



Woe to those who
are complacent....
[T]hey shall be
the first to go
into exile.

AMOS 6:1, 7



Adrift

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn't realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else's pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday's gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man's sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we're interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask

ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for "making a difference?" Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

Reflect

Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' questions describes me and my choices?

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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 27	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Marti Schrick		
Sat.	Sep 27	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Jeannie Pollard		
Sun.	Sep 28	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Alfred Weishaar		
Sun.	Sep 28	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	Sep 29	No Mass	
Tue.	Sep 30	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Deceased members of KofC		
Wed.	Oct 1	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Vincent and Phyllis Bertels		
Thu.	Oct 2	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Jerry Kramer		
Fri.	Oct 3	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Mark Wilson		
Sat.	Oct 4	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Darlene Haug		
Sat.	Oct 4	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Gene and Darlene Sittenauer		
Sun.	Oct 5	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Patrick and Carol McCreary		
Sun.	Oct 5	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		

Tri- Parish Liturgical Training

This Sunday!

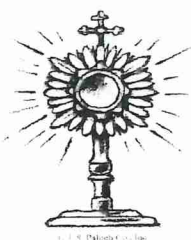
September 28, 6:00pm

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!

Mass of Innocents- Have you or someone you know lost a child or loved one during pregnancy or in early infancy? If so, Archbishop Emeritus Naumann and the Office of Marriage & Family Life invite you to commemorate this loss at our annual Mass of Innocents on Sunday, Oct 19 at 1:00 PM at Holy Spirit in Overland Park, Kansas. This annual Mass recognizes the value of those children as well as the grief felt by their parents, grandparents, and loved ones. Whether or not you have personally experienced this loss, you are welcome to come commemorate these lives and offer prayerful support to their families.

New Permanent St. Carlo Acutis Religious Exhibit In Atchison- In celebration of Carlo Acutis' canonization, Pace e Bene Catholic Shoppe in Atchison, Kansas has opened a permanent religious exhibit consisting of the 150 Miracles of the Eucharist posters, 300 first class relics, and a museum-quality replica of the Shroud of Turin. Talks by store owner and professional theologian Dr. Mark J. Zia to small groups are available upon request. We are located at 503 Commercial Street, Atchison, Kansas 66002 and can be reached for questions via email at PaceBeneKS@gmail.com



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

Parish Office Hours this week: Monday, 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.

October Appointments

Ushers: Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

Lay Ministers: Lesa Brose, Taylor Allen, Megan Belveal

October 5th

Lector: Youth Mass

Musicians: Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon

Servers: Emma Welsh, Waylon Allen

Gifts: Youth Mass

Finances: Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: RaeAnn Allen

Contributions

September 21st 2025

Projects and Maintenance.....	200.00
Lift.....	100.00
Leaven.....	25.00
Masses.....	10.00
Plate.....	218.00
Support.....	540.00
Total	\$1093.00

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



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

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 liheinen@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).

This Week on Formed

Week of September 28, 2025



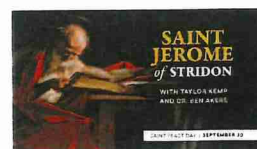
St. Therese | Littlest Saints

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions



St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.



St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Dear Padre,

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

“Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text” (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word “love” appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, “sin” appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily “should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God’s word on “love” is far too prevalent to overlook.

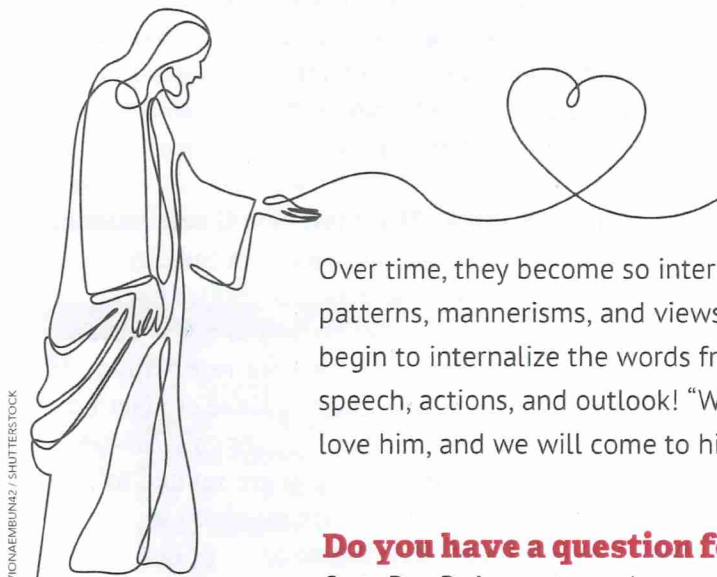
Pope Francis called God’s word “a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best.” In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other’s speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God’s “love letter” and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church’s social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

Monday

September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or

Rv 12:7–12ab

Jn 1:47–51

Tuesday

September 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:20–23

Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday

October 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Neh 2:1–8

Lk 9:57–62

Thursday

October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12

Mt 18:1–5, 10

Friday

October 3

Weekday

Bar 1:15–22

Lk 10:13–16

Saturday

October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Bar 4:5–12, 27–29

Lk 10:17–24

Sunday

October 5

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4

2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14

Lk 17:5–10

ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FR. William Dun-Dery, PASTOR

Appointments for October 2025

USHERS: Bill Heinen, Chad Mooradian, Kevin Glassel

LAY MINISTERS: Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen, Marietta Heinen

LECTORS:

5	Youth Mass
12	Brandi Varner
19	Larry Martin
26	Mike Wagner

MUSICIANS:

6	Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon
12	RaeAnn Allen
19	Patty Bendure, Dawna Ross
26	Dianna Welsh

SERVERS

5	Emma Welsh, Waylon Allen
12	Waylon Allen, Tommy Welsh, Jack Warth
19	Jett Nellis, Jack Warth
26	Emma Welsh, Paxten Heinen

GIFTS

5	Youth Mass
12	Mike Brose Family
19	Eric Belveal Family
26	Thomas Welsh Family

FINANCES:

5	Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian
12	Larry Martin, Kristy Burns
19	Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian
26	Larry Martin, Kristy Burns

SACRISTAN:

5	RaeAnn Allen
12	Mathew Hamon
19	Lesa Brose
26	Karin Hosler

If unable to fulfill obligation, please find a substitute.