



The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

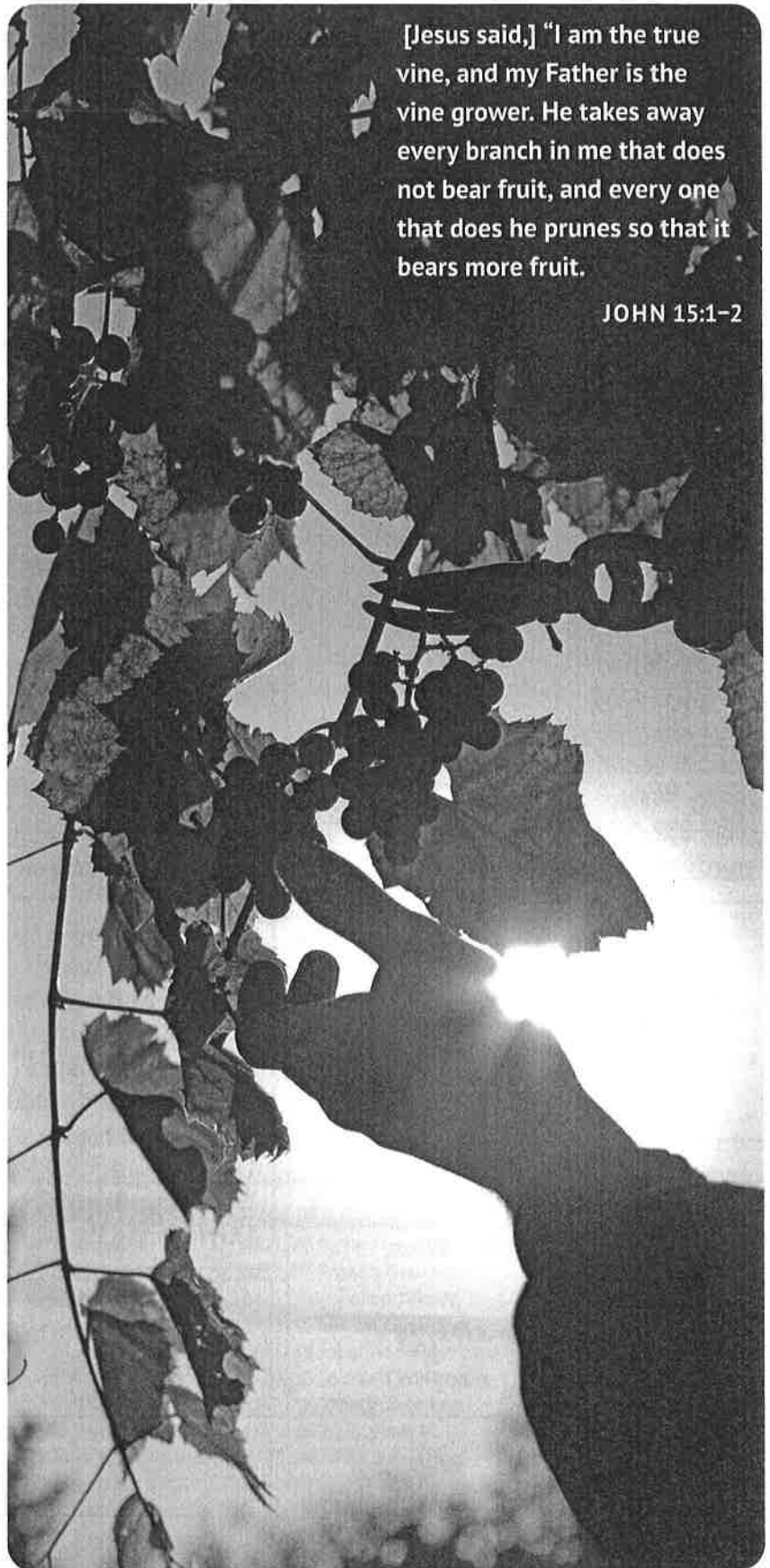
The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that “who” has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

[Jesus said,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”

JOHN 15:1–2



Reflect

How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?



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Parish Giving 4/21/24

General Fund	\$5489.00
Loose	\$67.00
Votive Stand	\$30.00

TOTAL \$5,586.00

Rice Bowl	\$20.39
Retired Priests	\$20.00

Parish Giving 4/28/24

General Fund	\$2170.00
Loose	\$41.90
Votive Stand	\$45.00
Easter	\$450.00

TOTAL \$2,706.90

Mass Schedule

St Ignatius ~ St Vincent Immaculate Conception

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00pm SI
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00am IC
	10:30am SV
<u>Monday</u>	8:00am IC
<u>Tuesday</u>	8:00am SI
<u>Wednesday</u>	8:00am SV
<u>Thursday</u>	8:00am SI
<u>Friday</u>	8:00am SV
<u>First Saturday</u>	8:00am IC

Holy Days—Please check the bulletin and/or website for Holy Day schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm SI
Sunday 10:00am SV, before Sunday Mass

First Saturday of the Month
8:30am IC (following 8am Mass) Any other time by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 8:30am-7pm

Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions Tuesdays after Morning Mass at SI

Marriages arranged at least 6 months in advance with Fr. Doyle

Baptisms arranged with Fr. Doyle in the Parish Office

2024-2025
School Registration
NOW Open!

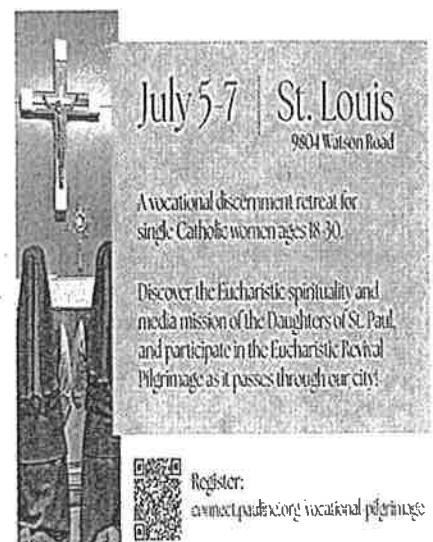
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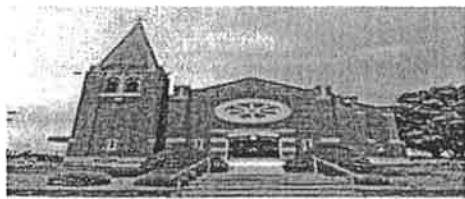
Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

04/29	Church Cleaning Team 6- Diane Lierman
04/30	Rosary & Litany after Mass
05/02	Home Economics 8am-3pm
05/02	May Crowning 2:15 pm
05/04	Book Club 11am-12pm
05/07	Rosary & Litany after Mass
05/09	Rectory Cleaning
05/10	Kindergarten Graduation 6 pm
05/12	Mother's Day
05/14	Rosary & Litany after Mass
05/14	Parish Council Mtg. 7 pm
05/15	8 th Grade Dismissal 11:30 am, Graduation 6 pm
05/16	Home Economics 8am-3pm
05/17	End of School 11:30 am Dismissal
05/18	8 th Grade Graduation Mass 5 pm
05/20	Church Cleaning Team 7- Jeanette Marquart
05/27	Memorial Day-Parish Office Closed

Vocation Pilgrimage Weekend with the *Daughters of St. Paul*



Questions? Contact Sr. Amanda Marie at slouisvocation@psmmedia.com



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 27, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Larry Sander, Alison Hoglan, Geri Smith,
Beth Hellebusch

Lector: Jeanette Marquart

Ushers: Ava / Tim Diermann

Servers: Lane Kluesner, D. Hecktor

Saturday, May 4, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Stacy Kloeppel, Sheila Shortt, Syd Fees,
Deb Brew

Lector: Stacy Kloeppel

Ushers: Deb / Carl Brew

Servers: Drew Hecktor, Grant Korman

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27 Jerome Struckhoff
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30 Joan Heggemann
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 2 Lester & Hilda Hennecke
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 4 Jerome Struckhoff
5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

April 28—All you can Eat Breakfast at Immaculate Conception Church in Augusta. 8am-Noon. Adults \$12, Kids (6-12 yrs) \$4.

April 28—Annual Spring Dinner and Craft Show at Holy Rosary Church in warrenton. Serving Fried Chicken and Kettle Beef from 11am-5pm. Adults \$14, children (6-12) \$6. Drive-thru and carry-outs for \$14.

April 30—Ladies Night Out at St. Patrick's Church in Wentzville. An evening of prayer, fellowship, praise, and worship for ages 14+ starting at 7pm with a reception to follow in the Social Hall. Worship leader: Kyle Huelsing. Guest Speaker: Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM.

Congratulations to our 7th and 8th graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, April 22 at St. Ignatius Church.

Jack Glosemeyer, Lane Kluesner, Josie Liermann, Jared Meyer, and Drew Schwoeppe.

Thank you to the St. Ignatius Choir, which took the lead in selecting music and playing for the Confirmation Mass. Thank you to the ladies of the parish who planned and served at the reception following Confirmation. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing an honor guard, giving the celebration added solemnity. Special thanks to Mrs. Emily Weber, who prepared the students in the classroom, created the programs for Mass, and took care of many details behind the scenes for a smooth celebration. Bishop Rivituso gave St. Ignatius Parish compliments for a beautiful celebration.

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Connie Buenemann	Joan Meyer	Jacqueline Heggemann
Jerome Heggemann	Theodore Meyer	Jean Jaeger
Andrew Hellebusch	Tom Meyer	Marilyn Heady
Betty Hellebusch	Richard Preis	Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Carl Jacquin	Jim Smith	Rick Thiel
Carol Jacquin	Matt Struckhoff	Amy Brakemeyer
Judith Liermann	Natalie Ulett	Eric Wiemert
Jeffrey Lierman	Audrey Wagener	Mary Ann Heggemann
	Marc Wagener	



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal
\$32,783

Total to Date \$2,300
Pledges Percent 5.35%

ACA Weekends

April 20 & 21
April 27 & 28
May 4 & 5

You can also make your gift online at aca.archstl.org.

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

4/1/20 Taylor Kuenzel	4/21/20 Gerald "Buddy" Molitor
4/15/95 Mathilda Glosemeyer	4/11/88 Francis Glastetter
4/29/14 Jim Klinkhardt	04/11/92 Sharon Tillman
4/4/14 Francis Liermann	4/23/15 Melvin Glastetter
4/20/86 Fred Trippe	4/12/83 Johanna Heggemann
4/30/01 Mamie Heggemann	4/24/05 Leonard Volkerding
4/8/82 Benjamin Borges	4/13/81 Ellen Volkerding
4/21/96 Richard Hellebusch	4/25/82 Kevin Gratza
4/30/07 Marilyn Olds	4/03 Verna Hellebusch
4/10/08 Enid Liermann	4/29/92 Eugenia Hellebusch
4/21/97 Lorraine Hallemann	
4/09/19 Harold "Pete" Rietz	
4/11/92 Sharon Tillmann	

Dear Padre,

Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	April 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	May 1 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	May 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	May 3 <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	May 4 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	May 5 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021