



**"In the same way,
every one of you
who does not
renounce all his
possessions cannot
be my disciple."**

LUKE 14:33

When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?

"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." Psalm 90

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 6th: Weekday

9:00am Mass: 1st Saturday

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

Sunday, September 7th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: †Michael & Mary Brennan by Ponchart family

Tuesday, September 9th: St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00am Mass †Danny Weisler by Jack & Danielle Poindexter

Wednesday, September 10th: Weekday

12:00pm Mass †Kate Bingham by Donna Nemecek & family

12:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, September 11th: Weekday

8:00am Mass For the intentions of Marie & Marvin Kiezi
by Amal & Layla Allos

6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, September 12th: The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00am Mass

8:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, September 13th: Weekday

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

Sunday, September 14th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: †Mandy Lercel by the Ponchart family

St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

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

Special Collection to help innocent victims in Gaza

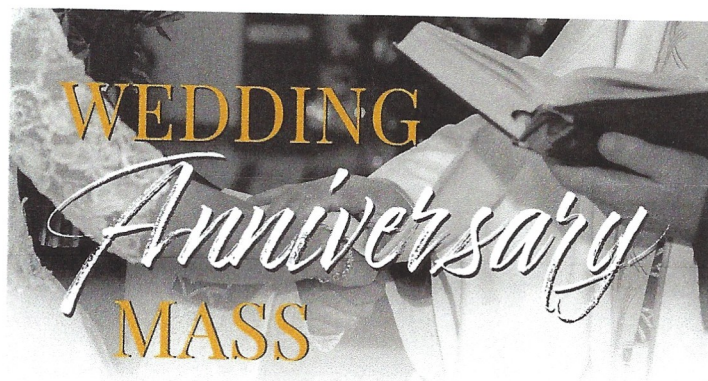
We will have a second collection this weekend after communion to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters in Gaza and the surrounding areas in the Middle East. There is terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and the surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." This special collection will benefit efforts of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a non-profit papal agency, in providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Please prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.



**Please call the office if
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included on this list**

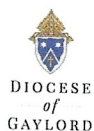
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Matt Barnadyn
Braylan Blackwell
Ray Borowiak
Connie Bricker-Shaler
Lee & Barbara Carlisimo
Pat Castaneda
Pat Chapman
Bonnie Courter
Roger & Nancy Danforth
Kendra Davis
Doug Drenth
John Ennest
Myron Ennest
Joe Gaffney
Issac Gardner
Padrick & Eileen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

Ellie Maza
Betty McKinnon
Barb Mumich
Lilly Nowka
Tony Nessel
Mary O'Connor
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
Boden Vrondran
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

Abuse of Minors or Vulnerable Adults by Priests, Deacons or Others

To report allegations of sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable adults within the Diocese of Gaylord by priests, deacons or other employees or volunteers, regardless of when it occurred, individuals should: Contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (855-444-3911). The Michigan Attorney General's office has also set up a special phone line for people to share information that may be of help in their ongoing investigation of sexual misconduct by Catholic clergy. That number is 844-324-3374.

You may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Larry LaCross, at 989-705-9010. In the State of Michigan many professionals, including clergy, teachers, doctors, counselors and named others are mandated reporters. This means such individuals are **REQUIRED** to make an oral or online report **IMMEDIATELY** to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services if they suspect a child is being neglected or abused in any way. Individuals may call the State report line at the number above, which is answered 24 hours a day or submit a report online at https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7119---00.html.

The Diocese of Gaylord encourages **ANYONE** who has reason to suspect a child is being abused or neglected in any way to report the matter to local authorities and Michigan Attorney General hotline at 844.324.3374.

St. John Nepomucene Mass

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



Faith Formation

Classes for our students will begin on September 7th from 10:00am to 11:00am. We will begin upstairs in the parish hall with registration and refreshments.

All school grades are welcome and those in preschool. Adult Formation continues with the Tuesday study on the Creeds: 9:00am and 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 renewretreat.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 13th & 14th

September 13th: Saturday at 4:00pm

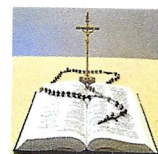
Lector: Dee Skrocki

Ushers: Bill Scott and Sue Shively

September 14th: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Dan Nachazel

Ushers: Mary Murray and Barb Zynewicz



*Thank
You*

WEEKLY OFFERING

September 6th and 7th

Envelopes.....\$1,338.00
Loose.....\$1,348.00

OFFERING TOTAL.....\$2,686.00

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



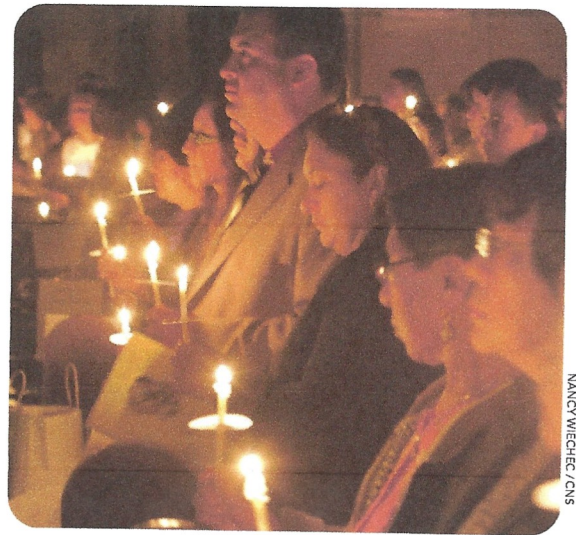
Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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



NANCY WIECHEC / CNS



ANNA NASS / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Tuesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 10

Weekday

Col 3:1-11

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 11

Weekday

Col 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 12

Weekday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 13

*St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

1 Tm 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 14

*The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17