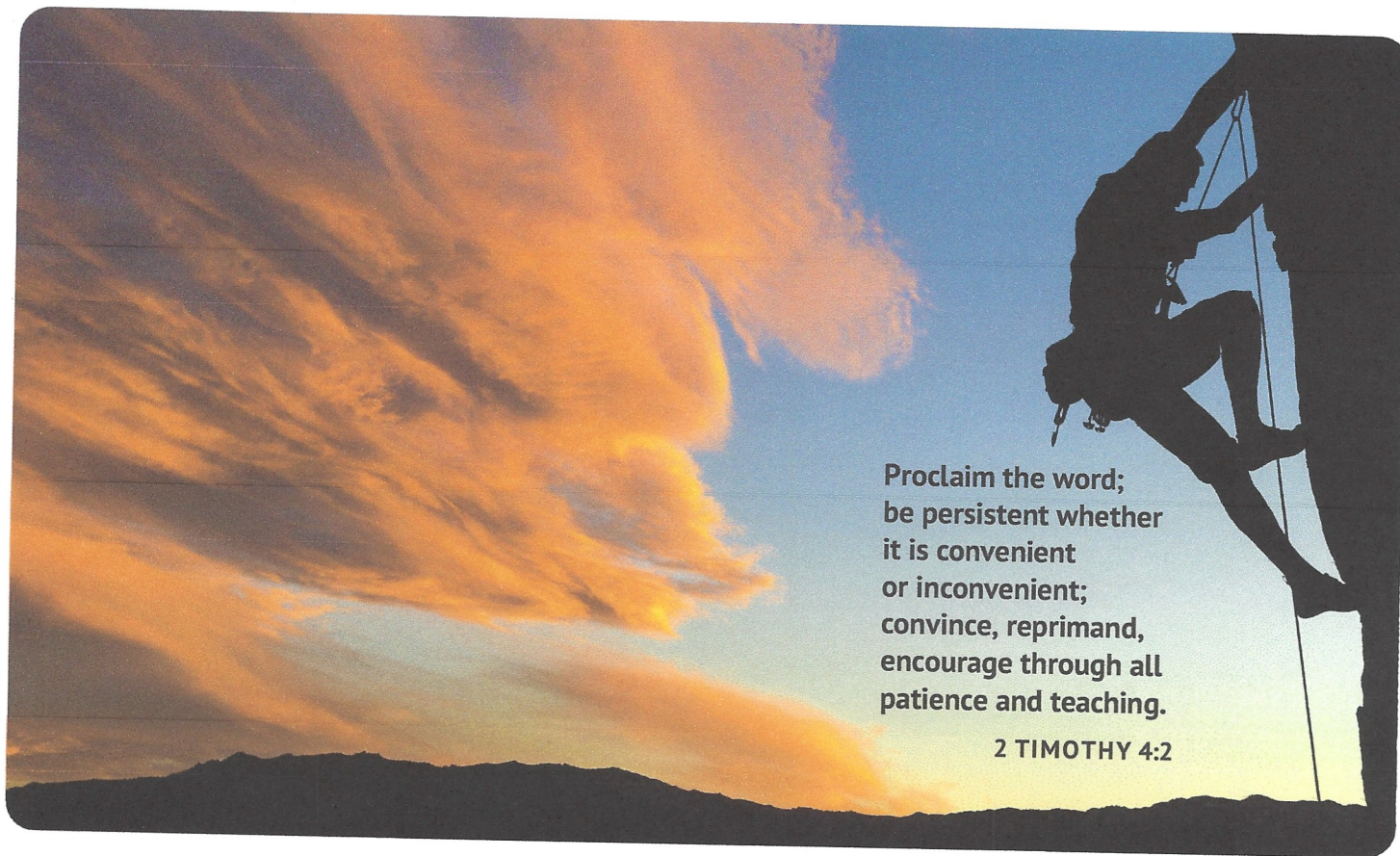




Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.

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?

"Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121

MASS SCHEDULE

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 Dan and Shari Nachazel

Tuesday, October 21st: Weekday

8:00am NO Mass

Wednesday, October 22nd: St. John Paul II, Pope

12:00pm NO Mass

12:30pm NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, October 23rd: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00am NO Mass

6:00pm NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, October 24th: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00am NO Mass

8:30am NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, October 25th: Weekday

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, October 26th: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: For the intentions of Traneeshia Nachazel

by Dan and Shari Nachazel



MARIAN CONFERENCE XXXIV- WEEKEND RETREAT- GAYLORD November 7-9, 2025

Join us at Treetops Resort in Gaylord for a weekend of outstanding inspirational talks and great Catholic fellowship.

The conference features daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic Healing Service, and more.

We will also have the Marian Center Gift Shop there with a great selection of Catholic gifts and books.

Our own Bishop, Jeffrey Walsh, will also be with us on Friday, November 7, as the Main Celebrant for our opening Mass. Some of our speakers this year include: Fr. Peter Klimek MIC, Fr. Edward Looney, Fr. Peter Stryker CPM, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mother Assumpta & Sr. Joseph Andrew of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

For more information, visit marianconference.org or call us at (231) 347-MARY.

St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

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



**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

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Mary O'Connor
Deb Olson
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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 reasons this month:

Diocese Priestly Convocation:

October 20-21st

Jubilee Synod Meetings in Rome: October 22nd-27th

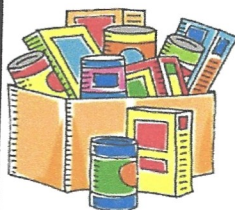
Fr. Joe Graff will be covering the weekend Masses.

We will not have daily Mass or Adoration while Fr. Matthew is gone. Keep him in prayer for safe travels and good health while he is away.

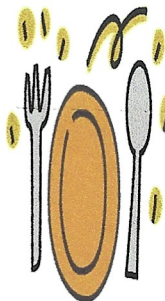


Care & Share and Good Sam's Food Pantry Collection

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 Sign Up

In November we would like to start a schedule of families & friends hosting a monthly parish breakfast. This is a St. Anne Guild supported event, so your expenses are covered. We ask for you to prepare a simple, hot breakfast. Please stop in the gathering space for the dates in November to April.

CSA Update:

1st round for the 2025-26 refunds.

We received a beginning refund of \$9,183.00!

Thank you to all who contributed this year and to those who have pledged or make perpetual monthly donations. The refund is for a generator for the rectory.

St. Joseph & St. John Cemetery Fall Clean up

Please check your family graves for flower removal.

Move all urns, decorations to be near or along side grave stones for the final mowing this fall.

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 11th and 12th

Envelopes.....\$1,768.00
Loose.....\$4,167.00
Maintenance.....\$80.00

OFFERING TOTAL.....\$6,015.00

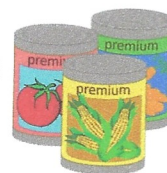
Mass Intentions

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 25th and 26th

October 25th: Saturday at 4:00pm

Lector: Ben Bolser

Ushers: Bill Scott & Sue Shively

October 26th: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Dan Nachazel

Ushers: Tom Kupovits & Michelle Kupovits



Celebrate 50 Years of Faith at Our Cathedral

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of St. Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral — the heart of our Diocese. From ordinations to Chrism Masses to diocesan celebrations, the Cathedral has stood as a visible sign of unity for all Catholics in the Diocese of Gaylord. To celebrate this Jubilee Year, a Cathedral sanctuary renovation is now underway — designed to reflect the beauty, reverence, and glory worthy of God's house. A new handcrafted altar, a golden-tiled Crucifix alcove and a gleaming tabernacle will uplift every person who gathers there in prayer.

We are all invited to support this sacred renewal. This is our Mother Church — and your gift, no matter the size, helps preserve and beautify this holy place for the next 50 years and beyond.

To learn more and make your gift, visit:
DioceseofGaylord.org/CathedralRenovation

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. ●



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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**



Monday

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

Friday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk 18:9-14