



I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead... and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

JOHN 10:16

## Living with Our Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e live with a maze of instincts—some from the dark side and some from the light. In her book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson describes how cultures tend to consign certain individuals to the bottom of the social ladder. She specifically compares the caste system in India with how the Nazis sought to suppress and eliminate Jews and with the way blacks were oppressed by slavery and even in our own time. She describes the instinct in every society to relegate others to a lower class, always seeking to ensure that we are not at the bottom. This instinct can come from the dark side of people.

There is also an instinct for goodness to others, an instinct of light—to recognize everyone as brothers and sisters. As Saint John notes, “we are God’s children now”

(1 John 3:2). It is the voice of the Shepherd instilled in the human spirit that calls us into one fold, the voice of God urging us to healing goodness.

It is the dark side that nurtures white supremacy. It is the light that enables us to see beyond the color of our skin. It is the dark side that excludes those who seem different. It is the light that welcomes and offers hospitality. It is the dark side that succumbs to fear. It is the light of God’s love that confronts the wolves of hate and urges us to follow. There is always tension between darkness and light. ●

### Reflect

**How does the voice of the Good Shepherd call you to reject the dark and embrace the light?**

# Dear Padre,

***My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?***

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About

half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●



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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Mark,</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday</i>
Acts 11:1-18	Acts 11:19-26	Acts 12:24-	<i>Evangelist</i>	Acts 13:26-33	Acts 13:44-52	<i>of Easter</i>
Jn 10:1-10	Jn 10:22-30	13:5a	1 Pt 5:5b-14	Jn 14:1-6	Jn 14:7-14	Acts 9:26-31
		Jn 12:44-50	Mk 16:15-20			1 Jn 3:18-24
						Jn 15:1-8



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone.... He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God....The Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone. Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows and loves all of us.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021**

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Sunday Confessions: 8:30 am Saturday Confessions: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm Weekday masses: 7:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

Week day masses at Sacred Heart: 8:00 am 2nd and 4th Thursday; St. John's 1st and 3rd Thursday

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**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, Apr 22— no mass  
Tues, Apr 23 —7:45 am mass— no masses this week  
Wed, Apr 24- 7:45 am mass—  
Thur, Apr 25—8:00 am mass—  
Fri, Apr 26- 7:45 am Mass -  
Sat, Apr 27— 4:00 pm Mass— Bill and Lucy Deimeke  
Sun, Apr 28—9:00 am Mass— Chuck Jennings

**ON THE CALENDAR:**

Sun, Apr 21— Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Mon, Apr 22—  
Tues, Apr 23- 1 pm Quilting at Jean Aulbur's town house  
Wed, Apr 24 —  
Thur, Apr 25—  
Fri, Apr 26-  
Sat, Apr 27-  
Sun, Apr 28- Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Liturgical Roles for the month of April:**

**SJC Usher/Counter**

Saturday: Pat Arens and Paul Bertels

Sunday: Jeff Fennewald and Rodney Willingham

**Musicians/Cantor**

**Lector**

**Gifts**

**Servers**

Apr 20-Tom  
Apr 21-Mary Kay, Brenda  
Apr 27-Mark  
Apr 28-Ruth, Rita  
May 4 -  
May 5—  
May 11-  
May 12 -

Kevin Kestler  
Becky Hoyt  
Sharon Cope  
Patty Fennewald  
Jennifer Hunn  
1st Holy Communion  
8th grade Graduation  
Carol Willingham

Kevin and Rhonda Kestler  
Jaron and Liz Freie  
Jeff and Jennifer Hunn  
Jim and Brenda Hale  
Dale and Peggy Wilburn

Kaytlynn Arens and Ryan Arens  
Haydon Swaim and Hannah Swaim  
Coltin Cope and Alex Poindexter  
Maci Poindexter and Leah Poindexter  
Rylan Arens and Hunter Arens

David and Kristan Kleinsorge

Jace Norris and Ty Norris

Please contact the office if you are unable to attend that Saturday or Sunday or find a replacement.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

Amanda Keller, Laura Oligschlaeger, Linda Welschmeyer, Chris Robinson, Tammy Purvis, Bob Mette, Tealia McCurdy, Tom Swaim, Betty Mendonsa, Bill Knipp, Bryan Bartlett, Phyllis Silver, Jim Arens, Frances Troesser, Ryker Whalen, Daniel Brooks, Barb Poindexter, Shirley Willingham, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, Derrick Feldmann, Frankie Stuckenschneider, Bud Oligschlaeger, Edna Berry, Ryan Maskey, Anthony Arens, Steven Govero, David Welschmeyer, Billie (Welschmeyer) Gering, Jim Gooch, Doris Wieberg, Agnes Bertels, Carolyn Stuckenschneider, Dale (Bud) Craighead, Therese Fennewald, Wesley Andrews, Joe Vance, Edward Borgmeyer, Josh Oliver, Jim Purvis, Penelope Karrenbrock

Dear Parishioners,

In the past the garage has been used as a place to store cans that would be taken to be recycled. The person who volunteered to drop them at the recycling center is no longer able to do so. We have an overabundance of cans in the garage. I am asking for two things: the first is would someone be willing to volunteer to remove the cans, and secondly please do not store cans in the garage as we have little to no room for equipment that is stored in there. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be willing to take the cans off our hands.

Thank you,  
Fr. Derek

The Missouri Catholic Conference has shared the Bishops Statement on the Abortion Initiative Petition. A copy of the statement is available for you located by the bulletins in the back of church.

Martinsburg Area Ultreya will immediately follow the 4pm mass Saturday, April 20th. We will meet at the Martinsburg Community Room. Everyone who has attended a Cursillo is welcome. Meat, drinks, and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Any questions call Delana Becker, Area Rep. 573-721-0780

Church Spring Cleaning-Saturday, April 20th, 8:00 a.m.

Lend a hand to spruce up our church! Please bring cleaning supplies, buckets and rags. Together we can make our church shine.

A friendly reminder: That if there is a funeral at any parish or a school cancellation due to weather there will be no scheduled mass.

**Bishop McKnight's April prayer intention for our Local Church**

For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life.



The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through our diocese from July 1-5, 2024, stopping in Sedalia, Boonville, Jefferson City, Columbia and Starckenburg. Learn how you can walk with us and worship with us at several events throughout the diocese...Please watch for more information and details about this exciting event coming soon.

**St. Joseph School News**  
Principal - Michelle Hombs

**SJS Share Fair** -next Friday, April 19, 6:30 to 7:30pm at the school. Please join us at this open house to see all the students' hard work and projects from the school year. At 7pm some of the 7th/8th students will share their speeches that were said at the Diocesan Speech Meet. All are welcome to come!

**Thank you** -To all the grandparents who took time out of their day to attend our Grandparents Day last week and to the teachers for helping their classes provide the entertainment. Thank you also to Gina Sachs for chairing this event and those who helped her: Tonya Alm, Jina Deimeke, Crystal LaRue, Rachel Rakers and Katie Swaim. It was a nice afternoon enjoyed by all.

**Teacher Opening for 24-25 Year-**A full-time 5th/6th grade home-room teaching position with opportunities to teach specific subjects 5th-8th grade. SJS has many things to offer. Retired teachers are encouraged to apply. Apply online at [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org). Also send resume and references to the school's address (401 E. Kellett St., Martinsburg) or email, [mhombs@stjosephmb.org](mailto:mhombs@stjosephmb.org)

**Middle School Track-**This coming week is the last week of track for this school year. The three final meets are listed below. Good luck! **Monday, April 22 @ Bowling Green**, bus leaves R-VI at 1:45pm, meet starts at 3:15pm. **Wednesday, April 24 @ Glasgow**, bus leaves R-VI at 6:30am, meet starts at 9am. **Thursday, April 25 @ Van-Far**, leave SJS at 2:30pm, meets starts at 4:00pm

**Sacrament Information-** Rehearsal for First Communion will be Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 pm in the church. **First Communion will be on Sunday, May 5 at the 9am Mass** with pictures to follow. Confirmation rehearsal for both the candidate and sponsor will be Sunday, May 5 at 5:00pm in the church. **Confirmation will be on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm.** Candidates and sponsors must be there by 5:30 for pictures.

**Parish Graduation- Saturday, May 11, at the 4:00pm Mass** We will be promoting four 8th grade students onto high school. Any parishioner graduating from high school, trade school, or college are welcome to take part. Graduates, please call school (492-6283) to share if you would like to be a part of our graduation Mass and/or be listed in the program.

**Looking Ahead ... Monday, April 22-** Track @ Bowling Green, meet starts at 3:15 pm. **Tuesday, April 23-**7:45am Mass, 3/4 read **Wednesday, April 24-**SJS Library, PK/K Field Trip to the zoo; Track @ Glasgow, meet starts at 9:00am **Thursday, April 25 -**1/2 Field Trip to Mexico; Track @ Van-Far, meet starts at 4:00pm **Friday, April 26 -** 7:45am Mass, 3/4 Mass; Branch Library visit, PK-2; Big Shot/Little Squirt lunch

**Happy Anniversary & Birthdays**



- April 23: Travis Duenke
- April 25; Ed Wieberg, Stephanie Wieberg
- April 26: John and Barb Poindexter (50), Jason and Brook Poindexter (21)
- April 27: Hunter Arens

Please contact the parish office if you would like a birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin. Parish office hours are Tuesday thru Thursday 9 am until 4:30 pm.

**Join Our Team! The Early Learning Center** is looking for an individual to keep a safe, positive, environment where children can learn and play. We are looking for a educator for our one year old room and for our two year room. Benefits: childcare discount, access to health care, paid holidays, paid time off. If interested email us at [elcdirector@stjosephmb.org](mailto:elcdirector@stjosephmb.org) or message us on Facebook!

We all have something in our lives that is broken — that needs to be mended, fixed or healed. When we turn to Jesus and align our hearts and minds with Him and trust in His mercy, He comes to us and wraps His arms lovingly around us. He gently reminds us that "together, we can fix this!" Christ can heal broken relationships with God, broken relationships with others and broken parts of ourselves. Come join us to experience Jesus' Divine Mercy through His Healing and Forgiveness which is freely offered to all. The 3-day Women's Conference of Healing and Forgiveness, entitled "Women of Hope," will be held September 5-7, 2024 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa, Kansas. For more details see Diocesan website

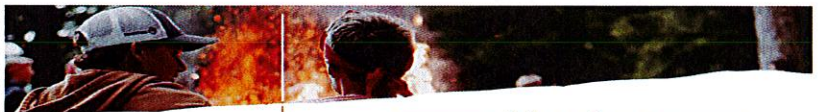
**PLEASE SAVE YOUR MOSER'S RECEIPTS FOR ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL.** We send them in to get cash for the school. Every \$10,000 of receipts gets us \$50. We have already received \$150 this year. There is a box in the back of church where you can put them. There is no expiration date for the receipts. We no longer collect the actual BoxTops labels, but get those points by scanning the receipts within 14 days of purchase. Campbell Soup Company no longer gives us any rewards for their labels.

*I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.*

John 10:14-15



What a gift we have been given that our Shepherd loved us so much he laid down his life for us! Through his sacrificial heroic love, he calls us into relationship with him by his grace and compassion.



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Boys: June 16-21  
Girls: July 7-11

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Leadership



**Camp Maccabee**  
FOR YOUNG MEN

July 14-19



**Camp Siena**  
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

July 21-26

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15



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**Tending The Flock** has received a lot of donations of useful medical equipment. *If you know of someone in need of durable medical equipment please contact Rhonda Kestler at 573-582-2905.* We are always accepting donations so please keep this ministry in mind if you have durable medical equipment.

**SJC Financial Report:**

	Income	Expense	Difference
July to March	\$733,566.22	\$781,569.96	\$-48,003.74
Percent of Budget	80.97%	82.75%	

Month of March	Income:	Expense	Weekly Apr 7	Weekly Apr 14
Church	\$ 35,046.42	\$ 21,742.89	\$ 9,586.00	\$14,925.73
School	\$ 9,965.98	\$ 32,930.32	\$ 1,287.20	\$ 1,697.20
ELC	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 23,229.44	\$ 3,915.00	\$ 2,325.00
Extended Care	\$ 1,034.00	\$ 1,127.65	\$ 344.50	\$ 118.00