



Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: "It's time to take a stand."

Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament "cloud of witnesses" who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

Reflect

How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?

[Jesus said,] "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

LUKE 12:49-50



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St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
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Sacraments

Reconciliation Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass, Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph

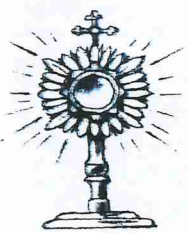
Marriage Six-month notice required
18 months if annulments needed

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 16	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Henry and Mary Schrick		
Sat.	Aug 16	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Gary Funk		
Sun.	Aug 17	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Wayne Henry		
Sun.	Aug 17	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	Aug 18	No Mass	
Tue.	Aug 19	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Francis E. "Smitty" Schmidt		
Wed.	Aug 20	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Harold and Gelene Weishaar		
Thu.	Aug 21	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard Noll		
Fri.	Aug 22	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar		
Sat.	Aug 23	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Gertrude Schrick		
Sat.	Aug 23	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Gene and Darlene Sittenauer		
Sun.	Aug 24	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Edwin Davis		
Sun.	Aug 24	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

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

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

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!!

Archdiocesan Seminarian of the Month- Alex Rickert

Alex grew up in Ascension parish in Overland Park. He is a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, MO, and just served a pastoral year at St. Catherine/Didde Center in Emporia, KS. When Alex was 7, his family converted to Catholicism. As he grew in his faith, the possibility of priesthood became increasingly more real to Alex when his grandfather was ordained a Catholic priest. Alex's advice for those contemplating the priesthood or a religious order is to remember "our Lord desires infinitely your ultimate good, your ultimate happiness, your ultimate fulfillment. He knows what He's doing if He's inviting you to more deeply consider a vocation that you haven't thought about much."

Project Rachel/Project Joseph Retreat

For Men only. Project Joseph is hosting a Retreat for men who have been involved in an abortion(s). Come to learn how abortion affects men, reflect on how it may have impacted you and learn ways to cope, heal and move past its effects on your life. In the process, reconnect with your faith and a God who forgives.

Date: 9/6/25

Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Location: Kansas City, KS (address given after registration)

Cost: Free

Continental Breakfast, Lunch and materials provided.

To register, contact projectrachelkc@archkck.org or call/text 913-621-2199.

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	Tynen Darveaux Sr.

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 24th

Lector: Mike Wagner

Musicians: Dawna Ross

Servers: Emma Welsh, Paxten Heinen

Gifts: Taylor Allen Family

Finances: Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: RaeAnn Alllen

Contributions

August 10, 2025

Projects and Maintenance.....	1,140.00
Utilities.....	100.00
Plate.....	124.00
Support.....	465.00
Total	\$1829.00

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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JULY 2025
BILL AND DIANE HEINEN

Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call)
email 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.

PLEASE WELCOME AND THANK OUR CCD TEACHERS for the upcoming school year! They are volunteering their time and talent! Thanks ladies!

K-1st grade: Courtney Stevens

1st Communion(2nd gr) Rae Ann Allen

3rd-4th grade: Patty Bendure

5th: Brandi Heinen

6th, 9-12th: Julie Davis

Confirmation Class: Megan Belveal

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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS have a new INSURANCE AGENT assigned to our Council. Members can call him to schedule a review of their benefits and policies. Please call Shad Hall of Oskaloosa at 785-764-1152.

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. 20th** at the Give Back to Valley Day to the **Knights of Columbus** fund. Designated donations can be directed to the Handicap Lift fund.

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,

Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “‘unique holiness’...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jgs 2:11-19	Jgs 6:11-24a	Jgs 9:6-15	Jgs 11:29-39a	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17	Is 66:18-21
Mt 19:16-22	Mt 19:23-30	Mt 20:1-16	Mt 22:1-14	Mt 22:34-40	Mt 23:1-12	Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
						Lk 13:22-30



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 14, 2022

A Pastoral Letter on Immigration from Archbishop Shawn McKnight, Bishop Carl Kemme, and Bishop Gerald Vincke

14 August 2025
Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

To the people of God in Kansas and to all people of good will: Greetings to you in the Peace of Christ!

As Catholic Bishops serving in Kansas, we speak with one voice to affirm the sacred dignity of every human person, especially those fleeing hardship, who now call our state home. Amid political division and fear, we remind our communities that at the center of every immigration debate are real people: families in our pews, children in our schools, workers in our neighborhoods, and volunteers in our parishes. Their bishops see, pray, and stand with them.

Treating all migrants and refugees as if they were violent criminals is simply unjust. They are human beings made in God's image: mothers, fathers, children, and grandparents, motivated not by malice but by a desire for safety, stability, and the chance to provide for their families. Like generations before them, including our ancestors, they strengthen the fabric of our society through hard work, perseverance, and faith.

Furthermore, when we allow ourselves to see other people as less than human, as mere problems to be solved, we degrade our own humanity. When we consider an unborn child only as a complication to be eliminated, and when we consider new arrivals only as problems to be removed, we become less merciful, less just, less human.

The Church teaches that when people are driven by poverty or violence to leave home, they retain their full dignity and must be treated accordingly. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2241) affirms that while nations may regulate borders, they must also welcome those seeking security, especially when home countries cannot provide it. This balance demands just and merciful policies.

We support the role of law enforcement in protecting public safety. Violent crime and unsecured borders must be addressed, no matter a person's legal status. Criminals are taking advantage of our country's broken immigration system to abuse those most vulnerable and cause chaos in our communities. Working migrants, those volunteering in our parishes, paying taxes, sacrificing for their families and following our laws, deserve not fear and intimidation but protection, solidarity and a welcoming community.

We call on public officials to use existing legal discretion to treat undocumented migrants humanely. Unnecessary raids, mass detentions, and family separations betray the values of our nation and the Gospel.

We urge the faithful to encounter immigrants as neighbors and build welcoming parishes where politics never poisons compassion.

We are called to serve Christ in the poor, the alien, and the outcast. May we never forget His words: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

With gratitude to God for you and the good works you do, we are

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Carl A. Kemme*

Most Reverend Carl Kemme
Bishop of Wichita

+ *Shawn McKnight*

Most Reverend Shawn McKnight
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas

+ *Gerald L. Vincke*

Most Reverend Gerald Vincke
Bishop of Salina

