



Open Door

MIGUEL DULICK

It is “Good Shepherd Sunday,” and the gospel quotes Jesus: “I am the gate for the sheep.” It seems the oddest of Jesus’ “I am” identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep’s pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—“strangers” who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as “thieves and robbers.”

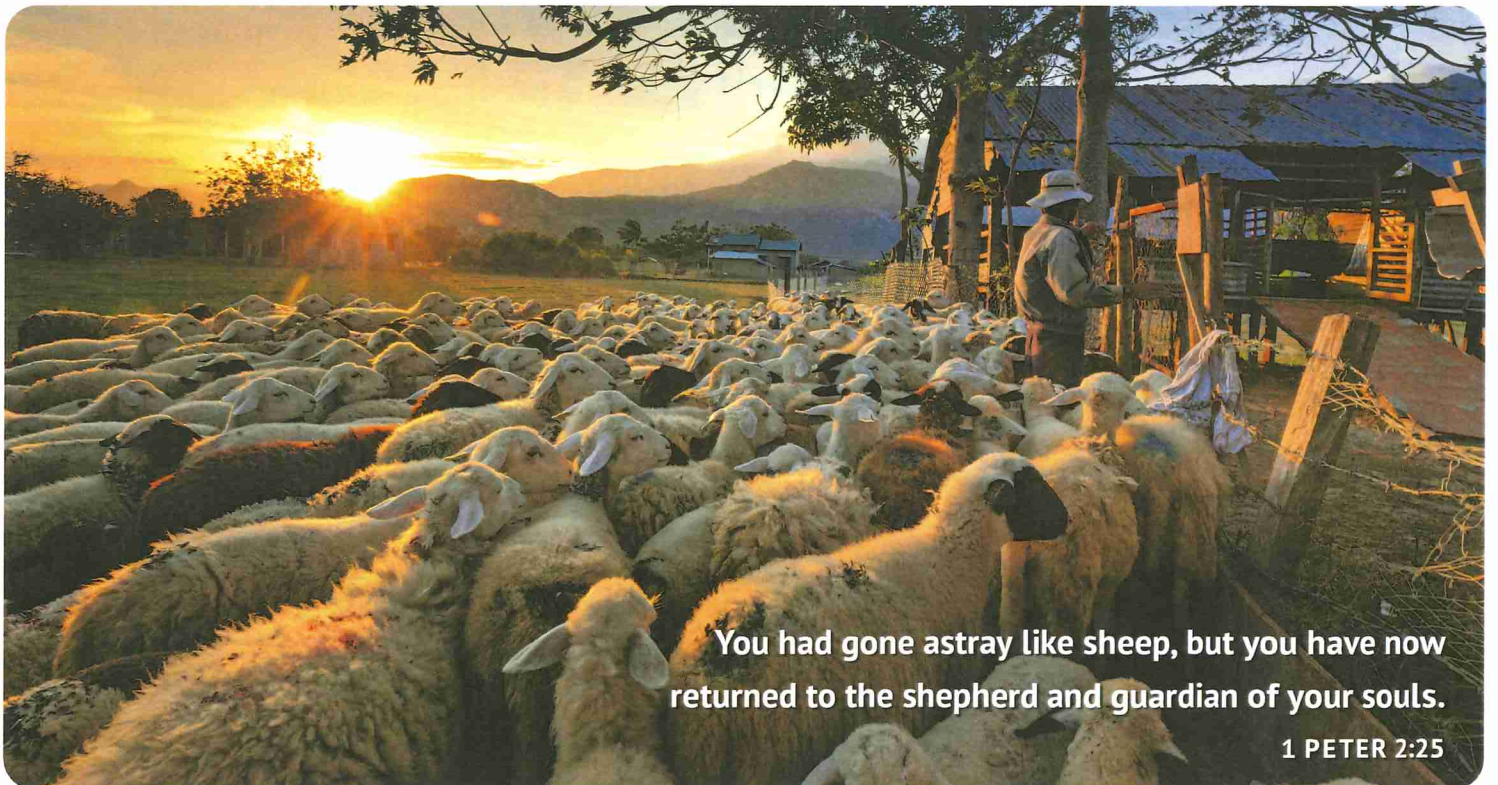
Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow

him because we recognize “his voice.” In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like “a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). ●

Reflect

How can we recognize voices that speak the truth? How do we recognize Jesus’ voice?



You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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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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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.	Apr 25	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	† Harold Noll		
Sat.	Apr 25	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	† Mark Wilson		
Sun.	Apr 26	8:00am	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People- First Communion		
Sun.	Apr 26	10:00am	St. Mary's
	† Robert and T.C. Schrick		
Mon.	Apr 27	No Mass	
Tue.	Apr 28	8:00am	St. Mary's
	† Catch and Wanda Chmidling		
Wed.	April 29	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† John J. Weishaar family		
Thu.	April 30	8:00am	St. Mary's
	† Bernard Noll		
Fri.	May 1	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† Mary Lou Scheopner		
Sat.	May 2	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	† Mary Wroblewski		
Sat.	May 2	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	May 3	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† John J. and Billie Sidoti		
Sun.	May 3	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	† Kenneth and Brad Glassel		



ACTS

ARCHDIOCESAN
CALL TO SHARE

2026 Parish Progress

St. Joseph: \$10,230 of \$13,000
St. Mary's: \$5,390 of \$10,000
Corpus Christi: \$6,585 of \$6,000

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



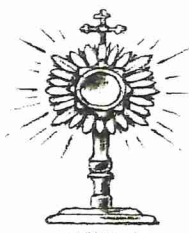
Next meeting: May 3@6pm. St. Joseph School
Topic: Relationships and boundaries!

The Good Shepherd collection will be taken up this weekend. The collection goes towards funding both the diaconate and seminarian programs for the formation of deacons and priests in the archdiocese. Please be generous to this worthy cause.

Were you married in 1976? You are invited to the Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on June 7th at Church of the Nativity in Leawood. To get your invitation, please contact the parish office before May 1.

St. Isidore Feast Day: Mass and Blessing of Seeds and Soil at Christ's Peace House of Prayer
22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS 66020
Friday, May 15th at 10:00am

Join us as we honor St. Isidore the Farmer. We will begin with Holy Mass, followed by a rosary procession to the St. Isidore Shrine, entrusting land, labor, and harvest to the Lord through the intercession of this humble saint. Participants are invited to bring seeds and soil in a small, decorated basket to place at the altar for a special blessing. The celebration will conclude with lunch and a time of fellowship. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted to support the mission of the center. To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255 to let us know how many people will be attending.



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

Parish office hours this week: Monday, Wednesday, and 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 Darveaux Jr.

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

May Appointments

Ushers: Mike Brose, Pat Sieve, Bill Heinen
Lay Ministers: Larry Martin, Megan Belveal, Taylor Allen
Rosary: Matthew Hamon
 05/03/2026
Lector: RaeAnn Allen
Music: Marley Hamon
Servers: Jack Warth, Paxten Heinen
Gifts: Thomas Welsh Family
Finance: Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian
Sacristan: Beth Brown

Contributions

04/19/2026

Projects and maintenance.....	150.00
Elevator project.....	50.00
Plate.....	239.00
Support.....	780.00
Total	\$1219.00

**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 calabcrystal@hotmail.com

Everyone is invited to a cookout after Mass on Sunday, May 3rd . The Knights of Columbus will have hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips and sides. There will be a free will offering for High School scholarships.

CEMETERY DECORATIONS: Flowers may remain in permanent vases which are a part of the tombstone. Old flowers and wreaths in the grass will be removed this spring. We do not provide care for personal items that are not part of the tombstone marker. Please retrieve any items you wish to keep by May 1st . Reminder: no planting of flowers, bushes, etc. is allowed.

This Week on Formed
 Week of April 26, 2026



Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with open mystery and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth.

— 26TH ANNUAL —
Richard CATHOLIC Family Conference
 JULY 31 – AUG 2, 2026 | WICHITA, KS

Be still, AND KNOW I AM GOD

Inspiration - Education - Daily Mass - Confession - Benediction - Music
 Outdoor Eucharistic Procession - Adoration - Vendors

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Gianna Emanuella Molla, Jason Evert, Kristan Hawkins, Fr Chris Alar, Haley Stewart & more

CATHOLICFAMILYCONFERENCE.ORG

Dear Padre,

Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●

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



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:11–18	Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30	Acts 12:24–13:5a Jn 12:44–50	Acts 13:13–25 Jn 13:16–20	Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6	Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14	Acts 6:1–7 1 Pt 2:4–9 Jn 14:1–12



MARCO IACOBELLI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 24, 2025

ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FR. William Dun-Dery, PASTOR

Appointments for May 2026

USHERS: Nate Heinen, Eric Belvleal, Thomas Welsh

LAY MINISTERS: Brandi Varner, Lesa Brose, Joyce Heinen

ROSARY: Chad Mooradian

LECTORS

3 Lexie Welsh
10 Taylor Allebn
17 Megan Belveal
24 Mike Wagner
31 Dan Heinen

MUSICIANS

3 Dianna Welsh
10 Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon
17 RaeAnn Allen
24 Patty Bendure, Dawna Ross
31

SERVERS

3 Waylon Allen, Kenzie Stevens
10 Waylon Allen, Emma Welsh, Kenzie Stevens
17 Jett Nellis, Tommy Welsh
24 Jack Warth, Paxten Heinen
31 Jack Warth, Emma Welsh

GIFTS

3 Youth
10 Brooks Glassel Family
17 Alan Coker Family
24 Larry Heinen Family
31 Tom Warth Family

FINANCES

3 Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian
10 Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman
17 Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian
24 Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman
31 Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian

SACRISTAN

3 Matthew Hamon
10 Lesa Brose
17 Karin Hosler
24 Julie Sieve
31 Beth Brown

If unable to fulfill obligation, please find a substitute.