



Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted. As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted.●

Reflect

***What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?***

No servant can serve two masters....
You cannot serve God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13

"Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor." Psalm 113

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 20th: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest
4:00pm Mass: †Howard & Beverly Stanek by Lisa Ernst
Sunday, September 21st: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Tuesday, September 23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
8:00am NO Mass

Wednesday, September 24th: Weekday
12:00pm NO Mass

12:30pm NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, September 25th: Weekday
8:00am NO Mass

6:00pm NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, September 26th: St. Cosms and Damian, Martyrs
8:00am Mass †Deceased members of the Laforest Family
By Barb Mumich

8:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
4:00pm Mass: †John, Tom & Rex Vallance
by Monica, Val, Roxanne and Ruth

Sunday, September 28th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass: Pro Populo (For the people)

St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

Parish Directory

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

Michigan Catholic Women's Conference Registration open!

When: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025

Time: 9am - 5pm

Where: Lansing Center- Lansing, MI

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to ignite their spirits and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops.

Learn more and register today at:

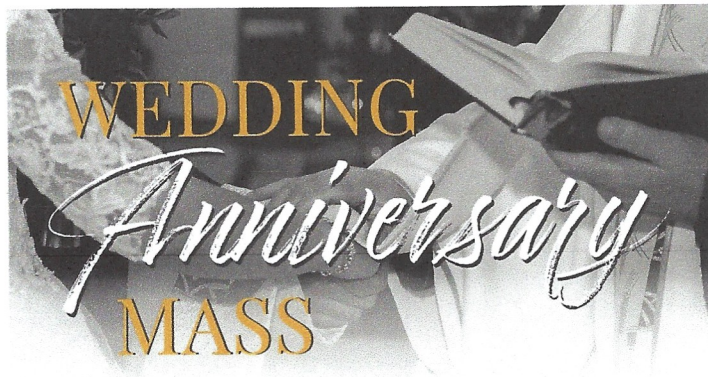
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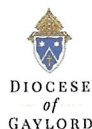
Nancy Amunsen
Matt Barnadyn
Braylan Blackwell
Ray Borowiak
Connie Bricker-Shaler
Lee & Barbara Carlisimo
Pat Castaneda
Pat Chapman
Bonnie Courter
Roger & Nancy Danforth
Kendra Davis
John Ennest
Myron Ennest
Issac Gardner
Padrick & Eileen Gardner
Douglas Hagedon
Gail Hagedon
Marian Hanson
Samantha Harris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

Betty McKinnon
Barb Mumich
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
Tom & Ruth Repichowski
Gary Roberts
Tom Robison
Ed Scarborough
Susan Shay
Michael Sheridan
Josh Spears
Robbie Startzel
Phyllis (Jeanie) Sumner
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Virginia Wabamimkee
Grandvue Staff/ Residents
All Souls in Purgatory

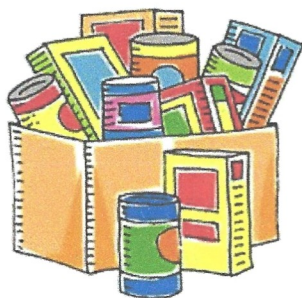


Where: St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord
When: Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 11 am

dioceseofgaylord.org/marriage



CELEBRATING MILESTONE
ANNIVERSARIES OF 10, 25, 50, 55, 60+ YEARS IN 2025



**Feeding the
Community**

**Food Pantry Collection
September 20th & 21st**

Collection envelopes
and a basket are in the
gathering space. Along
with a list of items
needed. Monetary
donations can be placed
in the collection at Mass.
Thank you to all who
are generous

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

Aquinas College Open Houses –

Saturday, October 4 and November 1

Aquinas College welcomes all high school students and their
families to our Fall Open Houses on Saturday, October 4 and
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

St. John Nepomucene Mass

Will be on Saturday, October 4th.
Time will be at 6:00pm.
Fr. Matthew will be presiding.
After Mass will be a reception in the
parish hall. All are welcome.



Faith Formation

Classes for our students will be on September 28th from
10:00am to 11:00am. We will begin upstairs in the parish
hall with an opening project and refreshments.

All school grades are welcome and those in preschool.
Adult Formation continues with the Tuesday study on the
Creeds at 4:00pm. 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 or Annie for questions.

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 renewre-treat.mi@gmail.com, or call (517) 323-7012.



CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY

September collection items for
St. Joseph is
Fresh Produce: Potatoes
Individual Packaged Snack Items
for Kid's lunches

Ministry Schedule for September 27th & 28th

September 27th: Saturday at 4:00pm

Lector: Ben Bolser

Ushers: Kim Carr and Tony Bukrey

September 28th: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Sharon Gardner

Ushers: Tom Kupovits and Michelle Kupovits



WEEKLY OFFERING

September 13th and 14th

Envelopes.....	\$815.00
Loose.....	\$1,149.00
Maintenance.....	\$1.00

OFFERING TOTAL.....\$1,965.00

*Thank
You*

Fr. Matthew's 50th Birthday Party
September 20th and 21st
after the weekend Masses

Come and celebrate in our parish hall.
Saturday Night: Hot Potato bar and sides
Sunday Morning: Hot Breakfast bar



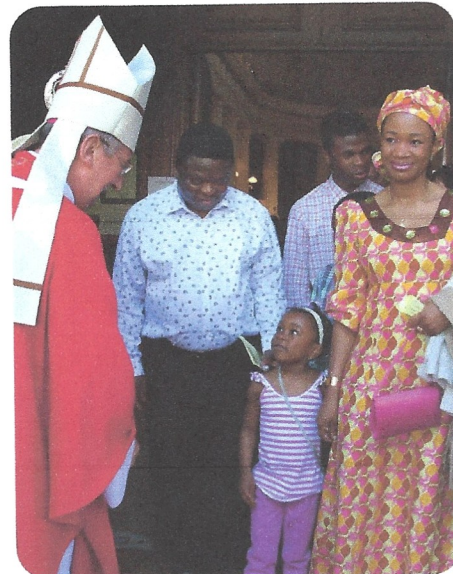
Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

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



JOHN MC ELROY

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

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31