

"In the same way,
every one of you
who does not
renounce all his
possessions cannot
be my disciple."

LUKE 14:33

When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?

St. Joseph Catholic Church,
221 N Sycamore Street, Nortonville KS 66060 www.stjosephsnortonville.com

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
Nortonville, Kansas 66060
Secretary: Therese Maderak
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Phone: 913-886-2030
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Pastor: Fr. William Dun-Dery
E-mail: wdun-dery@archkck.org

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.	Sep 6	5:00 pm	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	
Sat.	Sep 6	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†		Patrick and Carol McCreary	
Sun.	Sep 7	8:00am	St. Joseph
†		Gloria Jucutan	
Sun.	Sep 7	10:00am	Corpus Christi
†		Delores Wood	
Mon.	Sep 8	No Mass	
Tue.	Sep 9	8:00am	St. Mary's
†		Bernard Noll	
Wed.	Sep 10	8:00am	St. Joseph
†		Henry and Cecilia Erpelding	
Thu.	Sep 11	8:00am	St. Mary's
†		Joe and Don Frakes	
Fri.	Sep 12	8:00am	St. Joseph
†		Jeannette Kingman	
Sat.	Sep 13	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†		Vince Aspinwall	
Sat.	Sep 13	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†		Mass for the People	
Sun.	Sep 14	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†		Phil and Chris Wilson	
Sun.	Sep 14	10:00 am	St. Mary's
†		Kenneth and Brad Glassel	

Tri- Parish Liturgical Training

Sunday, September 28, 6:00pm
St. Joseph School

Have you been serving your parish in a liturgical role such as lector, usher, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Would you like to help serve your parish in a new role? Father William will be holding a training session for those who have already been volunteering in those roles and those who would like to help in a new way. All are welcome to attend!

Corpus Christi Picnic: This Sunday!

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

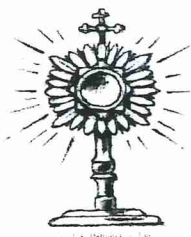


Rural Youth Ministry Outreach Events

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

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 13, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery Chapel
126th St. and Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas
On Saturday, September 13, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the eleventh annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 65 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community. For more information, contact Tina Jinkens at 785-615-8373.



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

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

September 14th

Lector: Paisleigh Heinen

Musicians: Marley Hamon

Servers: Emma Welsh Paxten Heinen

Gifts: Tom Warth Family

Finances: Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Karin Hosler

Contributions

August 31, 2025

Insurance.....	100.00
Utilities.....	45.00
Mass.....	20.00
Catholic Universities of America.....	100.00
Plate.....	137.00
Support.....	1313.00
Total	\$1715.00

St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

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

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 14th 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 14th 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. 20th at the Give Back to Valley Day to the Knights of Columbus fund. Designated donations can be directed to the Handicap Lift fund.

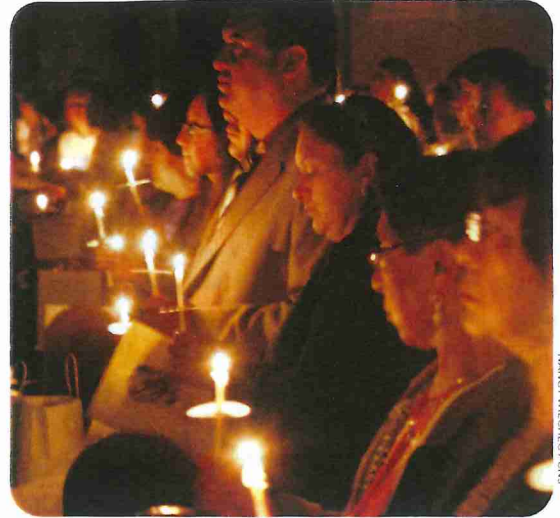
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS have a new **INSURANCE AGENT** assigned to our Council. Members can call him to schedule a review of their benefits and policies. Please call Shad Hall of Oskaloosa at 785-764-1152.

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Tuesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 10

Weekday

Col 3:1-11

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 11

Weekday

Col 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 12

Weekday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 13

*St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

1 Tm 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 14

*The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17