

Dear Padre,

Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within us. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

WIKICOMMONS



DREAM PERFECTION / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday
October 13
Weekday

Rom 1:1–7
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday
October 14
Weekday

Rom 1:16–25
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday
October 15
St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Rom 2:1–11
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday
October 16
Weekday
Rom 3:21–30
Lk 11:47–54

Friday
October 17
St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr

Rom 4:1–8
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday
October 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10–17b
Lk 10:1–9

Sunday
October 19
Twenty-ninth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Ex 17:8–13
2 Tm 3:14–4:2
Lk 18:1–8

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Kings 5:14–17 / 2 Timothy 2:8–13 / Luke 17:11–19



Grateful for Being Grateful

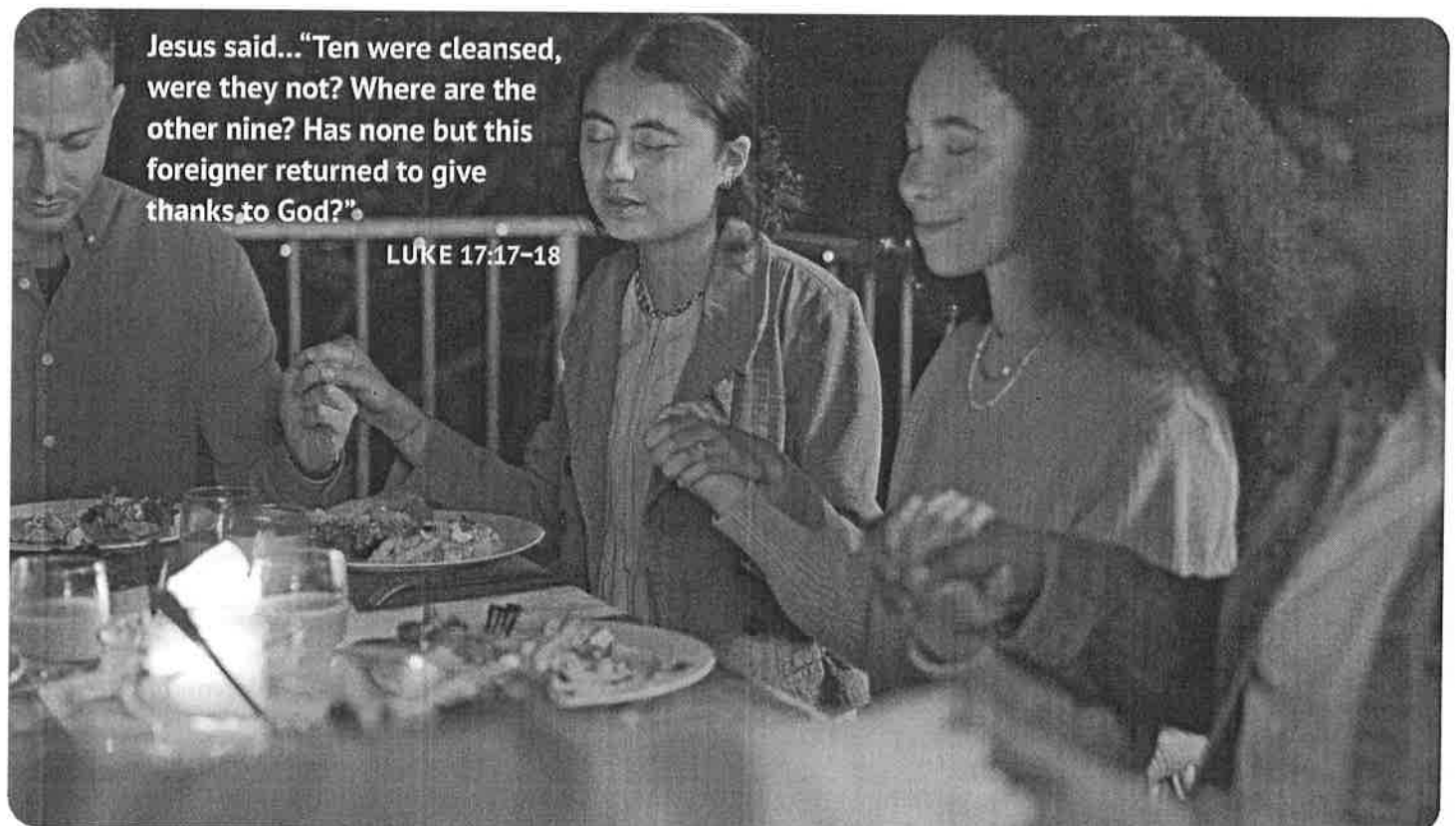
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Here is a quick self-test: *Name three things in your life for which you are grateful.* Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

Reflect

*What are three reasons I have for gratitude?
What blessings do I forget?*



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 10/05/25 = \$1,020.00 Attendance = 62

Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

Mass Intentions

10/12/2025—Bernie & Pat Weier 55th Wedding Anniversary

10/19/2025— Living & Deceased members of Tom & Carol Weyenberg

Mass Servers –

10/12/2025— Malachi Gray, Beau Diemel

10/19/2025— Jamesen Boerst, Landon & Natalie Fischer

Ministers of the Word –

10/12/2025—Anita Wegner

10/19/2025— Jerry Nowak

Hospitality

10/12/2025— Charlie Herb, Karen VanLanen, Amy Guyette

10/19/2025— Steve & Sheila Hartlaben, David Nowak

RE NEWS: If anyone can volunteer to be a substitute RE Teacher, please contact Lori Mack at macklj18@hotmail.com or text 920-428-6240. Please make note of these important RE dates:

- Sun. Oct. 12th 10am - 10/11th grade Confirmation Meeting after Mass for Student/Sponsor/Parents

Mon. 10/13/25 6PM - REL ED COMMITTEE MTG

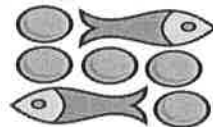
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

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



Baptismal Congratulations

Congratulations to Lainey Jane Stapel who was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the waters of Baptism on 27 September 2025. We pray for God's blessings on her and on her parents—Brandyn and Lauren Stapel on this important step in their journeys of faith.

World Mission Sunday—Next Sunday—19 October

Next Sunday the Church celebrates **World Mission Sunday**. There will be a second collection for this annual event. Please feel free to use the special envelopes found in the bulletin, and please indicate which fund(s) you would like your contribution to go to. If you pay by check please make the check out to St. Lawrence Parish and write "World Mission Sunday" on the memo line. Thank you for your generous support of this worthy effort.



Happy Birthday!

October 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



How to sign on and create your own account on FORMED:

- Go to Google, or whatever your search engine is, and type in FORMED, in either upper or lower case.
- Click on "Formed | On-Demand Catholic Movies, Audio Books..."
- It will then bring up the next screen that will give you two blue buttons to select
 - Click on "FORMED FOR PARISHES"
- It will then bring you to the next screen with two blue buttons again.
 - Click on "FIND YOUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION"
- 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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: "*The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Sunday October 12, 2025*" found on the "Young Catholics" website—young-catholics.com:

God's Mercy is for Everyone

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds people that God's mercy is not limited to one group. In the first reading, Naaman is not an Israelite, yet God heals him. At first, he does not want to follow the prophet's instructions, but when he obeys, he is cured. His healing shows that God's love reaches beyond borders and nations.

In the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers, but the only one who returns to give thanks is a Samaritan. At that time, Jews and Samaritans did not mix, yet Jesus does not reject him. Instead, he praises the man for his faith. This shows that God's mercy is not just for a chosen few—it is for anyone who believes and responds with gratitude.

People sometimes think they have to earn God's love. But the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teaches that God's mercy is freely given. It does not matter where someone comes from or what they have done. All are invited to receive healing and salvation.

Faith in Hard Times

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds people that faith is tested in suffering. Paul speaks about his struggles, but he remains faithful. He knows that suffering for Jesus is not meaningless. Instead, it leads to something greater. He encourages others to stay strong, knowing that Jesus is always faithful.

Faith is easy when life is good. But real faith is shown when things are difficult. Naaman had to humble himself and follow a simple command to be healed. The lepers had to walk away in faith before they saw their healing. In both stories, people had to trust before they saw results. Many people face challenges and wonder if God is with them. The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourages them to keep going. Even when things do not make sense, God is working. Like Paul, they can hold on to the promise that faithfulness will lead to something greater.

A Life of Gratitude

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teaches that faith should lead to gratitude. The lepers had faith to ask Jesus for healing, and all ten were cured. But only one returned to give thanks. The others were happy to be healed, but they did not recognize the gift they had received.

It is easy to take blessings for granted. People wake up, go to work, eat meals, and live their lives without always thinking about where these gifts come from. Cradle Catholics may attend Mass every week without truly appreciating what it means. Like the nine lepers, they receive from God but forget to say thank you.

Salvation is not something people earn. It is a gift. The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds everyone to be grateful for what God has done. Living with gratitude changes how people see the world. Instead of focusing on what they lack, they recognize how much they have received and look for ways to share those gifts with others.



Holy Rosary before Holy Mass

7 October is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is why October is known as the Month of the Holy Rosary. To honor this event we will be praying the Holy Rosary on Sundays before the start of Holy Mass. 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

Videos available on **FORMED**



Memorial—12 October



Memorial—22 October



Youth/Adult Faith Formation