

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



*“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”*

— *Matthew 21:23*

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September 27, 2020  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Immaculate Conception – St. Joseph Parish welcomes you!

Thank you for coming today! Whether you are just visiting or have recently moved to our area, we are happy that you joined us! Newcomers are invited to register at the Parish Office during regular business hours, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am to Noon; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Parish Office: 747 Osage** 682-3953  
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**Parish Website- <http://www.icsj.org>**

### Sunday Masses

Sat. Vigil 4:00 pm St. Joseph  
 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception  
 Sunday 8:00 am St. Joseph  
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception

### Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception  
 Tuesday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph  
 Wednesday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception  
 Thursday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph  
 Friday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception  
 Saturday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph

**Confessions** 1:00-1:30 PM every Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

**Baptisms** Please call the Parish Office for the time and place of class.

**Weddings** Before setting a wedding date, contact Fr. Glenn at least 6 months in advance.

**Bulletin Notices** Must be submitted in writing to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 11:30 am.

### SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: 1:00-1:30 PM

For Saturday Confessions at St. Joseph Church, one person will be admitted to the church at a time for the purposes of safety and confidentiality. Please come to the northwest door of the church. A confession usher will give you directions.

## Altar Angels

For the week of September 28 through October 3  
 SJ - Brenda Hruska and Linda Summers  
 IC - Karen and Steve Smith

The bulletin cover today features a photo of the statue of St. Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower," at St. Joseph Church. Her feast day is October 1.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 26

4:00 pm †Barbara Ann Miller (SJ)  
 5:30 pm †Mathias Berg (IC)

### Sunday, September 27

8:00 am †Robert Ozarkiewitz (SJ)  
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

### Monday, September 28

8:30 am †Peggy Pierron (IC)

### Tuesday, September 29

8:30 am †Ted I. Rea (SJ)

### Wednesday, September 30

8:30 am †Fidela Veniebas (IC)

### Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

### Thursday, October 1

8:30 am No 8:30 Mass (SJ)  
 7:00 pm Georgeann Kreutzer (SJ)

### Friday, October 2

8:30 am †Rufina Castillo (5th Anniversary) (IC)

### Saturday, October 3

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Adolf & Marie Heitlinger Family (SJ)  
 4:00 pm †Tom McAndrew (SJ)  
 5:30 pm Our Parishioners (IC)

### Sunday, October 4

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Hund Heim, & Schwinn Families (SJ)  
 10:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Archer & Baumann Families (IC)

## Offertory Collection

September 20, 2020

**Offertory** \$6,277.00

**Maintenance** \$1,803.00

**Thank you for your gifts to God and Church!**



# WELCOME FALL!

## Requesting Our Prayers

### Support Our Troops With Your Prayers!

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We extend our prayers and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of loved ones who have recently passed away.

Parishioner **Kristin Alicia Rodriguez**, daughter of Elias J. (JR) and Ana Rodriguez, passed away on September 7, 2020. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 with Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm. presiding.

Long time parishioner, **Dolores J. Reardon**, passed away in Kansas City, MO on September 17, 2020. Plans for a celebration of life is still pending.

**Raymond and Linda Dziezak**, parents of parishioner Marty Moreno, both passed away recently in Hammond, IN. Arrangements are still pending. Their funeral Mass will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Hammond.

May Kristin, Dolores, Raymond and Linda find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord, and may their grieving families find healing peace in the Spirit of Christ.



We are happy to welcome the following children into the Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism.

**Elizabeth Ann Chapman**, daughter of Edward and Marie Darabaris Chapman, was baptized on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at St. Joseph Church, with Deacon Dean Gilbert presiding.

**Emma Juliette Marie Buckel**, daughter of Chad and Chantal Labrie Buckel, was baptized on Sunday, September 20, 2020, at Immaculate Conception Church with Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm. presiding.

Congratulations to the families!



Congratulations to **Marvin and Brenda Clayter**, who celebrated the Convalidation of their Marriage at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, September 19, 2020.

Fr. Glenn Snow presided at the ceremony. May the Lord continue to bless their union.

## Tootsie Roll Campaign

The Knights of Columbus Council #900 will conduct the 2020 Campaign for Intellectual Disabilities during the weekend of October 9, 10, & 11. Member Knights will be at all Masses to accept donations. Small displays will be in the back of both churches to allow donations not possible on the weekends. You can also donate on-line through the KC Council #900 Facebook page.

## From the Desk of Br. David

### VOLUNTEER LEAF RAKES

We need a lot of volunteers to help with leaf raking at both church locations during the months of October and November. If you can help, please call Br. David at 682-3953.

### COVID WORKERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help wash the pews after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. Please contact Br. David if you can help out.

## October Elijah's Supper

On Thursday, October 1, the menu will consist of a hearty bowl of soup, fresh fruit, cookies and brownies. We need your help in donating everything other than the soup ingredients. Suppers are still limited to carry outs so we have special soup containers. The rest of the meal will be packaged for easy distribution. We take extra precautions in touching any items given to those who need our help. Donated food items can be brought to Kinzler Hall after noon on October 1st. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry. **Mitzie Fritchen**

BAZAAR

**This weekend, September 26 & 27**, is our Parish Plan B Bazaar! You can purchase your BBQ Beef Sack Suppers after the 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM Masses on Saturday afternoon. **If we do not sell out**, we will be selling them after the Sunday morning 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. The quilters will have items to sale at St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall after the 4:00 PM and 8:00 AM Masses. The Raffle Drawings and the Duck Drop Event will take place on Sunday, September 27, after the 10:30 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Thanks to all who supported our bazaar!

## Respect Life Sunday

Next Sunday, October 4, is Respect Life Sunday. Parish members will be accepting donations for Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. after all Masses next weekend. Birthright is an international Pro-Life pregnancy service. All of the workers are volunteers and all services are free. All donations are used to operate the local center, educate the volunteers, and provide services to women. Birthright serves with confidentiality any girl or woman who is pregnant or thinks she may be pregnant. Services include pregnancy tests, maternity and baby clothes, and information about area agencies. We offer friendship, positive emotional support and encouragement for the woman to carry her baby to term. Birthright is a non-profit organization with tax exempt status from the IRS. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. For more information check out our website [www.birthright.org/leavenworth](http://www.birthright.org/leavenworth). You can also find us on Facebook.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The parables of Jesus almost always have a twist or a speed-bump. Jesus seems to have taken a liking to making his listeners go “Huh?” or “Wait... what?”. Today’s passage about the two sons, and especially Jesus’ commentary afterwards, is no different. “Tax-collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you!” When you put it together with last week’s parable about the all-day workers getting the same pay as the last-hour workers, it can make us a little uncomfortable. Most of us say... “Wait a minute! That isn’t fair!”

Whenever I find myself stumbling over a passage that is not what I expected or has some unresolved or uncomfortable element to it, I take that as God’s prompt for me to do a little more reading and research about that passage, and see if there isn’t a broader context, a more defined focus, or a deeper layer than what I’ve been seeing. My first go-to resource is usually a book called “The Jerome Biblical Commentary” (JBC), which is probably the pre-eminent one-volume Catholic commentary and analysis of the Scripture. It’s not easy reading; it can be very technical and specialized in its vocabulary, even for a priest. (And I used to live with one of the editors!)

The JBC ties together last Sunday’s parable, this week’s parable, and next Sunday’s parable all in a little sequence. All three come one right after another in Matthew’s Gospel. And the key to the sequence has to do with the audience Jesus was speaking to. In the first parable, Jesus was talking specifically to the Pharisees. Today’s parable is addressed to the chief priests and elders. Next Sunday’s parable comes right on the heels of today’s, and is also addressed to the chief priests and elders. So he is talking specifically to the high and mighty of Israel’s religious leadership of his day.

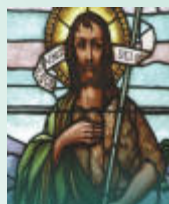
When I was teaching in an inner-city school twenty years ago, one of the local, colorful, and delightful phrases that I occasionally heard was “Oh, she thinks she’s all that and a bag of chips!” It was a way of pointing out someone whose opinion of themselves was inflated and self-congratulatory.

The message Jesus is sending to the religious elite is basically the same: You think you’ve got it made because you’re large and in-charge. You think that because you have this position or role in the religion that you’ve got all the bases covered, and you can just ride that tide into God’s favored corner. Well, you’re wrong. God isn’t looking at your titles. God is looking at your heart and your soul. And the expression of your heart and your soul is in the way you act. If you’re a good person, your actions will reflect that. If you’re not, then there is still time to repent. The self-righteous have trouble recognizing that need. The self-admitted sinners can see themselves clearly, and can repent.

May God bless you all,

--Fr. Glenn

## This Week in our Parish



### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4:00 pm Vigil Mass (SJ) **Live Streamed**  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass (IC)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)  
9:00 am Sunday Religious Education Classes (SJ)  
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm: Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9 am-10 pm Eucharistic Adoration (IC)  
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)  
7:00 pm RCIA, Kinzler Hall (SJ)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

4-5:30 pm Elijah’s Supper  
7:00 pm Special Liturgy for the Feast Day of St. Therese of the Child Jesus (SJ)



**All Live Streamed Masses will be the  
4:00 PM Mass at  
St. Joseph Church**

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### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.


**Please join us for a Feast Day Mass**  
**in Honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus,**  
**“The Little Flower”**


**7:00 PM, Thursday, October 1, 2020**  
**St. Joseph Church**

## 2021 Mass Requests

Starting next weekend, **October 3-4, Masses may be requested for 2021**. The recommended offering in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is \$10.00 per Mass. You will find a Mass Intention Form on a table in the back of each church. Please complete the form and provide \$10.00 for each Mass you are requesting. You may drop your form in the Offertory Collection boxes at church, drop by the Parish Office, or mail to the Parish Office at 747 Osage Street. Starting in January of 2021, there will not be a Thursday morning 8:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church. You may start with requesting **only four (4) Masses** be scheduled for specific dates if available. You will be notified of the status of your Masses within two weeks of your request. Weekend Masses are not always available. More Masses may be scheduled as needed, when dates are available during the year. With all Masses full for 2020 as early as August, we did not have Masses available for those requesting for the Repose of the Soul of parishioners and others we lost in 2020. We will periodically run in the bulletin what dates are available.

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