



## Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”** (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

### Reflect

*What does “repent” mean to me?  
A threat or an invitation?*



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THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY



**“Repent, for the kingdom  
of heaven is at hand!”**

**MATTHEW 3:2**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church,**  
221 N Sycamore Street, Nortonville KS 66060      [www.stjosephsnortonville.com](http://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.	Jan 24	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Donna Noll		
Sat.	Jan 24	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Patrick and Carol McCreary		
Sun.	Jan 25	8:00am	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Jan 25	10:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard and Rita Darveaux		
Mon.	Jan 26	No Mass	
Tue.	Jan 27	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Gail Coker-Carr		
Wed.	Jan 28	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Bob Schneider		
Thu.	Jan 29	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Gerald Kramer		
Fri.	Jan 30	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar		
Sat.	Jan 31	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
†	Charles Noll family		
Sat.	Jan 31	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar		
Sun.	Feb 1	8:00am	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Feb 1	10:00 am	St. Mary's
†	Kenneth and Brad Glassel		

**Mass Time Swap Feb. 7/8:** St. Mary's, Saturday 5pm  
followed by Chili Bingo  
Corpus Christi, Sunday, 10am

#### Ignite for Life and Kansas March for Life

Topeka Performing Arts Center  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026

**9:00am:** Ignite for Life.

**10:30am:** Kansas Mass for Life.

**Noon:** Kansas March for Life.

**1:00-3:00pm:** Adoration at MaterDei Assumption

All events are free. For more information visit:  
[archkck.org/ignite](http://archkck.org/ignite)



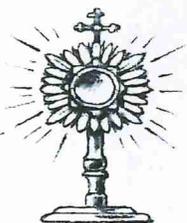
**Next meeting:** February 15, 6pm  
St. Joseph School

**Topic:** Avoiding crisis in our independence. All high school and college age students are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

**St. Mary's Church is hosting Dave Ramsey's nationally acclaimed Financial Peace University session starting on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 1pm in the church basement and will run for 8 additional weeks. Each session is approx. 2 hours. Course material is \$20 per individual or couple. Light snacks and refreshments available. Handicap access to the church basement is now available.**

To register, email [larry.martin@usa.net](mailto:larry.martin@usa.net)

**Collection for the Church in Latin America this weekend helps to support pastoral ministries and priestly formation in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean. It was established over 60 years ago by the U.S. bishops as a practical expression of unity and love for their brothers and sisters in Latin America. Please be generous with your support.**



#### Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

St. Joseph  
Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
Corpus Christi  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, 4-4:45pm  
St. Mary's  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 11am- 12pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Noon Wednesday

**Office Hours this week:** Monday, Wednesday,  
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 DarveauxSr.

Also pray for those serving in the Military, those with health issues and those who have no one to pray for them.

**February Appointments**

**Ushers:** Chad Mooradian, Kevin Glassel, James Miller

**Lay Ministers:** Marietta Heinen, Baretta Schmeisner, Debbie Noll

**Rosary:** Taylor Allen

**February 1**

**Lector:** Paisleigh Heinen

**Music:** RaeAnn Allen, Patty Bendure

**Servers:** Paxten Heinen, Tommy Welsh, Jack Warth

**Gifts:** Youth Mass

**Finance:** Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian

**Sacristan:** Julie Sieve

**Contributions**

**1/18/2026**

Mass.....	10.00
Plate.....	158.00
Support.....	390.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$558.00</b>

**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)

**Knights of Columbus Family of the Month  
January**

Taylor and RaeAnn Allen

**If you purchased a Poinsettia for the Altar you may pick them up today after Mass.**

**PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE** received a recent contribution of \$36,000. When fundraising for the SAVARIA lift, donors were encouraged to wait for this year's Give Back to Valley Day. At the Give Back Day, the Knights of Columbus Improvement Fund received \$29,080. \$26,500 of these funds were designated for the SAVARIA lift project. After receiving matching funds, this amount was increased to \$36,000. This was transferred to the Church funds for the project.

**Our SAVARIA lift platform** is now available for your use. Training is available for anyone. The old stair chair will eventually be removed. If anyone has a use for it, please contact Larry Heinen at 785-640-6751.

**CHILI-BINGO** will be held Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, starting with a 5 PM Mass, soup supper at 6pm and Bingo at 7pm.

**SIGNUP SHEETS** for donations are at both doors. Mark your calendar for a fun night. **Want to help out?** Help setting up for chili bingo is needed on Thursday evening February 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm.

**Seating:** Meals for Chili-Bingo may be purchased after 4pm on Saturday 2/7. With each meal purchased you will receive a label to reserve your place at a table for supper and Bingo.

**MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION** – The 29th annual conference will be held Saturday, February 21st at the Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. For free tickets and transportation contact Dan Heinen at 785-640-6759.

**THE WORD AMONG US** has daily meditations and Mass readings. FREE copies are available for you to take home.

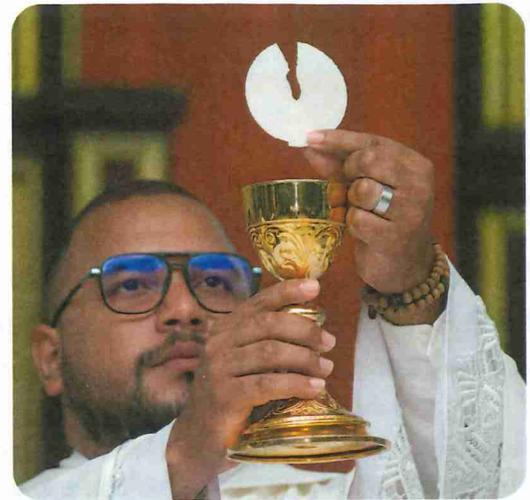
# Dear Padre,

## Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:22-30	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

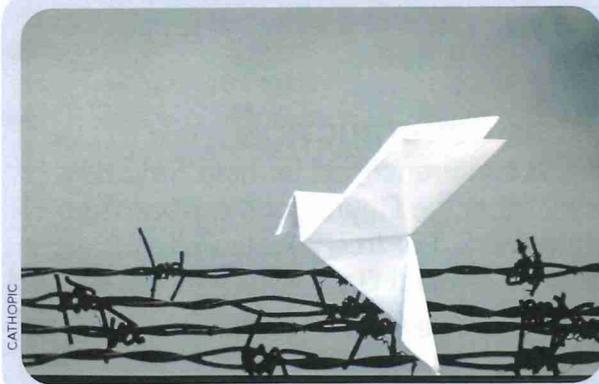
### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.*

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025



CATHOPIC

# ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FR. William Dun-Dery, PASTOR

*Appointments for February 2026*

**USHERS:** Chad Mooradian, Kevin Glassel, James Miller

**LAY MINISTERS:** Marietta Heinen, Baretta Schmeisner, Debbie Noll

**ROSARY:** Taylor Allen

## LECTORS

	1	Paisleigh Heinen
Saturday	7	Megan Belveal
	15	Mike Wagner
	22	Dan Heinen

## MUSICIANS

	1	RaeAnn Allen, Patty Bendure
	7	Dawna Ross
	15	Dianna Welsh, Patty Bendure
	22	Marley Hamon

## SERVERS

	1	Paxten Heinen, Tommy Welsh, Jack Warth
	7	Waylon Allen, Emma Welsh
	15	Jett Nellis, Jack Warth
	22	Waylon Allen, Emma Welsh

## GIFTS

	1	Youth Mass
	7	Taylor Allen Family
	15	Brooks Glassel Family
	22	Alan Coker Family

## FINANCES

	1	Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian
	7	Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman
	15	Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian
	22	Larry Martin, Kristy Burns

## SACRISTAN

	1	Julie Sieve
	7	Beth Brown
	15	RaeAnn Allen
	22	Matthew Hamon

*If unable to fulfill obligation, please find a substitute.*

THANK YOU note from our sponsored seminarian: January, 2026

Dear St. Mary's Catholic Church Knights and parishioners,

Thank you so much for your Christmas gift and for your prayers. I am so grateful for your support on my seminary journey.

I wanted to share one highlight from my first semester of senior year. At the beginning of the year, I was asked to teach CCD (religious education) classes to local 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I was so excited for the opportunity and still really enjoy teaching them each week. I wanted to help them pray more, so I decided to end every class with 5 minutes of silent prayer (thanks to the Holy Spirit for the idea). At first they hated it, but it's been such a blessing throughout the year to see more and more students give it a try. As a teacher, my greatest joy was having students ask for more prayer time. Now we are up to 10 minutes at the end of each class! The Holy Spirit is doing great things, and I'm happy to be following Him.

Know of my prayers for you. Thank you for praying for me.

God bless,

Jimmy Mendoza

Discipleship Stage, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary