

Dear Padre,

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). *Prophet* is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.” In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2–4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others. Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 20, 2019

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Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

TUESDAY

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

WEDNESDAY

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

THURSDAY

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

FRIDAY

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

SATURDAY

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

SUNDAY

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
Jn 20:19–23

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1–11, 14–17 / Ephesians 1:17–23 / Matthew 28:16–20



[Jesus said], “You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8

Power Unmasked

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, “Who was that masked man?” Folks never learned his identity, and it didn’t matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, “I’m sorry.” Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone’s tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by the good God has brought about through you?



St. Joseph Neier

Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, Pastor

May
20 & 21
2023

Weekday: 6:30am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am
Confessions – Saturday
4:00pm – 4:40pm

Office: 636.583.2806
Website: stjosephneier.com
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Father Tom's Cell: 636.744.5587
Sarah's Cell: 314.80 8.0337

Please read the following letter about the next phase of ALL THINGS NEW:

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we recognize the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. In this moment, as Archbishop Rozanski prepares to share the future structure of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we are struck by the constant need for Pentecost to happen in our Church each and every day. It is the Spirit that allowed the early Church to move from fear to courage – from silence to a bold proclamation of the Gospel. As we have arrived at this moment in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, this indeed is a new Pentecost for us.

After nearly two years of gathering data and feedback, Archbishop Rozanski will announce his decision regarding All Things New on Saturday, May 27, the day before Pentecost.

Pastors will be sharing information regarding the announcement as it pertains to their parish at all Masses Pentecost weekend, as well as through their usual communication outlets. On Saturday evening, information regarding all parishes and priest assignments will be posted on allthingsnew.archstl.org

As we prepare our hearts to be open to follow where the Holy Spirit will lead us, consider joining parishioners all over the archdiocese in praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days leading up to Pentecost. The Novena prayers and audio can be found at allthingsnew.archstl.org/Resources/Novena-to-the-Holy-Spirit

Let's continue to pray for each other as we discern the best path toward a renewed Catholic presence in every part of our archdiocese.

From Fr. Tom,

Okay, folks, next weekend parishes in the archdiocese will learn all the who's, what's, where's, and when's concerning ALL THINGS NEW! As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend, let us be reminded of our duty and call to go make disciples of all nations. The questions and issues we may still have about ALL THINGS NEW are identical to those the early apostles had when Jesus departed from them to enter into heaven. We are in good company and together with the same Advocate we will not fail. Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. If there was ever a time to invoke the Holy Spirit to help us, this is the time. Let us pray for each other!

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
Jamie Brueggemann
Murphy
Andy Davis
Taylor Donner
Emily Guenther

Caleb Logsdon
Michael Miller
Michael Murphy
Reese Pellin
Sam Smith
Owen Struckhoff
Luke Stuesse

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for General Fund

May 8 – 14, 2023

Regular Offering Envelopes: (64)	\$	3,331.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$	224.00
Ascension: (1)	\$	10.00
Online Giving*:	(10) \$	415.48
Total:	\$	3,980.48

* With Transaction Fees Removed.
(Number of Contributors)



Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for Restricted Funds: May 8 – 14

Capital Maintenance & Preservation (13)
\$353.00

Catholic Education (2*)
\$63.67
*Online Giving

Cemetery (1)
\$100.00

Electric (1)
\$40.00

May 2023 "General Fund" Collections	
May 7	\$4,366.55
May 14	\$3,980.48
May 21	\$ TBD
May 28	\$ TBD

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 22nd

NO MASS | HAVE A VERY BLESSED MONDAY

Tuesday Morning, May 23rd

6:30AM | JOYCE STUESSE

Wednesday Morning, May 24th

6:30AM | POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Thursday Morning, May 25th

6:30AM | BILL FETH

Friday Morning, May 26th

6:30AM | ALBERT & KATHLEEN WALLACH



May ~ The month of Mary

MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

NEXT WEEKEND

5:00pm Saturday

May 20

May 27

Mass Intention:	In Honor of Fr. Tom's 40 years of Ordination	Leonard Feth
Lector:	Karen Gerlemann	Theresa Straatmann
Eucharistic Ministers:	Theresa Straatmann	Kathy Feth
	Anna Donner	Joan Kloeppel

8:00am Sunday

May 21

May 28

Mass Intention:	Parish Family of St. Joseph	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Lector:	Dennis Randolph	Vi Schroeder
Eucharistic Ministers:	Cathie Grus	Jeanne Dierking
	Diane Schmidt	Jen Kissinger

10:00am Sunday

May 21

May 28

Mass Intention:	Tom Adams Sr.	Vincent Schmuke, Jr.
Lector:	Patti Greife	Marilyn Rau
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jeff Baker	VOLUNTEER
	VOLUNTEER	Patti Greife

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- Sunday, May 21st



- Monday, May 29th
 - Parish Office Closed

**Parish
Office
Closed**

Join us! **BREAKFAST IS ON US!**
SUNDAY JUNE 4TH
BETWEEN MASSES
FREE PARISH BREAKFAST!

WCU – Needed
Good Stuffed Animals
for our WCU Stand
For more information, contact
Kathy Feth: 314-971-3917

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

Union Knights of Columbus



May

Monday, May 22nd

Tractor Cruise Meeting • 7pm – Hall

Sunday, May 28th

Fr. Jacob Braun • First Mass – 1pm
Immaculate Conception Church, Union

June

Monday, June 5th

Board Meeting • 7:30pm – Lounge

Sunday, June 11th

Breakfast

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

Monday, June 12th

Blood Drive • 1:30pm – 6:30pm – Hall

WCU RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

12pm - 1pm only \$1 per bag

Saturday May 27th

8am - 1pm

Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria Union, MO

SALE

~ 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!!!

In Loving Memory of

Bernard Laune

who passed away on Tuesday, May 9th

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Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Bernard was the brother-in-law of Dianne Wildhaber

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

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Eucharistic Adoration

We will not be scheduling Eucharistic Adoration for the months of June, July or August.

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

STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

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

St. Ann & St. Gertrude VBS Information

Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity

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. gildehausj@icschoolunion.org

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Daughters of Isabella News

First Saturday Mass & Rosary

Saturday, June 3rd, 8am

Rosary prayed @ 7:20am

Immaculate Conception Church

*We hope many of you
can attend!*

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! **Details:**

Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Dr
St. Louis, MO 63119



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

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!

SETUP TIMES

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

**Questions?
Call:**

Parish Office 636.239.6701
Jeanne 636.359.0236
Karen 314.650.8295

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



ST. ANN & ST. GERTRUDE STELLAR SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 10 - 14, 2023
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

AVAILABLE FOR KIDS ENTERING K - ENTERING 6TH GRADE

\$30 OPEN REGISTRATION IS
PER CHILD MAY 15 - JUNE 12, 2023

REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE BACK OF CHURCH OR BY VISITING
WWW.STANNCLOVERBOTTOM.ORG

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT THE
TIME OF REGISTRATION
TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT

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.



STEVE LESLIE BAND

IN CONCERT

with special guest

4 CHORDS

featuring Ben Holtmeyer

• **SAT. June 10th** •
shows start at 6:30

FREE ADMISSION

Bands Sponsored by the Bank of Washington

Our Lady of Lourdes

1014 Madison Ave. Washington, MO

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Our Lady of Lourdes PARISH FESTIVAL

50/50 *Sunday, June 11th* **Quilt Sale**
11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Featuring our World Famous
Fried Chicken & Roast Beef Dinner



Includes, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cole slaw and plenty of napkins!
Served from 11:00 to 6:00, dine in, carry out or drive thru.
We will have plenty of interior and covered exterior seating

12:00 - 3:00 Come and enjoy the areas finest
German musicians play all your
favorite oompah classics.

Loehning German Band



Wristband
plays all day!
\$5.00
3 and under free

Lollypop the Balloon artist-12:00-3:00
Bounce House & other activities 11:00- 5:00

Live music from

**4:00-
8:00**

