ Methodist Church

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST at 6:30AM

Wednesday, March 12th @ Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 19th @ Catholic Church

Wednesday, March 26th @ Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 2nd @ Catholic Church

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Feb. 25th – Parish Council meeting at 6 PM

Sunday, Mar. 2nd – Youth Mass w/ Fr. Lazar

Wednesday, Mar. 5th – Ash Wednesday

Saturday, Mar. 8th – Men Under Construction – Church of the Ascension in Overland Park

Sunday, March 9th – Knights of Columbus meeting and Altar Society meeting after Mass

Dear Padre,

I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Monday

February 17

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday

February 18

Weekday

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday

February 19

Weekday

Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Mk 8:22–26

Thursday

February 20

Weekday

Gn 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

Friday

February 21

Weekday

Gn 11:1–9

Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday

February 22

The Chair of Saint

Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

Sunday

February 23

Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,

12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38