

Dear Padre,

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 24 Weekday Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42	July 25 St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9	July 27 Weekday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17	July 28 Weekday Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23	July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46



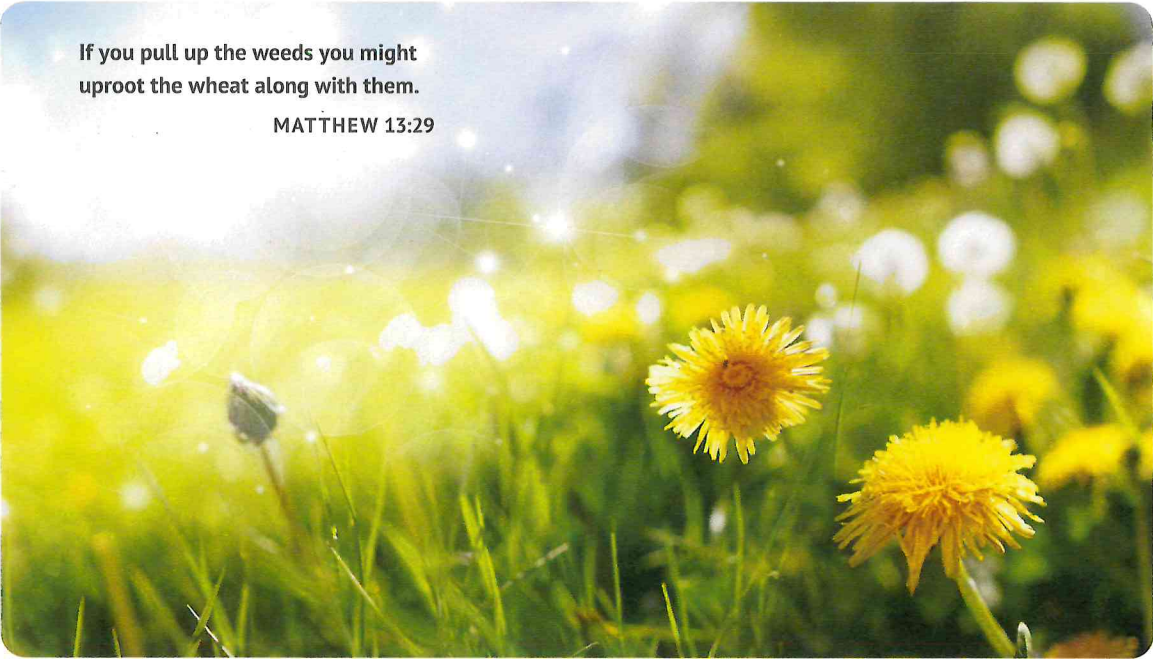
A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 23, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 / Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



Weeds in the Gardens of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith. Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal. God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of

Reflect

Are there some believers you find difficult to tolerate?

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult

faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind. ●

July 23, 2023 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JUDE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Confessions by appointment or after Mass on Thursday
Weekly Thursday Mass – 10:30 a.m., Adoration at 9:00 a.m.

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Mass Intention for today: Sandra Bennett by Sadie Payne

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

READER: Luke Sage

ALTAR SERVERS: Alexa, Sadie, Daisy, Allanah

Mass intention for Thursday, July 27, 2023: Jerry Herschleb by Dee & Bruce Herschleb

Mass intention for Sunday, July 30, 2023: Betty Peebles by Sadie Payne

Weekly Collection Information

Collections:	Target	Received	Over-(under)	Attendance
July 16, 2023:	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,736.50	\$ 36.50	130
Year to Date:	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,507.26	\$ 107.26	382

From the Deacon

Please keep our Diocese and Bishop-Elect Edward Lohse in your prayers this week as he will be installed as our fifth Bishop on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, beginning at 2 PM. I encourage all to watch on YouTube or the Diocesan website.

The carpets in the Church will be cleaned on July 28, 2023. I am asking that no one come into the Church Office, Sacristy, or walk on the Altar until Sunday morning to allow the carpets to dry properly.

I would like to have a parish activity in the fall that all of our parishioners can join in. If anyone has any ideas or thoughts, please let me know. If you believe this would not be a good idea, also please let me know.

I sent letters out to those who have not contributed to the Bishops Annual Appeal - we are super close to meeting our goal. We are short **approximately \$1200.00**. **The funds raised support many programs including sending men to the seminary. Any amount of funds that are short must be paid either out of our savings or our investment accounts. Please reconsider if you decided not to or have not made a pledge yet. I thank you for your generosity ahead of time.**

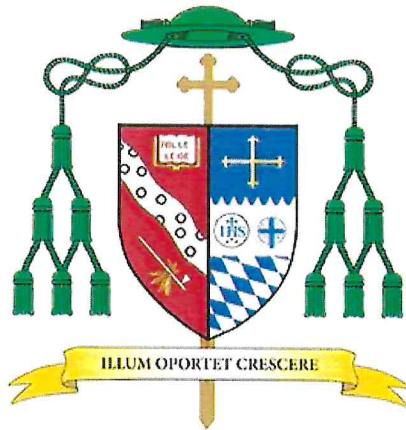
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Especially all our clergy and homebound: Margie Burris, Joan Rumery, Lillian B. Wheeler, Frances Parsons, Sonny and Mary Laughlin, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Iris Vana, David Vana, Vicki Clark.

SENIORS TOGETHER – On August 11, we'll gather at La Cantina in Paw Paw for dinner and listen to music from Jazz Time Group. Line-up starts at 4:45 p.m., and doors open at 5 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY – canned soup, mustard, Jello/pudding, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothpaste. On Facebook, you can find us at Gobles Pantry. Schedule for pantry in July: open July 2 & 22 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. Senior commodities distribution is July 18 from 10:00–11:15 a.m. If someone is 60 years of age and over, and their monthly income is \$1580 a month for one person, they can apply to receive CSFP/Senior Commodities each month. If you have any questions, feel free to call 269-501-0224.

Save the Date for “Trivia Night” --- a fundraiser benefiting our Bread of Life Food Program on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 9th Street, Kalamazoo, MI. This multi-round trivia competition will test your mind and help feed the hungry! The winners from each round will receive a prize. Register your team of 4 today for \$100 and bring non-perishable food items (peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, beef stew) for the chance to win door prizes! Check out our website at www.ccdok.org/trivia-night/ for more details and to register to participate – space is limited!

THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at (844) 324-3374.



By heraldic tradition, the arms of the bishop of a diocese are next to the arms of his jurisdiction, in this case, the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

The coat of arms of Bishop Edward M. Lohse combines the coat of arms of the Diocese of Kalamazoo with his personal coat of arms using traditional elements. The cleric's hat, called a "galero," in bright green, designates the one ordained to the episcopate, and three tassels indicate the rank of bishop.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo (left-hand side):

The red of the background field is the color associated with the Holy Spirit and with theology, in recognition of Saint Augustine's immense contribution as one of the four great Latin doctors of the Church.

The silver (white) wavy bend which divides the red field represents water, with blue annulets representing bubbles. This symbolism represents the English equivalent of the Native American name of "Kalamazoo," which means "boiling pot," describing the bubbles in the Kalamazoo River.

In the lower field is a silver peace pipe decorated with gold feathers, called a "calumet" by the French explorers who came to the region. This symbol of lasting and enduring peace is an object of profound veneration in the Native American culture, and here it also represents Christ, who is the fulness of peace for those who believe in him as the Redeemer of the World.

The open book in the upper field displays the words "Tolle Lege" in honor of Saint Augustine of Hippo, patron saint of the Diocese of Kalamazoo and its cathedral. In his Confessions, Saint Augustine writes that the critical moment in his conversion occurred when, as he was meditating on the scriptures under a tree, longing for a spiritual peace that eluded him and unable to free himself from sin, he heard a little child say, "Take, read" ("Tolle, lege").

The Diocese of Kalamazoo (left-hand side) (cont.)

Then opening the scriptures to Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, Saint Augustine was moved by the words he read there: "Let us live honorably as in daylight ... put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for desires of the flesh" (Rom. 13:13-14). Considering that he had heard the voice of God, Saint Augustine was filled with peace and was baptized shortly after that, to the immense joy of his mother, Saint Monica. He eventually became the Bishop of Hippo in North Africa.

Bishop Edward M. Lohse (right-hand side):

Bishop Edward M. Lohse's personal arms feature three distinct bands. The top band is from the heraldic shield of Saint Edward the Confessor, which features a gold cross on a blue field. It is present here in honor of Bishop Lohse's patron saint.

The middle section in silver, topped with a wavy blue line (representing the shoreline of Lake Erie), is derived from the coat of arms of the Diocese of Erie, where Bishop Lohse was born and raised, was ordained, and where he served for most of his priesthood. The two round emblems on the silver field honor the two great spiritual and academic traditions in which Bishop Lohse was formed and which have left a lasting impression upon him: The encircled IHS (the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek) with three nails is from the symbol for the Jesuit Order, and the encircled cross with the letters C, S, P, and B (Latin abbreviation for "The Cross of Our Holy Father Benedict") is adapted from the medal of Saint Benedict symbolizing the Benedictine Order.

The bottom third of the arms features the blue and white diamond shapes which come from the flag of Bavaria. They are intended to represent family and faith in that the Lohse family's Catholic foundations come through Bavaria.

Bishop Lohse has chosen as his episcopal motto, "**illum oportet crescere**" from John 3:30. Translated as "**He must increase,**" they are the words of Saint John the Baptist who, in speaking to his own disciples about the Lord, instructed them to follow Christ.