

# Dear Padre,

**Two relatives of mine died from a disease for which they never sought treatment. Both said, "God will heal me if that is his will." Wouldn't God have wanted them to see a doctor?**

It is safe to say that God would have them see a doctor. Does doing so compromise our faith in God? No. Throughout all of salvation history, God has relied on human beings to be his instruments, his messengers. While we believe in God, who can and has acted miraculously throughout history, these moments are exceptions, not the rule. Ordinarily, God's work is done by human hands. The spread of the gospel itself has come about through people who have responded to God in faith.

Part of this gospel story is the healing ministry of Jesus. Christianity has from the beginning taken up Jesus' ministry of healing and attempted to restore health to the sick, not only through prayer and the sacraments but also through institutions that care for the sick and the dying. Even as we recognize that our primary relationship is with God, we must also see that caring for our lives and our health, gifts from that same God, is a responsible way to receive and be good stewards of these gifts.

Think of the training, knowledge, and experience that doctors, nurses, and all other health-care practitioners have spent years attaining. Is not their work a miracle of God's love when it brings healing, restoration, and renewal? ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11
<i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>
Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 Mk 12:1-12	Tb 2:9-14 Mk 12:13-17	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Mk 12:18-27	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Mk 12:28-34	Tb 11:5-17 Mk 12:35-37	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mk 12:38-44	<i>Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58</i>

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Today we can ask ourselves...do I, who profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, truly believe that I need others in order to live, that I need to give myself to others, that I need to serve others? Do I affirm this in words or do I affirm it with my life?**

ANGELUS, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, JUNE 12, 2022

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity (A)

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 / John 3:16-18



[Moses said,] "If I find favor with you, Lord, please, Lord, come along in our company."

EXODUS 34:9

## God Up There, God Down Here

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Which of these images best describes your God: gardener, friend, policeman, Santa Claus, magician, doctor, lover, parent, judge, the Force?

Theologically, God is both transcendent and immanent, up there and down here. In other words, God is powerful, majestic, awesome, and all-knowing but always close, caring for us, forgiving, and comforting. Most of us lean toward one or the other in our spirituality. Whichever image you choose will tell you something about how you usually relate to God. None of the images are necessarily right or wrong unless it locks us into relating to God in only one way.

Our tendency to relate to God as either transcendent or immanent may influence our preference for liturgical style. If we view God primarily as transcendent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a sacrifice, celebrated formally with processions, incense, and majestic music.

If we tend to relate to God as more immanent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a eucharistic meal with the community gathered around the altar table singing simpler music. As God is both transcendent and immanent, we should not have to choose. The ideal liturgical style would incorporate something of both transcendence and immanence.

Today's story of Moses, who climbs Mount Sinai and there bows down in worship before God, is a story of the transcendence of God—majestic, powerful, awesome to behold. Today's gospel is of an immanent God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son, not to condemn it but to save it. ●

### Reflect

**Is your personal prayer to God "up there" or to God "walking with me"?**



# St. Joseph Neier

Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, Pastor

June  
3 & 4  
2023

**Confession Times:**

**Saturday** 4:00pm – 4:40pm

**Tuesday** 6:00pm – 6:20pm

**Saturday Mass:** 5:00pm

**Sunday Mass:** 8:00am & 10:00am

**Weekday Masses:** Monday – NO MASS Tuesday – 6:30pm Wed – Friday – 6:30am

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From Fr. Tom,

One of the most beautiful, holy, and cute things anyone of faith can witness is the moment a tiny child first learns to make the sign of the cross. You see the deliberate effort of the child trying to move their arms and hands in the form of the cross on their body. It is a real effort for the child to do this. I've seen it many times with my nieces and nephews and now with their children! Ministry now allows me to see older, more feeble, folks sometimes struggling with the same effort in trying to make the sign of the cross. It's not really that cute, but I find myself wondering how many times (OMG) in their lives they themselves have begun and ended prayer with the sign of the cross. As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity this weekend, let's take our time and think about what we are doing as we acclaim Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many theologians and scripture scholars have tried and failed to find comparisons and analogies in an attempt to explain exactly what the Trinity is and how God works through it. Let's just say God created us with total love, He became one of us to save us from our sins, and cares about us today (as only He can) and wants us to return to Him in the glory of heaven. I know, even that doesn't come close. So let's just give up the explaining and let God take us into His arms...relax! God bless you.



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 22 – 31, 2023

Regular Offering Envelopes: (58)	\$	2,502.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$	140.00
Online Giving*:	(16) \$	554.36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,196.36</b>

\* With Transaction Fees Removed.  
(Number of Contributors)

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Back to  
God

## Thank you for your generosity!

### Donations for Restricted Funds:

May 22 – 31

Capital Maintenance &  
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**\$10.00**

Catholic Education (14 + 2\*)  
**\$157.34**  
\*Online Giving

Cemetery (20)  
**\$408.00**

Electric (1)  
**\$40.00**

Gone, but not forgotten.

**REMEMBERING  
OUR BRAVE  
HEROES**

May 2023

"General Fund"  
Collections

May 7	\$4,366.55
May 14	\$3,980.48
May 21	\$2,869.88
May 31	\$3,196.36

Thank You



## May Financials

May 2023 Expenses	\$	22,349.43
Total Unrestricted Revenue	\$	14,413.27
Difference	\$	(7,936.16)
Total Restricted Funds Used for Expenses	\$	5,074.00
Difference	\$	(2,862.16)

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**NO MASS | HAVE A VERY BLESSED MONDAY**

Tuesday Evening, June 6<sup>th</sup>

**6:30PM | THEO FETH**

Wednesday Morning, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**6:30AM | GLEN GETTEMEYER**

Thursday Morning, June 8<sup>th</sup>

**6:30AM | GARY, CHARLOTTE, PATRICK & MATTHEW HELLMANN**

Friday Morning, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**6:30AM | WALTER & EVELYN NOELKER**



June ~ The month of  
The Sacred Heart of Jesus

MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

NEXT WEEKEND

**5:00pm Saturday**

**June 3**

**June 10**

Mass Intention:	Frances & Edmund Weber	Joyce Stuesse
Lector:	Jim Noelker	Amber Gerlemann
Eucharistic Ministers:	Cheryl Voss	Anna Donner
	Jo Noelker	Jim Noelker

**8:00am Sunday**

**June 4**

**June 11**

Mass Intention:	Parish Family of St. Joseph	Ray, Irene & Kathy Brueggemann
Lector:	Amie Kohlbusch	Jim & Chris Block
Eucharistic Ministers:	Vi Schroeder	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
	Dennis Randolph	Chris Block

**10:00am Sunday**

**June 4**

**June 11**

Mass Intention:	Thomas Jr. & Tonya Adams	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Lector:	Jen Kissinger	Lisa Bocklage
Eucharistic Ministers:	Christine Baker	Patti Greife
	Jeff Baker	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## June

- **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - Parish Breakfast – Between Masses – Parish Hall
- **Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - Parish Council & Finance Meeting – 7pm – Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - Forever Young Club – 1pm - ?? – Quilter's Room
- **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Fr. Tom on vacation – Leaving after 6:30am Mass on June 9<sup>th</sup> and returning around noon on June 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Saturday & Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - Please welcome Fr. Eugene Schaeffer to St. Joseph Neier
- **Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - Sarah – ½ day
- **Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - Parish Office Closed ~ Sarah - Off

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, June 12th

1:30pm - 6:30pm

Union Knights of Columbus



Give blood in June for a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of your choice.

To make an appointment go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter the sponsor code: KenHuxel or call 1-800-733-2767



**Marian** (*adj.*): relating to the Virgin Mary  
**Pilgrimage** (*noun*): a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*Save the Date:*

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage:**  
**10/09/23 – 10/13/23**

Come for the day or stay for the week!

As in years past, highlights include daily mass, adoration, prayer and fellowship; overnight accommodations and transportation provided as well as reasonably priced dinner arrangements.

*Questions?*

Please send an email to: [MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com](mailto:MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com)

*Please note, our website*

[www.katytrailpilgrimage.com](http://www.katytrailpilgrimage.com)

*is currently UNDER CONSTRUCTION ... please continue to visit periodically for important updates regarding Pilgrimage plans!*

# Union Knights of Columbus



## June

**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Board Meeting • 7:30pm – Lounge

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Breakfast**

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

**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Blood Drive • 1:30pm – 6:30pm – Hall

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Council Meeting • 7:30pm – Hall

**Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Corn Hole Tournament • 7pm – Hall  
Doors open at 6pm  
Burger Night

## Message from Fr. Tom

I will be taking some time away from the parish from the morning of Friday, June 9th, through Saturday, June 17th returning around noon. Fr. Eugene Schaeffer will be celebrating the weekend masses on June 10/11. Pleased welcome him. He is presently Fr. Kevin Schmittgens' associate pastor so make sure you fill him with some juicy stories!! Be nice, though...

Also, I will be meeting with Fr. Eric Kunz, Fr. Peter Blake, and Fr. Joe Post in the next few weeks before ALL THINGS NEW plans are implemented to hammer out some mass time schedules for the three parishes along with decisions on administrative details. Some of you may be contacted for your input. Please keep us in your prayers along with the members of all three parishes as we close in on August 1. Thank you!



Join us!

Next Forever Young Day is

June 7th @ 1pm

**Forever Young Club**

**Quilter's Room**

Always the FIRST Wednesday of the month

Play Games  
Tell Stories  
Build Friendships

✝

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

**STEVE LESLIE BAND**  
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• **SAT. June 10th** •  
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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.  
*Loehnig 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

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