



Bucket List Questions

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The *Bucket List* is a movie about two men, played by Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, who find themselves sharing a hospital room, each diagnosed with terminal cancer. As they talk about the days that remain for each of them, they begin to discuss what they would yet hope to experience before they die. Hence, the title of the film.

At one point amid their many escapades together, Freeman suggests that God is going to ask two questions when they stand before the pearly gates. Nicholson hears this and grows edgy, suspecting his eternal future may be at risk. Freeman then tells him that the first question will be, “Have you ever experienced joy in life?” At that, Nicholson beams with a silly grin that suggests he is thinking more of pleasure than he is of joy. Nonetheless, he decides his lock on eternal bliss is halfway there. Then Freeman reveals the second question: “Have you ever brought joy to the lives of others?” With that, Nicholson’s face drops, realizing his life has been more about himself than about others.

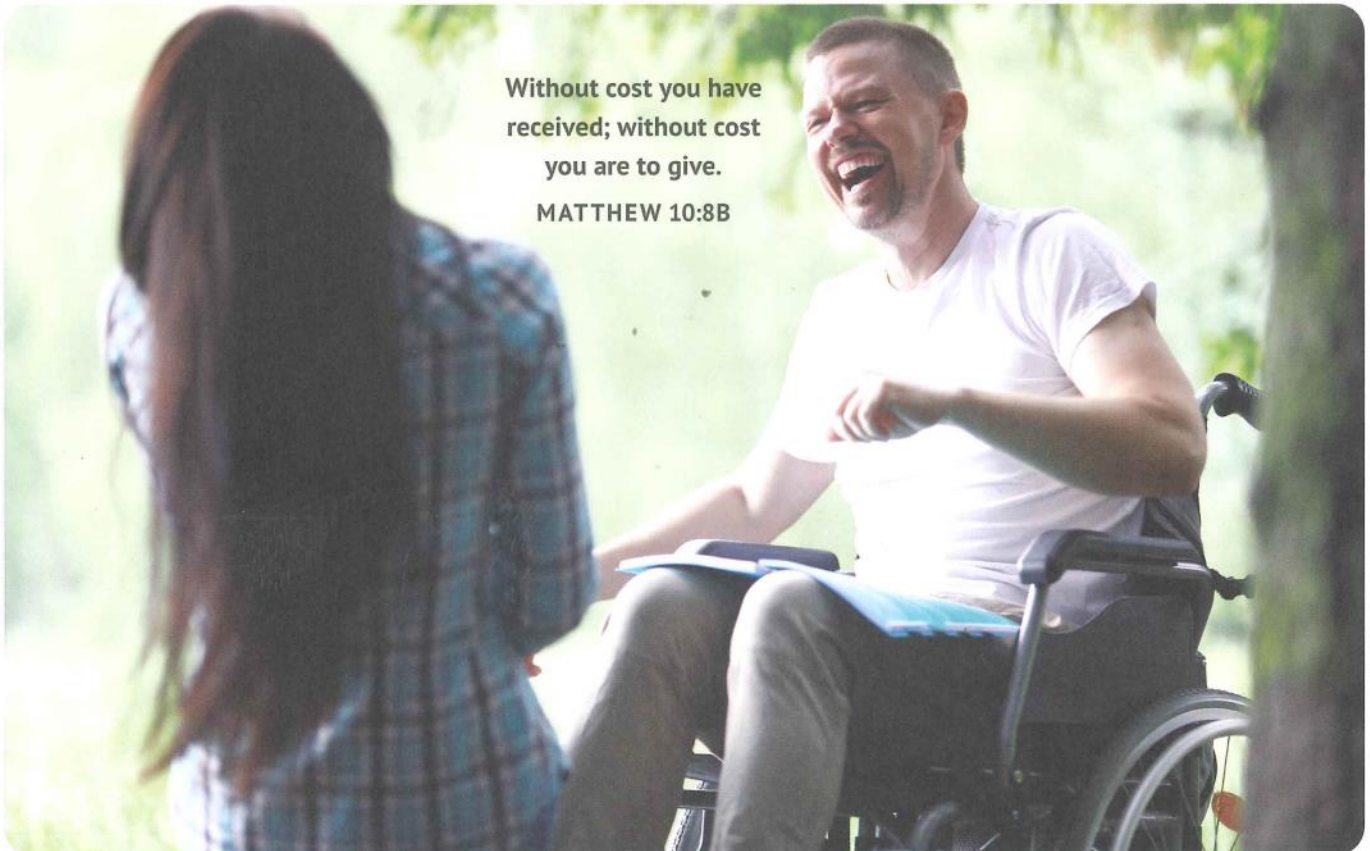
Religion is not just about “going to church” but also about “going from church into the world.” That, in a sense, is what Jesus did when he named the twelve apostles and sent them out to heal, bring life, and overcome evil. It is also what we find ourselves sent to do amid the scattered events of every week—to bring joy into the lives of others. ●

Reflect

If God asks you about your experiences of joy and bringing joy to others, how will you answer?

Without cost you have
received; without cost
you are to give.

MATTHEW 10:8B



Saint Michael's Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 616-384-4026

Saint Michael's Catholic Community is a family challenged by Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to care for others and to become the body Of Christ through worship, hospitality and service.

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Deacon: Deacon Tom Roberts—troberts@saintmarysmarne.org

For more information on staff, councils, ministries and schedules,
visit our website : www.saintmichaels.us
Prayerline: Chris Albrecht, 616.403.7110

Mass Intentions

Saturday June 17

4:30PM † Carmen Dietrich by M/M Jim Harlett **MA**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday June 18

8:30AM † Henry Smith by Dennis & Sue Smith **MI**
10:30AM All Fathers of The Parish **MA**
4:30PM † Carmen (Goosen) Dietrich by Dave & Pat Goosen **MI**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

Monday June 19 No Mass

Tuesday June 20

† Joe Cik by M/M Larry Antcliff **MA**
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Mary

Wednesday June 21

† Deceased members of our Parish Family **MI**
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Michael

Thursday June 22

9:00AM † Betty Oziemkiewicz by M/M John Grotenrath **MA**

Friday June 23

9:00AM † Al Spencer by Winnie Spencer **MI**

Saturday June 24

4:30PM † Paul Brown by Katy Pfaff and Family **MA**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday June 25

8:30AM † Don & John Tasker by Dave & Pat Goosen **MI**
10:30AM † Pat O'Connor by M/M Jim Jirous **MA**
4:30PM Thanksgiving to Sean Roush & Chris Albrecht **MI**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

MA=St. Mary **MI**=St. Michael's

"THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT
BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW..."

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	June 25 / 8:30 AM	June 25 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Pete Nielsen Melena Lindberg	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom Denise Parish Zach Nelson Sharon Carlson Andrew Bonter Jennie Taylor Chris Albrecht	Deacon Tom NEED ONE
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	Joe LeMieux
Sacristan	Jane Vitunskas	NEED ONE
Ushers	Joe Meerman Dave Tronovich Deb Tronovich Ray Maka	NEED TWO
Music	Anna Jonaitis	Anna Jonaitis

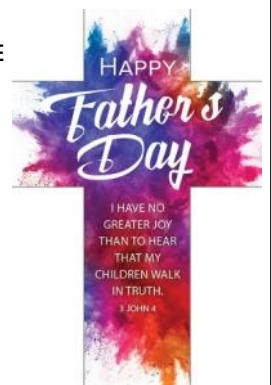
St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	June 24 - 4:30PM	June 25- 10:30AM
Sacristan	Vito Dolci	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Kassidy Britt MaKaelyn Britt	Noah Davis Hannah Davis
Precious Body	Deacon Tom Austin Lampe Michelle Lampe	Deacon Tom Bruce Kamp Margie Jirous
Precious Blood	Lisa Potts Deb Hapon Steve Lampe Mary Kirkwood	Christina Withers Janette Ney Need Two
Hospitality	Madison Potts Bryson Potts MJ Potts Matt Potts	Jim Looks Marian Looks Leonard Horter Need One
Lector	Geary Farrell	Jessica Pabst
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

Happy Father's Day

Prayer for Father's Day

GOD OUR FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR FATHERS YOUNG AND OLD. WE PRAY FOR YOUNG FATHERS, NEWLY EMBRACING THEIR VOCATION; MAY THEY FIND COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE TO BALANCE WORK, FAMILY AND FAITH IN JOY AND SACRIFICE. WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN FATHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHOSE CHILDREN ARE LOST OR SUFFERING; MAY THEY KNOW THAT THE GOD OF COMPASSION WALKS WITH THEM IN THEIR SORROW. WE PRAY FOR MEN WHO ARE NOT FATHERS BUT STILL MENTOR AND GUIDE US WITH FATHERLY LOVE AND ADVICE. WE REMEMBER FATHERS, GRANDFATHER, AND GREAT GRANDFATHERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US BUT WHO LIVE FOREVER IN OUR MEMORY AND NOURISH US WITH THEIR LOVE. AMEN *Prayer source Lordcalls.com*



St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News — Scrip numbers will be updated next week.

2023 Vacation Bible School — **STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!**

July 24-28th, from 6-8:30 pm.

Registration forms are in the narthex and on parish website. Many volunteers are needed! If interested please contact Debbie Veneklas with any questions. (616)384-4026. We are looking for donations for VBS. If you are willing to make a donation for teen snacks, please contact Debbie at 616-384-4026.



CSA 2023 — Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Our parish goal for 2023 is \$59,280.00 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. To date, we have pledged \$40,050 (or 67.56%) toward our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026. Now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Our program is now on summer break. CLW will resume in September.

Elementary Faith Formation: Grades 1-5 are now on Summer Break. Classes will resume in September.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 are on Summer Break. Classes will resume in September.

St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Brad Boerma, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Payton Patterson, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for the special intentions of our Parish Cluster Family



Finance Council —

The Finance Council will have an opening that will need to be filled, beginning in July, 2023. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Business Manager, Cindy Lindberg, at (616) 384-4026 or bsmgr@saintmichaels.us. You may contact Cindy or Fr. Mike if you have any questions or would like to discuss the opening.



What is it? The PaperGator® is a fundraiser where St. Michael's is paid to collect paper products for recycling.

What CAN go in the bins?

Newsprint
Catalogs/Magazines
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Office/School paper
Hard and soft cover books

What CANNOT go in the bins?

Paperboard
(Grocery Item boxes)
Plastic
Metal
Trash
Glass
Cardboard

Church Chuckle —

God is talking to one of his angels. He says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created 24 hours of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?"

The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God says, "I think I'll call it a day."



Giving Back to God

June 11, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$3,611.00
Loose Cash	\$199.00
Holy Day	\$5.00
Online Giving	\$885.00
Children's Envelopes	\$11.25
Total	\$4,711.25
Building Fund	\$70.00

Thank you for your continued support!

June 18, 2023 ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Help Wanted

Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! Visit the diocesan website to see available opportunities, and check back regularly for new openings: <https://grdiocese.org/employment/>

Confident Kids Event

Saturday, Aug. 19, 1 - 4 p.m

Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) hosts Confident Kids, a day for children in foster care to celebrate their unique identities, diversity, and feel truly special. CCWM will provide all children in its foster care program haircuts, styles, braiding, and back to school supplies. The event will also help educate current foster parents in areas of cultural competence, how to enable children of all backgrounds to connect with diverse leaders in the community, and how to empower children to feel confident. Every day, Catholic Charities cares for 300 children in foster care. To learn more, contact Karol Maurer, kmaurer@ccwestmi.org.

HOW TO HELP: To donate school and hair care supplies, or learn about sponsorship opportunities, email Karol at kmaurer@ccwestmi.org. To volunteer on August 19, email Davina Bryan at dbryan@ccwestmi.org.

Made for More Event

Join us for a very well done nationally known event called, Made for More. Made for More is about Theology of the Body. Guest Speaker; Christopher West. This event is for all adults but is also good for families with teens. St. Mary and St. Michael are co-hosting this event with St. Mary, Spring Lake, MI. For more information please contact Rebecca Chicklon or Debbie Veneklasen Debbie: 616-384-4026 or childrensministry@stmichaels.us Rebecca: 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (6-12 Grade) Summer Activities for Youth

Youth may engage in a Mission Trip, Steubenville Trip, help with Vacation Bible School, Michigan Adventure Trip and engage in Parish service projects and other fun day trips! Some of these options are for High School aged Youth and some are for Middle School Youth and some are for both. Dates and times have been sent out in email, if you're not on the Youth Ministry email and would like to be please contact Rebecca. After May 21, Middle School Youth are those entering 6-8 grade next fall and High School Youth are those entering 9th grade through 12 grade next fall, as well as, those newly graduated. For more information and/or dates please contact Rebecca.

Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



Fr. Mike's Musings



Nothing. That is what Peter and the others caught after fishing all night we are told in the Gospel of Luke (5:1-11). Nothing. After a long night with no sleep, they are now washing their nets by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus needed a suitable place to preach to the crowds and commandeered Peter's boat. Peter was undoubtedly tired and disappointed after a fruitless night's work, but he had a generous heart and provided Jesus with the pulpit He needed. Jesus' command to fish again after catching nothing all night did not make much sense, and in any case the fish would have a better chance of seeing the boats and nets in the daylight. A second time we see Peter's generosity; he goes fishing at Jesus' request. What a reward he got. Not just one boat full of fish, but two boats full of fish, and so many fish that the nets began to tear, and the boats were at the point of sinking. Jesus' generosity has more than matched the generosity of Peter.

We can imagine that if Peter had a very successful night fishing he would not have wanted to go fishing again. Surely the fact that he caught nothing prepared him to go out again to fish. Having nothing prepared his heart to listen to what Jesus would say and carry it out. It is very often the case since then; having nothing prepares our heart to receive Jesus, and there are many types of such emptiness preparing our heart for Jesus. If our hearts are full of other things, we do not have room for Jesus. When we have nothing, we have room for Jesus.

God speaks to us in our own language sometimes, for example, by means of a miraculous catch of fish. When Jesus was born, those studying the stars saw a special star in the sky. In Acts 10, Peter was hungry, and God gave him a vision of all kinds of creatures commanding him to eat, to show that no person is unclean in God's eyes. In Luke's Gospel, God speaks again in a language that could be clearly understood; Jesus gave Peter the fisherman a huge catch of fish to symbolize his future ministry.

We see a kind of emptiness in Peter when he says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." (5:8) He recognizes his unworthiness before Christ but once again Jesus fills that emptiness, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." (5:10) Peter received a miraculous catch of fish because he had nothing but a generous willing heart. Now he receives his vocation from Jesus when he acknowledges his unworthiness. So, it is okay to have nothing and be unworthy. Jesus provides more than we would have hoped and calls us despite our unworthiness. All that is necessary is the generous willingness of Peter and Jesus does the rest.

As we now enter the lengthy period of 'Ordinary Time' in the Church's liturgical year I will again take-up discussing the sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Recently the Diocese of Grand Rapids (along with dioceses throughout the world) has ordained some willing young men to be priests of Jesus Christ. In their own unique sense these men were lacking in something in their lives but possessed a willingness to turn themselves over to the service of God and His people. This is what will be discussed in coming columns—the vocation of the Priesthood and Religious Life—Holy Orders. As having first-hand experience with this topic, I can promise, if not food for thought, at least an interesting read. Who knows? Perhaps a spark will be struck and a new fire of willingness ignited in someone's heart.

PREGNANCY HELP

Baby Bottle Drive!

Please return Bottles Next Weekend.

Thank You.



Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

Joe Heminger & Laura Wierman.....July 22, 2023 (St Michael)
Wyatt VanDyke & Olivia Killebrew..... July 29, 2023 (St Michael)
Christian Hall & Kayleigh Kutchin August 25, 2023 (St Michael)
Marissa McDonald & Christopher Barczak.....October 7, 2023 (St Mary)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

St. Mary's Parish News

Religious Education

Thank you to everyone who made donations to VBS!

2023-24 Sacrament Prep:

It's time to save your child's spot for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation preparation. Please contact Rebecca Chicklon to register. Thank you.

Religious Education meets on Wednesdays and will resume in the fall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 10:30 a.m. Mass and will resume in the fall.

Questions or comments:

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at dre@saintmarysmarne.org or 616-677-5065

High School Youth Ministry

See Cluster Page for more information.



Meal Train for Fr Mike

Fr Mike has been enjoying his weekly homemade meals from our Parish Family. THANK YOU to everyone that has prepared a meal for him. It is very much appreciated. We have TWO open dates in June and TWO open dates in July. Can you take one of them? It really is as easy as making an extra serving of whatever you are making for dinner. Put it in a microwavable container and drop it off at the Parish Office on our way to (or home) from work.. <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8vv97n> (or call the parish office)



St Mary Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays 9:00-10:30 in the community room. Newcomers are invited to join at any time. For more info contact Jill 616.947.2054.



Funeral Luncheon Ministry - Volunteer Opportunities

The Funeral Lunch Ministry would love to welcome you to join a team of compassionate individuals who provide a caring presence for families and friends dealing with the death of a loved one. Be part of our funeral ministry by preparing a salad or dessert for a funeral luncheon. You will be called on a rotational basis and asked to prepare a salad or dessert and deliver it to the Parish Hall the morning of the funeral. Many people who work days can participate in this ministry by dropping their dish off on their way to work. Volunteers are also needed for setting the tables, preparing the food, serving the meal, and lastly, cleaning up. These opportunities are needed throughout the year and are based on each volunteer's availability. Family and friends of the deceased are so grateful and appreciative of the efforts taken to create a relaxing environment so they may share a meal together on a difficult day. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the list of volunteers to be called, Please contact the parish office



Stay Connected & Informed

Do we have the right personal information on file? Did you get rid of your land line? Do you have a new cell phone number? Do we have your most recent email address on file? Are you getting your "Church News" emails from the office? If not, be sure to call the Parish Office and update your contact information with us.



Catholic Service Appeal 2023

Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Remember that any amount collected over the goal will stay in the parish. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. Learn more at GRdiocese.org/CSA



CSA 2023 Pledge Goal: \$51,834.00

Total Pledges Made: \$35,860.00 (70%)

Balance: \$15,974.00

Participation: 98 of 292 Active Households (34%)

Totals as of June 6, 2023

Thank you for your stewardship

Knights of Columbus #11581 News

Knights of the Month

Knight Person of the Month for June - Steve Lampe

Knight Family of the Month for June - Jeff & Karen Emelander

The Knight Person / Family of the month is a way of recognizing someone who has gone above and beyond, or done something extra for the council or the church community. Congratulations and Thank You for your service and commitment to our Parish Family!

Save the Date: October 8

Community Breakfast and Blood Drive Register here: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/rive_schedule/149333



Giving Back to God

	June 10/11
Regular Contributions	\$2734.00
Capital Improvement	\$15.00
Online Contributions	\$2425.00
Children's Contributions	\$7.00
Total	\$5181.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week

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Save the Dates

August 4	Mass of Hope, Health and Healing
Sep 10	Parish Picnic
Sept 12-16	Parish Directory Pictures- Watch for Sign Ups and more Info.
October 8	Knights of Columbus Councils Breakfast & Blood Drive

Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael

Dear Padre,

Is there a right to health care? As a Catholic, what kind of obligation do I have to use my resources to help with the purchase of medicine for my brother? His insurance won't cover the costs, and he's on a fixed income.

Saint John XXIII's 1963 encyclical *Pacem In Terris* (Peace on Earth) said people have a right to live and a right to the "means necessary for the proper development of life" (11). This text serves as a foundation for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' speaking of a right to "basic" or "adequate health care" in their Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholics. What is not clear in Church teaching is who has the duty to ensure that right. In some cases, the state has taken this responsibility, but this need not be the case. The condition of millions of our brothers and sisters in Christ, however, urges us to action on their behalf.

Regarding the case of one's brother, the question is difficult because of the need for more information. What is the brother's prognosis? Is he taking care of himself responsibly? What do you feel capable of doing morally without placing yourself and others in your care at risk?

Whatever one's ability to respond in this case, one's relationship with one's brother should be marked by compassion and a sincere desire and will to help in whatever way is morally reasonable. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Aloysius	Weekday	Weekday	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Cor 6:1-10	2 Cor 8:1-9	Gonzaga, Religious	2 Cor 11:1-11	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30	Is 49:1-6	Jer 20:10-13
Mt 5:38-42	Mt 5:43-48	2 Cor 9:6-11	Mt 6:7-15	Mt 6:19-23	Acts 13:22-26	Rom 5:12-15
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18			Lk 1:57-66, 80	Mt 10:26-33



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself.

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