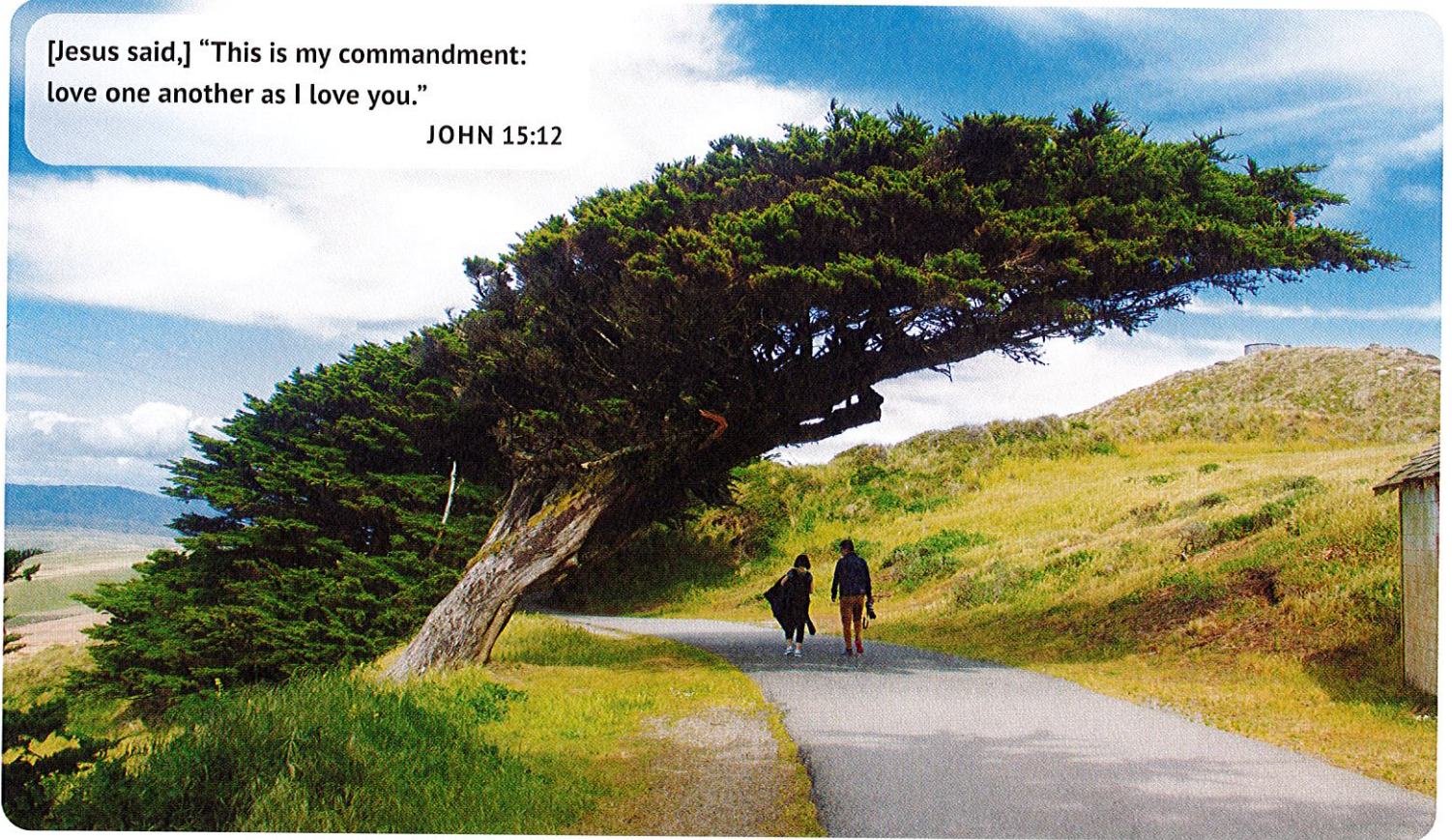




[Jesus said,] “This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.”

JOHN 15:12



We're Like Trees

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight.* So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Think of everyone with whom you have some difficulty and name a good quality of each one.

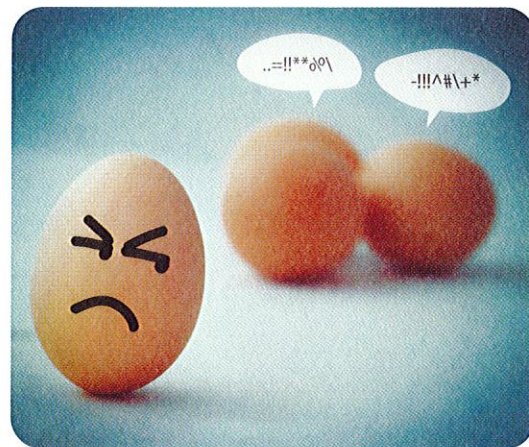
Dear Padre,

**Please clarify for me what the Church considers as “gossip.”
Is it that bad?**

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are “detraction” and “calumny.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is “without objectively valid reason, disclosing another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them.” Calumny occurs when a person, “by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). ●



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MONDAY

May 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11–15
Jn 15:26–16:4a

TUESDAY

May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22–34
Jn 16:5–11

WEDNESDAY

May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15,
22–18:1
Jn 16:12–15

THURSDAY

May 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1–8
Jn 16:16–20

FRIDAY

May 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9–18
Jn 16:20–23

SATURDAY

May 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23–28
Jn 16:23b–28

SUNDAY

May 12
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23 or
Eph 4:1–13 or
4:1–7, 11–13
Mk 16:15–20



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously....Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 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, May 6— no mass

Tues, May 7—7:45 am mass—Bernice Swaim

Wed, May 8- 7:45 am mass—Eunice Welschmeyer

May 8- 6:30 pm Confirmation mass-Carl and Margie Wieberg

Thur, May 9— 8:00 am mass—Sacred Heart—Vandalia

Fri, May 10- 7:45 am Mass - Robert Swaim

Sat, May 11— 4:00 pm Mass— Don and Jeanette Wortmann

Sun, May 12—9:00 am Mass— Ray and Estella Rothermich

ON THE CALENDAR:

Sun, May 5— Sixth Sunday of Easter— First Holy Communion

Mon, May 6-

Tues, May 7- 1 pm Quilting at Jean Aulbur's town house

7 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Wed, May 8 — 6:30 pm St. Joseph Confirmation

Thur, May 9—

Fri, May 10-

Sat, May 11- 4 pm mass 8th grade parish graduation

Sun, May 12— The Ascension of the Lord—Mother's Day

Liturgical Roles for the month of May:

SJC Usher/Counter

Saturday: John and Nancy Becker

Sunday: Brad Hoyt and Justin Poindexter

Musicians/Cantor

Lector

Gifts

Servers

May 4—Mary Kay

May 5— Ruth and Patty

May 8- Ruth, Rita Gangloff, Mary Kay

May 11-Tom and Brenda

May 12—Mark and Jan

May 18-Tom

May 19-Mary Kay and Jan

May 25—Mark

May 26—Tom and Rita

Jennifer Hunn

1st Holy Communion

Confirmation

8th grade Graduation

Carol Willingham

Peggy Wilburn

Mae Fennewald

Donna Isgrig

Katie Swaim

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

Dale and Peggy Wilburn

David and Kristan Kleinsorge

Norbert and Kathy Dubbert

Burt and Dawn Miller

Jason and Brook Poindexter

Bob and Caroline Nation

Rylan Arens and Hunter Arens

Jace Norris and Ty Norris

Kaylynn Arens and Ryan Arens

Chason Sachs and Etta Sachs

Coltin Cope and Lilly Bosworth

Haydon Swaim and Hannah Swaim

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, Judy Burkemper, Rita Meador, Margaret Nilges

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.

First Communion is this Sunday, May 5th, seven second graders will receive holy communion for the first time. Please keep these children in your prayers. Pearson Bohr, Baylor Deimeke, Bryden Deimeke, Adelynn Robnett, Hazel Sachs, Blakelyn Swaim, and Sawyer Van Alstine



Bishop McKnight's May prayer intention for our Local Church

For those who are preparing for marriage and those who are living the sacrament of holy Matrimony: May the mutual self-giving of spouses and engaged couples bring new life into our community of faith.



Confirmation is this Wednesday, May, 8th. Please keep in your prayers our youth that will be confirmed. Kaylynn Arens, Rylan Arens, Coltin Cope, Sophia Fennewald, Bailey Miller, Alex Poindexter, Maci Poindexter, Layne Rohan, Chason Sachs, Carter Schafer, Kooper Schafer, Haydon Swaim, Clayton Crum, Grayson Dunlap, Emily Huddleston, Tyler Huddleston, Haley Knipfel, Ty Norris, Lawrence (Leo) Oligschlaeger, Danica Thompson, Gabe Timmerman, Tess Timmerman, Jordan Trainor. The St. Patrick's youth from Jonesburg are Emma Cobb, Luke Farrar, Jordan Finke, Anna Johnson, Lucy Politsch, McCullie Schluss.

Immediately following Confirmation the parish is hosting a reception at the Knights of Columbus hall serving cookies, lemonade and tea. All are welcomed.

Second Tuesday Mass -The 2nd Tuesday Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 14 with Fr. Philip Niekamp presiding at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows Starckenburg MO. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 11:15 AM followed by the Rosary at 11:40 AM and Mass at NOON. A light lunch will be available at Valentine Hall following the Mass. Cost for the lunch is \$10.

St. Joseph School News
Principal - Michelle Hombs

First Holy Communion -This Sunday, May 5 at the 9:00am Mass. We have seven First Communicants this year: Pearson Bohr, Baylor Deimeke, Bryden Deimeke, Adelynn Robnett, Hazel Sachs, Blakelyn Swaim, and Sawyer Van Alstine. Thank you to Dr. Willingham and Amanda Beshears for their help preparing them for this sacrament. SJS will have ice cream and toppings on Tuesday, May 7, at 3pm celebrating these communicants receiving holy communion for the first time

Confirmation- 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. Immediately following Confirmation at the KC Hall, the parish is hosting a reception of cookies, lemonade and tea. All are welcomed.

8th Grade Last Day-next Friday, May 10. Following the 8th graders' last Mass all are welcomed for doughnuts & drink, tree planting, and then their final SJS dismissal at 3:00pm. Other students will dismiss at the normal 3:40pm dismissal time. Thank you to Steve & Carol Rohan and family for donating a serviceberry tree which will be planted at approximately 9:30am.

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.

AR Challenge-Last week we finished our second and final reading challenge for the school year. The top two reading teams received pool passes to the Mexico Aquatic Center donated by Poindexter Earth Moving. **First place** and receiving two passes each are: Stevee Alm, Ryan Arens, Baylor Deimeke, Reagan Hill, Landon LaRue, Leah Poindexter, Blakelyn Swaim, and Eli Swaim. **Second place** and receiving one pass each are: Hunter Arens, Pearson Bohr, Lilly Bosworth, Coltin Cope, Sophie Fennwald, Charlee Rodgers, and Braylie Walker. All the students amped up their reading this school year and we are proud of them!

Sketch Day-Our 8th grade students participated in Sketch Day in Monroe City on Friday, April 19. In addition to participation ribbons, two of the 8th graders received red ribbons in the different fields: Sophie Fennwald, pastels, and Layne Rohan, ink. Congratulations!

Looking Ahead ... Tuesday, May 7- Administrators' Meeting in Jefferson City; First Communion Ice Cream Social, 3:00 for the students and staff **Wednesday, May 8-**StuCo movie & popcorn, 1pm; Confirmation, 6:30pm, St. Joseph Church **Friday, May 9-** 8th Graders Last Day; 7:45am Mass with doughnuts and drink to follow; Tree planting approximately 9:30am; 8th grade party hosted by the 7th grade, in the afternoon ; 8th grade dismissal, 3pm with other students dismissing at 3:40pm

Mothers and their loved ones are invited to enjoy the beauty of **The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church on Mother's Day, May 12.** Mother's Day is a special event for the Mothers' Shrine, which honors the Blessed Mother, Mary, and all who love with a mother's love, whether as a mom within a family or as a spiritual mother. The Mothers' Shrine is adjacent to St. Patrick Catholic Church, 176 Marian Drive in Laurie. The Mothers' Shrine is hosting a complimentary brunch May 12, 9:30 – 11 am, following 8:30 am Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church. There is no fee for the meal and all are welcome. Reservations are not necessary; people will be seated first come, first serve. Donations are welcomed. Mother's Day afternoon, at 1:30 pm, all are welcomed to a special Mass celebrated by Father John Schmitz, rector of the Mothers' Shrine, at the outdoor altar. Following the Mass, the names of more than 100 new honorees for the Mothers' Wall of Life will be unveiled.

Happy Anniversary & Birthdays



May 5: Danny and Kelly Kuda (24)

May 8: Ruth Schuler; Donna Fennwald

May 9: Barb Poindexter, Alex Kleinsorge

May 10: Maci Mae Poindexter

May 11: Kevin Kestler

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.

Ladies Sodality is planning an Organizational Meeting on Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. ALL Women of our Parish are Invited... For many years all women ... (including wives of members (Catholic or not)) were automatically members of Ladies Sodality... So... Maybe you haven't joined the church, but come with your husband or your family... Maybe you send your children to St. Joseph School or St. Joseph Early Learning Center ... Maybe you come to our church services sometimes but haven't been ready to make it official and join the Church yet ...We consider all of you part of our Parish!!! This event is for YOU!!! Come join us! We are excited to build relationships with all of you!

As a follow up to our March Paint Night, Ladies Sodality is looking for input from the Ladies of our Parish asking them to complete either a paper survey found at the back of church or complete the same Survey found at this link. <https://forms.gle/Y5xPcCR5vSU1pcmz5>

Beginning Monday, May 6, 2024 the Rosary will be prayed at the Sacred Heart Grotto next to the church in Vandalia on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 pm. If there is inclement weather it will be moved inside the church. The Rosary will be prayed for the United States of America in the coming months to return to God, one nation under God. There will be a brief explanation of each mystery during the Rosary for a deeper reflection during

The Spring Pilgrimage will be held on Sunday, May 19 with Fr. Niekamp presiding at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg, MO. The day begins with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a Rosary procession through the Shrine grounds. A traditional German lunch will be available from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Following lunch, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with several priests. Benediction is at 1:30 and an Outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 PM. Cost for lunch is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and those under 6 are free.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through our diocese from July 1-5, 2024, stopping in Sedalia, Boonville, Jefferson City, Columbia and Starkenburg. 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.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

This is agape love – a sacrificial love, selfless and pure. It is a love of choice which Jesus Christ displayed on the cross, dying for our sins.



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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	Weekly Apr 21	Weekly Apr 28
Church	\$ 35,046.42	\$ 21,742.89	\$ 9,586.00	\$14,925.73	\$13,633.70	\$4,901.60
School	\$ 9,965.98	\$ 32,930.32	\$ 1,287.20	\$ 1,697.20	\$ 624.20	\$ 292.70
ELC	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 23,229.44	\$ 3,915.00	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 4,255.00	\$ 2,255.00
Extended Care	\$ 1,034.00	\$ 1,127.65	\$ 344.50	\$ 118.00	\$ 213.50	\$ 240.00

St. Joseph Ladies Sodality Survey

In the spirit of reorganizing the St. Joseph Parish's Ladies Sodality, we are hoping to have each gathering be focused on Faith - Fellowship - Food and Fun.

Please answer the following questions to help us know of your interest in participating and sharing your time and talent.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Organization

___ I am willing to be a circle leader.

___ I am willing to serve a 2 yr. term as an officer.

___ I am willing to coordinate an activity.

How often do you see yourself participating in events/gatherings?

Monthly Bi-Monthly Quarterly

"Fellowship & Fun" Ideas

(Please mark ones you are interested in, but rank top 5)

___ Spring Flower Pot Class

___ Wreath Making

___ Sign Painting or Canvas Painting

___ Flower Arranging

___ Ceramics

___ Quilting

___ Christmas Cookies

___ Caroling

___ Ice Cream Social

___ Valentine Event with Spouses

___ Programs from Local Agencies *(Health Dept, Library, Technology, Estate -Retirement-Financial Planning, Cooking, etc.)*

Other Ideas :

Over -- >



St. Joseph Ladies Sodality Survey

Faith Enrichment & Outreach Ideas

(Please Mark Ones you would be interested in Helping with/Participating in)

- Bible Study (circle 1) Wk Bi-Wk Monthly Bi-Monthly
 - OCIA Content as refresher (Christian Initiation material)
 - Women's Retreat
 - Trip to Branson to Sight and Sound Theater Show
 - Christian Movie Night
 - Treats for our Youth at special times of the year
 - Other Faith Enrichment Ideas:
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- Homebound Outreach
 - New Mom Outreach (*Church Showers, Meals, etc.*)
 - Kids Church (before Mass)
 - Young Adult Outreach MS-HS-College-20s
 - Church Cleaning
 - Cry Room Needs
 - School Needs
 - ELC Needs
 - Other Outreach Ideas:
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Other Comments or Suggestions:



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