

**Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.**

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what

we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

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
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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.	Oct 18	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Tina Gaspard	
Sat.	Oct 18	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†	Harold and Gelene Weishaar	
Sun.	Oct 19	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Andrew and Gertrude Sanger	
Sun.	Oct 19	10:00am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	
Mon.	Oct 20	No Mass	
Tue.	Oct 21	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Harold Noll	
Wed.	Oct 22	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Jeannie Pollard	
Thu.	Oct 23	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Robert and T.C. Schrick	
Fri.	Oct 24	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Henry Weishaar Family	
Sat.	Oct 25	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Bernard Noll	
Sat.	Oct 25	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	†	Mark Wilson	
Sun.	Oct 26	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	†	Matt May	
Sun.	Oct 26	10:00 am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	

Tri-Parish Youth Ministry Beginning Nov. 16! Mason Weishaar has generously offered to help coordinate our parishes' Youth Programs; aimed at enhancing both the spiritual growth and social lives of our High school and College age group of our parishioners/students. They will meet once a month and the 1st meeting is on 11/16/25 @ 6pm at the St. Joseph Parish school/Hall. May I appeal to all parents/grandparents to encourage and facilitate the active participation of all our youth.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas will be offering the Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Leawood on October 25 from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Anyone 18+ are invited to register and participate. COPE is a simulation that gives us an opportunity to experience poverty through the stories of real families. This simulation is set-up for a specific number of people, so pre-registration is required. To reserve your spot, visit www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0844A5A82AA4F49-58187231-cost

All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day Events

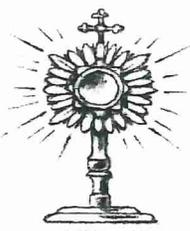
All Saints is not a holy day of obligation this year, so it will be our regular weekend Mass schedule but with the special readings for those days.

All Saints Day, Saturday, Nov. 1

5:00pm-Mass@ Corpus Christi
Followed by blessing of graves @
Corpus Christi Cemetery
7:00pm-Mass@ St. Joseph

All Souls Day, Sunday, Nov. 2

8:00am- Mass@ St. Joseph
10:00am- Mass@ St. Mary's
11:15am- blessing of graves @ St. Mary's
Cemetery
5:00pm- blessing of graves at St. Joseph
Cemetery



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

Book of Remembrance Pages in the back of all three churches. Please enter the names of loved ones who have died in the past year.

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: Bill Heinen, Chad Mooradian, Kevin Glassel

Lay Ministers: Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen, Marietta Heinen

Rosary: Taylor Allen family

October 26th

Lector: Mike Wagner

Musicians: Dianna Welsh

Servers: Emma Welsh, Paxten Heinen

Gifts: Thomas Welsh Family

Finances: Larry Martin, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Karin Hosler

Contributions

October 12th, 2025

Will be available next week.

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

Sunday, Nov. 2nd - Youth Mass, All Saints parade, Benefit breakfast for seminarians

Sunday, Dec. 7th - Youth Mass, Parish feast day, potluck dinner, Holiday basket auction, St. Nicholas visit

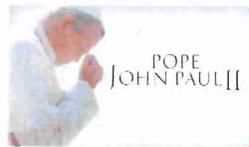
Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat October 24-26 Join us for talks, conversations, adventures, and free time as we explore this year's theme, Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying with Christ. There will be time to get to know other like-minded women, be in God's Creation, and dive deeper into your relationship with Christ. This retreat is an edifying experience for all ages of women 18 years and older. For more information and to sign up, visit our website: <https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha/womens-retreat/>

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)?

If you are age 70½ or older, you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your [individual retirement account \(IRA\)](#) to a qualified charity. A qualified charitable distribution is not taxed, so the charity receives 100% of your donation. QCDs may also count toward the [required minimum distributions \(RMDs\)](#) that are required depending on your age. You can set up monthly, quarterly or yearly donations to any charity of your choice. It is an excellent way to donate to your Church or any other charity. Check with your tax professional to see if a QCD is advisable for you.

This Week on Formed

Week of October 19, 2025



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyła's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Slaves and Kings

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and now they would inspire them to create their own, unforgettable day.

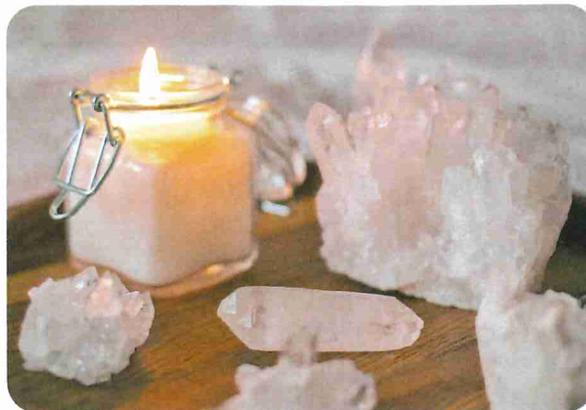
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Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27)... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by



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eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025

Monday

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20–25
Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17–19, 20b–21
Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12–18
Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19–23
Lk 12:49–53

Friday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18–25a
Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 8:1–11
Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12–14, 16–18
2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18
Lk 18:9–14