

The Lord said to her...
“Martha, Martha, you
are anxious and worried
about many things. There
is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the
better part, and it will
not be taken from her.”

LUKE 10:41–42

Keeping Your Balance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they’ve let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they’ve turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they’ve told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they’ve let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a

little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.

Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It’s not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It’s crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary’s reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

Reflect

How would prayer help me keep myself grounded and centered?

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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.

PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

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NEW PARISHIONERS

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 / July 19th –

4 p.m. Holy Mass: Persephone Kootz
by Buddy and Anne Kootz

Sunday / July 20th – Sixteenth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Jerry Hawbaker †
by Barbara Hawbaker

Monday/ July 21st – St. Lawrence of Brindisi

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Patrick and Linda O'Donnell
by The O'Donnell family
Parish Council meeting at 6 pm in the library

Tuesday /July 22nd – St. Mary Magdalene
No Holy Mass

Wednesday /July 23rd – St. Bridget

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Don Cordell †
by Anne and Buddy Kootz

Thursday /July 24th – St. Sharbel Makhluf

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Dennis Welte †
by Joe and Doris Waggoner
Bingo starts at 6 pm - doors open at 4:30 pm

Friday /July 25th – St. James, Apostle

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Mikolajek †
by Gary Balcerzak and Beth Sabez

Saturday / July 26th – St. Joachim and St. Anne

4 p.m. Holy Mass: Kenneth Rodenbeck
by Linda Rodenbeck
*Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass

Sunday / July 27th – Seventeenth Sunday

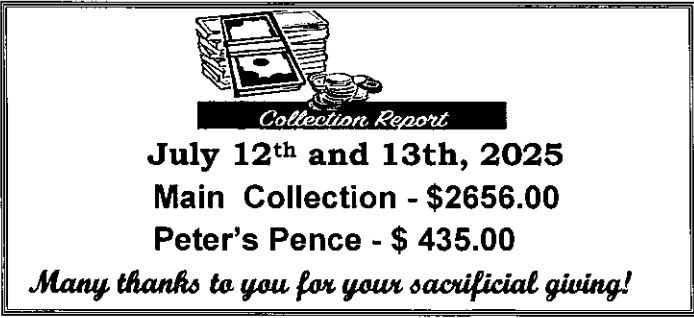
9 a.m. Holy Mass: O'Donnell Family
by Patrick and Linda O'Donnell
*Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass

BINGO is every Thursday starting at 6 pm
doors open at 4:30 pm and 1st Sunday of every
month starts at 1:30 pm and doors open at noon
Thank you- Bingo team for all you do !

Thought for the Week



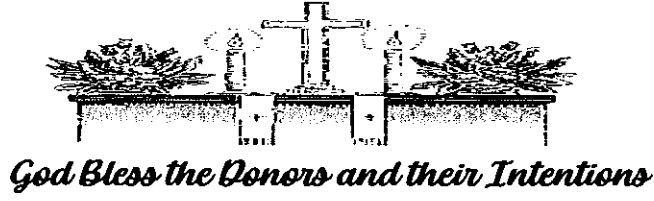
Wishing you a Blessed Week



Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration
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Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen

Thank you

We would like to thank our **Compassion Ministry** for all they do for our church family. When we have the meals after a Funeral Holy Mass or Memorial Holy Mass or anytime we need meals prepared for events the following ladies are always willing to give of their **time and talent**: Pat Such, Jacinta DiCresce, Lori Templet, Hughes Marinella, Renee Ritter, Annette Salado, Helen Oberding, Doris Waggoner, Shannon Langellier, and Trudi Williams they all helped at Memorial Holy Mass on the 15th of July. All of our ladies are always willing to help with food or work when needed. **We thank you all.**

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a parish council meeting in the church library on **Monday July 21, 2025 at 6 p.m.**

Christmas Shoebox

Now is the time to start gathering items for the Christmas Showboxes. School supplies, summer flip flops and clothes will soon be going on sale for back to school. Look at the bulletin board to see a complete list of items allowed and not allowed. Also, there are ideas of gift items for boys and girls. Boxes will be available later this year. Please, contact Lori Templet at phone number 225-717-0238 or ltemplet2507@yahoo.com

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Chuck Wolff, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Michael Gagne, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Crystal Hawkins, Marcella Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Andy Ryan, Gerald & Carol Metty, Dan Such, Darren Bates, Pat Kimball, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriarty, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Jackie LeBeau, Darrell & Elizabeth Beason, Doug Wortham, Mary Winston and Patrick Plunkett.
Nursing Home: Ariela Wege, Ruth Klinge, Vernon Mcttmiller, KayLynn Rodenbeck.
Expectant Mothers: Samantha Eichhorn, Olivia Moore, Jamisen Laire and Kristene Bates.

- 🕯 July 20th – Michael DeCoster
- 🕯 July 20th – Shelly Yingling
- 🕯 July 21st – Francis Trudell
- 🕯 July 22nd – Darrell Beason
- 🕯 July 24th – Maureen Fortuna
- 🕯 July 25th – Glenda Moore
- 🕯 July 26th – Kenneth Rodenbeck

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!



ANNIVERSARIES
We wish you many blessings on your Annversary!

- ♥ July 22nd - Tom and JoAnn Helfert 58 years
- ♥ July 23rd - Ken and Linda Rodenbeck 65 years
- ♥ July 24th - Jacob and Jean Marie Hendricks 1 year
- ♥ July 26th - Michael and Stacey Burton 28 years
- ♥ July 26th - Dustin and Allison Munroe 22 years
- ♥ July 27th - Jim and Ariela Wege 12 years

****IF WE MISS YOUR BIRTHDAY OR WEDDING ANNVERSIARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS.**

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Social and Potluck Meeting
2nd Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.
Officers Meeting
Last Monday of the month
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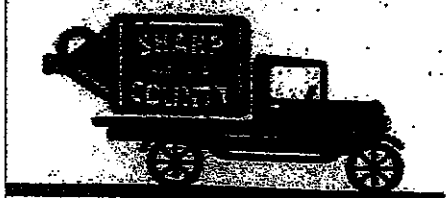
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Dear Padre,

“Lead us not into temptation...” God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord’s Prayer, that is, changing the phrase “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that “lead us not into temptation” is the best translation from the Greek. It’s a subjunctive verb. It’s used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say “do not lead us into temptation.”

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God’s people on their action, “falling into temptation,” and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●

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

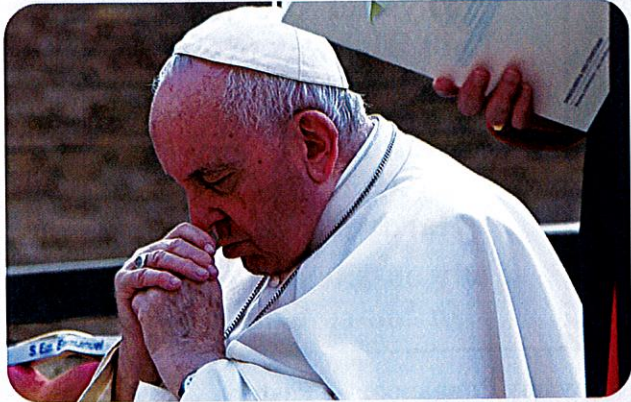
Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



The Temptation of Christ by Otto Münch, relief on the door of Grossmünster Church in Zurich, Switzerland.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Weekday	St. Mary	Weekday	Weekday	St. James,	Sts. Joachim and	Seventeenth
Ex 14:5-18	Magdalene	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,	Apostle	Anne, Parents	Sunday in
Mt 12:38-42	Sg 3:1-4b or	Mt 13:1-9	16-20b	2 Cor 4:7-15	of the Blessed	Ordinary Time
	2 Cor 5:14-17		Mt 13:10-17	Mt 20:20-28	Virgin Mary	Gn 18:20-32
	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18				Ex 24:3-8	Col 2:12-14
					Mt 13:24-30	Lk 11:1-13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

When I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God? At times, we begin the day automatically, we start doing things...like hens. No. We must start the day by first of all looking to the Lord, taking his Word... allowing this to be the inspiration for the day.

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