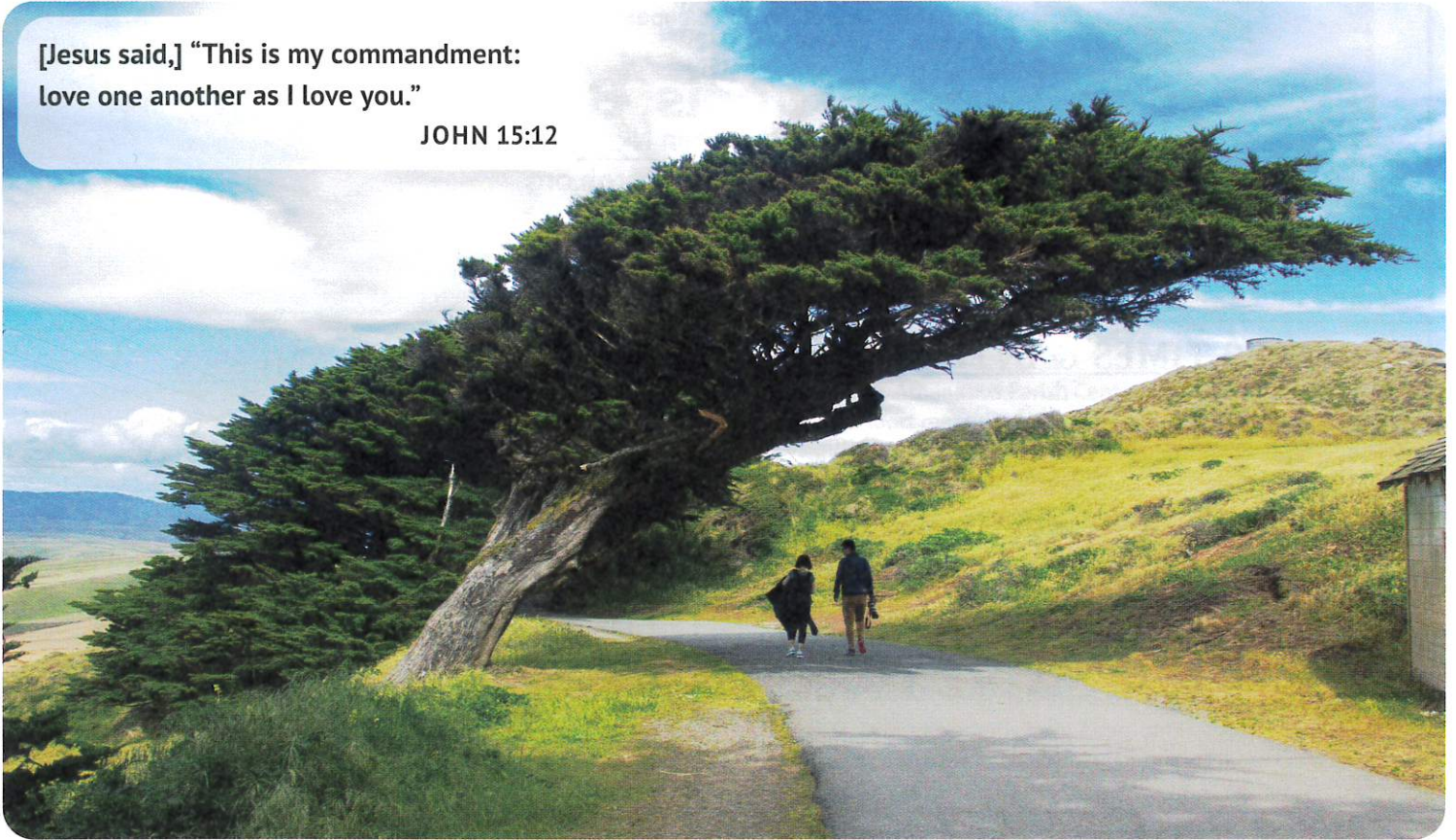




[Jesus said,] “This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.”

JOHN 15:12



We're Like Trees

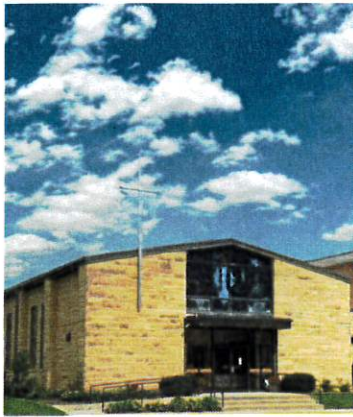
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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.



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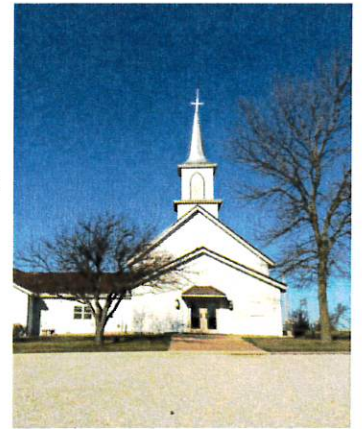
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tues, May 7

5:30pm @ St. Athanasius

Bob Schmitz

Wed, May 8

8:00am @ St. Francis

Katherine Wellner

Thurs, May 9

8:30am @ St. Athanasius

Jim Shields

Fri, May 10

8:00am @ St. Athanasius

For the People of Our Parishes

1:30pm @ Winding Creek

Sat, May 11

5:00pm @ St. Athanasius

Irene Wordehoff

Sun, May 12- Mother's Day

8:30am @ St. Athanasius

For the People of Our Parishes

10:30am @ St. Francis

Marlene Cunningham

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Parents with first child need to participate in a preparation session. Please contact the Parish Office to set up a session or schedule a Baptism.

Reconciliation: By appt, call 827-6682, or at scheduled times: St. A's – Tues at 5pm and Sat at 4:00pm
St. Francis – Second Sunday following Mass

Marriage: Preparations take at least six months. Please contact Fr. Ben, 515-290-4856.

Becoming Catholic/RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Lori Schutte.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one are homebound, in hospice or admitted to the hospital, please contact Fr. Ben, 515-290-4856.

STEWARDSHIP - April 27/28

St. A Parish

Adult - \$6201.95

Children's - \$ 14.00

Last Weekend - \$384.00

ACCW - \$20.00

Tech Reimb - \$584.82

Total - \$7,204.77

St. Francis Parish

Budget - \$910.00

Children - \$3.94

Last Weekend - \$189.00

Building Imp. - \$20.00

Adult Faith - \$310.80

Total - \$1,453.74

Thank you for your generosity!

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

My Time: Helping people up, doing the dishes, doing a favor for my brother, helping my babysitter babysit my younger cousin.

My Treasure: Sharing with my cousins, sharing with my sister.

MEETINGS

- Monday, May 6 12:00 (noon) ACCW
- Tuesday, May 7th 4:30pm Social Justice
- Tuesday, May 7th 6:00pm St. A School Board
- Tuesday, May 7th 7:00pm Faith Formation Commission
- Thursday, May 9th 6:00pm Finance
- Thursday, May 9th 7:00pm Pastoral Council

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PARISH ELECTIONS



PASTORAL COUNCIL ST A SCHOOL BOARD DON BOSCO SCHOOL BOARD.
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MAY 18/19 2024

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- **Can/Bottle Recycling Trailer** is back! Please- No loose cans or bottles, keep cans and glass separate, use boxes for glass, and tie can bags shut.
- **School Mass** Thurs. May 9th is being planned by the kindergarten.
- **Spring Concert & Art Show** Thurs. May 9th 6:30pm in the St. A Gym.
- **FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR MRS. SORNSON** FOLLOWING THE SPRING CONCERT ON MAY 9TH. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- **8th Grade Graduation Mass** – 8:30am May 23rd
- **Pre-k Graduation** – 10:15am May 23rd St. A Church
- **Last Day!** –May 23rd 11:00am Dismissal.

ST. ATHANASIUS NEWS

- **Parish Elections:** *HURRY* Tuesday, May 7th is the last day to turn in paperwork to run for the St. A School Board, Don Bosco School Board, Pastoral Council, and Joint Faith Formation Commission. Forms are located at each entrance and also at the parish office. *Please consider volunteering your time to support our amazing parish and school!*
- **Last Weekend Collection** in May is for Four Oaks, Independence. Please be generous.
- **Summer Food Program** - St. A's Social Justice Committee & Jesup Ministerial Association are asking for donations of macaroni & cheese and any type of pasta for the summer food program. A box will be in the main entrance for donations until August 7th. Thank you for your generosity in helping make this program successful.



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5 MAY 2024 | 8:30 am

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Save the Date: **Totus Tuus** will be at St. A July 7-12. Totus Tuus is like a Catholic summer camp for 1st-12th grade students. Registration & more info will be coming soon!
- **Farmer's Day (June 20-22)** - We will be looking for volunteers to help with the St. A food booth at Farmer's Day again this year. Please keep an eye out for the sign up and consider donating your time! Also, if anyone is interested in putting together a float for St. Athanasius with the theme "Footprints Through Time," please let Lori know.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Luca Fedeler was Baptized on Sunday, April 28th at Saint Athanasius. Congratulations!



ST. FRANCIS NEWS

- **Parish Election Time:** We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to run for the Parish Council. Elections are just a few weeks away. If anyone is interested in Finance Council, please let the parish office know.
- **Mark your Calendar** - Sun. June 30 will be the farewell for Fr. Ben. We will be having a potluck

Donut Sunday



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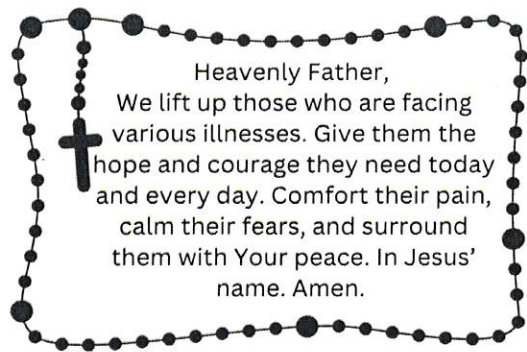
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Local CDA Scholarships- Catholic Daughters of Americas, Court St. Pius X #1714 (Jesup)** is offering 2 scholarships at \$250 each. The scholarships will be awarded to a Catholic individual (male or female) within the court community, a high school student going into college or a current college student or adult furthering their education. You will be chosen on the criteria listed on the application. You can pick up an application form from the parish office, Don Bosco High School, or Jesup High School. The revised application deadline is May 15, 2024. Valerie Weber at 319-269-5526 or yweber@gwneia.org.
- The Waterloo Deanery Meeting of ACCW** will take place on Monday, May 6 at St. Athanasius Parish Center (this is ground level). This will begin with a light lunch (charge of \$2) at 12:00 noon, followed by program and short meeting. Join in!!
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience** is a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – call now! Weekend dates are September 27-29 in Dubuque, IA and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA. Please call Denise & Greg for more information or to sign up at www.wwme.org.
- Don Bosco Plant Sale** – May 10-12 Fri. at 4pm, Sat. 8 am, Sun. 9am. The horticulture class is holding its annual plant sale in front of the school each of these days until dark. They are raising money for equipping their new greenhouse.
- Inactive or Alienated Catholics** – If you or someone you know is an inactive, alienated, angry or disillusioned or former Catholic, we welcome the opportunity to discuss your concerns & questions in a safe, understanding & non-judgmental environment, even if you don't anticipate resuming participation in the Catholic faith community. For info- Dave Cushing at 319-233-0498 or dbqwcfa@dbqarch.org.
- Catholic Order of Foresters** – will meet at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 8th at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville.
- CDA Court #1714** – meeting Monday, May 13th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. Our presenter is from American Red Cross Disaster Relief. It is Election and Recognition night. We will welcome a new member into our court and have the Crowning of Mary. Please bring your rosary. Thank you to everyone who supported the CDA blood drive.

FR. BEN SENDOFF MASS

Mark Your Calendar- Fr. Ben's Sendoff Mass & Celebration are scheduled for Sunday, June 9 at the 9:30 AM St. A Mass.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Weekend of May 11/12	5:00pm, St. A	8:30am, St. A (Mother's Day)	10:30am, St. Francis
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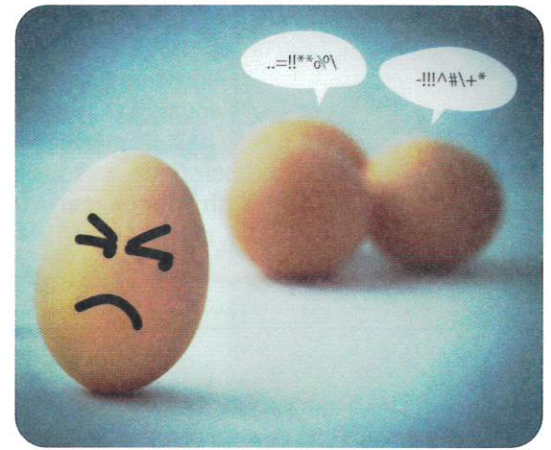
Dear Padre,

**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). ●



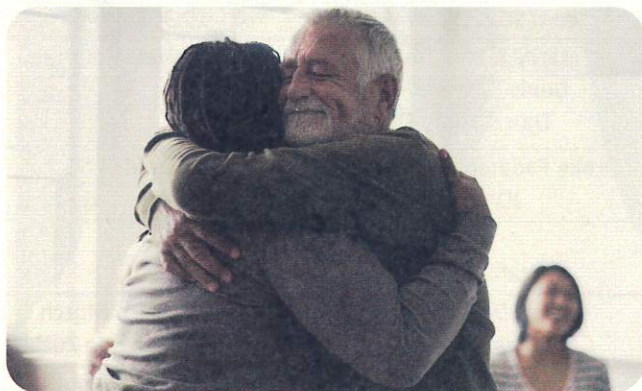
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May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
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Acts 16:11–15 Jn 15:26–16:4a	Acts 16:22–34 Jn 16:5–11	Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Jn 16:12–15	Acts 18:1–8 Jn 16:16–20	Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23	Acts 18:23–28 Jn 16:23b–28	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