

[Jesus said to the crowd,]
“Strive to enter through
the narrow door, for many,
I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be
strong enough.”

LUKE 13:24

The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one's own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God's presence, to life with God. You've heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn't a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It's pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

Reflect

What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?

St. Joseph Catholic Church,
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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

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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

Has your address, phone, or email changed? Please notify the parish office so we have your current information!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	Aug 23	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Gertrude Schrick		
Sat.	Aug 23	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Gene and Darlene Sittenauer		
Sun.	Aug 24	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Edwin Davis		
Sun.	Aug 24	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	Aug 25	No Mass	
Tue.	Aug 26	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard Noll		
Wed.	Aug 27	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Phyllis Bertels		
Thu.	Aug 28	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	John Gering		
Fri.	Aug 29	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Mary Lou Sheopner		
Sat.	Aug 30	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Tina Gaspard		
Sat.	Aug 30	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Aug 31	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Raymond and Rita Weishaar		
Sun.	Aug 31	10:00 am	St. Mary's
†	Jim Grollmes		



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!!

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



Rural Youth Ministry Outreach Events

September 27: Adoration and Shin Dig- St. Andre Orchard, Atchison
September 28: Sacred Listening Adult Enrichment- St. Joseph, Nortonville

Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch

Prairie Star Ranch invites you and your family to join us for Family Day on September 21st, 2025 from 9 AM to 5 PM! Come and step away from the hustle for a Spirit-filled day of fun, adventure, and prayer with one another. Enjoy those closest to you as you make memories on kayaks, the climbing wall, and our many other activities. All ages are welcome to this come-and-go-as-you-please event! Visit our website today to learn more and register. We hope to see you there. <https://archkck.org/psr> - 785-746-5693 - psrministry@archkck.org



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



Office Hours This Week: Monday
9am-1pm, Wednesday and
Thursday 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
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 31

Lector: Kevin Glassel

Musicians: Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen

Servers: Tommy Welsh, Jack Warth

Gifts: Thomas Welsh Family

Finances: Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Matthew Hamon

Contributions

August 17, 2025

Projects and Maintenance.....	100.00
Elevator Fund.....	1050.00
Masses.....	20.00
Plate.....	153.00
Support.....	620.00
Total	\$1943.00

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

CEMETERY PROJECT

The Catholic Cemetery roads were paved on Wednesday, August 20th. This project was paid completely by donations.

CCD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The first day of classes for K-5th grade is Wednesday September 3rd after school until 5pm.

The first class for grades 6-12th and Confirmation Class is Sunday, September 7th after Mass for 1 hour.

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.

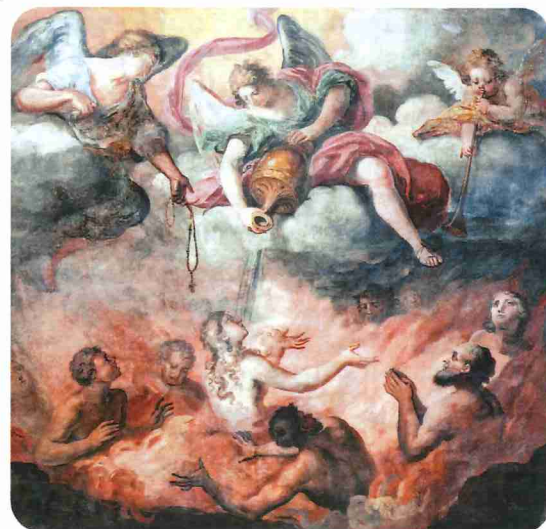
Dear Padre,

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.”

Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 21, 2022

Monday

August 25

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday

August 26

Weekday

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 29

The Passion of St. John
the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

Saturday

August 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

Sunday

August 31

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a

Lk 14:1, 7–14