



Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

EPHESIANS 5:8B-9

Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●



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Reflect

This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.

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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

Parishes Office: 221 N Sycamore Street
Nortonville, Kansas 66060

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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

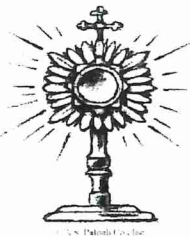
Sat.	Mar 14	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Kristine Noll Morettini	
Sat.	Mar 14	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†	Henry Weishaar family	
Sun.	Mar 15	8:00am	St. Joseph
		Mass for the People	
Sun.	Mar 15	10:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Kenneth and Brad Glassel	
Mon.	Mar 16	No Mass	
Tue.	Mar 17	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Bernard Noll	
Wed.	Mar 18	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Jeannette Kingman	
Thu.	Mar 19	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Paul Heinen	
Fri.	Mar 20	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Robert and T.C. Schrick	
Sat.	Mar 21	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	†	John Gering	
Sat.	Mar 21	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†	John J. Weishaar family	
Sun.	Mar 22	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	John D. Sidoti	
Sun.	Mar 22	10:00 am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	

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



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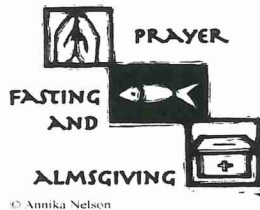
2026 Parish Progress towards Goals

St. Joseph: \$8,730 of \$13,000
St. Mary's: \$4,530 of \$10,000
Corpus Christi: \$3,810 of \$6,000

There's still time! Don't delay helping your parish meet the goal.



Next meeting: No April Meeting
May 3@6pm, St. Joseph School
Topic: Relationships and



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Penance Services, 4pm

Friday, March 20- St. Mary's

Stations of the Cross, 5:00pm

Friday, March 20- St. Mary's

Sunday, March 22- St. Joseph

Friday, March 27- Corpus Christi

Did you get married in 1976?

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

June 7th, 2026, 2:00 pm,

Church of the Nativity/Leawood

To receive your invitation from Archbishop McKnight, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding.

Please do this as soon as possible so invitations can be mailed in a timely manner. Or you can use the link below to fill out the information directly to the Archdiocese.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgmGRXBJAvnbFMBtJfGrPJyhI4OzGwF7OD5kXHLTrouy-few/viewform?usp=header>

Spaghetti Dinner. Saturday, March 21st, 6-8pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church, 31131 207th Street, rural Leavenworth. \$10 adults/\$5 kids. Family max price: \$30. Carry-out available. Sponsored by the parish Knights of Columbus Council.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Office Hours This Week: Monday and Friday 8:30am-12:30pm. Wednesday 9:30am-1:30pm.

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.

Mike Brose

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

March Appointments

Ushers: Taylor Allen, Brooks, Glassel, Denver Bonnel

Lay Ministers: Dan Heinen, Marley Hamon, Dianna Welsh

Rosary: Larry Martin

March 22nd

Lector: Larry Heinen

Music: Dianna Welsh

Servers: Paxten Heinen, Emma Welsh

Gifts: Mike Wagner Family

Finance: Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman

Sacristan: RaeAnn Allen

Contributions

03/08/2026

Farm rent.....	5000.00
Ramsey course tuition.....	120.00
Altar Society dues.....	40.00
Masses.....	20.00
Plate.....	199.00
Support.....	445.00
Total	\$5804.00

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 calebcystal@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus Family of the Year 2025

Matthew and Marley Hamon Family

March Knight of the Month

Jarett Wildeman

March Family of the Month

Mike and Camille Jones

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

St Joseph's parish is hosting their 31st annual **Lenten Fish Supper** every Friday through March 27th. Please continue to show them our support!

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

Sunday, March 15th Coal Creek Church

Sunday, March 22nd Lutheran Church

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST at 6:30 AM:

Wednesday, March 18th Catholic Church



Art with Ashley

GUIDED PAINTING WORKSHOP

Monday **March 23 @ 6:00**

Art, reflection, and scripture.

Location:



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
221 N Sycamore St
Nortonville, KS





Cost: \$30



TEXT TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT:
785-410-4534



Dear Padre,

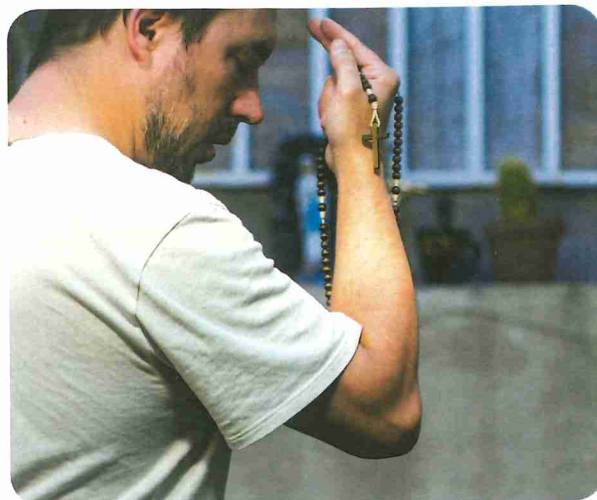
I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the "hook-'em horns" sign. You wouldn't give the "thumbs-up" sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word "sinister" is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning "left."

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●



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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*.

Monday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18,

22

Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-

51a

Friday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10,

25-30

Saturday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

MARCH 22

Fifth Sunday

of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or

11:3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45



MARCO IACUCCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 11, 2025