



## Life Is a Game of Golf

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf.

A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke's Gospel) or when you find yourself in an "alien land," a place in life you've never been before. ●

[Jesus said to his disciples,]  
"For where your treasure is,  
there also will your heart be."

LUKE 12:34



### Reflect

***What surprising places has God led me?***

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**St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
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**Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 18760 Rogers Road, Atchison KS 66002**

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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.	Aug 9	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Tina Gaspard		
Sat.	Aug 9	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Aug 10	8:00am	St. Joseph
	Kenny and Mary Ann Weishaar		
Sun.	Aug 10	10:00am	St. Mary's
†	Kenneth and Brad Glassel		
Mon.	Aug 11	No Mass	
Tue.	Aug 12	8:00am	St. Mary's
	Anniversary of Fr. William ordination		
Wed.	Aug 13	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Pat Domann		
Thu.	Aug 14	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard Noll		
Thu.	Aug 14	7:00pm	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Fri.	Aug 15	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	August and Agnes Lohman		
Sat.	Aug 16	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Henry and Mary Schrick		
Sat.	Aug 16	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Gary Funk		
Sun.	Aug 17	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Wayne Henry		
Sun.	Aug 17	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		

#### Feast of the Assumption Holy Day masses

Thursday, August 14-7:00pm, St. Mary's  
Friday, August 15-8:00am St. Joseph

**Parish Office closed August 15**, in honor of the feast of the Assumption. Parish office hours this week will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm.

Would you like to start receiving the bulletin via email? Call or email the parish office to get added to the email list.

#### Virtus Training session

Monday, August 11: 6:00-9:00pm, St. Joseph School  
We are pleased to offer a local Virtus Training session led by Sr. Maria Heppler, OSB. All religious education families should plan on at least one adult attending, if not already Virtus trained. To register, go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and follow the prompts to register. If you need help, contact the parish office. You can also register in person at the Virtus training, just come a few minutes early.

Mass Swap: Sat, Sept 6- 5pm@ St. Mary's  
Sun, Sept. 7- 10am@ Corpus Christi

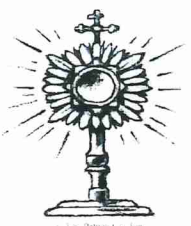
#### Corpus Christi Picnic: Sunday September 7

Mass@ 10:00am, Chicken Dinner @11:30am  
Bingo, Raffle, Kids games, Silent Auction, Pie Auction, and more. Come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship!!

Is Your Marriage Struggling? The 2022 Communion-Barna cites that 20% of active parishioners are struggling in their marriages and are either too ashamed to reach out to a familiar face or know where to turn for help. For 47 years, Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-Vi) has helped to heal over 200,000 marriages. Could yours be next? Find out September 26-28. More info and register: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)

#### 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 them.

### August Appointments

**Ushers:** Pat Sieve, Taylor Allen, Brooks Glassel

**Lay Ministers:** Marley Hamon, Larry Martin, Brandi Varner

### August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Lector:** Megan Belveal

**Musicians:** Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon

**Servers:** Waylon Allen, Tommy Welsh

**Gifts:** Nate Heinen Family

**Finances:** Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns

**Sacristan:** Beth Brown

### Contributions

#### August 03, 2025

Projects		and
Maintenance.....	800.00	
Plate.....	165.00	
Support.....	1145.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2110.00</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**

**K OF C FAMILY OF THE MONTH**  
**JULY 2025**  
**RICK AND JEANIE FRAKES**

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

**ROSARY LEADERS** are needed to lead the Rosary before Sunday Masses. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bell tower bulletin board. Please consider volunteering.

### DO YOU NEED SOME EXTRA CASH?

The Altar Society is looking for someone to clean the church basement (kitchen, bathrooms, classrooms, great room) monthly. For details, contact Crystal Clark at 785-806-0262 (text or call).

### ST. MARY'S HANDICAP ACCESS LIFT PROJECT

The lift installation has begun and good progress has been made. The total cost of this project is \$60,000. We currently have donations and pledges totaling \$28,145. We are still in need of additional donations and pledges to cover the remaining \$32,000. Please reach out to Chad Mooradian if you are interested in supporting this important project for our parish.

Donations can be also made on Sat., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Give Back to Valley Day to the Knights of Columbus fund. Designated donations can be directed to the Handicap Lift fund.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have an INSURANCE AGENT assigned to our Council. He is requesting members call him to schedule a review of their benefits and policies. Please call Bradley Noll of Winchester at 913-683-4426.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** for Back to School on Sunday, Aug. 17th at 6 pm in the Township hall basement.

### 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.



# Dear Padre,

## Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

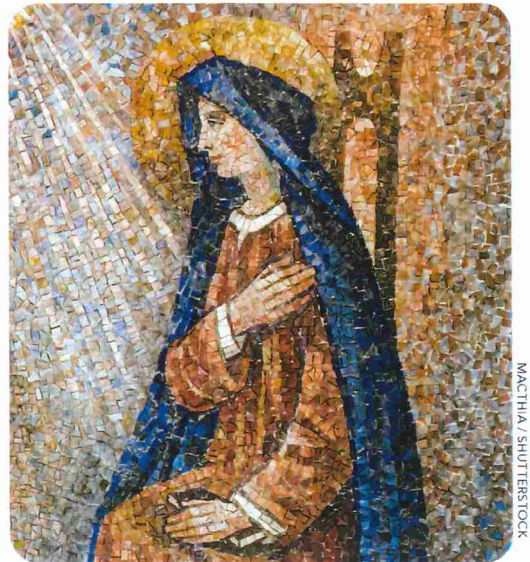
Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*And at the end of our  
life, [the Lord] will call us  
to account for the goods  
he has entrusted to us....  
We have received so  
much: life, faith, family,  
relationships, work, but  
also the places where we  
live, our city, creation....  
[A]re we guardians of all  
that has been given to us?*

ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

#### Monday

August 11  
*St. Clare, Virgin*  
Dt 10:12–22  
Mt 17:22–27

#### Tuesday

August 12  
*Weekday*  
Dt 31:1–8  
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

#### Wednesday

August 13  
*Weekday*  
Dt 34:1–12  
Mt 18:15–20

#### Thursday

August 14  
*St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr*  
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17  
Mt 18:21–19:1

#### Friday

August 15  
*The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,  
10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27  
Lk 1:39–56

#### Saturday

August 16  
*Weekday*  
Jos 24:14–29  
Mt 19:13–15

#### Sunday

August 17  
*Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10  
Heb 12:1–4  
Lk 12:49–53