



Embracing a Spirituality of Listening

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The most treasured prayer of Jesus' people has long been and remains the Shema: "Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One." Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity to this way of being in the world more than Joseph, as evidenced in today's gospel. Joseph is one who listens to what God's messenger says to him and immediately acts on it. He responds to the call to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Then, he responds to the call to return home with his family to Israel. As many have noted, Joseph never speaks in Scripture, but he certainly listens, and he certainly acts on what he hears.

Christmas is perhaps the noisiest season of the year. At gatherings of family and friends with festive music in the background, it often feels as if we are shouting over one another to be heard. It is a season when it can be hard to have deep conversations, even with God. Indeed, it can be such a busy season that sometimes our regular prayer practices fall by the wayside. But, if we do not make space in our daily lives to listen, might we miss messages that are important, even urgent, for us to hear, as in the case of today's gospel? Messages that require immediate response? What would it look like to carve out a bit of silence in this holiday season, to be like Joseph and reground yourself in a spirituality of listening? ●



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Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly, as in all wisdom you teach
and admonish one another, singing
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Reflect

*Do I allow myself enough
silence, or am I tempted to fill
the silence with noise?*

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

Office hours: M, W, F 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Phone: 913-886-2030

E-mail: sj.ic.cc.parishoffice@gmail.com

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.	Dec 27	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Vince Aspinwall		
Sat.	Dec 27	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Harold and Gelene Weishaar		
Sun.	Dec 28	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Jon Larson		
Sun.	Dec 28	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	Dec 29	No Mass	
Tue.	Dec 30	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Liv. and Dec. members of Feuerborn family		
Wed.	Dec 31	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	Mass for the People		
Thu.	Jan 1	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Jeannette Kingman		
Thu.	Jan 1	10:00am	St. Mary's
†	Kenneth and Brad Glassel		
Fri.	Jan 2	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Matt and Arrah May		
Sat.	Jan 3	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
†	Tina Gaspard		
Sat.	Jan 3	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Patrick and Carol McCreary		
Sun.	Jan 4	8:00am	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Jan 4	10:00 am	St. Mary's
†	Francis Grollmes		

Parish Office Hours: The parish office will be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week from 8:30am-12:30pm.



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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, Dec. 31:
Corpus Christi, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 1:
St. Joseph, 8 a.m.
St. Mary, 10 a.m.

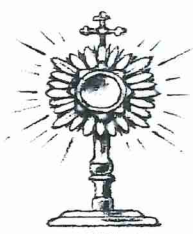
Retrouvaille Healing Marriage Weekend

Retrouvaille helps couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. This program works to improve communication and help couples reconnect. Retrouvaille presenters are not trained as marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Retrouvaille's comprehensive 3-phase program has been a lifeline for hurting marriages. 48 years of success with marriages that are on the verge of divorce. 95% of couples recommend the program after completing the initial weekend and follow-up phases of the program.

January 23-25, 2026 - Registration closes Jan 21, 2026

Questions? Call 816-679-4356 or email Retrokc@gmail.com

Registration: www.retrokc.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



Cards at K of C Hall, Nortonville

All are invited

5 Point Pitch: \$5 to play, \$.50 a set

Every other Saturday at 1pm

December 27, January 10 and 24

Questions? Contact Leroy Funk
785-806-2442

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus

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.

January Appointments

Ushers: Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh, Nate Heinen

Lay Ministers: Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen, Megan Belveal

Rosary: Larry Martin

Thursday, January 1st 10:00am

Lector: Larry Martin

Music: Volunteer

Servers: Jarett Wildeman

Gifts: Ushers

Finance: Larry Martin, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Beth Brown

January 4th

Lector: Mike Wagner

Musicians: Patty Bendure, Dianna Welsh

Servers: Jett Nellis, Jack Nellis

Gifts: Mike Wagner Family

Finances: Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: Matthew Hamon

Contributions December 21st

Insurance.....	25.00
Projects and Maintenance.....	25.00
Masses.....	50.00
All Saints.....	25.00
Life at the Poverty Line.....	12.50
Plate.....	169.60
Support.....	8780.00
Total deposit	\$9087.10

December 24th

Catholic Charities.....	869.00
Retirement.....	100.00
Support.....	198.00
Total deposit	\$1167.00

December 25th

Catholic Charities.....	95.00
Total deposit	\$95.00

Knights of Columbus Family of the Month December

Pat and Julie Sieve

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2026 dues may be paid to Matt Hamon or Tom Welsh. SAVE A STAMP! The next meeting is on Sunday, January 4th after Mass.

In Memory of

Jack and Alice Mills, Tony and Dorothy Heinen

from Larry and Joyce Heinen

Kenneth and Brad Glassel

from Darlene Glassel

John Bonnel

from Doug and Jolina Wildeman

Francis and Jim Grollmes

from Virginia Grollmes

John and Donnie Reschke

from Mary Ann Reschke

Dave and Geri Harrington

from Melody and Casey Keirns

John and Mary Harrington

from Jason and Laura Kirkwood

Dale and Ruth Logsdon

Joyce Logsdon Brown and Jerry Logsdon

from Paul and Diane Heinen

Heinen family members

from Dan and Marietta Heinen

deceased members of the Frank

Conrad Feurerborn II Family

from Wayne Feurerborn

Herring and Heinen families

from Mary Herring

William Ledebor, Melvin and Jeanette

Brose

from Lesa Brose and Crystal Clark

Ed and Ann Riedel

Beth and Jeff Brown



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Heflinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal

Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call)

email calebcrysal@hotmail.com

St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

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

Dear Padre,

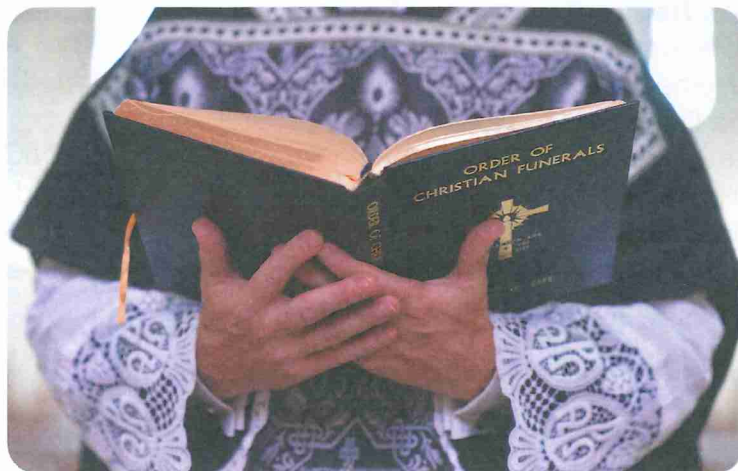
A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2283).

A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will.

Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being. ●

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



AMY STOUT / CATHOLICA

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



Young people of our time, like those of every age, are a volcano of life, energy, sentiments, and ideas. It can be seen from the wonderful things they are able to do, in so

many fields. However, they also need help in order for this great wealth to grow in harmony and to overcome what...can still hinder their healthy development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 15, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

December 29
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

December 30
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday

December 31
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Friday

January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday

January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

Sunday

January 4
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FR. William Dun-Dery, PASTOR

Appointments for January 2026

USHERS: Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh, Nate Heinen

LAY MINISTERS: Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen, Megan Belveal

ROSARY: Larry Martin

LECTORS

4 Mike Brose
11 Brandi Varner
18 Jolina Wildeman
25 Taylor Allen

MUSICIANS

4 Dawna Ross, Patty Bendure
11 RaeAnn Allen
18 Marley Hamon, Patty Bendure
25 Dianna Welsh

SERVERS

4 Paxten Heinen, Emma Welsh
11 Jack Warth, Tommy Welsh
18 Emma Welsh, Waylon Allen
25 Jett Nellis, Jack Nellis

GIFTS

4 Youth Mass
11 Tom Warth Family
18 Bryce Miller Family
25 Mike Wagner Family

FINANCES

4 Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian
11 Larry Martin, Kristy Burns
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25 Larry Martin, Kristy Burns

SACRISTAN

4 Karin Hosler
11 Julie Sieve
18 Beth Brown
25 Matthew Hamon

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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If unable to fulfill obligation, please find a substitute.