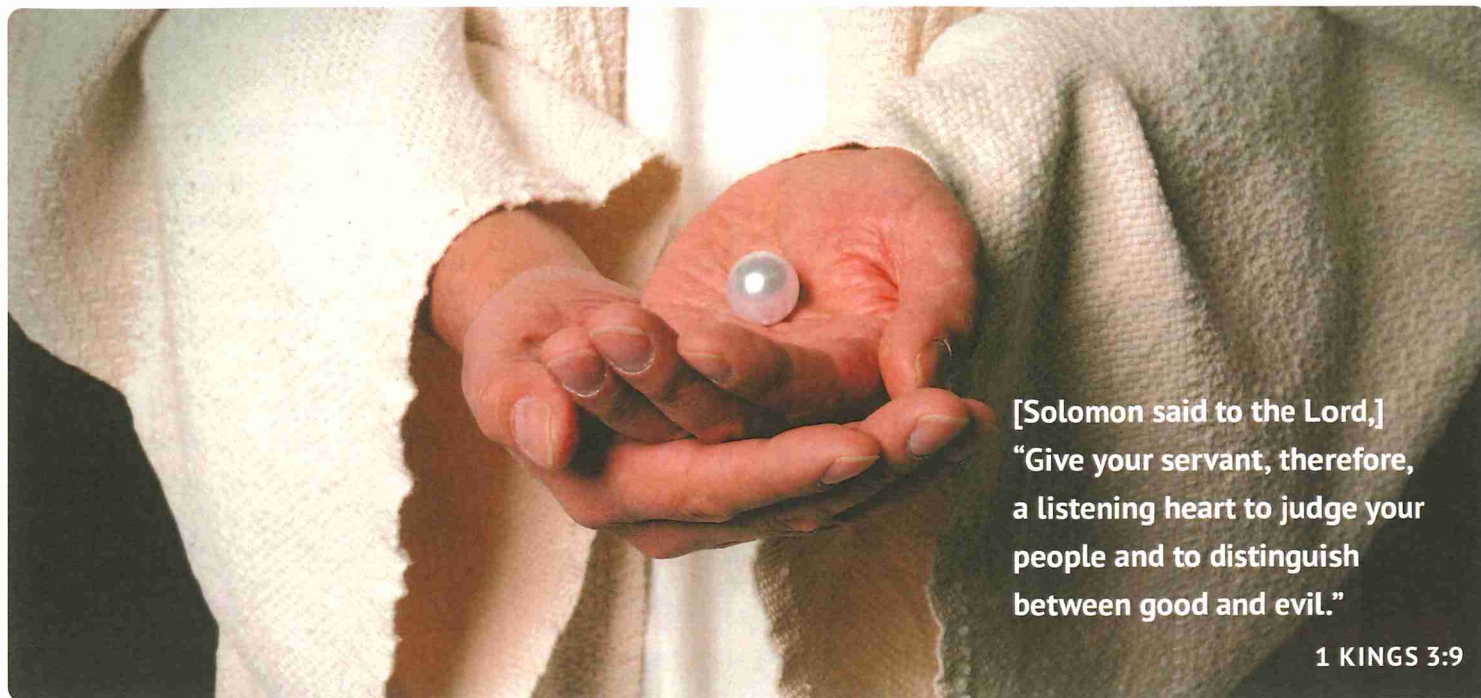




[Solomon said to the Lord,]
“Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your
people and to distinguish
between good and evil.”

1 KINGS 3:9

What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

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Jesus’ favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God’s dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God’s reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus’ disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus’ work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●



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Reflect

What image of God’s kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?

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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

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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 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	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	July 27	No Mass	
Tue.	July 28	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Todd Farrant		
Wed.	July 29	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Andrew and Gertrude Sanger		
Thu.	July 30	8:00am	St. Mary's
†	Bernard Noll		
Fri.	July 31	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Don and Gladys Bertels		
Sat.	Aug 1	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
†	Allen Locklin		
Sat.	Aug 1	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Gene and Darlene Sittenauer		
Sun.	Aug 2	8:00am	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Aug 2	10:00 am	St. Mary's
†	Jim Grollmes		



Father William's 20th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination

And
Reception of Steve and Linda Trog
into full communion with the

Catholic Church
Sunday, August 16
St. Joseph Church
At the 8am Mass

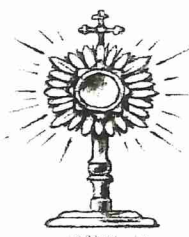
Everyone is invited!

Father William's 20th Anniversary of his Ordination is Wednesday, August 12th. Steve and Linda Trog will be entering the Catholic Church on Sunday, August 16. We will be celebrating these milestones with a breakfast sponsored by the Altar Society and games sponsored by the Parish QPA team immediately following Mass. Free will donations will be accepted 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. We hope to see everyone there!

Summer Mission Appeal this weekend! Fr. Roopesh will be speaking on behalf of the Mission Diocese of Guntur, India. There will be a second collection. Please be generous.

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



THANK YOU



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Office Hours this week: Monday 2-6pm, Wednesday 9:30am- 1:30pm, and Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday



Next meeting: August 9@6pm. St. Joseph School. Growing in humility.

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.

August Appointments

Ushers: Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

Lay Ministers: Dianna Welsh, Larry Martin, Brandi Varner

Rosary: Matthew Hamon

August 2nd

Lector: Taylor Allen

Music: Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon

Servers: Emma Welsh, Kenzie Stevens

Gifts: Thomas Welsh Family

Finance: Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman

Sacristan: RaeAnn Allen

Contributions

07/19/2026

Plate.....	156.00
Support.....	525.00
Total	\$681.00

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 calebcystal@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.

Altar Society and Knights of Columbus meetings on August 2nd after Mass.

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.

DON'T MISS THIS BARGAIN. The only cost is \$20 for the workbook. This course normally costs \$100 for individuals or couples. We may have a session at the Church again or you can take the course in your home. If you choose to enroll you will receive an access code so you can take the course in your home.

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

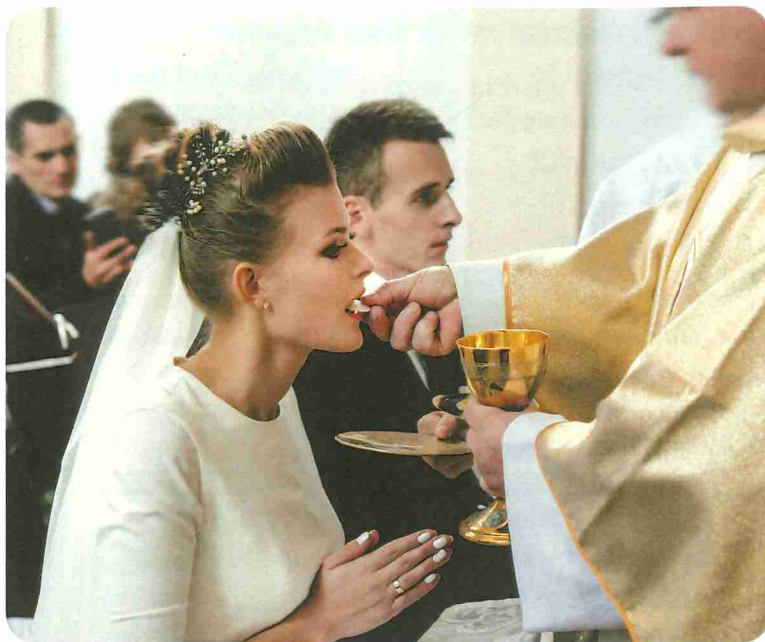
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www.catholicradio.com

Dear Padre,

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, JANUARY 14,
2026



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

Monday

July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FR. William Dun-Dery, PASTOR

Appointments for August 2026

USHERS: Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

LAY MINISTERS: Dianna Welsh, Larry Martin, Brandi Varner

ROSARY: Matthew Hamon

LECTORS

2 Taylor Allen
9 Megan Belveal
16 Mike Wagner
23 Dan Heinen
30 Paisleigh Heinen

MUSICIANS

2 Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon
9 RaeAnn Allen
16 Patty Bendure, Dawna Ross
23 Dianna Welsh
30 Patty Bendure, Marley Hamon

SERVERS

2 Emma Welsh, Kenzie Stevens
9 Waylon Allen, Tommy Welsh
16 Emma Welsh, Hank Allen
23 Kenzie Stevens, Hank Allen
30 Waylon Allen, Jack Warth

GIFTS

2 Thomas Welsh Family
9 Nate Heinen Family
16 Taylor Allen Family
23 Brooks Glassel Family
30 Alan Coker Family

FINANCES

2 Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman
9 Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian
16 Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman
23 Kristy Burns, Chad Mooradian
30 Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman

SACRISTAN

2 RaeAnn Allen
9 Matthew Hamon
16 Lesa Brose
23 Julie Sieve
30 Beth Brown

If unable to fulfill obligation, please find a substitute.