



When Life Is on Empty

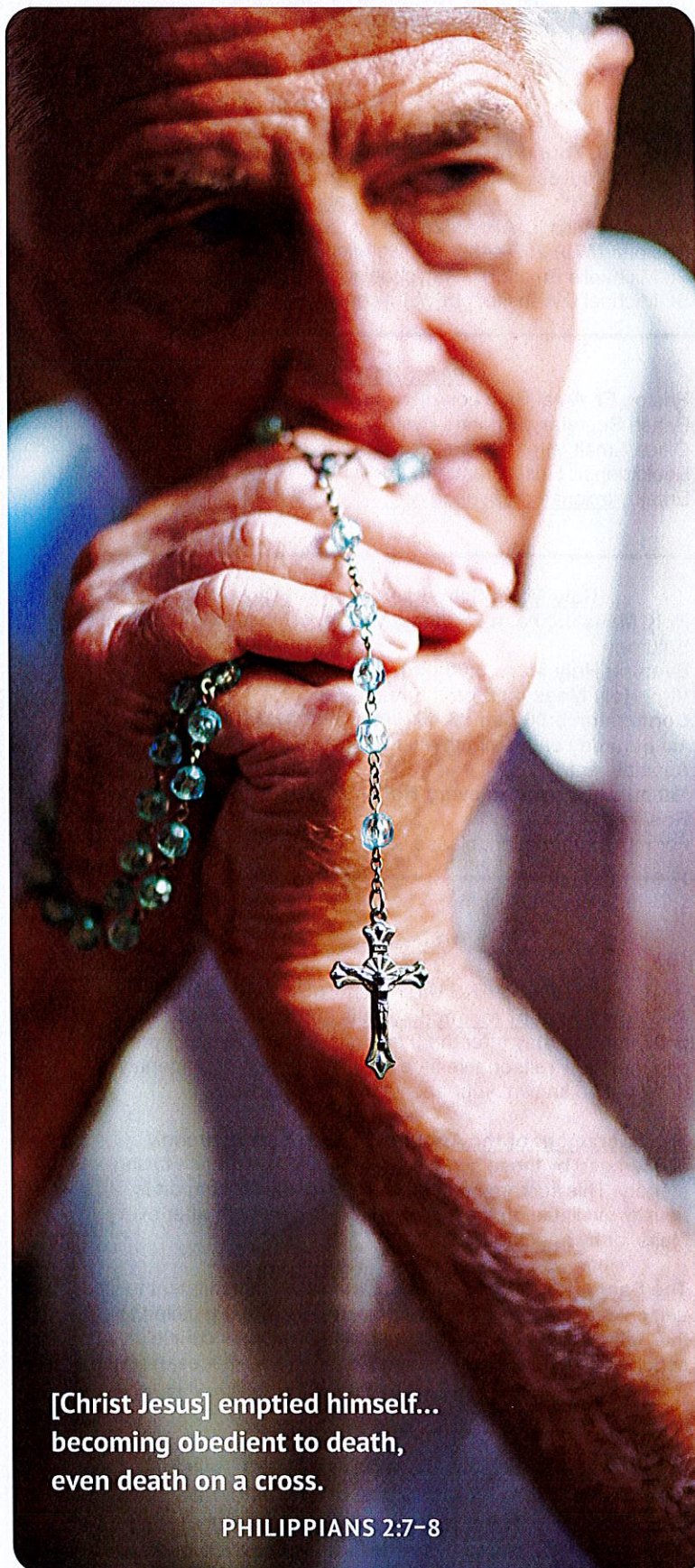
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, “Pain is weakness leaving the body.” Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one’s child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life’s joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul’s assertion that Jesus came and “emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross,” then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God’s spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

Reflect

***What emptying am I experiencing?
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?***



**[Christ Jesus] emptied himself...
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

Mass Intentions

Saturday/ September 13th – St. John Chrysostom

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4 p.m. Holy Vigil Mass: Bud Kootz, Sr †

by Buddy and Anne Kootz

*2nd Collection is for Maintenance Fund

Sunday /September 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Mikolajek †

by Gary Blcerzak and Beth Sabez

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****Knights Big Breakfast after Mass today

Monday/ September 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Michael and Tracey Kocz

by Mary Kocz

Tuesday /September 16th – St. Cornelius, Pope Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs

No Holy Mass

Wednesday /September 17th – St. Bellarmine and St. Hildegard of Bingen

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Robert Belec †

by People of the Parish

Altar Society card party at noon

Thursday /September 18th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bill R. Williams †

by Trudi Williams

Friday /September 19th – St. Januarius, Bishop

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Dorothy Mikolajek †

by Dennis and Jacqueline Malone

Saturday/ September 20th – St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang

4 p.m. Holy Vigil Mass: Bud Kootz, Sr †

By Joe and Doris Waggoner

*2nd Collection is for Catechetical Sunday

**Knights Annual Yard Sale 8 AM until Noon

Sunday /September 21st – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Mikolajek †

by Julie Mack

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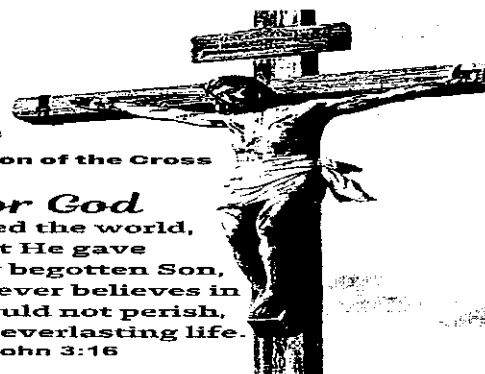
*25th Anniversary party for St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thought for the week

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The Exaltation of the Cross

For God
so loved the world,
that He gave
His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in
Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
John 3:16



Wishing you a Blessed Week



Collection Report

September 6th and 7th, 2025

Main Collection - \$2925.43

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Friday 5 pm to 6 pm

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-1985



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously provided by : Dustin and Alison Munroe in memory of Alison's mother's birthday.

Tabernacle Roses this week generously provided by: Buddy and Anne Kootz in honor of their grandson Karson Kootz birthday.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Come join us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary on September 21st after Holy Mass. We will be having cake and cookies downstairs in the parish hall.

Parish Feast Day and Picnic

Save the date of September 28th, 2025, it will start after Sunday Holy Mass. We will have more information coming soon.

~ see you there ~

KC Yard Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual yard sale on Saturday September 20th. It will be from 8 am until noon. In the event of rain the date will be moved to Saturday October 11th.

Food Pantry Collection

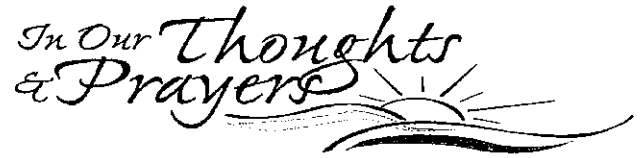
We collected 206 food items from last weekend. We appreciate all who brought food in for the needy. ~ Thank you ~

Magnificat Luncheon

Our upcoming Magnificat meal will be on Saturday September 27th. Tickets will be available on the weekends of Sept. 13th and 14th and Sept. 20th and 21st before and after both Holy Masses. Our speaker for this meal is Helen Evans from Little Rock. Come bring a friend and enjoy a day of praise, worship and fellowship with a good meal and speaker. The cost of the ticket is \$15. For more information contact Lori Templet at 225-717-0238.

Our Condolences

Pat Kimball recently lost her sister, Alice Hawley. We give her and her family our condolence on her passing. May her soul rest in peace.



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Chuck Wolff, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Michael Gagne, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Jerry Gorton and Dawn Logan.

Also :

Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald & Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Pat Kimball, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriaty, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, and Darrell and Elizabeth Beason.

And :

Nursing Home: Ariela Wege, Ruth Klinge, and KayLynn Rodenbeck.

Expectant Mothers: Samantha Eichhorn, and Kristene Bates.

- △ September 16th – David Boatwright
- △ September 19th – Adreana Gentile
- △ September 19th – Gary Pospisil Jr.
- △ September 19th – Donna Higdon
- △ September 21st – Patrick O'Donnell

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♡ September 19th - Michael and Adreana Gentile
3 years
- ♡ September 20th - Kattiya and Desiree Rachankun
6 years
- ♡ September 22nd - Eric and Kathy Esquivel
47 years

The Nine Choirs of Angels and Grouped into 3 Hierarchies: -

1.First Hierarchy: Closest to God (Worship and Adoration)

1. **Seraphim** – “Burning ones.” They are filled with love and stand before God’s throne, crying “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Isaiah 6:2–3).
2. **Cherubim** – Guardians of divine wisdom and mysteries (Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 10:1–2).
3. **Thrones** – They manifest God’s justice and authority (Colossians 1:16).

2.Second Hierarchy: Governing the Universe

4. **Dominions** – They oversee lower angels and regulate duties (Colossians 1:16).
5. **Virtues** – Channels of God’s grace and strength, often linked with miracles (1 Peter 3:22).
6. **Powers** – Warrior angels who fight against evil spirits (Ephesians 6:12).

3.Third Hierarchy: Helping Humanity

7. **Principalities** – Guardians of nations and leaders (Daniel 10:13, 20).
8. **Archangels** – Special messengers of God. Scripture names **Michael** (protector), **Gabriel** (messenger), and **Raphael** (healer) (Daniel 10:13; Luke 1:26; Tobit 12:15).
9. **Angels** – Closest to us, they are our guardian angels and daily protectors (Matthew 18:10; Psalm 91:11).

Saints’ Quotes about Angels

- **St. Augustine:** “Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you.”
- **St. Gregory the Great:** “We know of the angels’ existence from their very names, for angel means ‘messenger.’”
- **St. Jerome:** “How great the dignity of the soul, since each one has from his birth an angel commissioned to guard it.”

Guardian Angel Prayer:- Feast Day-October2nd

Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

The Angels and Their Divisions and Their Roles. {CV.Sep.2025}

1. Who Are the Angels?

- **Definition:** Angels are pure spiritual beings created by God. They are messengers, servants, and worshippers of the Lord.
- **Nature:** They have no physical body but possess intelligence, will, and great power. They exist to glorify God and to help carry out His divine plan.
- **Catechism of the Catholic Church** (CCC 328): “The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith.”
- **Scripture:**
 - Psalm 103:20 – “Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word.”
 - Hebrews 1:14 – “Are they not all ministering spirits sent to serve, for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?”

2. The Kinds of Angels and Their Services: -

Catholic tradition recognizes 9 choirs of angels, grouped into 3 hierarchies:

(drawing from St. Dionysius the Areopagite and taught by St. Thomas Aquinas):

First Hierarchy: Closest to God (worship and contemplation)

1. Seraphim – Burning with love, continually adore God (Isaiah 6:2–3).
2. Cherubim – Fullness of wisdom, guarding the glory of God (Genesis 3:24; *Ezekiel

Prayer To SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: - Feast Day- Sep.29th

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

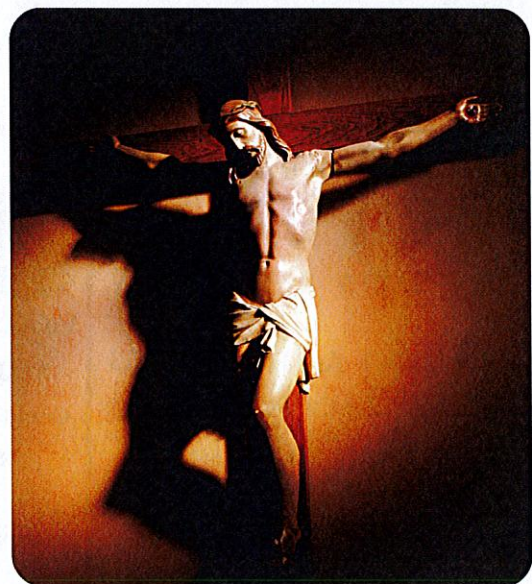
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Tm 2:1–8 Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35	1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17	1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35	1 Tm 4:12–16 Lk 7:36–50	1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3	1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15	Am 8:4–7 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13



STANISLAW TOKARSKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.

**ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,
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