



When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

Reflect

*What emptying am I experiencing?
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?*

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[Christ Jesus] emptied himself... becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

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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.diojeffcitty.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

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, September 13, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Russ & Lisa Anderson
Lector: Kristy Gump
Server: Jerry Hoback
Song Leader: Rosemary Bardwell
Greeters: Tim & Pauline Forck
Rosary: Russ Anderson
Gift Bearers: Steve & Kristie Glenn

Sunday, September 14, 9:45 am

Mass Coord: Elise Arnold
Lector: Elise Arnold
Server: Shane Bax
Song Leader: Alicia Taube
Greeters: Jeffrey & Jessica Prettyman Family
Rosary: David Bax
Gift Bearers: Travis & Deanna Benne

Saturday, September 20, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Tim & Pauline Forck
Lector: Becky Bloch
Server: Tim Forck
Song Leader: David Garnett
Greeters: Dale & Vicki Glenn
Rosary: John Higgins
Gift Bearers: Jeremiah & Nicole Bestgen Family

Sunday, September 21, 9:45 am

Mass Coord: Eric Schroeter
Lector: Jan Trachsel
Server: Gabe McCumber
Song Leader: Marian Fleischmann
Greeters: Mary Jo Ballenger & Judy Garner
Rosary: Rita Henley
Gift Bearers: Connor & Bailey McGill Family

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. Shane Kliethermes

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.

Bill Embry, Wyatt Schmidt, Bill Buntin, Alex McGill; Ashley Kaplan (daughter of Tricia Brauch); John Bestgen; Marian Dorn; Wallace Maynard; Derrick Cleveland (Vickie Schroeder's nephew); Barbara & Charles Day (Barbara Brant's stepmom and father); David Wilde; Kaitlyn Schlup; Sharon Belt; Cory Bickel (Jim Hoback's nephew); Bill McConkey; Jacobo Garcia; Pam Block; Helen Heinen; Shawn Bax; Suzy Allee; Robert Garner; Glenda Williams; Lisa Anderson; Paula Volkmer; Tracy Davis; John Michael McCoy; J. Gattermeir; Sally Schepers; Janice Howard; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel; Linda Reichel; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Peggy Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Gary Fleischmann; Barbara Reichl (mother of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Rachel Frank; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

*Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13

TMass 4:00 PM *Lenard Elliott

Sunday, September 14

TMass 9:45 AM *Annunciation & St. Andrew's Parishioners

Spanish 11:15 AM Hispanic Prayer Service

Monday, September 15

5:45 PM Rosary

6:15 PM Choir Practice

8:00 PM AA-ALNON

Tuesday, September 16

NO 8 AM MASS

6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, September 17

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, September 18

8:00 AM *Mary Jo Garnett

7:00 PM Hispanic Holy Hour

Saturday, September 20

TMass 4:00 PM *Jeff Johnson

Sunday, September 21

TMass 9:45 AM *Jerry Hessefort

Spanish 11:15 AM *Rafael Magana

815 AM - 9:30 AM PSR Classes

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

THERE WILL BE NO 8 AM MASS ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 16TH.

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

Holy Rosary: every Monday evening at 5:45 PM

Every Tuesday During the School Year: Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotion Novena to Our Lady at St. Andrew's from 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Those families with children attending St. Andrew's are encouraged to attend.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM.

Choir Practice: September 15th at 6:15 PM (Immediately following the 5:45 PM Rosary). Voices are welcome – come sing with us!

Signum Crucis – This is a group of Catholic men of all ages, held in the Chapel at Helias HS on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next group is September 17th. Rosary at 6pm; and group from 6:30-8:30pm. Each month there is something different. Come see what you have been missing!

PSR - Parish School of Religion - begins Sunday, Sept. 14th for grades 1-7. This class will be the Virtus Safe Environment training that is required by the diocese. Please make sure if you have a student in grades 1-7, and are registered for classes, that they attend this class. This is also the date for the required Parents' Meeting for grades 1-7. We ask that at least one parent from each family attend this meeting. All parents are free to attend. Grades 8-12 will begin on Sept. 21. Just a reminder, this year classes begin at 8:15 a.m. and dismiss at 9:30 a.m. in order for the families to have time to get to Mass. Please pray for the success of our Religious Education Program as we begin this new year.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – September 2025

1st week: \$7,464.13 3rd week: \$
 2nd week: \$ 4th week: \$
 5th week: \$

Candles: \$72.00 Stipends: \$30.00
 Mustard Seed: \$207.00 Bus Fund: \$100.00

Finance Statement for August	
Receipts	
Weekend Collections:	\$34,380.82
Additional Income: Reimbursements, stipends, candles, Mustard Seed, vocation collection, other	\$10,250.00
Total Receipts	\$44,630.82
Expenses	
Salary, FICA	\$5,946.60
Liturgy & Worship Exp.	\$198.54
Repairs, Utilities, Grounds Upkeep, (supplies)	\$2,680.23
School Tuition & PSR Expenses	\$6,958.33
Mustard Seed, Diocese reimb, parish software, envelopes, misc.	\$4,083.20
Total Expenses	\$19,866.90
Overall Total	\$24,763.92

Altar Flowers:

The flower arrangement this week is from Betty Pringer in memory of Gene & Geraldine Pringer & Francis Knaebel.

Congratulations to James Darrell Hoellering, son of Jacob & Rachel Hoellering, who was baptized at Annunciation on Sunday, September 7th.

NOTE FROM VISITING CURSILLO GROUP THAT PRESENTED AT LAST WEEKEND'S MASSES:

Thank you all for such a warm and joyful welcome as we visited to share about Cursillo in the Diocese. May God bless your parish abundantly!

UPCOMING WEEKENDS:

Men: October 2-5, 2025 in Eldon, MO at Sacred Heart Parish

Women: October 16-19, 2025 in Eldon, MO at Sacred Heart Parish

Please pray for guidance in considering making a Cursillo. Applications are available from a sponsor or in the church foyer or parish office. You may also contact Becky Sander at 573-808-3758 or at the following website:

jeffcity.diocese.cursillo@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tail Gate BBQ Tipton Knights of Columbus Sept. 19th from 5 – 7 PM (See Poster in Back of Church for more information)

Immaculate Conception Parish (Owensville) Fall Festival & GTA Car Show September 20th from 9 AM – 6:30 PM

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? SEEING IS BELIEVING: Presentation by Tim Francis at Annunciation Sept. 24th 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM.

Mass at Assumption Church in Cedron Sept. 27th, 4:00 PM

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~




Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

- Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? What does science have to say?
- A consecrated Communion Host becomes living flesh and blood. Is it really blood? What does science have to say?
- A scientist (former atheist), an attorney, and a famous TV journalist witness miracles of Jesus weeping red tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? What does science have to say?

St. Peter Catholic Church
218 Broadway St, Jefferson City
Saturday, September 20th
6:30 - 8pm (Intermission 7:30)
*In the Sargeant Centre

St. Thomas the Apostle
14814 Route 11, St. Thomas
Sunday, September 29th
10pm - 11:30pm (Intermission Open)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
1780 E. Main St., Jefferson City
Monday, September 22nd
6:30 - 8pm (Intermission 7:30)

St. Martin Catholic Church
6750 Highway N. St. Martin
Tuesday, September 23rd
6:30 - 8pm (Intermission 7:30)
*In the Knights of Columbus Hall

Annunciation Catholic Church
310 Ave. St. Catherine
Wednesday, September 24th
6:30 - 8pm (Intermission 7:30)

St. Andrew Catholic Church
4100 St. Andrews Ln, Helix Summit
Thursday, September 25th
6:45 - 8pm (Intermission 7:45)
*Church basement

Cathedral of St. Joseph
3305 W. Main St., Jefferson City
Sunday, September 28th
6:30 - 8pm (Intermission 7:30)
*Cura Hall

St. George Church
613 E. Main St., Linn
Monday, September 29th
6:30 - 8pm (Intermission 7:30)

St. Brendan Catholic Church
615 S. Washington St., Meriame
Tuesday, September 30th
6:30 - 8pm (Intermission 7:30)
*Parish Hall



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Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin. ●



NANCY WIECH/CONIS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 1 Tm 2:1-8 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	September 16 <i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> 1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17	September 17 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35	September 18 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50	September 19 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3	September 20 <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15	September 21 <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



STANISLAW TOKARSKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.

ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,
ROME, MAY 10, 2025