

“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’
and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”

MATTHEW 5:37

Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“**L**et your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, “And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple “Yes” or “No”? Do you want to say, “Yes, but... I can’t do it now.” Or “I can’t forgive this particular person.” Or “I can’t welcome this particular stranger.” Or “I can’t love him or her or them.”

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●



LEARN ABOUT
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COMMUNITY

Reflect

What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?

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

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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

The Parish office will be closed on Ash Wednesday.
Office hours this week will be: Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions			
Sat.	Feb. 14	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	† Don Noll		
Sat.	Feb 14	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	† Jeannie Pollard and Elaine Curtis		
Sun.	Feb 15	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† Mass for the People		
Sun.	Feb 15	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Dan and Marietta Heinen Anniversary		
Mon.	Feb 16	No Mass	
Tue.	Feb 17	8:00am	St. Mary's
	† Bernard Noll		
Wed.	Feb 18	7:30am	St. Joseph
	† Jeannette Kingman		
Wed.	Feb 18	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	† Gwen Schrick Jacobs		
Wed.	Feb 18	7:00pm	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Thu.	Feb 19	8:00am	St. Mary's
	† Gail Coker-Carr		
Fri.	Feb 20	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar		
Sat.	Feb 21	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	† Francis Schmidt		
Sat.	Feb 21	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Feb 22	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† Jon Larson		
Sun.	Feb 22	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	† Kenneth and Brad Glassel		



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CALL TO SHARE

2026 Parish Progress towards Goals
St. Joseph: \$5,980 of \$13,000
St. Mary's: \$2,770 of \$10,000
Corpus Christi: \$2,110 of \$6,000

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!



Ash Wednesday, February 18,
Mass Times:
St. Joseph- 7:30am,
Corpus Christi- 5:00pm
St. Mary's- 7:00pm

Lent and Easter Schedule flyers can be found in the back of all three churches.

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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. Women who are pregnant or nursing are exempt from fasting. People who have a medical condition that would be harmed by fasting are also exempt. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.



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

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.
Mike Brose	

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

**Ash Wednesday
February 18th**

Lector: Joyce Heinen

Music: Dawna Ross, Patty Pendure

Servers: Jett Nellis, Jack Warth

Gifts: Ushers

Finance: Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: Lesa Brose

February 22

Lector: Dan Heinen

Music: Marley Hamon

Servers: Waylon Allen, Emma Welsh

Gifts: Alan Coker Family

Finance: Larry Martin, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Matthew Hamon

Contributions

02/7/2026

Paul Heinen Memorial.....	40.00
Plate.....	172.00
Support.....	785.00
Total	\$997.00

Chili Bingo 2/9/26

Projects and Maintenance.....	2834.00
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Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call)

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 mediations and Mass readings. FREE copies are available for you to take home.

St Joseph’s parish will be hosting their 31st annual Lenten Fish Supper this year starting next Friday, Feb 20th. Please continue to show them our support!

CHILI-BINGO was a successful and fun activity and we made \$2884. Thank you for all your participation whether it was food and prize donations, setting up the hall, working the event and the final cleanup. All help was appreciated.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS at 6 PM followed by devotions at 7 PM:

- Sunday, March 1st Catholic Church
- Sunday, March 8th Methodist Church
- Sunday, March 15th Coal Creek Church
- Sunday, March 22nd Lutheran Church

MEN’S LENTEN BREAKFAST at 6:30 AM:
 Wednesday, February 25th Methodist Church
 Wednesday, March 4th Catholic Church
 Wednesday, March 11th Methodist Church
 Wednesday, March 18th Catholic Church

Beatitudes from the Heartland- Ready to go deeper this Lent? Join Beatitudes from the Heartland, a four-part small group faith-sharing experience this Lent. Together, we’ll explore the Beatitudes and uncover what it means to live as a Catholic in today’s world, here in the heartland. Watch for more details in the coming weeks on how to join. If you

**St Mary’s Immaculate Conception
Parish Mission Statement**

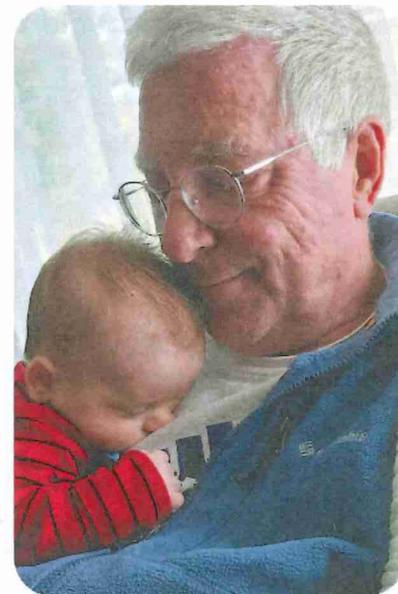
- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

Dear Padre,

My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (*Code of Canon Law*, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (CCL 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

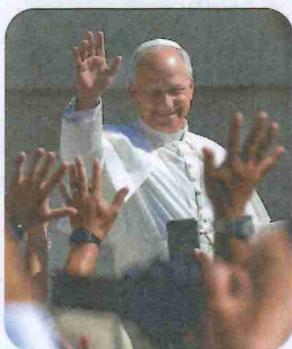
"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●



Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

FABRIZIO MAFFEI / SHUTTERSTOCK



The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of

mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Monday

February 16

Weekday

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 17

Weekday

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 18

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 19

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 20

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 21

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 22

First Sunday
of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

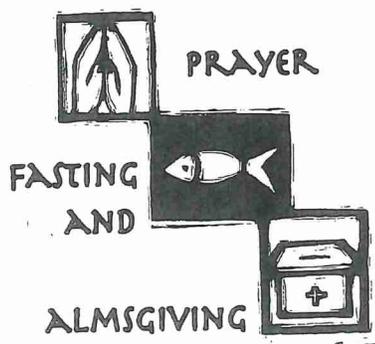
Rom 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19

Mt 4:1-11

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Lent and Easter Schedule 2026



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Ash Wednesday, February 18

St. Joseph- 7:30am
Corpus Christi- 5:00pm
St. Mary's- 7:00pm

Penance Services, 4pm

Friday, February 27- Corpus Christi
Sunday, March 8- St. Joseph
Friday, March 20- St. Mary's

Stations of the Cross, 5:00pm

Friday, February 20- St. Mary's
Sunday, February 22- St. Joseph
Friday, February 27- Corpus Christi
Friday, March 6- St. Mary's
Sunday, March 8- St. Joseph
Friday, March 13- Corpus Christi
Friday, March 20- St. Mary's
Sunday, March 22- St. Joseph
Friday, March 27- Corpus Christi

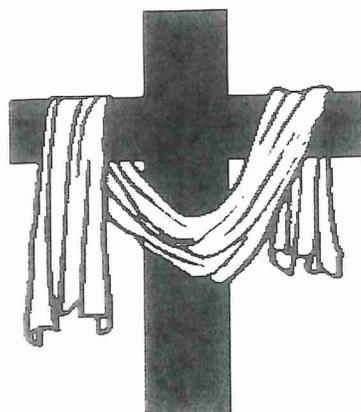
Stations of



the Cross

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Easter Triduum



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Holy Thursday, April 2- 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph

Good Friday, April 3- 3:00 p.m. St. Mary's
7:00 p.m. Corpus Christi

Holy Saturday, April 4- 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph

Easter Sunday, April 5- 8:00 a.m. Corpus Christi
10:00 a.m. St. Mary's