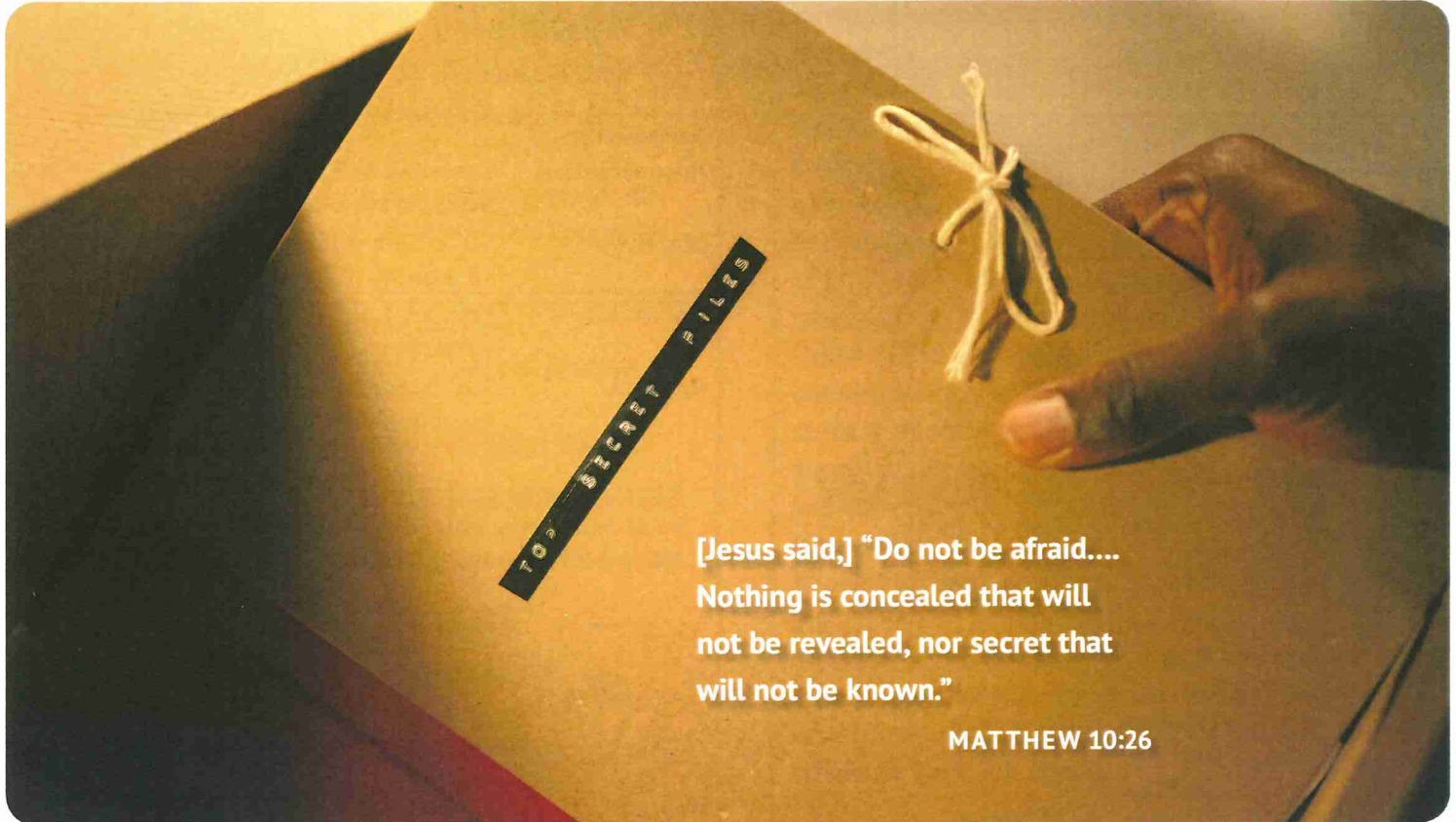




The Freedom of Letting Go of Secrets

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Secrets. The disabling fear of discovery. Trying so hard to conceal something that we do not want others to know. Often, we guard secrets closely because we believe we will be embarrassed, punished, or excluded if our secrets are made known.

Sometimes, we hold tightly to secrets because we are ashamed. We keep other secrets because of the dynamics of family life: "We do not share our family business with anyone." All secrets can be difficult to keep—some more than others. Perhaps the most difficult secret to hold is one that we fear defines our personal integrity and authenticity. It is the fear not only of discovery but also of perception: How will I be perceived if this is made known? Will I still be accepted? Or, even more painful: Will I be rejected, and how complete will the rejection be?

The "good news" of the gospel is that "nothing is concealed that will not be revealed" (Matthew 10:26). In other words, there is nothing that can remain tucked away forever. Everything is revealed in one way or another. Gospel grace and freedom result when a person chooses to freely release whatever it is that burdens them, including closely held secrets. It is the ultimate experience of dying to self to claim eternal life. ●



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Reflect

What am I afraid to reveal to others? Can I try telling God?

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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.	June 20	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
†	Francis Schmidt		
Sat.	June 20	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Henry Weishaar family		
Sun.	June 21	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Lindell Nolting		
Sun.	June 21	10:00am	St. Mary's
†	Jeremy Heinen		
Mon.	June 22	No Mass	
Tue.	June 23	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Robert and T.C. Schrick		
Wed.	June 24	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	John D. Sidoti		
Thu.	June 25	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard Noll		
Fri.	June 26	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Vincent and Phyllis Bertels		
Sat.	June 27	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
†	John Gering		
Sat.	June 27	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Mark Wilson		
Sun.	June 28	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Raymond and Rita Weishaar		
Sun.	June 28	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		

Mass Schedule change this week: Tuesday's Mass will be at St. Joseph instead of St. Mary's to accommodate Altar Server training camp.



Tri-Parish Altar Server Training Camp St. Joseph Church

This Tuesday and Wednesday!
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.



Next meeting: July 12 @6pm, St. Joseph School.

Archdiocesan Renewal From the Heartland Survey- Please take a moment and complete a survey at the Archbishop's request by June 22. This short survey will directly shape the future of our Church's mission and pastoral planning as part of the archdiocesan Renewal from the Heartland process. To access the survey go to: <https://archkck.org/renewal-heartland/#surveys>

Peter's Pence collection next weekend: This collection supports our Holy Father's mission to proclaim Christ's message in the world and to support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, natural disasters, and wars. Please be generous.

Kansans for Life baby bottles due back this weekend!
Proceeds go to education and support of crisis pregnancy centers.



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

Office Hours This Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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.
Kyle Perkis	

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 28th

Lector: Jolina Wildeman

Music: Dawna Ross

Servers: Jack Warth, Emma Welsh

Gifts: Jim Varner Family

Finance: Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: Julie Sieve

Contributions

06/14/2026

Cemetery.....	100.00
Plate.....	265.00
Support.....	692.00
Total	\$1157.00

St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

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

Traveling? Going to out of town sporting events? Don't forget to go to Mass!
Visit www.masstimes.org to find Masses wherever you may go.

Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call) email calebcystal@hotmail.com

Ahead of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Bishops of the United States will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026, a powerful moment of prayer, renewal, and trust in His mercy.

As a nation, we turn to His Heart, seeking healing, guidance, and a deeper commitment to live out His love in our homes and communities. May this consecration draw us closer to Christ and unite us in hope and faith. The enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home is a powerful and time-honored devotion that places Christ at the very center of family life. By consecrating your home to the Sacred Heart, you publicly and prayerfully acknowledge Jesus as your King, inviting his love, mercy, and guidance into your daily lives. This act of entrustment strengthens the "domestic church," fostering unity, deepening faith, and reminding each member of the call to live in charity, forgiveness, and devotion.

Please see the attachment on how to enthrone your home to the Sacred Heart. There are hard copies in the back of church.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course will start again on August 2. We've run at one time and it's an excellent course. Young folks just getting started in life are strongly encouraged to attend. Start life with good financial habits. Contact Larry.Martin@Usa.net to enroll in the course.

Want to experience the beauty of the **Midwest Catholic Family Conference, July 31-August 2, 2026, in Wichita, KS, for free?**

We have an opportunity for those who are interested in teaching and/or volunteering for the children's program. Volunteer for a full day in the program and receive free registration for your family to the conference as well as a free t-shirt or mp3 download of the talks! High school and middle school students can get service hours and have fun doing it. Please email for questions and to sign up at cfc4children@gmail.com.

Dear Padre,

For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
Weekday	Weekday	The Nativity	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Thirteenth
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36	of St. John the Baptist	2 Kgs 24:8-17	2 Kgs 25:1-12	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19	Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mt 7:1-5	Mt 7:6, 12-14	Is 49:1-6	Mt 7:21-29	Mt 8:1-4	Mt 8:5-17	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a
		Acts 13:22-26				Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
		Lk 1:57-66, 80				Mt 10:37-42

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is wonderful to think that, when we consider our individual calling...each of us can say with confidence: "Despite my weakness, the Lord is not ashamed of my humanity. Instead, he comes to dwell within me. He accompanies me with his Spirit; he enlightens me and makes me an instrument of his love for others, for society, and for the world."

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



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