



When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

Reflect

***What emptying am I experiencing?
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?***



**[Christ Jesus] emptied himself...
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

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Dec. 2022

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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.	Sep 13	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Vince Aspinwall		
Sat.	Sep 13	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Sep 14	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Phil and Chris Wilson		
Sun.	Sep 14	10:00am	St. Mary's
†	Kenneth and Brad Glassel		
Mon.	Sep 15	No Mass	
Tue.	Sep 16	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	John Gering		
Wed.	Sep 17	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Jeannie Pollard		
Thu.	Sep 18	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Francis E. "Smitty" Schmidt		
Fri.	Sep 19	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Gary Funk		
Sat.	Sep 20	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Tina Gaspard		
Sat.	Sep 20	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Jeannette Kingman		
Sun.	Sep 21	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Al and Dixie Weishaar		
Sun.	Sep 21	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		

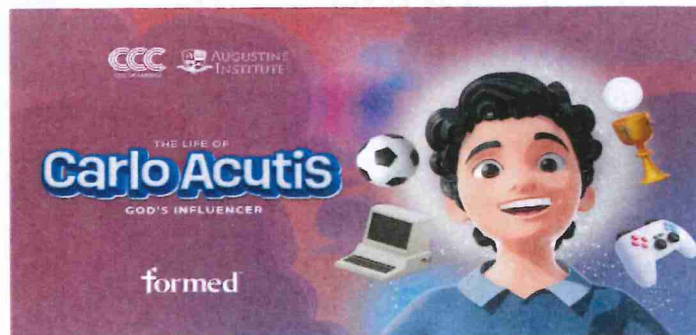
Tri- Parish Liturgical Training

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!

No Masses, Adoration, or Confessions Monday, September 22-Friday, Sept 26 due to the Archdiocesan Priests' Convocation. In the event of a sacramental emergency, contact St. Benedict's Abbey 913-367-7853 or the parish office. Messages will be checked daily.

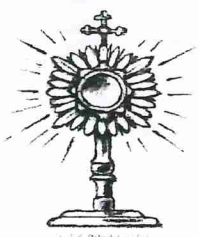
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"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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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 Tuesday

Parish Office Hours this week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 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.

September Appointments

Ushers: Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

Lay Ministers: Lesa Brose, Taylor Allen, Megan Belveal

September 21th

Lector: Chad Mooradian

Musicians: Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen

Servers: Emma Welsh, Jack Warth

Gifts: Denver Bonnel

Finances: Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: Julie Sieve

Contributions

September 6th

Projects and Maintenance.....	100.00
Utilities.....	200.00
Gaza Aid.....	20.00
Catholic Universities of America.....	25.00
Plate.....	155.00
Support.....	445.00
Total	\$1005.00

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 calebcystal@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.



SUNDAE SUNDAY will be after Mass on September 28th. All are invited to join us to celebrate the new CCD year!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ALTAR

SOCIETY will have their next meeting Sunday, September 14th after Mass.

UNITY SOUP SUPPER will be hosted by St Mary's on Sunday 9/21 at 6:00pm.

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

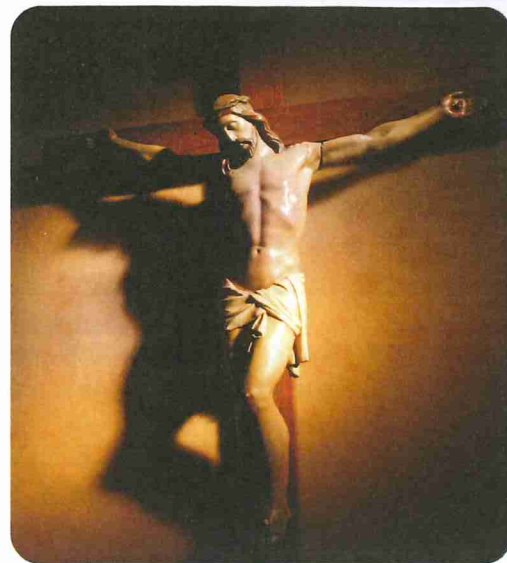
The lift installation has begun and good progress has been made. The total cost of this project is \$60,000. We currently have donations and pledges totaling \$28,145. We are still in need of additional donations and pledges to cover the remaining \$32,000. Please reach out to Chad Mooradian if you are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

Donations can be also made on Sat., Sept. 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,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●



NANCY WIECHEC / CMS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Tm 2:1–8 Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35	1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17	1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35	1 Tm 4:12–16 Lk 7:36–50	1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3	1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15	Am 8:4–7 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.

ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,
ROME, MAY 10, 2025

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Sacred Tools for Courageous Connection

Sacred Listening



Young people aren't rejecting the faith - they're wary of institutions that don't listen. Research shows the church must shift from speaking at to engaging with our youth today. This workshop explores how we, the church, can adapt.



Sept 28-29, 2025

3 locations



Sunday, Sept 28 1-3pm
St. Joseph, Nortonville



Sunday, Sept 28 530-730pm
St. Dominic, Holton



Monday, Sept 29 6-8pm
St. Francis Xavier, Burlington

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