

# Dear Padre,

*Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.*

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

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| Monday          | Tuesday         | Wednesday  | Thursday     | Friday            | Saturday    | Sunday        |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| October 6       | October 7       | October 8  | October 9    | October 10        | October 11  | October 12    |
| Weekday         | Our Lady of the | Weekday    | Weekday      | Weekday           | Weekday     | Twenty-eighth |
| Jon 1:1–2:2, 11 | Rosary          | Jon 4:1–11 | Mal 3:13–20b | Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2 | Jl 4:12–21  | Sunday in     |
| Lk 10:25–37     | Jon 3:1–10      | Lk 11:1–4  | Lk 11:5–13   | Lk 11:15–26       | Lk 11:27–28 | Ordinary Time |
|                 | Lk 10:38–42     |            |              |                   |             | 2 Kgs 5:14–17 |
|                 |                 |            |              |                   |             | 2 Tm 2:8–13   |
|                 |                 |            |              |                   |             | Lk 17:11–19   |



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4 / 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14 / Luke 17:5–10



## Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**C**hildhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety.

Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church’s rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk’s day, we may bemoan, “I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, ‘Violence!’ and you do not intervene” (Habakkuk 1:2).

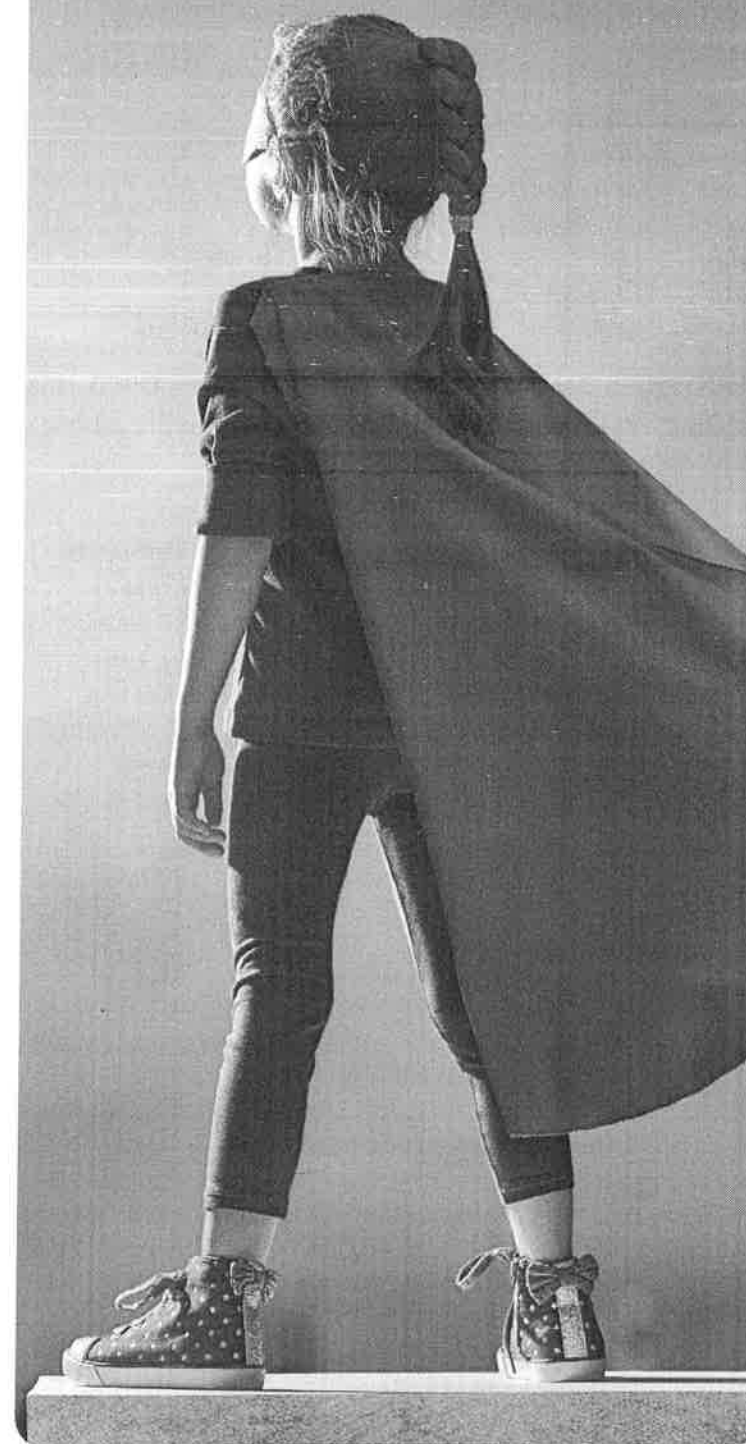
Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God’s vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] “The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late” (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God’s. ●

## Reflect

*Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God’s plan to be perfect for me?*

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



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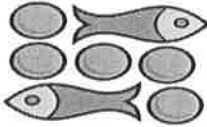
Office hours are Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 am—5:30 pm.  
If there is an Emergency you may call Corinne at 715-250-0567 or  
Father David at 920-228-1814. Thank-you.  
St Mary's Mass schedule in Black Creek: Saturdays @ 4 PM,  
Sundays @ 8 AM, Tuesday—Friday @ 7:30 AM

Father David Greskowiak—Administrator  
Sunday 09/28/25 = \$1,175.00 Attendance = 55  
Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27  
**Mass Intentions**  
10/05/2025—Memory of Leroy & Lois Hartlaben by Karen VanLanen  
10/12/2025—Bernie & Pat Weier 55th Wedding Anniversary  
**Mass Servers –**  
10/05/2025—Ava & Jared Peters, Reid Bohm  
10/12/2025—Malachi Gray, Beau Diemel  
**Ministers of the Word –**  
10/05/2025—Randy Short  
10/12/2025—Anita Wegner  
**Hospitality**  
10/05/2025—David Nowak, Bernie Weier, Barb Erb  
10/12/2025—Charlie Herb, Karen VanLanen, Amy Guyette  
  
There will not be Daily Mass at St. Mary's in Black Creek this  
Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 & 8 October. Mass will resume on  
Thursday, 9 October.

**RE NEWS:** If anyone can volunteer to be a substitute RE Teacher,  
please contact Lori Mack at [macklj18@hotmail.com](mailto:macklj18@hotmail.com) or text  
920-428-6240. Please make note of these important RE dates:  
- **Wed. Oct. 8th 6:30pm** - RE Classes Grades 1- 11  
- **Sun. Oct. 12th 10am** - 10/11th grade Confirmation Meeting  
after Mass for Student/Sponsor/Parents  
  
- **Mon. 10/13/25 6PM** - REL ED COMMITTEE MTG

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**

Wednesday, October 15 4—6 PM  
Saturday, October 18 9—11 AM  
Thank you for all the donations so far this year!!  
September Report = 38 Families, 89 Individuals



**Gaza Relief Collection—Thank You**  
Thank you for your support of the Gaza Relief Collection.  
We raised \$553.00. **Thank you for your help.**

The winners from the drawings are posted on each bulletin  
board in the church. Take a photo shot with your phone if  
you want to save it. Thank you. Checks were sent out this  
week. Due to the delay we had to wait for toner for the  
printer that we use to print the checks. Thank you for all the  
help at the picnic and the report will be done in a couple of  
weeks. The Charlie's Country Store (Late arrival) \$25 Gift  
Cards Winners: Lowell's Landing Marion, WI; and Nancy  
Van Elzen Gillett, WI. Congratulations!!

*Happy Birthday!*

**October 06** Terry Anvelink; **09** Joe Hasser, Lucille  
Letter, Ava Peters; **10** Carl Kent; **11** Sheila Letter;  
**13** Lisa Tepolt; **14** Stacey Bohm, Nathan; **16** Cindy  
Diemel, Trevor Reif; **18** Taylor Peeters, Carol  
Weyenberg; **19** Sam Krings; **20** Bob Nett;  
**22** Shirley Johnson; **23** Janet Evenson; **26** Andre  
Guyette; **28** Tammy Lorenz; **29** Terri Peeters;  
**31** Stacie Griesbach



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is, and type in FORMED, in either upper or  
lower case.
- Click on "Formed | On-Demand Catholic Mov-  
ies, Audio Books..."
- It will then bring up the next screen that will  
give you two blue buttons to sele  
Click on "FORMED FOR PARISHES"
- It will then bring you to the next screen with  
two blue buttons again.  
Click on "FIND YOUR PARISH SUB-  
SCRIPTION"
- It will then take you to the next screen with a  
blue button that says
- "Continue to Sign up/Login"
  - Click on it.
- Type in your email address, and click "NEXT"
- A 6-digit code will be sent to your email in-box.
  - Go to your in-box, retrieve the code and  
copy or type it in the box.
  - Click on "SUBMIT."
- You will then be directed to a screen that says  
"Join your parish" followed by
- "Find your Parish or Organization"
  - Type in: "St. Lawrence-St. Mary's"
  - If that doesn't work type in zip code:  
"54106"
  - You will then see in the box below:
  - "St. Lawrence-St. Mary's 301 E Burdick  
St. Black Creek WI"
- Click on that.
- Then click the "Submit" blue button.
- The website will now come up and you will be  
able to use it with its variety of pull-down  
menus.
- The website will also give you the option of  
creating a password for future logins

**Reflection on the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Here is an excerpt from an article titled: *"The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, Sunday October 5, 2025"* found on  
the "Young Catholics" website—[young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com):

**Faith and Patience in Times of Struggle**  
The first reading on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C comes from the book of Habakkuk. The prophet looks  
around and sees violence and injustice. He wonders why God is not doing anything. He cries out, asking how long this  
will continue. This is a question many people ask when they see suffering and unfairness in the world.  
  
God responds to Habakkuk with a message of hope. He tells him to write down a vision, a promise that justice will come.  
It may take time, but it will surely happen. This reminds us that God's timing is different from ours. When we feel  
discouraged or impatient, we must hold onto our faith. Trusting in God means believing that He sees what is happening  
and will act at the right time.

Faith is not just about believing when things are going well. It is about trusting even when we don't understand. The  
reading teaches us to be patient and to continue doing what is right, even when change seems slow. In the end, God's  
justice will come, and those who remain faithful will not be disappointed.

**Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed**  
In the Gospel on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus tells them  
that even faith as small as a mustard seed can move a tree. This shows that faith is not about size but trust. A little real  
faith can do great things.

Many people think they need to have strong, perfect faith to make a difference. But Jesus teaches that even a small,  
sincere faith is enough. What matters is not how much faith we have but how we use it. If we trust God and act on our  
faith, we will see changes in our lives and in the world around us.  
  
Jesus also reminds His followers that they should serve without expecting rewards. Like a servant doing his duty, we are  
called to live our faith by loving and helping others. Faith is not just about believing—it is about doing. When we serve  
God and others with humility, we live out the faith Jesus talks about.

**Using the Gifts God Has Given**  
The second reading on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C comes from Paul's letter to Timothy. Paul encourages  
Timothy to use the gifts God has given him. He reminds him not to be afraid but to be bold in faith. This message is also  
for us.

God gives each person different gifts. Some are called to teach, some to help, some to lead, and some to encourage others.  
These gifts are meant to be used, not kept hidden. Sometimes fear or doubt holds us back. We might feel unworthy or  
unsure of what we can do. But Paul reminds us that God gives us strength. He does not want us to be afraid.  
  
Living our faith means using what we have to serve others. Whether big or small, every gift  
matters. When we step forward in faith, we share God's love with the world. The Holy Spirit is  
always with us, guiding and strengthening us. Like Timothy, we are called to be faithful and to  
trust that God will help us do what we are meant to do. Faith is not passive; it requires action.



**Holy Rosary before Holy Mass**  
Tuesday, 7 October is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is why October is known as the Month of the Holy  
Rosary. To honor this event Fr. David will be leading the Holy Rosary before the Holy Mass this Sunday—5 October at  
9:30 A.M. Everyone is welcome to come and join in this beautiful prayer.  
Readers for **October 12**—Steve & Carol Short, **October 19**—David Nowak, **October 26**—Anita Wegner



Memorial—12 October



Memorial—22 October



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