

Dear Padre,

If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed.

Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have communion, confirmation, and ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Ascension
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Acts 18:23-28	Acts 1:1-11
Jn 15:26-16:4a	Jn 16:5-11	Jn 16:12-15	Jn 16:16-20	Jn 16:20-23	Jn 16:23b-28	Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[The Holy Spirit] is the Gift of God; he is God himself, who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 17, 2020

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Apron Strings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are moments when we realize the baton has been passed to us, and now we must conduct the symphony of our lives. One such moment may be when both parents have died. "They" say we never fully grow up until that occurs, for from that time on we can no longer go home. I know of a daughter who received a gift from her mother when the daughter moved out on her own. Inside, the daughter discovered a pair of apron strings, a symbol of her break with home. At various times, life hands us a bountiful serving of responsibility as we commit to a vocation, or for many, become parents for the first time. On such occasions, the future may weigh heavily upon us.

This week's Gospel is a farewell speech of sorts. Given to the Twelve on the night before his passion and death, Jesus promises he will not leave us orphans and that the Spirit will be given to us to do what we must do.

There have been any number of times when life has unfolded for me into new circumstances and life roles, occasions often filled with anxiety and sometimes even fear. I usually found I could deal with such realities by asking myself what would be the worst that could happen, and if it did, could I handle it? Every time, I found myself realizing I *could* handle the worst. Importantly, the ability to do what needs doing always seems to flow from God's Spirit that is given to each of us. If our faith in God is alive in us, our spiritual apron strings are never severed. ●

Reflect

Has the Spirit of God ever helped you face a daunting responsibility?



[Jesus said], "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

JOHN 14:16-17A



St. Joseph Neier

Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, Pastor

May
13 & 14
2023

Weekday: 6:30am

Office: 636.583.2806

Saturday: 5:00pm

Website: stjosephneier.com

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Email: parishoffice@stjosephneier.com

Confessions – Saturday

Father Tom's Cell: 636.744.5587

4:00pm – 4:40pm

Sarah's Cell: 314.808.0337



From Fr. Tom,

For most of the 19th and 20th centuries, the Catholic Church relied very heavily upon its parochial school system for the teaching and spreading of the faith. Most schools were jammed packed with students, many having siblings in different grades. I remember a family that had 10 or 11 children and I asked the father what grades they were in, and he answered, "Pick one!" I also remember as a child in St. Francis of Assisi grade school in Oakville, almost every one of my classmates went to church. We would see each other at school and also at church. That's just the way it was. Sadly, this is not the case anymore. The church cannot rely upon its school system like it used to for the spreading of the faith because the majority of families with children in parochial schools do not attend church. They won't miss a ball game, but they will miss church (editorial comment there). So what do we do? We must be like Philip in our first reading today proclaiming Christ with great success. The apostles experienced great things while teaching about the risen Christ and there is no reason why we can't do the same. The 21st century has seen some remarkable advancements in science and technology, particularly in information sharing and instant access to data. Wouldn't it be equally wonderful to see such an exponential increase in faith and awareness of God? Great things happen when that happens. It's up to us!



Please pray for those who are sick in our parish and families:

Betty Bean
Shirley Beckman
Valerie Broeker
Anna Marie Brueggemann
Chris Elbert
Cynthia Faust
Lanny Girardier
Zachery Goosage
Benny Hammer
Andrew Hellebusch
Marcia Herbst
Brandon Huels
Olivia Jasper
Rick Just
Ashley Koelling

Get
Well
Soon

Marcus Lowe
Eldo Meyer
Jean Oldavi
Alice Rolf
Ashley Shelton
Marcia Shollenberger
Courtney Smith
Special Intention 1
Special Intention 2
Special Intention 3
Erica Sterling
George West
Sr. Georgiann Wildhaber, SSND
David Young
Sheri Zambruski



Please pray for those serving our country:

Adam Amato

Caleb Logsdon

Jamie
Brueggemann
Murphy

Michael Miller

Michael Murphy

Andy Davis

Reese Pellin

Sam Smith

Taylor Donner

Owen Struckhoff

Emily Guenther

Luke Stuesse

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for General Fund May 1 – 7, 2023

Regular Offering Envelopes: (64)	\$	3,557.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$	192.00
Ascension: (1)	\$	20.00
Online Giving*:	(13) \$	597.55
Total:	\$	4,366.55

*With Transaction Fees Removed.
(Number of Contributors)

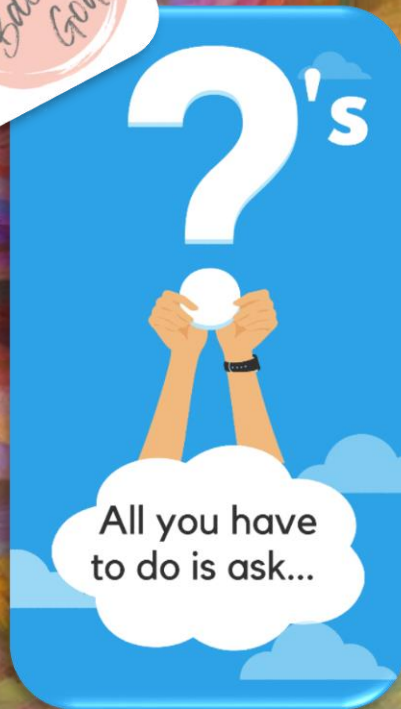
Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for Restricted Funds: May 1 – 7

Catholic Education (2*)	\$63.67
*Online Giving	
Electric (1)	\$40.00
Scholarships (1)	\$1,500.00

Tithes & Offerings
Giving Back to God

May 2023	
"General Fund" Collections	
May 7	\$4,366.55
May 14	\$ TBD
May 21	\$ TBD
May 28	\$ TBD



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 15th

NO MASS | HAVE A VERY BLESSED MONDAY

Tuesday Morning, 16th

6:30AM | JEROME & THERESA EAGAN

Wednesday Morning, May 17th

6:30AM | PETER & THELMA FOGERSON

Thursday Morning, May 18th

6:30AM | BONNIE BIRKE

Friday Morning, May 19th

6:30AM | VELMA SEHR



May ~ The month of Mary

MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

NEXT WEEKEND

5:00pm Saturday

May 13

May 20

Mass Intention:	Arthur, Virginia, Dennis & Karen Voss	In Honor of Fr. Tom's 40 years of Ordination
Lector:	Judy Brueggemann	Karen Gerlemann
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jo Noelker	Theresa Straatmann
	Jim Noelker	Anna Donner

8:00am Sunday

May 14

May 21

Mass Intention:	Parish Family of St. Joseph	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Lector:	Michelle Young	Dennis Randolph
Eucharistic Ministers:	Vi Schroeder	Cathie Grus
	VOLUNTEER	Diane Schmidt

10:00am Sunday

May 14

May 21

Mass Intention:	Paul Brueggemann & Doug Smith	Tom Adams Sr.
Lector:	Lisa Bocklage	Pattie Greife
Eucharistic Ministers:	Christine Baker	Jeff Baker
	Jeff Baker	VOLUNTEER

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

• Sunday, May 14th

Congratulations
on your First Communion

Josie Brune Kinsley Donner
Cole Franek

Brantley Grus Sadie Schmidt

*May Jesus guide and protect
you today and always!*

HAPPY
Mother's Day

*May your day be
filled with love &
happiness!*



• Wednesday, May 17th

- Finance Meeting – 5:30pm – Rectory

CHANGE IN TUESDAY
MASS TIME:
6:30PM
BEGINNING
MAY
30TH

6:30PM
MASS
TUESDAY
EVENINGS



WCU – Needed

**Good Stuffed Animals
for our WCU Stand**

For more information, contact
Kathy Feth: 314-971-3917

Join us!

**BREAKFAST
IS ON US!**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 4TH**
BETWEEN
MASSES

FREE PARISH BREAKFAST!




Union Knights of Columbus

Sunday, May 14th

Breakfast

7:30am – 11:30am • All you can eat
Adults \$12 • Children (6-12) \$6
Children under 6 FREE



Union Knights of Columbus
*Mother's Day
Breakfast*

Sunday, May 14th
7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
700 Clearview Dr.
Union, MO 63084

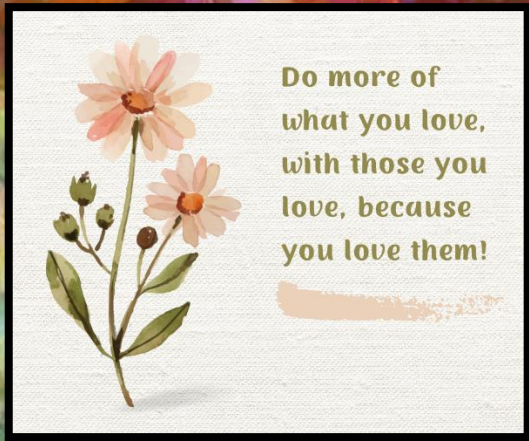
Serving:
Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Biscuits and Gravy,
Potatoes, Pancakes, and Cinnamon Rolls

Adults - \$12 Kids - \$6
The public is welcome

Saturday, May 20th

Pork Steak BBQ • Hall Parking Lot





Do more of what you love, with those you love, because you love them!

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ST. FRANCIS BORGIA
 CATHOLIC PARISH

Annual Rummage SALE

SFB GRADE SCHOOL PAVILION • 225 CEDAR ST • WASHINGTON, MO

FRIDAY JUNE 2 8AM-6PM
SATURDAY JUNE 3 8AM-12PM

DROP OFF YOUR CLEAN & GENTLY USED GOODS:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 | 12PM - 6PM
THURSDAY, JUNE 1 | 7AM - 12PM

We cannot accept the following items:
 Exercise equipment, baby cribs, infant & toddler car seats, large appliances, recliners, sofas, water beds, mattresses, tires, gas cans, guns, paint/solvents/chemicals, TV's, computers, cassette tapes, VHS tape players & VHS movies, encyclopedias, college textbooks, magazines, plastic water bottles, coffee mugs, plastic cups and telephones.

Calling All Volunteers Young and Old!
 Looking for a way to get to know your fellow parishioners? Assisting with the set up, unloading cars, sorting donations and working the sale is a great way! Stop by any time!

Questions? Call:
 Parish Office 636.239.6701
 Jeanne 636.359.0236
 Karen 314.650.8295

SETUP TIMES
 May 31, WED: 7 AM - 8 PM
 June 1, THURS: 7 AM - 5 PM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!
 Sale proceeds benefit SFB Parish

Faith Alive in the Home Conference

Feeding the Families We Serve
 Eucharistic Spirituality in Family Life

This is a great opportunity for all religious education coordinators, catechists and parents to gain resources and build community!

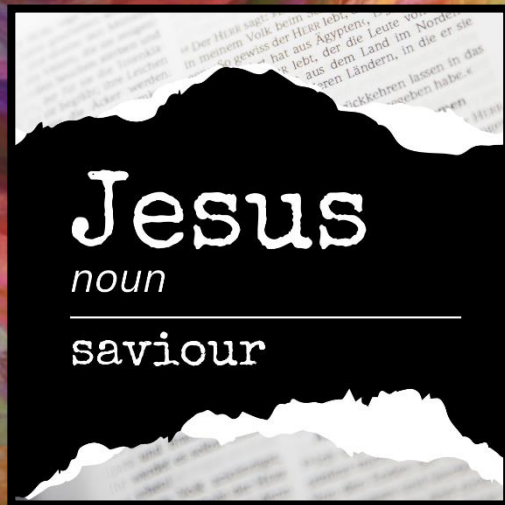
Event includes: breakout sessions, presentations and praying together!

Thursday June 1st, 2023
Guest Speaker: Fr. Eddie Godefroid

Note: You can earn catechetical certification credits for attending this workshop!

Location: Scan the QR code to register online now!
 Cardinal Rigali Center
 20 Archbishop May Dr
 St. Louis, MO 63119

Details:
 Doors open at 4:30pm
 Dinner is provided.
 Event begins at 5:30pm



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St. John the Baptist hosts our 3rd annual VBS

Where: St. John the Baptist Parish Center
When: July 18-20th, 9:00am-12:00pm Tue-Thurs.
Who: 4 yr olds -5th graders (grade entering)
Cost: \$30-1st child in the family, \$25-2nd child, \$15 each additional child
Financial assistance is available. Please do not let cost keep your child from attending.
Registration: www.myvbs.org/jaguars or
 Mail in registration forms and payment to the rectory.
 5567 Gildehaus Rd,
 Villa Ridge, MO 63089
 Interested in volunteering, sign-up at www.myvbs.org/jaguars

Immaculate Conception Vacation Bible School June 26th - June 30th 9:00 - 11:30 am at the MAC Entering Kindergarten - Entering 5th grade

Registration is now open! Packets are available in the back of church. There are only 60 spots available. **To guarantee your child will be able to attend all completed forms and payment must be returned at the same time to the school office or church office by May 17th.**

All kids entering Kindergarten through kids entering 5th grade are welcome! 4th and 5th grade students are asked to fully participate in the songs, dance, crafts, and activities as role models to the younger kids. 6th - 12th grade student volunteers are needed to help with younger kids as group co-leaders and station co-leaders (*get those service hours in early*). Many adults are needed to make this VBS a success. Please contact Janelle Gildehaus if you have any questions or are available to help volunteer in any way. gildehaus@icschoolunion.org

Come walk with Mary!

The Legion of Mary at St. John the Baptist invites you to join us for a Rosary Walk on the Katy Trail in celebration of the Visitation.

Rosary Walk on the Katy Trail

When: Monday, May 29th at 9:30am

Where: Meet at Dutzow trailhead
(walk 3.8 miles to Marthaville trailhead)



Contact the Rectory at (636) 583-2488 or Rita Voss (636) 219-8385 for more details.



VOLUNTEER



HELP EACH OTHER

FRANKLIN COUNTY CASA, INC.

Franklin County CASA, Inc. advocates for the best interest of children of abuse and neglect who are under the protection of the Franklin County & Gasconade County Juvenile Courts.

Through highly trained community Volunteer Advocates, the child's needs are heard, researched and advocated for throughout the duration of the child's time before court, thus securing a safe & permanent home for all such children. There are currently 139 children in our area who need a CASA! The next CASA volunteer training session will begin in June 2023.

To volunteer, donate, or learn more about CASA, please visit www.franklincountycasa.com or call 636.583.4488

WCU RUMMAGE AND BAKE

12pm - 1pm
only \$1
per bag



Saturday
May 27th

8am - 1pm

Immaculate
Conception
School Cafeteria
Union, MO

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~ WCU Branch 253 Members ~

We will need baked items for our Bake Sale.

Please plan to make something delicious to add to our sale and drop off around 8am on Saturday morning. THANK YOU!!!

