



## Wisdom à la Water Balloons

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A** *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

### Reflect

***Think of a time when life was difficult.  
What blessings or important lessons  
did you receive as a result?***

[Jesus said to his disciples,]  
"Everything that the Father  
has is mine; for this reason I  
told you that [the Holy Spirit]  
will take from what is mine  
and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15





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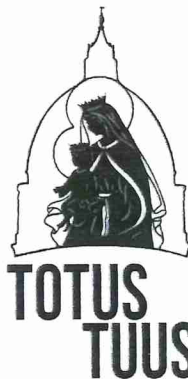
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#### Sacraments

**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.	June 14	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Bernard Noll		
Sat.	June 14	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	June 15	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Jon Larson		
Sun.	June 15	10:00am	St. Mary's
†	Kenneth and Brad Glassel		
Mon.	June 16	No Mass	
Tue.	June 17	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard Weishaar		
Wed.	June 18	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Pat Domann		
Thu.	June 19	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Carl and Joan Noll		
Fri.	June 20	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar		
Sat.	June 21	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Gerald Kramer		
Sat.	June 21	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Harold and Gelene Weishaar		
Sun.	June 22	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Lindell Nolting		
Sun.	June 22	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		



#### Grades 1-6 (Day Program):

Monday, July 7 – Friday, July 11  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

#### Grades 7-12 (Evening Program):

Sunday, July 6 – Thursday, July 10  
6:30 – 8:45 PM

**Where:** St. Joseph Catholic Church  
School, Nortonville, KS

**Cost:** \$20 per student



Please register  
online by May 15

**Last chance to register for Totus Tuus! Registration closes June 15!** We need to finalize our numbers and get the T-shirts ordered. Don't miss out on a week of fun for your children/grandchildren!

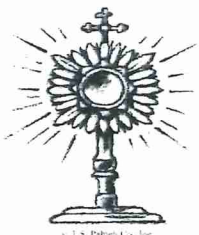


**Volunteers Needed for Totus Tuus-** To see what is needed and to sign up, scan the QR code.

#### **The National Right to Life Conference is Coming to Kansas!**

June 20 & 21 at the Overland Park Convention Center, join others from across the county to hear from national speakers giving a comprehensive view of the challenges and opportunities ahead. With a full schedule, impactful speakers, and engaging exhibits, this is more than a conference—it's a call to action. Secure your spot before it sells out! Visit [NRLconvention.com](http://NRLconvention.com) for details and to register.

**Happy Father's Day! Don't forget to turn in your baby bottles for Kansans for Life.** The money raised goes to education and pregnancy resource centers in the state.



#### **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

### 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
Jenna Amack	

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

### June Appointments

**Ushers:** Chad Mooradian, Kevin Glassel, Thomas Welsh

**Lay Ministers:** Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen, Marietta Heinen

**June 22**

**Lector:** Brandi Varner

**Musicians:** Dawna Ross

**Servers:** Jack Warth, Tommy Welsh

**Gifts:** Denver Bonnel Family

**Finances:** Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns

**Sacristan:** Karin Hosler

### Contributions

**June 8, 2025**

Projects and maintenance.....	2000.00
Plate.....	163.00
Support.....	835.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3003.00</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**

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**JUNE 2025**  
**LEONARD WAYNE FEUERBORN**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** Our parish has been asked to **provide a meal** for Thursday evening, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at Nortonville for the Totus Tuus team, our youth and volunteers (15-20 adults). Please let Jolina (785-224-3726) know if you'd be interested. This can be a group effort of more than one family. Thank you!!

**Totus Tuus shirts:** If anyone would like to purchase a \$10 royal purple Totus Tuus shirt, please sign up at the church entrances or let Jolina know.

**CEMETERY DECORATIONS:** Flowers may remain in permanent vases which are a part of the tombstone. Flowers and wreaths in the grass will be removed for trimming. We do not provide care for personal items that are not part of the tombstone marker. Please retrieve any items you wish to keep by June 30<sup>th</sup>, so the cemetery can be safely mowed and trimmed. **Reminder:** no planting of flowers, bushes, etc. is allowed.

**CCD TEACHERS NEEDED** Please consider sharing your talents! If anyone is interested in helping with the K-12th CCD religious education program, please contact JoLina at 785-224-3726.

Please don't feel that you aren't qualified to teach the youth...teacher guides and moral support are provided! Thank you!

### Archbishop's Call to Share

Currently, our parish has received \$6,705 in donations or pledges towards the *Archbishop's Call to Share* campaign. Our parish goal this year is \$11,000. We are currently at 61% of our goal. If you have not yet made your donation, please use the envelopes in the pews to return your donation or you may go online and make your donation

at: <https://archkck.org/donate>. The ministries supported by the *Archbishop's Call to Share* fall into the Archdiocesan's five pastoral priorities: Conversion, Evangelization, Education, Outreach, and Stewardship. Thank you for supporting these ministries and for helping us meet our parish goal.

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



# Dear Padre,

*What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?*

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)**



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

### Monday

June 16  
Weekday  
2 Cor 6:1-10  
Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday

June 17  
Weekday  
2 Cor 8:1-9  
Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday

June 18  
Weekday  
2 Cor 9:6-11  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

June 19  
Weekday  
2 Cor 11:1-11  
Mt 6:7-15

### Friday

June 20  
Weekday  
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30  
Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday

June 21  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,  
Religious  
2 Cor 12:1-10  
Mt 6:24-34

### Sunday

June 22  
The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)  
Gn 14:18-20  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Lk 9:11b-17



# PROPOSED PROJECT

## ST. MARY'S HANDICAP ACCESS LIFT

Several options have been researched for Handicap Access to our Church and Hall. The chosen option is to install a Savaria V-1504 Vertical Lift Platform. A lift platform is similar to an elevator but it does not have full height walls or a ceiling. The lift will accommodate a wheelchair with one accompanying person, or three adults. Capacity is up to 750#.

The lift will be accessed from an exterior door with a keypad lock. The location of the door will be north of the bell tower where the "Priest Parking" sign is located. The glass basement window and the stained glass window in the baptismal area will be removed to cut in a doorway. We think the stained glass window can be raised and reinstalled.

After entering the lift, you can go up to reach the Church floor level, or you can go down to the hall. It will keep walking to a minimum.

When going up to the Church level, the lift will enter the baptismal area. There will be a self-opening door when you reach the floor level.

To reach the basement, you just use the lift again. At the basement level, you will exit a self-opening door into the hall. You won't have to go outside to reach the basement.

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Our parish has a definite need of access for our parishioners and visitors. The total cost of the Lift and Construction is \$60,000.

We currently have donations and pledges totaling \$25,000.

Our balance needed is \$35,000.

Please consider giving a one-time donation or making a pledge.

A pledge can be given monthly over the next year or however is convenient for you. Thanks for your participation!

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I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A ONE-TIME DONATION OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
OR A PLEDGE OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHLY FOR \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE VALLEY FALLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** will participate in the Patterson Family Foundation grant this year, attempting to raise \$100,000 for matching funds. The Knights of Columbus and over 50 groups will participate on the match day on Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. If you donate to the Knights of Columbus fund, you may direct how your donation is to be used.

### **What Is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?**

If you are age 70½ or older, you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. A qualified charitable distribution is not taxed, so the charity receives 100% of your donation. QCDs may also count toward the required minimum distributions (RMDs) that are required depending on your age.

You can set up monthly, quarterly or yearly donations to any charity of your choice. It is an excellent way to donate to your Church or any other charity. Check with your tax professional to see if a QCD is advisable for you.

**PLAN AHEAD!** If you give your donations on **Match Day** it will help to reach the goal of \$100,000 and will generate matching funds.

**Visit “[givebacktovalley.com](http://givebacktovalley.com)” for details.**



## Totus Tuus 2025 T-Shirt Order Form

T-shirts are available for family members, volunteers, parents, parishioners, and community members who want to show their support for Totus Tuus! *Please note that the youth enrolled in Totus Tuus will receive a shirt with their registration.*

- **Cost:** \$10 per shirt
- **Order Deadline:** Wednesday, June 18
- **Payment:** Preferred to pay when ordering or by the time of pickup (cash or check payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church)
- **Distribution:** Shirts will be distributed at your selected parish location before the start of Totus Tuus or at the start of the program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Affiliation:

- ☐ St. Joseph      ☐ Corpus Christi      ☐ St. Mary's  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (pick-up @ Totus Tuus)

### T-Shirt Size(s):

Quantity	Size	\$10 Each   Total Due
	Youth Small	
	Youth Medium	
	Youth Large	
	Adult Small	
	Adult Medium	
	Adult Large	
	Adult XL	
	Adult 2XL	
	Adult 3XL	
<b>Total Shirts Ordered</b>	<b>x \$10</b>	

Please return the order form by Wednesday, June 18, to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Office or Danielle Willcott at [sj.religiouseducationdirector@gmail.com](mailto:sj.religiouseducationdirector@gmail.com)