



## Embracing the Mystery

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

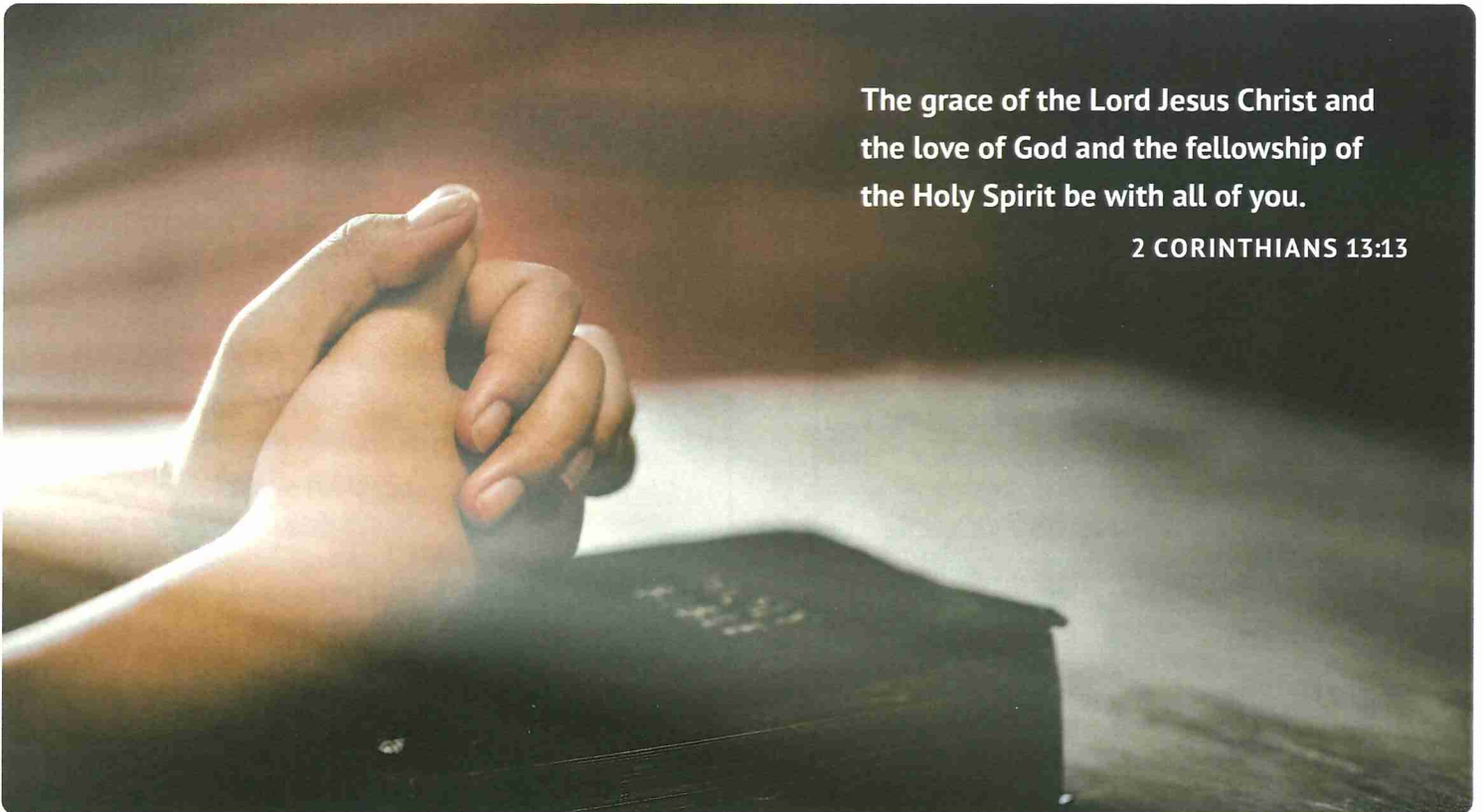
**T**he Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and  
the love of God and the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

### Reflect

***How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?***

**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.

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

**Pastor:** Fr. William Dun-Dery

**E-mail:** wdun-dery@archkck.org

**Sacraments**

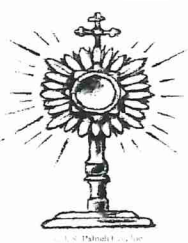
**Reconciliation** Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass, Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph

**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.	May 23	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	†		Lawrence and Dolores Wood
Sat.	May 23	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†		Jerry Pruett
Sun.	May 24	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†		Kenneth and Clairene Falk
Sun.	May 24	10:00am	St. Mary's
			Mass for the People
Mon.	May 25	No Mass	
Tue.	May 26	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†		Robert and T.C. Schrick
Wed.	May 27	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†		Jeannette Kingman
Thu.	May 28	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†		Bernard Noll
Fri.	May 29	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†		Mildred, Geraldine, and Marcelene Weishaar
Sat.	May 30	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	†		John and Vera Lane
Sat.	May 30	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†		Jeannie Pollard
Sun.	May 31	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†		Lindell Nolting
Sun.	May 31	10:00 am	St. Mary's
			Mass for the People




**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**



**Next meeting:** June 14@6pm. St. Joseph School. Why do Catholics do that?



**2026 Parish Progress**

St. Joseph: \$10,630 of \$13,000

St. Mary's: \$6,070 of \$10,000

Corpus Christi: \$6,685 of \$6,000

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



**Tri-Parish Altar Server Training Camp**  
St. Joseph Church  
June 23 and 24

Altar server training will be offered for all interested youth. The day will begin with Mass and end by Noon. All current and new servers should plan on attending. Servers should be going into grades 3-12, have been baptized and have received their First Communion. Come learn, grow in reverence for the liturgy and serve your parish in a meaningful way! Sign ups in the back of all churches or contact the parish office.

**Corpus Christi Procession**-All are welcome to join the Atchison Deanery Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 7th, beginning at 4pm. The procession will begin inside St. Benedict Church, proceed through the streets of Atchison, and conclude in the church with Solemn Benediction. Those who received their First Holy Communion this year are invited to wear their First Communion attire and will have the opportunity to lay flowers before the Blessed Sacrament at the front of the procession. Following Benediction, all are invited to gather at St. Benedict Catholic School for food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share that serves approximately 20 people. Families with last names A-N are asked to bring a dessert, and families with last names O-Z are asked to bring a side dish.

**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
Dorothy Herring	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.

**June Appointments**

**Ushers:** Taylor Allen, Brooks Glassel, Denver Bonnel

**Lay Ministers:** Dan Heinen, Marietta Heinen, Larry Heinen

**Rosary:** Thomas Welsh

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Lector:** Mike Brose

**Music:** Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen

**Servers:** Jett Nellis, Tommy Welsh

**Gifts:** Mike Wagner Family

**Finance:** Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman

**Sacristan:** Lesa Brose

**Contributions**

**05/24/2026**

Plate.....	216.00
Support.....	395.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$611.00</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) email [calebcystal@hotmail.com](mailto:calebcystal@hotmail.com)

There will be a **Knights of Columbus meeting** after Mass June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Sundae Sunday** after Mass June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOLARSHIP COOKOUT:** Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser. Thanks also to the Knights who furnished and cooked the food. The Knights awarded \$2500 to our High School Seniors.

**Knights of Columbus Family of the Month May 2026**

*Larry and Geri Martin*

**A BIG THANK YOU** to out CCD teachers. We had a great year! We appreciate you sharing your time, talent and Faith with our youth.

- Courtney Stevens
- RaeAnn Allen
- Patty Bendure
- Brandi Heinen
- Megan Belveal
- Chad Mooradian

**26th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference**

Students for Life of America has a strong influence on college campuses everywhere. President and leader of that prolife campus movement, Kristan Hawkins will be energizing and activating our families and youth Saturday and Sunday at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference July 31-August 2, 2026. Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by June 30. Registration is available on-site, but online registration after June 30 will still save you money! Register online at [www.catholicfamilyconference.org](http://www.catholicfamilyconference.org) or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to [info@catholicfamilyconference.org](mailto:info@catholicfamilyconference.org)

Traveling? Going to out of town sporting events? Don't forget to go to Mass! Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find Masses wherever you may go.

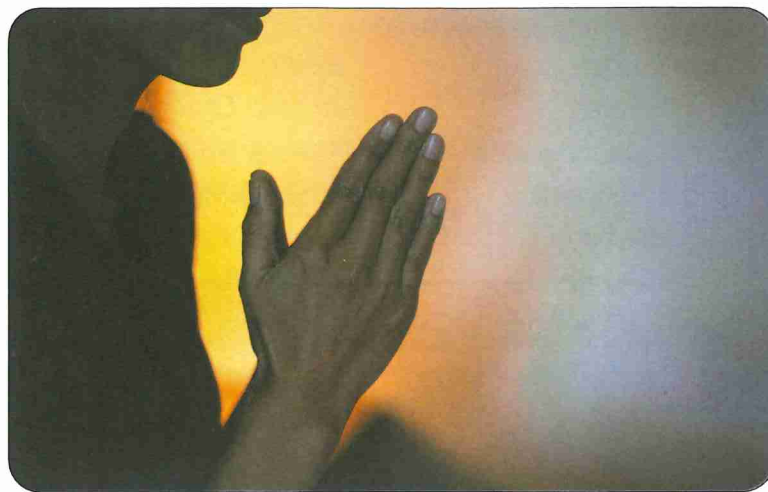
# Dear Padre,

***During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?***

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the


Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom....” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●



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**Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org**



**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.*

**ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

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## 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*.

### Monday

**June 1**  
*St. Justin, Martyr*  
2 Pt 1:2–7  
Mk 12:1–12

### Tuesday

**June 2**  
*Weekday*  
2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18  
Mk 12:13–17

### Wednesday

**June 3**  
*St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*  
2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12  
Mk 12:18–27

### Thursday

**June 4**  
*Weekday*  
2 Tm 2:8–15  
Mk 12:28–34

### Friday

**June 5**  
*St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*  
2 Tm 3:10–17  
Mk 12:35–37

### Saturday

**June 6**  
*Weekday*  
2 Tm 4:1–8  
Mk 12:38–44

### Sunday

**June 7**  
*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*  
Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a  
1 Cor 10:16–17  
Jn 6:51–58

# ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FR. William Dun-Dery, PASTOR

*Appointments for June 2026*

**USHERS:** Taylor Allen, Brooks Glassel, Denver Bonnel

**LAY MINISTERS:** Dan Heinen, Marietta Heinen, Larry Heinen

**ROSARY:** Thomas Welsh

## LECTORS

7 Mike Brose  
14 Brandi Varner  
21 Joyce Heinen  
28 Jolina Wildeman

## MUSICIANS

7 Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen  
14 Marley Hamon  
21 Patty Bendure, Dianna Welsh  
28 Dawna Ross

## SERVERS

7 Jett Nellis, Tommy Welsh  
14 Emma Welsh, Kenzie Stevens  
21 Waylon Allen, Hank Allen  
28 Jack Warth, Emma Welsh

## GIFTS

7 Mike Wagner Family  
14 Matthew Hamon Family  
21 Bryce Miller Family  
28 Jim Varner Family

## FINANCES

7 Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman  
14 Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian  
21 Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman  
28 Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian

## SACRISTAN

7 Lesa Brose  
14 Beth Brown  
21 Julie Sieve  
28 RaeAnn Allen

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



ADVANCING THE HERITAGE OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.



Blest Art Inc helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We kindly invite you to visit our display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form or art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

**We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.** Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations

Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit.

**Jeryes Qumseya  
And the members of Blest Art Inc.**

Please visit our display  
At your parish  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
**June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
After each Mass