



Best Friends

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Henry David Thoreau was a naturalist and philosopher who lived in Concord, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s. He spent a year living in a small one-room cabin in the woods at Walden Pond “because,” he said, “I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear.” Thoreau seems to have sought the same reality pursued by the author of the Book of Wisdom, who preferred Lady Wisdom to power, deemed riches to be nothing, and loved wisdom more than health or beauty.

Like the man who comes to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to inherit eternal life, most of us have a difficult time surrendering that to which we cling. It may be our possessions, our power to control others, the need to be youthful and stylishly dressed, or an addiction to drugs or gambling or pornography—anything that has become our “best friend.” Just as the apostles wonder who can then be saved, all of us wonder, because we, too, have one or another such “best friends.” It is God who breaks through, says Jesus. It may be a painful breaking through; it may be an upheaval; it may not be until the end of our lives. Always, it is God who ultimately turns us around. ●

Reflect

Who or what is your “best friend” that replaces God in your life?

[Jesus said,] “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

MARK 10:21

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MASS TIMES:
SAT. 4:00 PM
SUN. 9:45 AM
**Spanish Mass/
Communion Service:**
SUN. 11:15 AM

Our Mission:
We, the family of Annunciation Parish, desire to build a community of love and service to our community and those in need as we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

PARISH EMAIL: annunciationcaliforniamo@gmail.com

WEBSITE: <http://annunciation.diojeffccity.org>

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 PM, and by appointment.

BAPTISMS:
By appointment. Contact Father Viviano

WEDDINGS:
Please contact at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Please call any time, or by appointment.

Our Church Motto is JOY
JESUS First
OTHERS Second
YOURSELF Third

**Bishop McKnight’s
October prayer
intention for our
Local Church**

For a greater conversion of hearts to God who loves us so much; that in living the stewardship way of life, we may avoid any sense of entitlement in our relationships with God and one another.



LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 12, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Sandy & Dale Deraps
Lector: Elaine Anderson
Servers: Dale Deraps
Song Leader: Rosemary Bardwell
Organist: Betty Pringer
Greeters: Clif & Patty Sampson
Rosary: Vickie Schroeder

Sunday, October 13, 9:45 am

Lector: Mary Jo Ballenger
Servers: Bax Family
Song Leader: Alicia Taube
Organist: Betty Pringer
Greeters: Shawn & Shane Bax
Rosary: David Bax

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Tim & Pauline Forck
Lector: Pauline Forck
Servers: Tim Forck
Song Leader: Larry Dahler
Organist: Jo Pummill
Greeters: Mike & Regina Stock
Rosary: Joyce Ziehmer

Sunday, October 20, 9:45 am

Lector: Confirmation Class
Servers: Confirmation Class
Song Leader: Marian Fleischmann
Organist: Jo Pummill
Greeters: Confirmation Class
Rosary: Margaret Bieri

VOCATIONS

Please pray for the men who are studying and discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. This week, please pray for:

Mr. Luke Dalton (from Rolla, MO)
Conception Seminary
P.O. Box 502
Conception, MO 64433-0502

SOULS IN PURGATORY PRAYER

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude the Great that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly.

Eternal Father,

I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.

Amen.

PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for these and all who are in need of prayer.
Call the office to add or take someone off the list.**

Hadley Pardoe; Jacobo Garcia; Earlene Elliott; Pam Block; Helen Heinen; Curt Bittle; Shawn Bax; Suzy Allee; Linda Bardwell; Heather Kopczuk (niece of Janice Frank and Trish Brauch); Andrea Emilia Bernabey; Robert Garner; Glenda Williams; Paula Volkmer; Tracy Davis; Beckie Dubbert; Beverly Cain; John Michael McCoy; Special Intention; J. Gattermeir; Pat Roll; Sally Schepers; Janice Howard; Elaine Petree; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel; Linda Reichel; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Marilyn Durk; Cody Schmidt; David Strickfaden; Ruth Ziehmer; Jamie Bax; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Gary Fleischmann; Barbara Reichl (mother of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus.

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

*Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 12

TMass 4:00 PM *Annunciation and
St. Andrew Parishioners

Sunday, October 13

8:30-9:30 AM PSR Classes
TMass 9:45 AM *Vocations
Spanish Mass 11:15 AM *Juan Carlos Aguado

Monday, October 14

5:45 PM Prayer of the Holy Rosary
8:00 PM AA-ALNON

Tuesday, October 15

TMass 8:00 AM *Barb & Larry Schenewerk
6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Dinner/Meeting
6:30 PM OCIA Classes (Annex)

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, October 17

TMass 8:00 AM *Joe & Patricia Viviano
7:00 PM Holy Hour – Spanish

Saturday, October 19

TMass 4:00 PM *Francis Knaebel

Sunday, October 20

8:30-9:30 AM PSR & Confirmation Classes
TMass 9:45 AM *Alan & Gene Bolin
Spanish Mass 11:15 AM *Souls in Purgatory

Breaking Free From Pornography

Matt Fradd is a national Catholic podcaster and speaker. He has developed a powerful online program to help one break free from pornography. The program is **Strive21**. You can access this program at **Strive21.com**

PARISH NEWS

September 25th through November 3rd

HELP SAVE LIVES IN Columbia

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood Abortion Referral Center, 711 N Providence Rd, Columbia
- **Vigil hours:** 8 am to 5pm daily
- **Local contact:** Kathy, St Andrew ProLife, 573 821 5130 or kathy@midwestmarchforlife.com
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/Columbiamo

Plastic Bags Needed – Moniteau Christian Ministries Center (MCMC) is in need of plastic bags. Please place any you may have in the barrel located in the Church kitchen. Thank you.

Signum Crucis – Men of Annunciation Parish:

You are invited to join the Men of Signum Crucis at the next gathering, 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 16th, at Helias Catholic High School (East end of the front Swifts Hwy parking lot). Feel free to come early to pray the rosary at 6pm in the Chapel.

The topic this month is the Four Marian Dogmas presented by Ed Galbraith. During this month of the Rosary, come to deepen your devotion to our Blessed Mother through a more extensive understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Helias Open House - Come see how Helias Catholic High School is building a community of saints and scholars for Christ!

Helias Catholic's annual Open House is from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, November 2.

Stop by to tour the campus; explore academics and extracurricular opportunities; and meet teachers, staff and students. Open House attendees can enter a drawing for prizes, including the chance to have their enrollment fee waived!

Please contact Helias Catholic's admissions office at admissions@heliascatholic.com or 573-635-6139 with any questions.

OCIA SPONSORS NEEDED – Contact the Office or Deacon Bob at breinkemeyer@diojeffcity.org if interested or know someone who would like to join our Parish Family.

Would you consider sponsoring someone who may be interested in joining the Catholic Faith?

We are looking for Faithful Practicing Catholics who would journey with Candidates seeking the Sacraments & knowledge of the Church. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) will run from September thru Pentecost. You will help them become acclimated to Parish Life and assist them in any struggles. You don't need to have all the answers but be willing to find them through the OCIA Team & Fr. Viviano.

Would you help such individuals become involved as intentional members, Steward Disciples of our Parish?

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – October

1st week: \$5,668.93 3rd week: \$
2nd week: \$ 4th week: \$

Candles: \$161.00 Mustard Seed: \$340.00
Stipends: \$20.00 Building Fund: \$190.00

Altar Flowers:

The flower arrangement this week is from Carmen Villagomez in thanksgiving for her husband and sister, and celebration of their birthdays.

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

Holy Rosary - every Monday evening at 5:45pm.

Knights of Columbus – Tuesday, October 15th. The meal is at 6pm and the meeting will begin at 7pm. All men of the parish are invited to join!

Bible Study – every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.

Patriotic Rosary – There will be a Patriotic Rosary prayed after each Thursday morning Mass during the month of October, and one prayed after Mass on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th. Please join us to pray for our country.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Women's Fall Event at St. Joseph Cathedral

Ladies Night Out – November 1st, 6:30pm-9pm, \$25
Fall Retreat – November 2nd, 10am-3pm, \$15
RSVP at diojeffcity.org/wm-fall-events-2024.

86th Annual Thanksgiving Festival – St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus Hall, Thursday, November 28th. Dinner served from 11am-2pm. See flyer in Church entrance for more details.

FORMED – Catholic Faith on Demand

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To be a part of FORMED, please follow the instructions below.

- 1) Go to formed.org
- 2) Click on Sign Up
- 3) Enter "65081" for the zip code for St. Andrew & Annunciation Parishes
- 4) Enter your name and email address

What would Amendment 3 actually do?

Allow abortion at any time for any reason

Amendment 3 would allow abortions for any physical or mental health reasons. This even allows post-viability, extremely late term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

→ **VOTE NO ON 3**
AMENDMENT

Safeguard them both

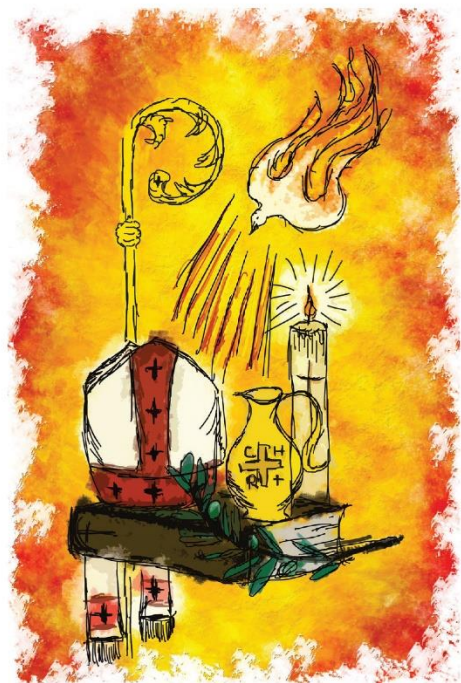
Learn more at diojeffcity.org/amendment3



Dear Padre,

When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●



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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| October 14 | October 15 | October 16 | October 17 | October 18 | October 19 | October 20 |
| Weekday | <i>St. Teresa of</i> | Weekday | <i>St. Ignatius of</i> | <i>St. Luke,</i> | <i>Sts. John de</i> | <i>Twenty-ninth</i> |
| Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1 | <i>Jesus, Virgin</i> | Gal 5:18–25 | <i>Antioch, Bishop</i> | <i>Evangelist</i> | <i>Brébeuf and Isaac</i> | <i>Sunday in</i> |
| Lk 11:29–32 | <i>and Doctor</i> | Lk 11:42–46 | <i>and Martyr</i> | 2 Tm 4:10–17b | <i>Jogues, Priests,</i> | <i>Ordinary Time</i> |
| | <i>of the Church</i> | | Eph 1:1–10 | Lk 10:1–9 | <i>Martyrs</i> | Is 53:10–11 |
| | Gal 5:1–6 | | Lk 11:47–54 | | Eph 1:15–23 | Heb 4:14–16 |
| | Lk 11:37–41 | | | | Lk 12:8–12 | Mk 10:35–45 or 10:42–45 |



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home “sorrowful” with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: “At what point is my faith?”

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