

Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●

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

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by

eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025

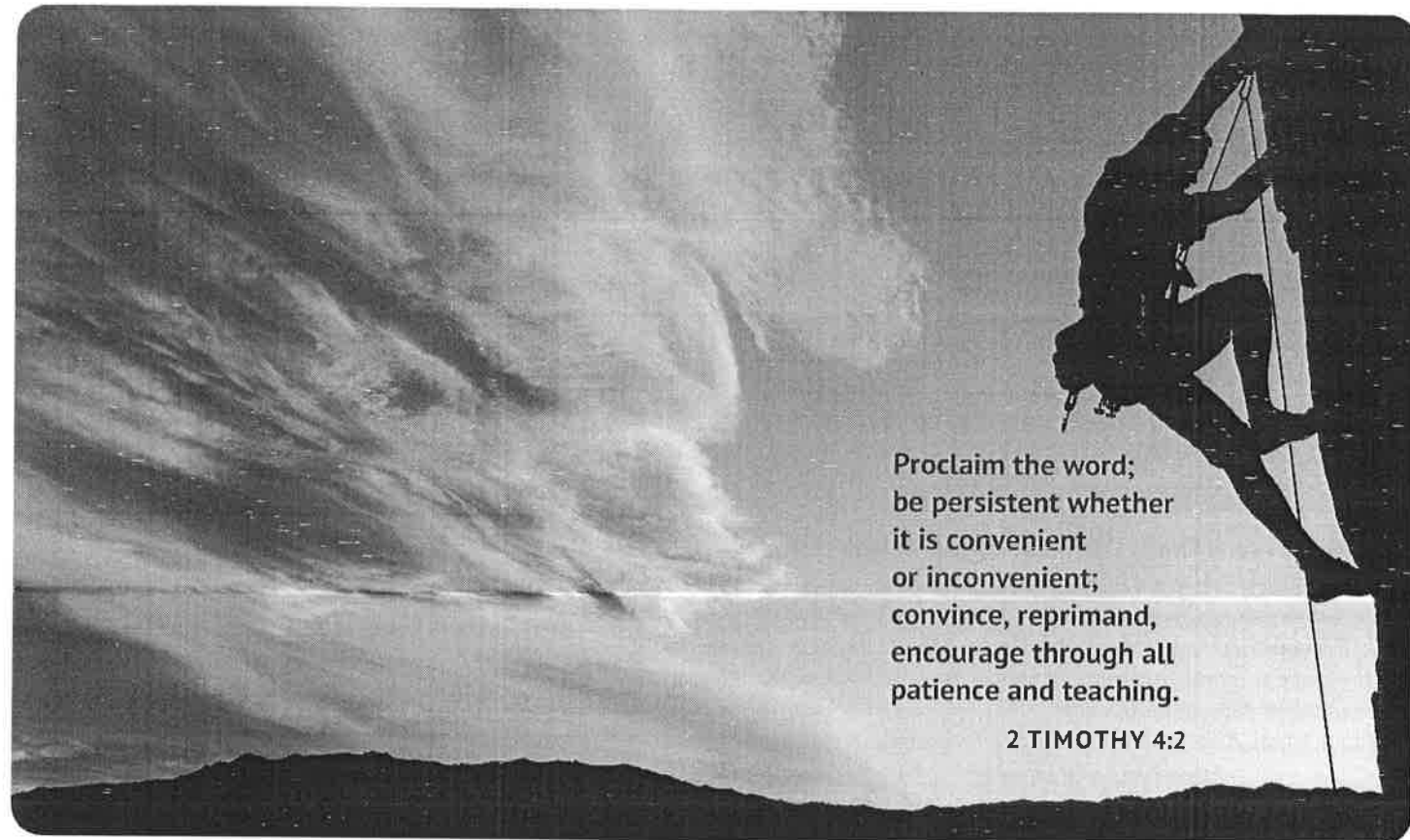


Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8



Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what

we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

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 = \$1,355.00 Attendance = 108

Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

Mass Intentions

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

10/26/2025— Remembrance of James Krings by the Krings Family

Mass Servers –

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

10/26/2025— Alex & Reagan Krings

Ministers of the Word –

10/19/2025— Jerry Nowak

10/26/2025— Sam Krings

Hospitality

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

10/26/2025— Barb Erb, Rick Banker, Anita Wegner

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:

Wed. 10/22 6:30pm. Diocesan required Safe Environment classes.
Attendance will be taken.

Wed. 10/29 6:30pm. Regular Rel Ed classes

Picture board has been set up for All Soul's Day, you may now add photos of
your lost family & Friends. Lick Family Violence this Sunday and next Sunday
October 19 & 26 buy your suckers. Donations go for Safe Haven in Shawano,
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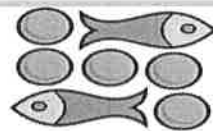
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Wednesday, November 19 4—6 PM

Saturday, November 22 9—11 AM

Thank you for all the donations so far this year!!

September Report = 38 Families, 89 Individuals



All Saints Day and All Soul's Day Mass Schedule



All Saints Day

Saturday, 1 November 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.

St. Mary's in Black Creek
St. Lawrence in Navarino



All Soul's Day (Envelopes available at each entrance)

Saturday, 1 November 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, 2 November 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.

St. Mary's in Black Creek-
St. Mary's in Black Creek
St. Lawrence in Navarino

Happy Birthday!

October 19 Sam Krings; 20 Bob Nett; 22 Shirley Johnson; 23 Janet
Evenson; 26 Andre Guyette; 28 Tammy Lorenz; 29 Terri Peeters;
31 Stacie Griesbach November 1 Al Erb; 4 Mike Balthazor, Bridget
Lorenz; 5 Judy Banker, Tom Weyenberg; 6 Amy Hodkiewicz;
7 Kathleen Joskolski; 8 Pam Wetts; 10 Judy Krull, Steve Wetts;
12 Sara Fischer; 13 Denny Bohm, Sara Fischer; 15 Sheila Hartlaben;
18 Ann Abel, Rebecca Meulemans; 19 Karen Van-Lanen; 21 Cindy
Zuleger; 23 Marcus Gray, Breanna Renner; 24 Carol Herb; 25 Cliff
Krull; 26 Brad Balthazor; 27 Mark Peeters; Teddy Bierhals, Mike
Carpenter, Joe Herb, Nicholas Peters, Joyce VandeVyver; 29 Jessica
Hutter; 30 Becky Krings



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 Mov-
ies, Audio Books..."
- It will then bring up the next screen that will
give you two blue buttons to sale
 - 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 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: *"The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, Sunday October 19, 2025"* found on the
"Young Catholics" website—young-catholics.com:

The Power of Persistent Prayer

On the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, the Gospel highlights the power of persistent prayer through the parable of the
persistent widow. This story teaches us that even when we feel like our prayers are unanswered, we should continue to pray and trust
in God's timing. The widow's determination in asking the unjust judge for justice is a powerful example of how we should approach
prayer with persistence and faith... Sometimes, we may feel discouraged when our prayers seem unanswered. It can be tempting to
think that God is not listening. However, the Gospel reassures us that God hears every prayer, even if the response is not immediate.
Like the widow, we must continue to pray and trust that God will bring about justice and peace in His perfect time.

The Role of Community and Patience

The First Reading... highlights the importance of community support in our spiritual journey. In this reading, Moses needed help to
keep his hands raised in prayer, and Aaron and Hur supported him. This story shows that we cannot sustain our faith alone; we need
the support and encouragement of others in our community. When we face difficulties or feel tired in our spiritual lives, it is
important to lean on our faith community. Just as Aaron and Hur helped Moses, our friends and family can help us stay strong in
faith. Being part of a community offers support, encouragement, and accountability, which are essential in maintaining our spiritual
growth and perseverance...

Scripture, Action, and Hope

The Second Reading from 2 Timothy on the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C emphasizes the role of scripture in guiding our
lives. Scripture is described as useful for teaching, correcting, and training in righteousness. It provides us with the knowledge and
wisdom needed to navigate life's challenges and live according to God's will. Engaging with scripture helps us understand God's
desires for us and strengthens our faith...

Pope Leo's message for World Mission Sunday



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their ap-
ostolic labors.

When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on
World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gos-
pel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our
brothers and sisters in mission territories.

This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit our-
selves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will
do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. God bless you all!

Holy Rosary before Holy Mass

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 19—David Nowak,

October 26—Anita Wegner



World Mission Sunday— This Sunday—19 October

This 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.