



## The Other Side of Love

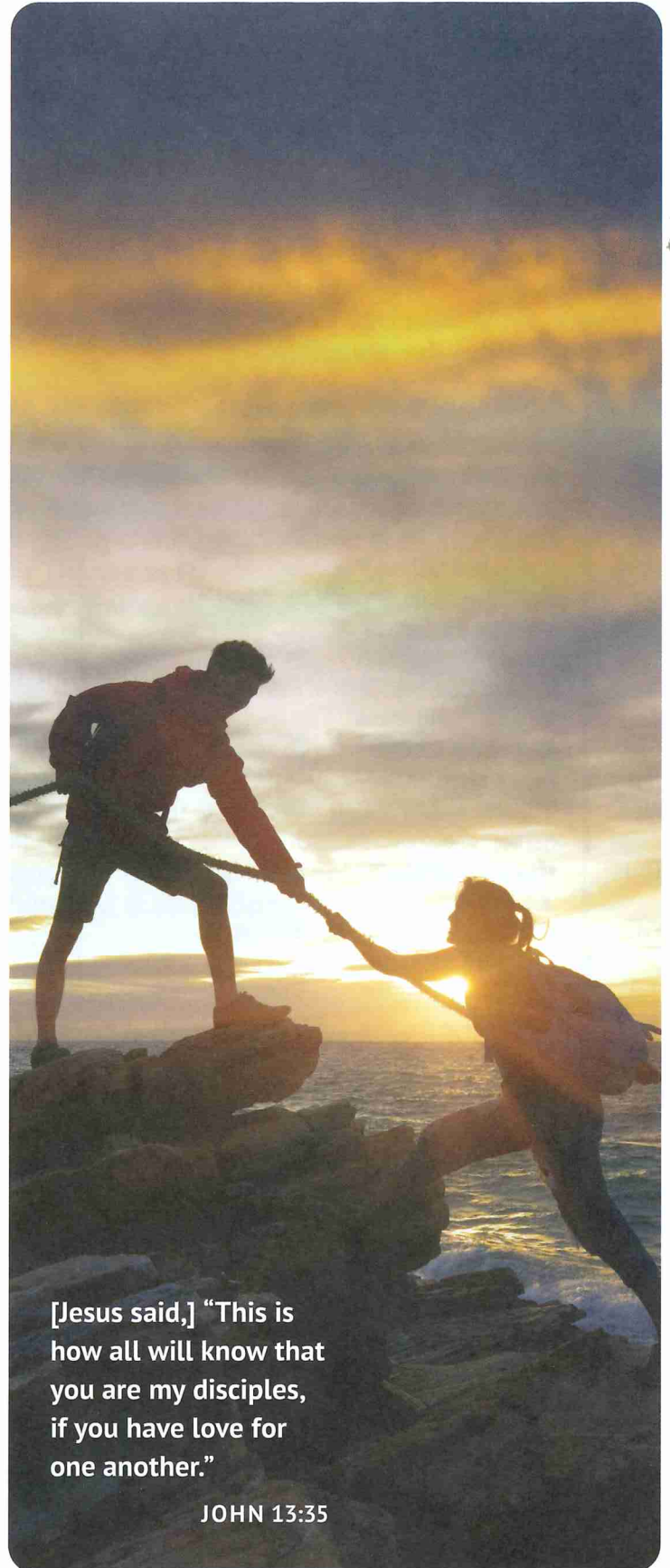
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love.

While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new. ●

### Reflect

*What is my definition of love?  
How do I live it?*



[Jesus said,] "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 13:35

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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.	May 17	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	James Callahan		
Sat.	May 17	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Harold and Gelene Weishaar		
Sun.	May 18	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	May 18	10:00am	St. Mary's
†	Liv. and Dec. members of Feuerborn family		
Mon.	May 19	No Mass	
Tue.	May 20	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Kenny Klenklen		
Wed.	May 21	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar		
Thu.	May 22	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Joe Klenklen		
Fri.	May 23	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Barbara Easthouse		
Sat.	May 24	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Dale Noll		
Sat.	May 24	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Mildred, Geraldine, and Marcelene Weishaar		
Sun.	May 25	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	John J. and Billie J. Sidoti		
Sun.	May 25	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		

Can a student's Catholic faith survive college or the military? Most new college students want to find a place to belong. They want to be part of a community of people making a difference. The problem is many students struggle to find great friends who share their faith. Walking onto a new campus or base with no friends is overwhelming. There are so many opportunities and decisions to make. Faith usually isn't at the top of their list. Newman Connection connects students with a Catholic community on campus so their faith thrives in college and beyond. Since 2009, we've connected 600,000+ students to campus ministry in college and are endorsed in 115+ dioceses nationwide, including the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. We ensure students continue their faith journey in college and their military base. Imagine a future where students become lifelong disciples, and their faith survives college and is stronger because of it. Contact [kylek@archkck.org](mailto:kylek@archkck.org) to implement this free program or sign up your student for free at <http://signupnc.newmanministry.com>

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forming Catholics for life

**summer**  
WITH THE  
**saints**

#### What is Summer with the Saints?

- Every week of summer (beginning of June to end of August), receive an email containing a Formed video pertaining to a saint from that week.
- Two options to opt-in to: Adults and Kids
- Each week's email will include suggestions for families to implement what they watched through an activity to keep the summer fun and faith-filled.

"Walk with the saints this summer—faith-filled stories for the whole family on Formed."

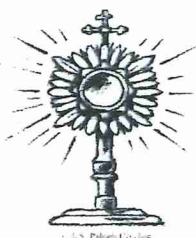


#### Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday**

**Parish Office hours this week: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am-12:30pm.**





### Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

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

### May Appointments

**Ushers:** Pat Sieve, Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal

**Lay Ministers:** Lesa Brose, Taylor Allen, Megan Belveal

### May 25

**Lector:** Kevin Glassel

**Musicians:** Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon

**Servers:** Jack Warth, Waylon Allen

**Gifts:** Nate Heinen Family

**Finances:** Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns

**Sacristan:** Beth Brown

### Contributions

#### May 18, 2025

Cemetery.....	245.00
Home Mission.....	200.00
Good Shepard Sunday.....	52.00
Masses.....	30.00
Plate.....	224.00
Support.....	590.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1341.00</b>

### 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](mailto:calebcystal@hotmail.com)

### Knights of Columbus May Family of the Month

*Mike Brose Family*

### MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary before Sunday Mass in May.

If you sponsored an **Easter Lily**, you may pick it up after Mass today.

We are starting a **new tradition** this week! There will be a basket placed in front of the altar during Offertory for the children to come forward and place their offerings. All attending children are invited to participate. Big Thanks to RaeAnn Allen for bringing the idea to Father William and implementing it.

### Totus Tuus will be coming to Nortonville July 6-11!

Totus Tuus is a week-long Catholic summer parish mission program for youth in 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Children going into grades 1-6 will meet Monday-Friday, 8:50am-3pm. Children going into grades 7-12 meet Sunday-Thursday, 6:30-8:45pm.

### CCD Updates

**\*\*\*Enrollment deadline extended\*\*\***

\*Totus Tuus deadline is now May 19th, informational flyers are at church entrances

### Congratulations Graduates!!

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Benten Heinen

#### High School

Brigg Varner

Skylar Neiberger

Jack Heinen

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS have begun. A generous donation was made to pave the roads. The contractor is digging the roads and installing a rock base. Later an asphalt surface will be installed

# Dear Padre,

*I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?*

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●



PIXABAY / PEXELS

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / Dear Padre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world.... He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples.*

**HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022**

#### Monday

May 19  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:5-18  
Jn 14:21-26

#### Tuesday

May 20  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:19-28  
Jn 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday

May 21  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:1-6  
Jn 15:1-8

#### Thursday

May 22  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:7-21  
Jn 15:9-11

#### Friday

May 23  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:22-31  
Jn 15:12-17

#### Saturday

May 24  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:1-10  
Jn 15:18-21

#### Sunday

May 25  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23  
Jn 14:23-29