



Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted.

As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted.●

Reflect

***What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?***

**No servant can serve two masters....
You cannot serve God and mammon.**

LUKE 16:13

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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

Dec 2022

Parishes Office: 221 N Sycamore Street
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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

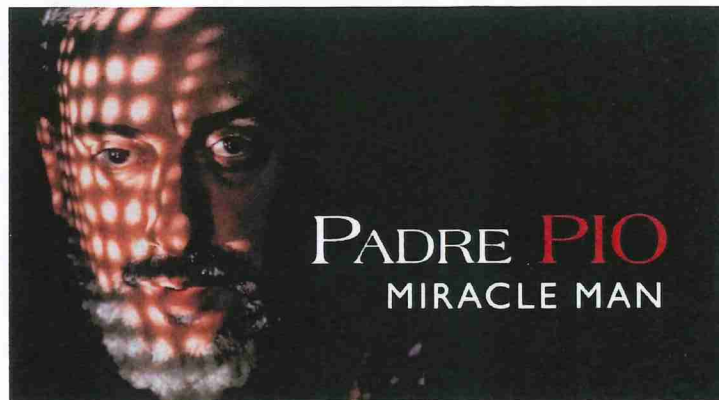
Sat.	Sep 20	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Tina Gaspard	
Sat.	Sep 20	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†	Jeannette Kingman	
Sun.	Sep 21	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Al and Dixie Weishaar	
Sun.	Sep 21	10:00am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	
Mon.	Sep 22	No Mass	
Tue.	Sep 23	No Mass	
Wed.	Sep 24	No Mass	
Thu.	Sep 25	No Mass	
Fri.	Sep 26	No Mass	
Sat.	Sep 27	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Marti Schrick	
Sat.	Sep 27	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	†	Jeannie Pollard	
Sun.	Sep 28	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Alfred Weishaar	
Sun.	Sep 28	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!

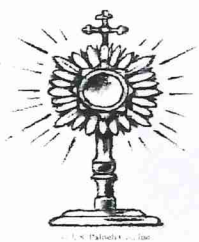
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Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



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

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.

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 28th

Lector: Mike Brose

Musicians: Dawna Ross

Servers: Waylon Allen, Tommy Welsh

Gifts: Mike Wagner Family

Finances: Jarett Wildeman, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Beth Brown

Contributions September 14th 2025

Projects and Maintenance.....	82.50
Lift.....	100.00
Diocesan Weekly Paper.....	165.00
Catholic Universities of America.....	15.00
Plate.....	112.00
Support.....	914.50
Total	\$1389.00

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 calebcrysal@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!

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for GHANA CLEAN WATER PROJECT: was well attended and received donations totaling \$1150. The Knights of Columbus and the Altar Society have also pledged to give an additional \$500 each. Thanks to all who participated and donated. Thanks to the Knights who furnished and cooked the breakfast.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND RAFFLE tickets are on sale through the Knights of Columbus. The drawing will have twenty-five prizes, the main prize is \$30,000. Our parish CCD receives \$450 from the raffle. Tickets are \$100 each or can be purchased in increments of \$20. Tickets can be purchased by October 5th from Tom Welsh or Larry Heinen.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the local Council on Sunday, October 12th. This week all Knights should have received an invitation by email or postal mail. Please RSVP by Thursday, Sept 25th for your reservation. If you failed to receive an invitation, please contact Larry Heinen by email at ljheinen@att.net or call 785-640-6751. If you are not a member, you are invited to join us also to see what the Knights are involved in locally. Just call for a reservation.

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).

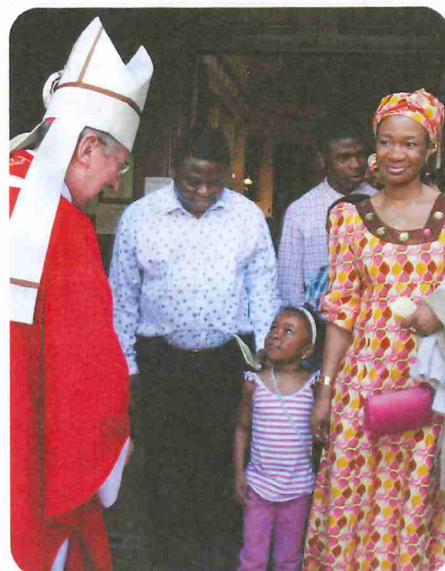
Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult."

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

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



JOHN MC EROY

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31