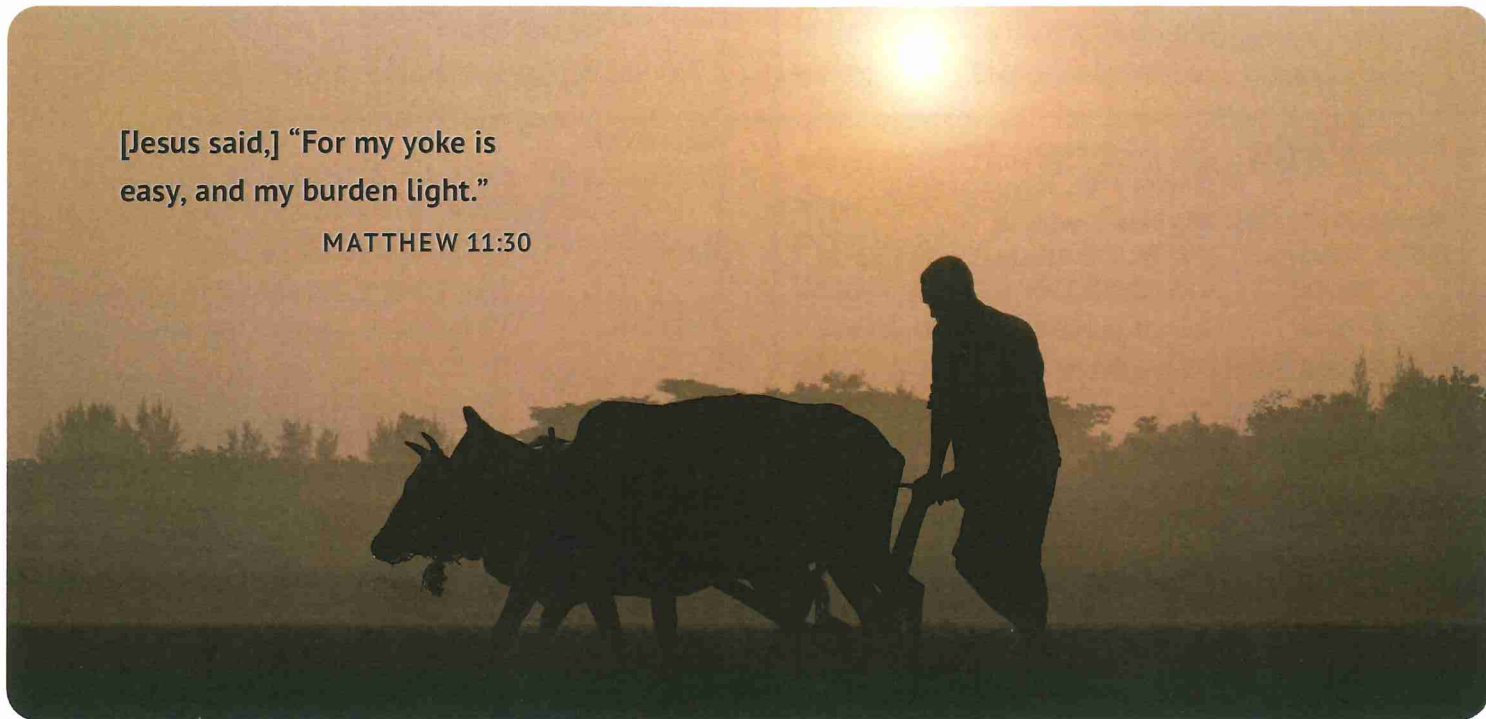




[Jesus said,] “For my yoke is
easy, and my burden light.”

MATTHEW 11:30



Take Up the Yoke

ANN M. GARRIDO

The invention of the yoke 6,000 years ago marked one of the great advances in human history. The yoke—a wooden beam fitted across the neck—harnessed the energy of two cattle pulling in the same direction, hastening the tilling of soil and transport of goods.

It is easy to see why, among many ancient peoples, the yoke became a symbol of subjugation. When the Roman army won a battle, they forced defeated soldiers to walk beneath a “yoke” of spears to indicate they were now in a state of servitude. The prophet Jeremiah once walked through Jerusalem wearing a yoke to warn the people they were about to be conquered by Babylon.

In Judaism, however, the Torah was also sometimes referred to as a yoke. It was a law to be submitted to, but it also was a way of life that offered an alternative to the cruel “yokes” imposed by kings. The Book of Sirach encourages youth to “Take [Torah’s] yoke upon your neck; that your mind may receive her teaching.... See for yourselves! I have labored only a little but have found much” (Sirach 51:26–27).

It is unclear exactly what Jesus meant when he invited us to accept *his* yoke, but it is likely that he was echoing the invitation of Sirach. He wanted us to know that following God’s law makes it possible for us to work together, accomplishing much that we could not do on our own. And that God’s law is a gentle law—one that enables rather than oppresses. Are you willing to receive Christ’s gentle teaching and make it your own? ●

Reflect

Is there a teaching of Jesus you find challenging?

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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

Dec. 2022

Parishes Office: 221 N Sycamore Street
Nortonville, Kansas 66060
Secretary: Therese Maderak
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Phone: 913-886-2030
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



Next meeting: July 12 @6pm, St. Joseph School. Topic: Growing in Humility

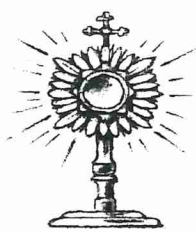
Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	July 4	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Melvin Wagner	
Sat.	July 4	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†	Alfred and Ethel Keirns	
Sun.	July 5	8:00am	St. Joseph
		Kenny and Mary Ann Weishaar	
Sun.	July 5	10:00am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	
Mon.	July 6	No Mass	
Tue.	July 7	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Jeremy Heinen	
Wed.	July 8	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar	
Thu.	July 9	8:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Bernard Noll	
Fri.	July 10	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Gary Funk	
Sat.	July 11	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Charlie Noll	
Sat.	July 11	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†	Jeannette Kingman	
Sun.	July 12	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Charles Sr. and Lynn Pulliam	
Sun.	July 12	10:00 am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People	

13th Annual Pitching for Priests Softball Game Summer Classic!

Priests from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
VS.
Priests from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas
Friday, July 31, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Tailgating begins at 3:00 pm
Gates open at 5:00 pm, Kids Field Run at 5:20 pm
Legends Field Ballpark
1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66111
This is a FREE event with a QR code for accepting donations
For more information or to make a donation visit
catholicradio.com

Totus Tuus Meals and Snacks sign-up
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040D4EA4AD29A5FB6-64599580-2026?useFullSite=false>



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



**TOTUS
TUUS**

July 19-24 | Nortonville

Grades 1-6 (Day Program):
Mon. - Fri. | 9 AM - 3 PM
Grades 7-12 (Evening Program):
Sun. - Thurs. | 6:30 - 8:45 PM
Where: St. Joseph Catholic Church
School, Nortonville, KS
\$20/student: members of host parishes
\$25/student: guests



Please register
online by April 24

Secretary on vacation July 6-10. Next week the parish office will be closed. Regular office hours will resume Monday, July 13.

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.

July Appointments

Ushers: Mike Brose, Bill Heinen, Pat Sieve

Lay Ministers: Baretta Schmeisner, Debbie Noll, Marley Hamon

Rosary: Taylor Allen

July 12th

Lector: RaeAnn Allen

Music: Marley Hamon

Servers: Waylon Allen, Hank Allen

Gifts: Jerry Heinen Family

Finance: Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: Lesa Brose

Contributions

06/28/2026

Cemetery.....	600.00
Masses.....	90.00
Peters Pence.....	218.35
Plate.....	159.00
Support.....	730.00
Total	\$1797.35

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.

Mary Jane Burns turns 85 this week and her family is having a birthday party for her on Saturday, July 4th. It will be held at The Parlor, 412 Broadway, and is open to the public from 1 to 3 PM. No gifts please, but cards with a few words of a fun memory you have of her would be appreciated. If you aren't able to come, cards can be sent to: Mary Jane Burns
PO Box 97
Valley Falls, KS. 66088

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.

Fire Within: Kindled for Transforming Union Silent Retreat

Christ's Peace House of Prayer
22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS 66020
Friday, July 10th, 5:30pm – Sunday, July 12th, 4:30pm

This silent retreat invites you into the depths of contemplative prayer through the rich teachings of Fr. Thomas Dubay's Fire Within. Participants will learn how to respond to God's invitation to deep prayer—moving beyond distraction and self-effort into the quiet openness where the Lord Himself becomes the Teacher.

Pricing(All meals included):

- Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single / \$270 Couple
- Single Guest Rooms: \$110

To Register: Fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913-773-8255

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

Dear Padre,

Is it appropriate to display the American flag in our church?

A diocesan bishop—who often delegates this matter to the discretion of the pastor—determines regulations on whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic church. Displaying the flag, and a book of remembrance for those serving in the armed forces, seems to have originated in many US parishes during World War II. The practice has continued through subsequent wars and national tragedies.

While the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy advised that national symbols should not be *permanent* fixtures of a worship space, they may be appropriate at worship services on a civil holiday, etc. This same committee discouraged pastors from displaying the American flag within the sanctuary itself—a space reserved for the altar, ambo, presidential chair, and tabernacle—but instead to place the flag in the vestibule of the church together with a book of petitions for the living and deceased.

Fundamentally, a church building is where the liturgical assembly gathers as one body in Christ—the same Christ of the Eucharist who is beyond time and place, who came to unite our divisions. “The church building is a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God—who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones*, 2000). ●



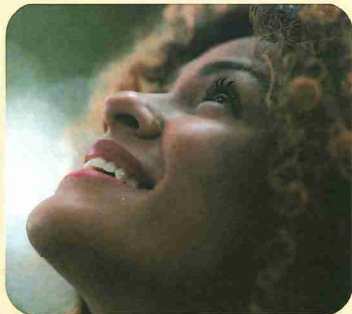
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is a burning question in our hearts, a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom, and mediocrity?... We need to lift our eyes...to the “things that are above” (Colossians 3:2).

HOMILY, TOR VERGATA, AUGUST 3, 2025

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

July 6
Weekday
Hos 2:16, 17c–18, 21–22
Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday

July 7
Weekday
Hos 8:4–7, 11–13
Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday

July 8
Weekday
Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12
Mt 10:1–7

Thursday

July 9
Weekday
Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9
Mt 10:7–15

Friday

July 10
Weekday
Hos 14:2–10
Mt 10:16–23

Saturday

July 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Is 6:1–8
Mt 10:24–33

Sunday

July 12
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10–11
Rom 8:18–23
Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9