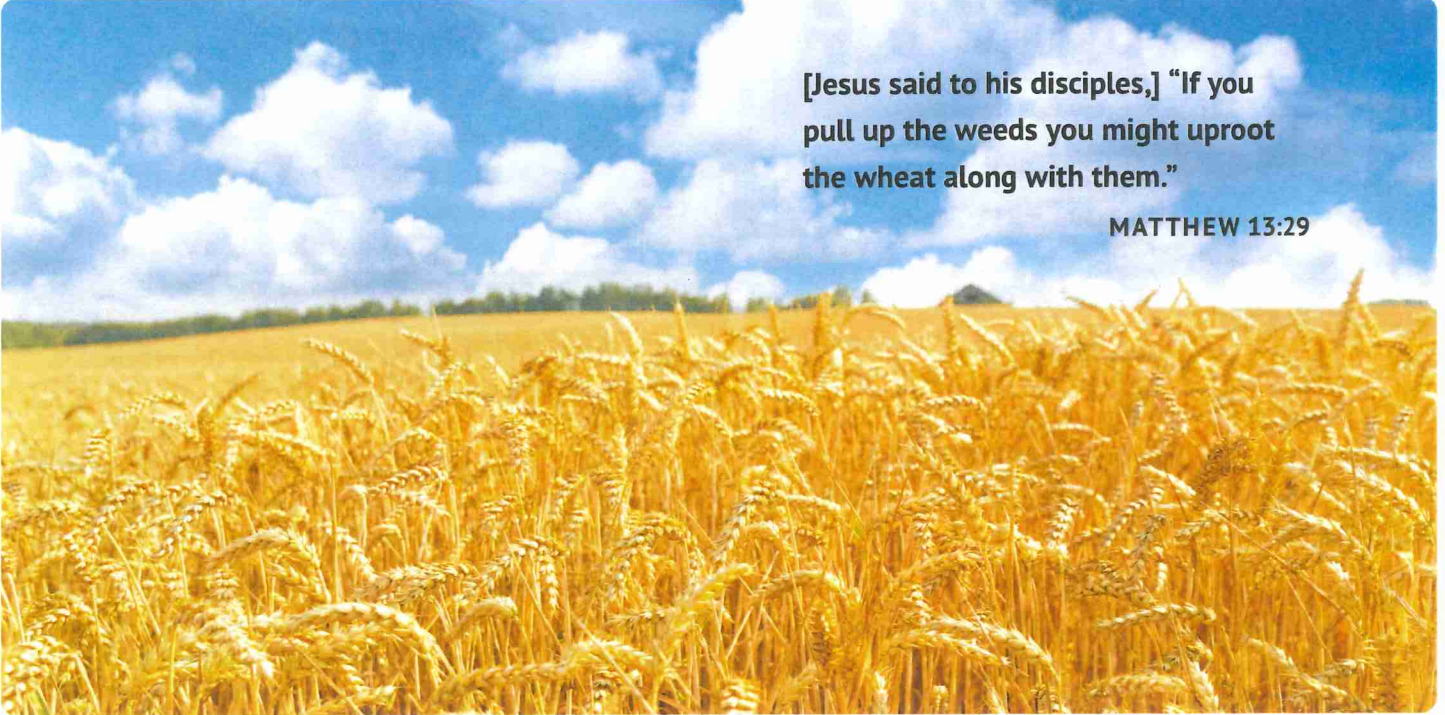




[Jesus said to his disciples,] “If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.”

MATTHEW 13:29

Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34–35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn’t force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it’s his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn’t God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it’s difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God’s own time. ●



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Reflect

Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?

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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.	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	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	July 20	11:30am	St. Joseph
†	Mary Lou Scheopner		
Tue.	July 21	11:30am	St. Joseph
†	Robert and T.C. Schrick		
Wed.	July 22	11:30am	St. Joseph
†	August and Agnes Lohman		
Thu.	July 23	11:30am	St. Joseph
†	Mark Wilson		
Fri.	July 24	11:30am	St. Joseph
†	Marty and Liz Hoffman		
Sat.	July 25	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
†	John Gering		
Sat.	July 25	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Henry Weishaar family		
Sun.	July 26	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Robert Noll		
Sun.	July 26	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		

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: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9am-1pm

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Totus Tuus at St. Joseph begins this Sunday!
Grades 7-12: 6:30pm-8:45pm, Sunday-Thursday
Grades 1-6: 8:50am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday

Due to Totus Tuus, there will not be any 8:00am daily Masses. Daily Mass will be offered Monday-Friday at 11:30am at St. Joseph. Everyone is invited to attend with the Totus Tuus campers.

Virtus Training Session

Thursday, August 13

6:00-9:00pm, St. Joseph School

We are pleased to offer a local Virtus Training session led by Sr. Maria Heppler, OSB. All religious education families should plan on at least one adult attending, if not already Virtus trained. To register, go to virtusonline.org and follow the prompts to register. If you need help, contact the parish office.



Father William's 20th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination

Celebration

Sunday, August 16

St. Joseph Church

Immediately after the 8am Mass
Everyone is invited!

Father William's 20th Anniversary of his Ordination is Wednesday, August 12th. We will be celebrating this milestone with a breakfast on Sunday, August 16, sponsored by the Altar Society and games sponsored by the Parish QPA team. We will be accepting donations to support Father with the education of the children in Ghana or with his goal to purchase a mission truck to use when he returns to Ghana. About \$38,000 is still needed for the mission truck.

Summer Mission Appeal next weekend! Fr. Roopesh will be speaking on behalf of the Mission Diocese of Guntur, India. See the bulletin insert for more info.

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 26th

Lector: Chad Mooradian

Music: Dawna Ross

Servers: Jack Warth, Tommy Welsh

Gifts: Eric Belveal Family

Finance: Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: Beth Brown

Contributions

07/12/2026

Utilities.....	150.00
Plate.....	215.00
Support.....	835.00
Total	\$1200.00

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 calebcrysal@hotmail.com

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.

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 www.catholicradio.com

Join Our Team – Residential Services

Coordinator Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is seeking a compassionate Residential Services Coordinator. This is a new and exciting position that will serve as a primary advocate for residents of Our Lady's Sanctuary of Grace and Olathe Haven, providing individualized case management, resource coordination, and emotional support. Bilingual Spanish/English skills are strongly preferred. To learn more or apply, visit: www.catholiccharitiesks.org/careers

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.

Dear Padre,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●

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



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



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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 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,
12-13
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Sunday

July 26
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46