

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

## Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**oday, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

### Reflect

***Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.***

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**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**

Dec. 2022

**Parishes Office:** 221 N Sycamore Street  
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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 21	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Gerald Kramer		
Sat.	June 21	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Harold and Gelene Weishaar		
Sun.	June 22	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Lindell Nolting		
Sun.	June 22	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	June 23	No Mass	
Tue.	June 24	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard Noll		
Wed.	June 25	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Jeannette Kingman		
Thu.	June 26	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Delores Wood		
Fri.	June 27	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Vince Bertels		
Sat.	June 28	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Vince Aspinwall		
Sat.	June 28	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Norman C. Stahl, Jr.		
Sun.	June 29	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Jim and John Ballinger		
Sun.	June 29	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		

**Totus Tuus sign up for meals and snacks-** We are so excited to be bringing this program to the parishes in just two weeks. There are over 60 kids signed up. We could use help with meals for the Totus Tuus missionaries, the Jr/Sr High school group and snacks for the Grade school group. One of the missionaries has a peanut allergy. To help, visit:

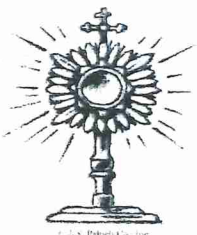
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Please note the date the items are requested and deliver them on that day. We can't guarantee that we will have enough fridge space for everything if brought ahead of time.

**Help your college student keep the faith!** Do you know a recent graduate? Would you like them to be connected to their future college or university's campus ministry program? If so, please e-mail Theresa Jirak of the Serra Club of the Atchison Region ([jirakks@outlook.com](mailto:jirakks@outlook.com)) the following information about your high school grad: first name, last name, college or university they plan to attend. The information will be shared with Newman Connections, a ministry which connects young Catholics to their nearest campus ministry program. Thank you!

#### 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 Tuesday

**Office Hours this week:** Mo, Tu, Fr 8:30am-12:30pm

#### Seminarian of the month: Deacon Robert "Bob"

Rooney attends Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA, and was ordained into the transitional diaconate in May 2025. Bob's path to the priesthood took many twists including 30 years of law practice. Bob credits an opportunity to meet then-Pope John Paul II in Rome as a strong influence on his vocation. His encouragement to those considering a priestly or religious vocation is to "Surround yourself with people who are like-minded, who aren't afraid to know Jesus and are willing to talk about their faith." [archkck.org/vocations-seminarians](http://archkck.org/vocations-seminarians)

### 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 them.

### June Appointments

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

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

### June 29

**Lector:** Larry Martin

**Musicians:** Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen

**Servers:** Waylon Allen, Emma Welsh

**Gifts:** Tom Warth Family

**Finances:** Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian

**Sacristan:** Julie Sieve

### Contributions

#### June 15, 2025

Projects and maintenance.....	45.00
Insurance.....	100.00
Plate.....	195.00
Support.....	695.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1035.00</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**

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> after Mass

**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.

### PROPOSED PROJECT for Handicap Access Lift

There are yellow handouts at both entrances explaining the project. Please pick up a copy if you don't have one. There are pictures of similar installations posted on both bulletin boards. Pledges are being solicited because the current bid expires on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please drop pledges in the collection. For any questions or explanations please contact Larry Heinen at 785-640-6751.

**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.

# Dear Padre,

*Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?*

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

### Monday

June 23  
Weekday  
Gn 12:1–9  
Mt 7:1–5

### Tuesday

June 24  
The Nativity of  
St. John the Baptist  
Is 49:1–6  
Acts 13:22–26  
Lk 1:57–66, 80

### Wednesday

June 25  
Weekday  
Gn 15:1–12,  
17–18  
Mt 7:15–20

### Thursday

June 26  
Weekday  
Gn 16:1–12, 15–  
16 or 16:6b–12,  
15–16  
Mt 7:21–29

### Friday

June 27  
The Most Sacred  
Heart of Jesus  
Ez 34:11–16  
Rom 5:5b–11  
Lk 15:3–7

### Saturday

June 28  
Weekday  
Gn 18:1–15  
Mt 8:5–17

### Sunday

June 29  
Sts. Peter and  
Paul, Apostles  
Acts 12:1–11  
2 Tm 4:6–8,  
17–18  
Mt 16:13–19

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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