



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?*

Jesus said...“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

LUKE 17:17-18



"The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power." Psalm 98

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 11th: St. John XXIII, Pope
4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, October 12th: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass: Deceased members of the Ager & Murray family
by Carol Weidlich

Tuesday, October 14th: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
8:00am NO Mass

Wednesday, October 15th: St. Teresa Of Jesus, Doctor & Virgin
12:00pm NO Mass
12:30pm NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, October 16th: St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
8:00am NO Mass
6:00pm NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, October 17th: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
8:00am NO Mass
8:30am NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, October 18th: St. Luke, Evangelist
4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the people)

Sunday, October 19th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass: For the intentions of Scott Nachazel
by Shari and Dan Nachazel

St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

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**Confession 30 minutes before all Masses or
by appointment**

St. John Nepomucene Updates

This past month we hired in a painter to preform maintenance work on the window frames and steeple of the church. The work was paid for out the church maintenance fund. The paint was matched to the existing paint. No rot was found in the windows, so that was great to find out. The steeple had a bee hive in it and it was removed along with repair to the slats. The stair railing also received a new coat of protective paint. The cost for the project came in at \$5,500.00. Under the estimate. We are having an issue with the water supply to the parish hall and are having that looked into at the present time.

Singles Late 50s & Above:

Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions? Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat! The next weekend is on Oct 31-Nov 2, 2025 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing).

Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. For more info, go to www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.mi@gmail.com, or call (517) 323-7012.



*Please call the office if
you or someone you
know should be
included on this list*

Nancy Amundsen
Matt Barnadyn
Braylan Blackwell
Ray Borowiak
Connie Bricker-Shaler
Lee & Barbara Carlisimo
Pat Castaneda
Pat Chapman
Bonnie Courter
Roger & Nancy Danforth
Kendra Davis
John Ennest
Myron Ennest
Issac Gardner
Padrick & Eileen Gardner
Douglas Hagedon
Gail Hagedon
Marian Hanson
Samantha Harris
Joyce Hoult
Elaine Hurst
Donna Ignatowski
Joseph Ignatowski
Lydia Kaiser
Carol Kerr
Sally Kotilik
Janet (Mumich) Krussell
Bobby Kupovits
Ellie Maza

Betty McKinnon
Barb Mumich
Fred Murray
Lilly Nowka
Tony Nessel
Mary O'Connor
Deb Olson
Jeremy Palmrose
Steve Paterka
Gretchen Peck
Keith Peters
Bart Petrich
Abigail Ponchart
Lori Ponchart
Daniel Powers
John Powers
Ruth Repichowski
Gary Roberts
Tom Robison
Ed Scarborough
Susan Shay
Michael Sheridan
Josh Spears
Robbie Startzel
Phyllis (Jeanie) Sumner
Boden Vron dran
Virginia Wabamimkee
Grandvue Staff/ Residents
All Souls in Purgatory

Night Light Men's Emergency Shelter
opens November 1st until April 1st.
100 Oak Street Charlevoix
8:00pm to 8:00am 7 days a week



Volunteers for 1 or 2 nights a month needed!
Men over the age of 18.
Ken Plude: 231-675-5347

ONLINE GIVING

Check out our website for the tab at the top of the page or
down at the bottom that says, "Giving"
The format is simple and easy.
Thank you for all your support to our parish!

We received for September: \$3,919.00

Fr. Matthew will be away from the
parish for several reason this month:
National Canon Law Meetings:
October 11-17th



Diocese Priestly Convocation: October 20-21st
Jubilee Synod Meetings in Rome: October 22nd-27th

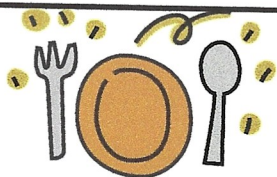
Fr. Joe Graff will be covering the weekend Masses.
We will not have daily Mass or Adoration
while Fr. Matthew is gone. Keep him in prayer for safe
travel and good health while he is away.

Care & Share and Good Sam's Food Pantry Collection

The collection is on October 18th
and 19th. Envelopes are in the
gathering space. We split the
donations 50/50. Please make
checks to St. Joseph.



**Feeding the
Community**



Parish Breakfast
Sunday, October 12th
Come after the 9:00am Mass
and enjoy a hot breakfast
prepared by our very
own parishioners.

No cost just great fellowship and food!
The sign up sheet for the monthly breakfasts will be
available this weekend. November through April.
A great way to support the family life of our parish
and join friends in fellowship by cooking and eating
together as a parish!

St. John Nepomucene of Praga
Offering for the month of October.

Mass Offering.....\$2,959.00

Thank you for your support!
Thank you to everyone who cleaned the
church & hall, prepared the grounds,
set up, prepared food and cleaned up.
And all who participated in the Mass.



Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep

Classes for our students will be on
October 19th and 26th from 10:00am to
11:00am. All school grades are welcome and
preschool. Classes meet in the lower level
of the parish hall.

OCIA is open for new inquiries: Those in need
of baptism and those who wish to enter into
the Catholic faith through confirmation.

Contact Mary for questions.



*Thank
You*

WEEKLY OFFERING

October 4th and 5th

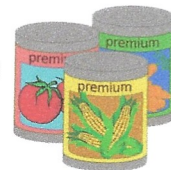
Envelopes.....	\$1,738.00
Loose.....	\$1,280.00
Maintenance.....	\$159.00
OFFERING TOTAL.....	\$3,177.00

Mass Intentions

The 2026 Mass Intention Book is open to schedule
Masses. Weekends and weekdays are open.
To schedule, stop by, call the parish office
or drop information in the collection basket

CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY

October collection items for
St. Joseph are items for Thanksgiving: canned
vegetables, squash and stuffing mix.
Toilet paper, paper towel, toothpaste and
toothbrushes are always welcome!



Ministry Schedule for October 18th and 19th

October 18th: Saturday at 4:00pm

Lector: Amy O'Neill

Ushers: Jeff Crane and Jodie Crane

October 19th: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Allan Peterson

Ushers: Cathy Downey and Carol Weidlich



Aquinas College Open House

Saturday, November 1

Aquinas College welcomes all high school students and their
families to our Fall Open Houses on Saturday, November 1!

Explore academic programs, connect with our supportive
faculty, staff & students, chat with admissions & financial aid
experts, and tour our scenic campus. Details and registration
information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse

Calvary Cemetery update

Work is underway for the new entrance sign and stone
pillars. There are 2 footing holes on either side of the
main entrance which will have rebar and cement
installed next week. The wrought iron arch sign is in
production and may be installed late fall or early spring

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?

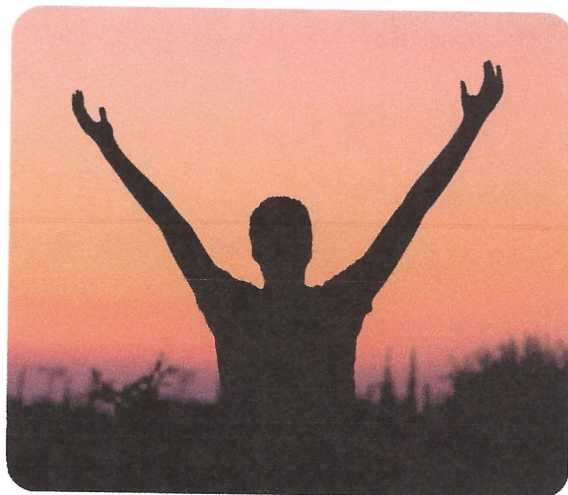
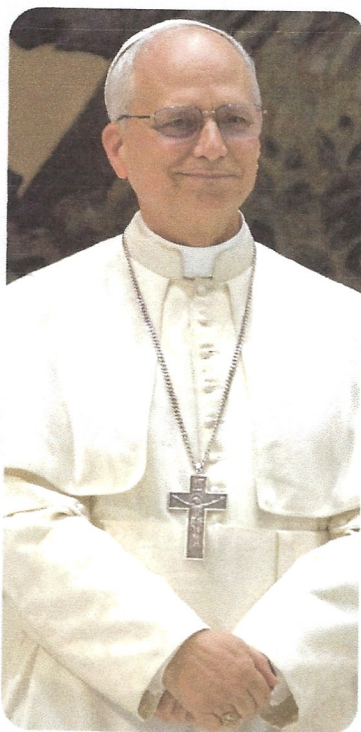
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

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.”

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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