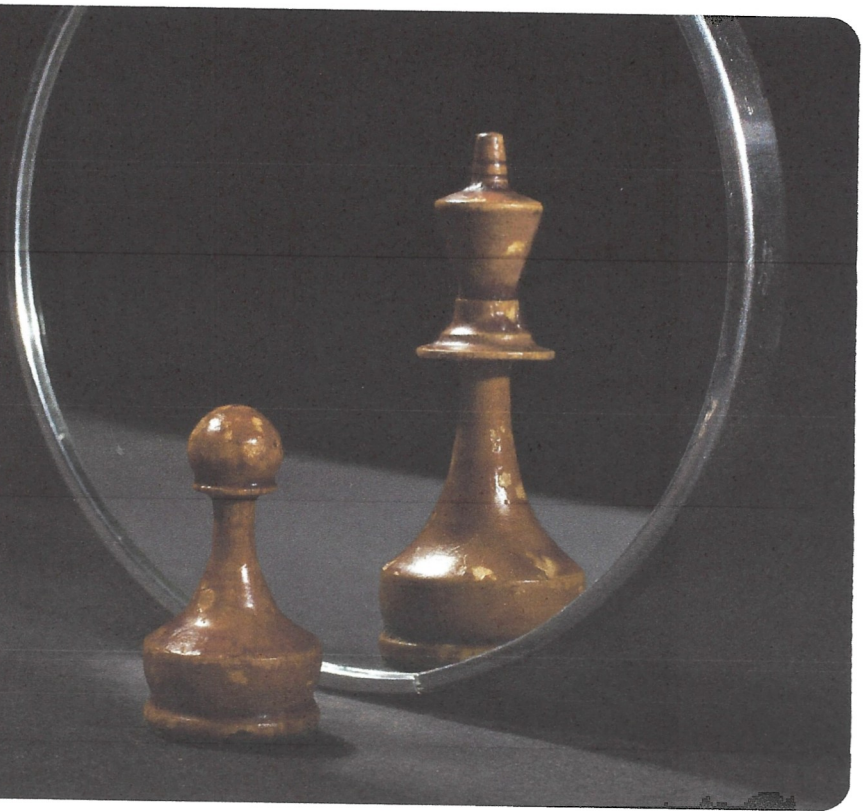




Woe to those who
are complacent....
[T]hey shall be
the first to go
into exile.

AMOS 6:1, 7



Adrift

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn't realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else's pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday's gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man's sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we're interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask

ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for "making a difference?" Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

Reflect

Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' questions describes me and my choices?

"Praise the Lord my soul!" Psalm 146

MASS SCHEDULE

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)

Tuesday, September 30th: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor
8:00am Mass †Steve Mumich by Barb Mumich

Wednesday, October 1st: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor
12:00pm Mass †Mary & Michael Debrincat
 by the Debrincat family

12:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, October 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels
8:00am Mass For a special intention
6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, October 3rd: First Friday
8:00am Mass †Donna & Greg Hohl by the Ponchart Family
8:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, October 4th: St. Francis of Assisi
9:00am 1st Saturday Mass
4:00pm Mass: †Leon Dunson by Trudi Dunson

Sunday, October 5th: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass: Pro Populo (For the people)

St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

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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:

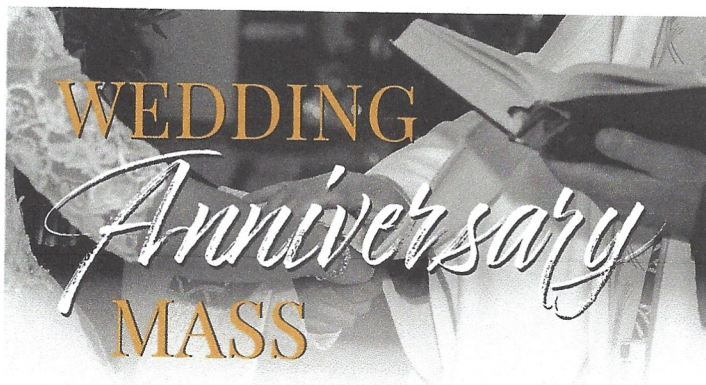
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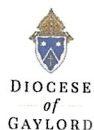
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 Ed Scarborough
 Susan Shay
 Michael Sheridan
 Josh Spears
 Robbie Startzel
 Phyllis (Jeanie) Sumner
 Boden Vrondran
 Virginia Wabamimkee
 Grandvue Staff/ Residents
 All Souls in Purgatory



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

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

LIFE CHAIN: STAND AND PRAY FOR LIFE

Emmet County Right to Life, together with Pastor Mark Drinkall of the Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Petoskey are pleased to announce the **Annual Life Chain in Petoskey at the corner of US 131 and Sheridan Street on Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 2:30 to 3:30PM.** This prayerful presence will be conducted on Sunday, October 5th in conjunction with the National Life Chain which is being held throughout the United States.

Additional details can be found on the LifeChain.org website, or on the Emmet County Right to Life Facebook site.

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 and October 5th from 10:00am to 11:00am.

All school grades are welcome and those in preschool. Adult Formation continues with the Tuesday study on the Creeds at 9:00am and 4:00pm.

All 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

September 20th and 21st

Envelopes.....	\$1,568.00
Loose.....	\$824.00
Maintenance.....	\$70.00

OFFERING TOTAL.....\$2,462.00

**Congratulations to Deacon Mark's
22nd Anniversary of his
Deaconate Ordination
October 4th**



CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY

September collection items for
St. Joseph are

Fresh Produce: Potatoes
Individual Packaged Snack Items
for Kid's lunches

Ministry Schedule for October 4th and 5th

October 4th: Saturday at 4:00pm

Lector: Dee Skrocki

Ushers: Bill Scott and Sue Shively

October 5th: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Dee Skrocki

Ushers: Tom Long and Keith Smith



Our Lady of Grace Circle is once again hosting their annual Crafts 'n More Show on Saturday, October 11th at St Mary Cathedral parish hall in Gaylord from 9 AM – 3 PM. Admission is free.

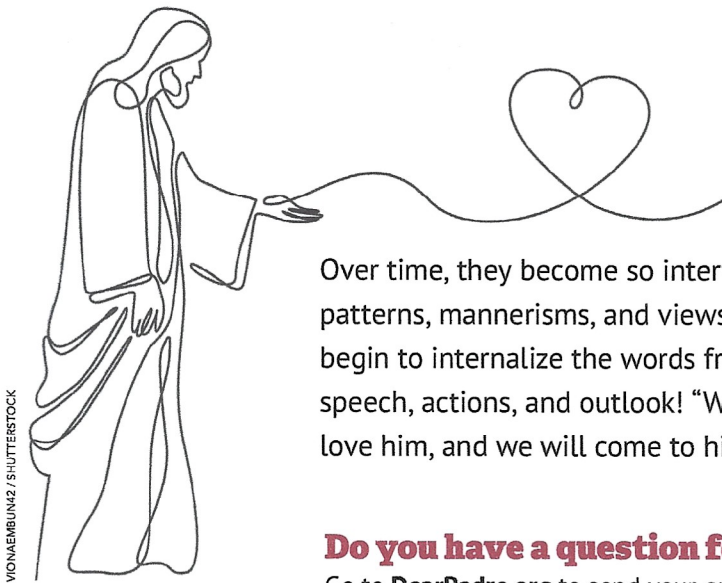
Get a jump start on holiday shopping. Choose from over 30 talented crafters, including beautifully filled, ready to give "Theme Gift Baskets". Don't miss old favorites like "Granny's Country Kitchen" with home-made bakery & confections. "Granny's Cafe" will be serving up sloppy joes and hot dogs.

Be sure to stop by for shopping, socializing, and a chance to win a fabulous door prize given away every hour! It's a day of excitement and fun finishing with the Big Raffle at 3 PM. First prize is \$500 (winners need not be present). Raffle tickets are available up to the time of drawing.

Dear Padre,

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

"Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text" (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word "love" appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, "sin" appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily "should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God's word on "love" is far too prevalent to overlook.



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Pope Francis called God's word "a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best." In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other's speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God's "love letter" and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (John 14:23). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, 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*.

LEONARD ZHUKOVSKY / SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

Monday

September 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or
Rv 12:7–12ab
Jn 1:47–51

Tuesday

September 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:20–23
Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday

October 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1–8
Lk 9:57–62

Thursday

October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12
Mt 18:1–5, 10

Friday

October 3
Weekday
Bar 1:15–22
Lk 10:13–16

Saturday

October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29
Lk 10:17–24

Sunday

October 5
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4
2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14
Lk 17:5–10