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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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*“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.”*

*—John 15:10*

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May 9, 2021  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

## 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.

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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—NO MASS  
 Friday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception  
 Saturday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph

**Confessions** 1:00-1:30 PM next Saturday, May 15 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

Due to a wedding next weekend, Confessions on Saturday, May 15, will move to St. Joseph Church. Please use the north west door (ramp door). You will be met by an usher who will let you enter when the confessional is empty, and ready for the next person. Please wear a mask and follow the social distance guidelines.

## Altar Angels

For the week of May 10 to May 14  
 SJ - Mary Uphaus and Mary Ann Harsch  
 IC - Kathryn Wills

The bulletin cover today features an image of Jesus with his disciples preaching to them about keeping the commandments and loving one another.



### Saturday, May 8

4:00 pm †Deceased Members of the Mike and Rose Ann Sachse Family (SJ)  
 5:30 pm Our Parishioners (IC)

### Sunday, May 9

8:00 am †Beverly Burdick (SJ)  
 10:30 am †Eugene & Clara Vanderstaay's 68th Wedding Anniversary (IC)

### Monday, May 10

8:30 am †Jim Navinsky (IC)

### Tuesday, May 11

8:30 am †Helen Kaeding-Alig (SJ)

### Wednesday, May 12

8:30 am †Helen Kaeding-Alig (IC)

### Thursday, May 13

No Mass

### Friday, May 14

8:30 am †Ron Ernzen (IC)

### Saturday, May 15

8:30 am †Frances McEvoy (SJ)  
 4:00 pm †John C. (Butch) Price (SJ)  
 5:30 pm †Arthur & Reba Graf (IC)

### Sunday, May 16

8:00 am †Sharon Chmidling (SJ)  
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

## Offertory Collection

May 2, 2021

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Please call the Parish Office at (913-682-3953) to remove names from our troop and prayer list of individuals who have returned safely and are now well. Thank you to those who keep us updated on their loved one's progress.



We extend our sincere prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of parishioner **Carol Ann Heim**, who passed away on April 25, 2021. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, April 30, 2021, at St. Joseph Church, with Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm., presiding. May Carol find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.

Carol find eternal happiness in the loving arms of the Lord.



## Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet this Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00 PM, in St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall.

## 50th Wedding Anniversary

The Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 2021, 2:00 PM, Church of the Nativity in Leawood. If you would like to receive an invitation from Archbishop Naumann and have not yet submitted your information, please call the Parish Office.



Hello visitors! We are glad to have you joining us for Mass whether you are just traveling through the area, or because you have recently moved here. We are happy you chose us and would be blessed if you

decide to become a registered parishioner and join our church family! If you are interested in registering, stop by the table in the back of church and pick up a registration form. You can mail it in, send by email, or stop by our Parish Office at 747 Osage. Our office hours are 8:00 AM-4:00 PM (closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00 PM). If you have any questions call the Parish Office at (913)-682-3953. Visit our website at [icsj.org](http://icsj.org) to learn more about us. God Bless!

## Confession Information

### Confession Location Change on Saturday, May 15

Due to a wedding at Immaculate Conception Church next Saturday, May 15, the 1:00-1:30 PM Confessions at Immaculate Conception Church will move to St. Joseph Church, from 1-1:30 PM. They will return to Immaculate Conception Church the following Saturday, May 22.

## Holy Rosary Rally

Please join the Greater Kansas City Holy Rosary Rally on Mother's Day to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima at the May Holy Rosary Rally, which will be held on Sunday May 9th from 3:00- 4:15 PM at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit [www.rosaryrallieskc.org](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org)

## St. Thomas More Continuing Education Program

The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK) is providing a Catholic-centered Continuing Education (CE) Program for those in the fields of law, accounting, financial planning, and insurance on Friday, June 4, via a Live Zoom Webinar. Cost is \$75. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.cfnek.org/events/stthomasmorecontinuingeducationprogram> The program begins with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann at 8:00 am and concludes at 1:30 pm. Available CE credits 4 hours CLE (2 ethics) for KS, 4 Hours CLE (3 Ethics) for MO, 4 Hours (3 ethics) Kansas Insurance CE, 4 hours CFP and recommended for 4 hours CPE accounting credits.

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus says to his disciples: "This is my command. Love one another as I have loved you." How can you command someone to love? Isn't that a contradiction?

If you commanded me to strap on a helmet, grab some ropes, and climb up a sheer cliff face a hundred feet above the ground, that would be a hard commandment (ok, an impossible commandment) for me to obey. I am much more likely to BE a mountain than to climb one. But if you commanded my nephew Ryan to do that same thing, his eyes would light up, and he would jump into his truck and ask "Where?!? Which mountain?!? C'mon! C'mon! C'mon! Let's go!" To command him to do that would be to give him an excuse to do what he wants to do anyway. He is built, from the toes up, and from the inside out, for climbing adventures.

The command to love is not a command that is laid down upon us from the outside. It is an inner command, an inner insistence, that was placed in our inmost being when God created us. We are created in the image and likeness of God. When God created us, do you imagine that God did it because of some outside command? God's very essence is creative and loving. And being made in God's image, we are called, commanded if you want, to also be creative and loving. It's like commanding a starving person to eat. "Ummmm... OK!" [omm nomm nommm]. God commands the acorn to become a mighty oak tree. That's not some alien thing imposed from without, it's the fulfillment of what was built in from the very start. As the acorn grows into an oak, so we grow into loving as Jesus loved. That's our real DNA, our spiritual DNA.

Too many of us have this idea that God is "out there" somewhere else. And yet we also profess that God is everywhere. Those two do not reconcile. If God is everywhere, then God is also at our very core. That is the heart of St. Theresa of Avila's "interior castle". God is found in our very core. And has been there since our beginning. Our whole being is created around that core. And therefore, God's command is not something that comes from outside and obliges us. God's command is something that comes from within us and completes us.

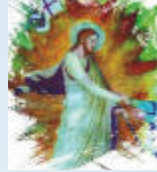
We are at our best, we are most complete, we are most at peace, we are most fulfilled, when we love other people. That is precisely how Jesus loved us, completely and from his very inner core out to us. Jesus' command to us was to "Love one another, as I have loved you." That's not a job that is laid down on our shoulders from outside. That is the fulfillment of how we're built, from the toes up and from the inside out.

**May God bless you all!**

--Fr. Glenn



## This Week in our Parish



### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 8**

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

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 9**

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)  
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles  
10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 11**

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting, Kinzler Hall (SJ)

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**

9 am-9 pm Eucharistic Adoration (IC)  
3:15 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 13**

6:25 pm Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations,  
Cook Room (SJ)



## *Happy Mother's Day!*

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the gift of our mothers. We thank you for Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. She was a mother so gracious and a woman of example in motherhood for all of us. We pray for all mothers today, and thank You for the gentle protection, wise counsel and godly correction they so often provide.



# Steps Toward the “New Normal”

## Modifying and removing some COVID restrictions at IC-SJ



Archbishop Naumann has announced that the COVID restrictions and guidelines which we have been following since March of 2020 are to be modified and/or removed beginning with the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 5-6, 2021. Any further changes from the Archdiocese or the general situation might require a modification of these arrangements.

Here's what's being **removed, starting June 5:**

- 1) **The dispensation for missing Sunday Mass and Masses of Obligation.** That means you need to return to physical attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning that weekend (June 5-6, 2021).
- 2) **Social-distancing restrictions in the pews.** That means the ropes will be taken down (see the 5:30pm exception below), and all pews are once again open for seating of Mass attendees. Common sense and common courtesy will be expected, which means we try to keep a reasonable distance between family groups. This will also help with other medical concerns such as the common flu.
- 3) Ushers will once again be using the long-handled baskets for taking up the **offertory collection.** They will be masked as they do so. The 5:30pm IC Mass will continue to have the offertory collection only by the white drop-boxes to minimize closer encounters.
- 4) **The sign of peace** will not be restored for the present. Communion from the cup is also something which will be delayed until a later date.
- 5) **Mass reservations.** There will be no more reservations for ANY of our Masses at IC-SJ.

Here's what is **staying the same** for the present and near-future:

- 1) **Although masks are not required, they are recommended.** There are real benefits, until this pandemic is completely over, to wearing a mask or other face-covering during gatherings such as the Mass and other meetings. Consider this as a gift to those who are more vulnerable to illness, and as such is really a corporal work of mercy. “Visiting the sick” can also mean allowing the sick (or vulnerable) to visit with us at Mass!
- 2) **The 5:30pm Saturday evening Mass at IC will be “the six-foot Mass”.** Because there are a considerable number of people who are still vulnerable or hesitant to jump back in to closer interactions, (both the young and the old!), we will continue to rope off the pews (at this Mass ONLY) and ask people to space themselves six feet from unrelated people or groups. Masks will be expected, as well as common courtesy, hygiene, and distancing. We will NOT be taking reservations for this Mass either, so seating will be “first-come-first-seated”.
- 3) **Holy water** will be available both in the “touchless” dispensers and in the customary bowls by the doors. This gives people an option. The bowls will be cleaned weekly, as in the past.
- 4) **Confessions:** The confessionals are too restricted in airflow, so confessions will continue to be held as they are now, although it will move next weekend (May 15) to St. Joseph.
- 5) **Streaming** of the 4:00pm Saturday Mass at St. Joseph will continue.



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