



Leaving Room for the Unexpected

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The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by grace? Could you have missed it?

[God said,] So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11



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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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.	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	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	July 13	No Mass	
Tue.	July 14	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Jeremy Heinen		
Wed.	July 15	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Vincent and Phyllis Bertels		
Thu.	July 16	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard Noll		
Fri.	July 17	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Jennifer Weishaar		
Sat.	July 18	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
†	Donna Noll		
Sat.	July 18	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Patrick and Carol McCreary		
Sun.	July 19	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Bob Schneider		
Sun.	July 19	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		

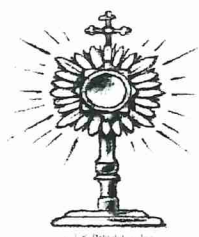


Next meeting: July 12 @6pm, St. Joseph School. Topic: Growing in Humility

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
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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



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.

July Appointments

Ushers: Mike Brose, Bill Heinen, Pat Sieve
Lay Ministers: Baretta Schmeisner, Debbie Noll, Marley Hamon
Rosary: Taylor Allen

July 19th

Lector: Kevin Glassel
Music: Patty Bendure, Dianna Welsh
Servers: Emma Welsh, Kenzie Stevens
Gifts: Mike Brose Family
Finance: Larry Martin, Kristy Burns
Sacristan: Julie Sieve

Contributions

07/05/2026

Projects and Maintenance.....	165.00
Lift.....	100.00
Plate.....	168.00
Support.....	870.00
Total	\$1303.00

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.

CCD Teachers are needed for K-1st grade (about 6 students) and 3rd-5th grade (6 students) for the upcoming school year. This age group meets after school until 5 pm on Wednesdays.

Please let JoLina (785-224-3726) know if you're interested in sharing your talent and time.

KofC July Family of the Month

Pat and Julie Sieve

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.

5 Ways to combine faith on your family road trip

1. Research the route through the lens of faith and heritage. Before you pack the car, take time to explore the Catholic and family story of the regions you'll cross.
2. Make every long drive an opportunity to visit local parishes. Plan stops at parishes along your route for Mass or a brief visit.
3. Seek out monasteries, convents, and religious communities. The religious who live there are usually delighted to see families and will gladly pray for your safe journey.
4. Bring the saints to life by visiting places they touched. Many regions in the United States and beyond are marked by the footsteps of saints, blessed, heroic missionaries, and even a few popes. Standing where a saint once stood makes their stories vivid and real for children in a way no textbook can.
5. Discover Catholic history through roadside markers and hidden gems.

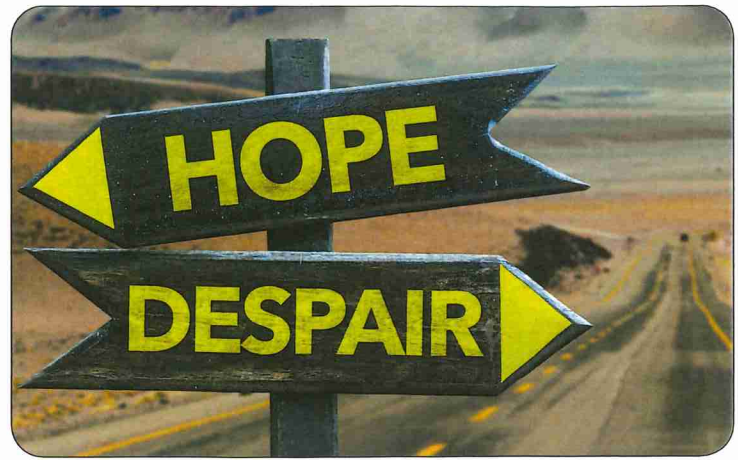
For the full story and more Catholic travel resources visit: <https://aleteia.org/2026/06/30/5-ways-to-combine-faith-and-your-family-road-trip/>

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Dear Padre,

I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18–20.) ●

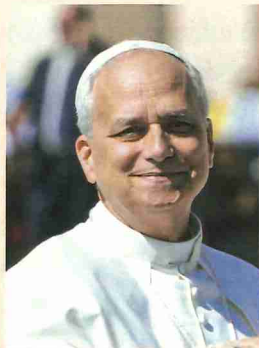


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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Mission is not so much about “departing,” but instead “remaining” in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.



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Monday

July 13
Weekday
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

July 15
St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

July 16
Weekday
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday

July 17
Weekday
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

July 18
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

July 19
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–30 or
13:24–30