



Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said we never become a believer before age **thirty-five**. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week's Gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the

Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. ●

Reflect

***Where am I on the journey of faith?
How open are my eyes?***

[The man who had been blind] replied, "...One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

JOHN 9:25





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Sunday Offerings

General Fund	\$6466.00
Loose Collection	\$37.00
Votive Stand	\$24.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$100.00
Grant	\$10,000.00
Lunch program	\$100.00

TOTAL \$16,727.00

63 General Offering envelopes collected, including children.

Please remember St Ignatius Parish and School in your will. To ensure tuition payments are recorded properly, please indicate "Tuition" on check and envelope.

Special Collection Offerings for Syria & Turkey

Cash	\$484.00
Check	\$20.00
Total	\$504.00

Parish Services

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

and PH Devotions

Thursday 6:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

or by appointment

Adoration

Tuesday 1:00-2:00 p.m.

4:00-5:00 & 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

First Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00

p.m.

First Sunday 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement

with Fr. Steve Robeson

The Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese in conjunction with the Respect for Life office will be collecting diapers for infants and toddlers as part of our 4th Annual Pro-Life endeavor to help families in need. Last year with your help we collected over 225 thousand diapers. With your help again, we hope to exceed that amount. So please prayerfully consider helping with a donation. All sizes are gratefully accepted but sizes 4 & 5 are the most needed. All donations will be delivered to the Pregnancy Assistance Center in Washington. Please bring your donation to Church beginning the weekend of March 18 & 19 and continuing thru the weekend of March 25 & 26. An area in the back of Church will be designated as a collection spot. Questions?? Contact Deacon Paul or Sue Hecktor. We do ask-even if you can not donate-that you pray for the success of this projects! On behalf of the babies and families who will benefit from your generosity-Thank You!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Dowling (brother of Fr. Finbarr) and for comfort and healing for his entire family.

Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

03/19 Glosemeyer Baby Shower 9-2pm

03/20 NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

03/22 Rosary & Litany after Mass

03/24 Vocation Mass 8 am

03/20-24 Fr. Steve Study Week

03/27 Church Cleaning Team 3-Linda Hellebusch

04/05 Living Stations @ 10:30 am

04/05 11:30 am Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

04/05 Rosary & Litany after Mass

04/06 Holy Thursday-NO SCHOOL

04/06 Home Economics 8am-3pm

04/07 Good Friday-NO SCHOOL

04/10 Easter Monday; NO SCHOOL

04/10 Church Cleaning Team 4-Judy Bieker

04/13 Rectory Cleaning-Stacy Kloeppel & Chris Meyer

Special Collection 3/19/23

There will be a Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services. Envelopes will be in your monthly packets or extras are in the back of church.

Spring Cleaning of the Church Volunteers Needed

Cleaning will be Friday 3/31 10am-4pm and if needed to finish 4/1 Saturday. Please contact Danielle Gratza 636-358-4211 for more info or to volunteer.

There is a Fundraiser for the Hermann Police Officers who were shot. If you would like to give, please do so directly to and make checks payable to:

Griffith/Sullentrup Memorial and Recovery Fund

Mail to: People's Savings Bank

PO Box 528

Hermann, MO. 65041

Or drop off at any Peoples Savings Bank, eleven locations.

Choir Practice for Holy Week and Easter, on 3/22 & 3/29 both at 7 pm St Ignatius Church. All are welcome!

Hot Lunch Program Donations

Thank you to the Marquart family for the Milk and Sweets for the kids treats.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 18, 2023

5:00 p.m. † Ralph Glosemeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Francis Hellebusch

Jeanne Dothage | Jacob Lierman

Lector: Geralyn Smith

Ushers: Patti Koch | Bob Koch

Servers: Sam Marquart | Gabby Faust

Sunday, March 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. † People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor

Larry Sander | Sue Hecktor

Lector: Larry Sander

Ushers: Audrey Hellebusch | Roland Hellebusch

Servers: Aaron Meyer | Hunter Barnhart

10:00 a.m. † Ralph Glosemeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Brewe

Syd Fees | Carl Brewe

Lector: Ellen Fees

Ushers: Angie Carr | Jon Carr

Servers: Volunteer

Monday, March 20, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Communion Services

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

7:30 p.m. † Communion Services

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Communion Services

Thursday, March 23, 2023

6:00 a.m. † Communion Services

Friday, March 24, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Communion Services

Saturday, March 25, 2023

5:00 p.m. † Larry Meyer

Eucharistic Minister: Leo Meyer

Jayne Glosemeyer | Maurice Glosemeyer

Lector: Jayne Glosemeyer

Ushers: Leo Meyer | Miriam Meyer

Servers: Wyatt Glosemeyer | Drew Schwoeppe

Sunday, March 26, 2023

8:00 a.m. † People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister: Paul or Alice K.

Danielle Gratza | Amanda Schwœppe

Lector: Kevin Nenninger

Ushers: Roger Liermann | Kelly Liermann

Servers: Annalese Mayer | Josie Liermann

10:00 a.m. † Ralph Glosemeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Donna Blahut

Mary Glosemeyer | Becky Schoppenhorst

Lector: Donna Blahut

Ushers: Lisa Marquart | Rodney Marquart

Servers: Emma Poindexter | Christine Marquart

Missionary Discipleship – Spiritual Sight

There are simply times in life where we are in the dark and do not see as the Lord sees. Lent is a time of going into the desert, a time that can be dry and desolate in our spiritual lives. In the midst of this darkness, however, the Lord can work wonders and purify our relationship with Him and family members and friends. Just as the blind man could not see but obeyed the Lord, we too must continue to heed the voice of the Lord so that we may truly see with the eyes of faith. As the Pharisees shows us, it is often when we think we know it all or see everything already that the opposite is true. Jesus came that we may see. We pray that Jesus might open the eyes of our hearts and minds to see Him.

Steadfast in Faith

That we may give Jesus the cool water of our steadfast faith and our love, and that we may understand the gift of God, knowing that Jesus is the One who gives us the living water of everlasting life.

Text “LentSTL” to 84576 to join the Call to Prayer.

Join Catholics across the Archdiocese of St. Louis each week as we pray for the space to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us where He wants us to be.

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Fred Borges

Connie Buenemann

Jerome Heggemann

Joey Heggemann

Andrew Hellebusch

Betty Hellebusch

Carl Jacquin

Carol Jacquin

Judith Liermann

Jeffrey Lierman

Joan Meyer

Theodore Meyer

Tom Meyer

Richard Preis

Jim Smith

Matt Struckhoff

Natalie Ulett

Audrey Wagener

Marc Wagener

Leanne Davis

Jacqueline Heggemann

Jean Jaeger

Marilyn Heady

Terry Sullentrup

Fr. Finbarr Dowling

Ronnie Marquart

Darlene Brewe

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

3/01/07 Jerome Ruether

3/02/80 Eleanor Bocklage

3/05/13 Rusty Borgerding

3/06/04 Albert Sander

3/11/94 Brenda Forbes

3/15/04 Bernice Nieder

3/16/76 Albert Westhoff

3/16/05 Linus Glosemeyer

3/17/01 Merine Hellebusch

3/17/01 Elmer Glosemeyer

3/20/86 Aloysius Borges

3/21/80 Oscar Hellebusch

3/23/14 Doug Hitchcock

3/26/09 Christine Hellebusch

3/26/15 Walter Volkerding

3/27/22 Kathy Hitchcock

3/28/03 Angela Grotweil

3/30/90 Veronica Volkerding

3/30/14 Glenn Hellebusch

3/31/76 Henry Bocklage

Dear Padre,

Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

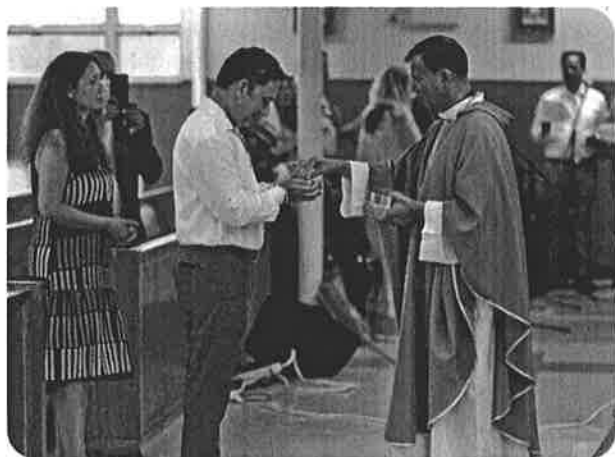
When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love. ●

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26
<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Is 49:8-15	Ex 32:7-14	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Ez 37:12-14
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 /	Jn 5:1-16	Jn 5:17-30	Jn 5:31-47	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Heb 10:4-10	Rom 8:8-11
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a					Lk 1:26-38	Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves....Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. If we are blind, we cannot claim to be guides and teachers for others: indeed, a blind person cannot lead another blind person....

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