



## Life Out of Focus

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I** found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes,

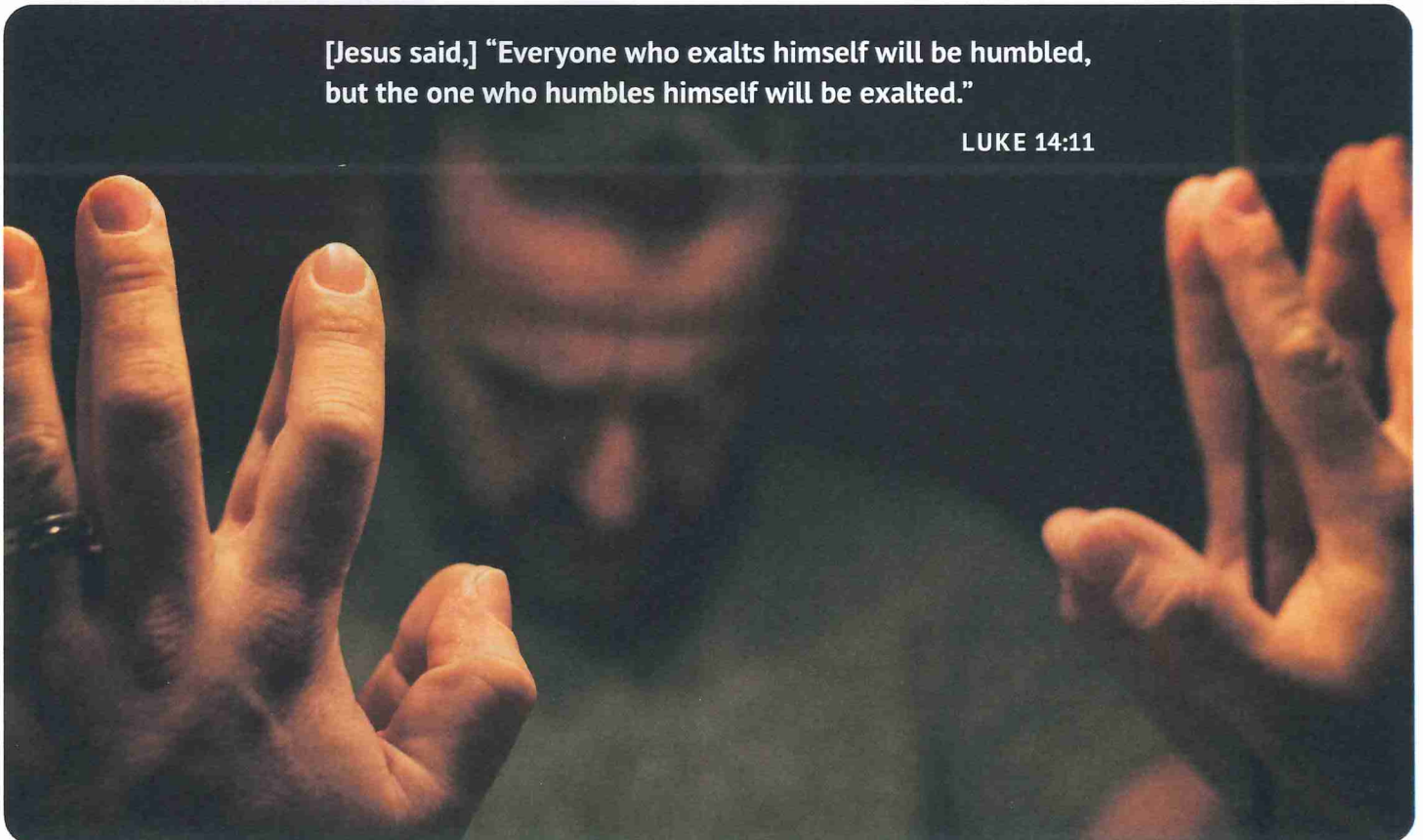
and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

### Reflect

***What is more important to me than it should be?***

**[Jesus said,] "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."**

**LUKE 14:11**



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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

The Parish Office will be closed for Labor Day. Office hours this week will be: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-12:30pm



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



#### 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



Mark your  
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#### Rural Youth Ministry Outreach Events

September 27: Adoration and Shin Dig- St. Andre Orchard, Atchison

September 28: Sacred Listening Adult Enrichment- St. Joseph, Nortonville

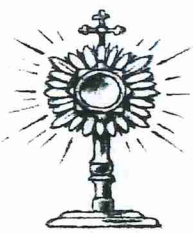
Relief Collection for Gaza next weekend- Please support a special collection on September 6/7 for humanitarian relief, as well as medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded in Gaza and surrounding areas. Funds will be given to Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association for emergency humanitarian relief. Thank you for your solidarity and generosity.

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	Aug 30	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Tina Gaspard		
Sat.	Aug 30	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Aug 31	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Raymond and Rita Weishaar		
Sun.	Aug 31	10:00am	St. Mary's
†	Jim Grollmes		
Mon.	Sep 1	No Mass	
Tue.	Sep 2	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Richard Domann		
Wed.	Sep 3	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Gary Funk		
Thu.	Sep 4	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Joe and Don Frakes		
Fri.	Sep 5	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Andrew and Gertrude Sanger		
Sat.	Sep 6	5:00 pm	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Sat.	Sep 6	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Patrick and Carol McCreary		
Sun.	Sep 7	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Gloria Jucutan		
Sun.	Sep 7	10:00 am	Corpus Christi
†	Delores Wood		

#### 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              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.

### September Appointments

**Ushers:** Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

**Lay Ministers:** Lesa Brose, Taylor Allen, Megan Belveal

**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Lector:** Dan Heinen

**Musicians:** Patty Bendure, Dianna Welsh

**Servers:** Jett Nellis, Waylon Allen

**Gifts:** Alan Coker Family

**Finances:** Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian

**Sacristan:** Lesa Brose

### Contributions

**August 24, 2025**

Cemetery.....	100.00
Plate.....	265.00
Plate.....	153.00
Support.....	620.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1183.00</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**

**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.

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

### \*\*\*\*\*MASS SWAP REMINDER\*\*\*\*\*

We will be swapping Mass times with Corpus Christi on September 6/7 to allow them to have their church picnic.

ST MARYS MASS WILL BE SATURDAY 9/6 @ 5:00 p.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS WILL BE SUNDAY 9/7 @10:00 a.m

### CCD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

The first class for grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> and Confirmation Class is Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> after Mass for 1 hour.

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST for CLEAN WATER

**PROJECT:** ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH the Knights of Columbus will host a benefit breakfast after Mass for a clean water project in Ghana requested by Sister Stella, Fr. William's sister for the Madonna Preparatory School. The water for the 350 children presently needs hauled from a source 3 miles away. Rotary International and various Rotary clubs are providing \$6,398 to dig a well on their property. Costs recently have risen and an additional \$1500 is needed. The local Knights have pledged \$500 plus the proceeds from the breakfast. Please be generous! There will be additional expenses after the well is dug since they still need to get the water to their buildings.

### 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 AND ALTAR

**SOCIETY** will have their next meeting Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

### 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.

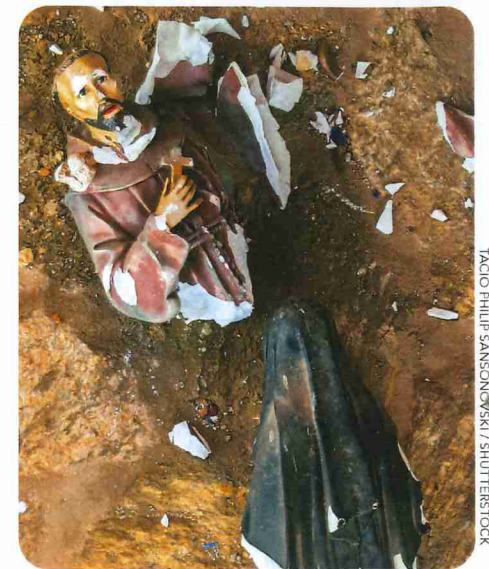


# Dear Padre,

## *Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?*

"Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church's power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●



TACIO PHILIP SANSONOWSKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*To follow [Jesus]...means  
"carrying one's cross":  
shouldering, like him, one's  
own burdens and those of  
others, making one's life  
a gift, not a possession,  
spending it in imitation  
of his own generous and  
merciful love for us. These  
are decisions that engage  
the totality of our lives.*

HOMILY, ROME,  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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### Monday

September 1

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

September 3

St. Gregory the  
Great, Pope and  
Doctor of the Church

Col 1:1-8

Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

September 4

Weekday

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

September 5

Weekday

Col 1:15-20

Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday

September 6

Weekday

Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

### Sunday

September 7

Twenty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

# ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FR. William Dun-Dery, PASTOR

*Appointments for September 2025*

**USHERS:** Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

**LAY MINISTERS:** Lesa Brose, Taylor Allen, Megan Belveal

## **LECTORS:**

Saturday	6	Dan Heinen
	14	Paisleigh Heinen
	21	Chad Mooradian
	28	Mike Brose

## **MUSICIANS:**

Saturday	6	Patty Bendure, Dianna Welsh
	14	Marley Hamon
	21	Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen
	28	Dawna Ross

## **SERVERS**

Saturday	6	Jett Nellis, Waylon Allen
	14	Emma Welsh, Paxten Heinen
	21	Emma Welsh, Jack Warth
	28	Waylon Allen, Tommy Welsh

## **GIFTS**

Saturday	6	Alan Coker Family
	14	Tom Warth Family
	21	Denver Bonnel Family
	28	Mike Wagner Family

## **FINANCES:**

Saturday	6	Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian
	14	Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns
	21	Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian
	28	Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns

## **SACRISTAN:**

Saturday	6	Lesla Brose
	14	Karin Hosler
	21	Julie Sieve
	28	Beth Brown

*If unable to fulfill obligation, please find a substitute.*