

Dear Padre,  
I hear people talking about finding their vocation.  
How do I know what my vocation is?

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is “a call from God to a particular state in life,” by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God’s call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

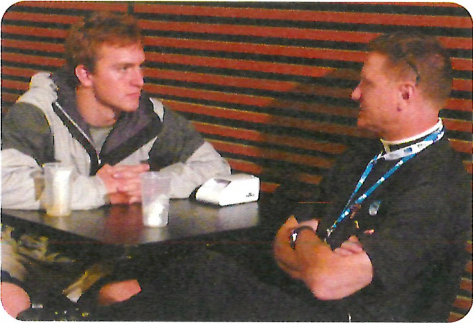
If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God’s call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another” [2 Corinthians 13:11]. The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this—just as Paul himself testifies—necessarily passes through the experience of God’s mercy, of his forgiveness.

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A pilgrim takes time during a World Youth Day event to speak with a priest about vocations. MICHELLE BAUMAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

<b>MONDAY</b> May 27 Weekday 1 Pt 1:3–9 Mk 10:17–27	<b>FRIDAY</b> May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 Lk 1:39–56
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 28 Weekday 1 Pt 1:10–16 Mk 10:28–31	<b>SATURDAY</b> June 1 St. Justin, Martyr Jude 17, 20b–25 Mk 11:27–33
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 29 Weekday 1 Pt 1:18–25 Mk 10:32–45	<b>SUNDAY</b> June 2 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Ex 24:3–8 Heb 9:11–15 Mk 14:12–16, 22–26
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 30 Weekday 1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12 Mk 10:46–52	

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Doubting,  
Remembering,  
then Believing

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Voltaire, the French author, once commented that God created us in God’s image, and ever since we have been trying to pay God back. When we fail to forgive, we may not believe that God forgives us. If we hate another person (or another nation), we may imagine that God agrees with us. “God is on our side,” presumes that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, we tend to think of God being like us rather than discovering how we reflect God.

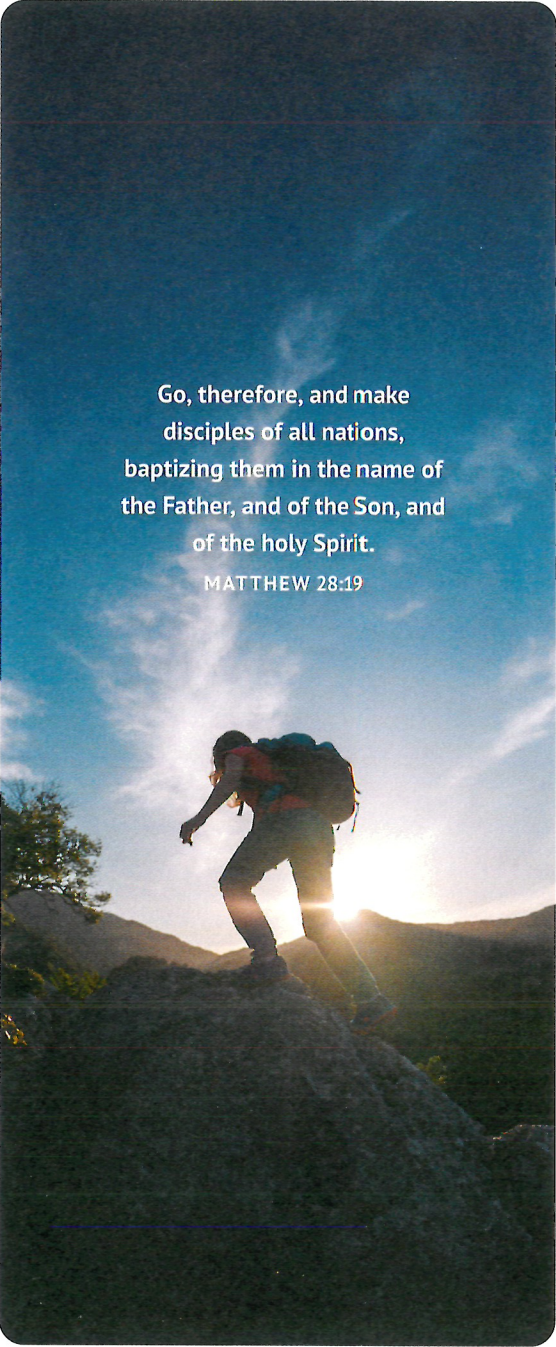
It is little wonder, then, that amid such confusing images we can find ourselves wondering who God is or even doubting God’s existence. Yet faith of its nature tends to be sown with doubt simply because faith does not bring the kind of certainty we think science does. This week’s Gospel tells how “the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted” (Matthew 28:16–17). From the beginning believers seemed to be inclined to uncertainty and doubt.

How then do we live in faith? The reading from Deuteronomy tells of Moses asking the people to remember how they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, how God had taught them and taken care of them. It is in remembering past blessings that we recognize a power at work greater than ourselves, a remembering that will lead to renewed faith. We are people who live with the promise of Jesus “to be with you always, to the end of the age.” ●

Reflect

This week, perhaps you could spend some time remembering how God has worked in your life.

Go, therefore, and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of  
the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the holy Spirit.  
MATTHEW 28:19





Sunday, May 26, 2024 – The Most Holy Trinity

ST. JUDE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Confessions by appointment or after Mass on Thursday

Adoration at 9:00 a.m. before weekly Thursday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Rosary is the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m. before Mass.

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Mass Intention for today: Mildred Frayder by Darleen Hollar

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

READER: Bruce Herschleb  
ALTAR SERVERS: Bella, Lydia, Alexa, Carlina  
Mass intention for Thurs., May 30, 2024: Don Wheeler by Lillian A. Wheeler  
Mass intention for Sun., June 2, 2024: The People of St. Jude Parish

Weekly Collection Information

Collections:	Target	Received	Over-(under)	Attendance
May 19, 2024:	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,985.00	\$ (115.00)	115
Year to Date:	\$ 87,600.00	\$ 86,912.31	\$ (687.69)	5491

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Today, as we commemorate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we delve into the essence of God and His relationship with us. In the era of Moses, God embarked on a new journey, unveiling Himself to His people and championing their cause. Moses, the messenger, proclaimed that God is the Lord of both heaven and earth, the one and only God. Hence, he urged the people to adhere to His commandments, promising them a life enriched with His blessings.

In and through Jesus, God begins to fulfill these promises. In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus instructs the Apostles to go and *make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*. He tells them to teach all that He has commanded and promises to be with them until the end of the age when all will be fulfilled.

The sending of the Holy Spirit is how God is present to us even now. As Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans, we receive *a Spirit of adoption* at our baptism. We become children of God. The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that God is three persons, united in love. We are baptized into this community, this family. We have received the Spirit that makes us sons and daughters of God the Father. God did something new when He revealed His name to Moses, but He did something even more radical when He became a man. Christ became human so that we might become divine. Through our baptism, we share in this divine life, the life of the Trinity.

God the Father is the source and generator of life. He bestows life and sustains it by His breath, otherwise known as the Holy Spirit. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father. From the beginning, He exists with the Father, but around two thousand years ago, He came to dwell among us, to be Emmanuel, *God with us*.

In Deuteronomy, Moses invites the people to ask themselves: *Did anything so great ever happen before?* We might ask ourselves the same question, recounting all the good works God has done for us, from the birth of Jesus up until this very moment and the next.

Anything that God did then, God still does today. God still speaks to us, fights for us, and delivers us. God came to dwell among us once, but he also promised to remain with us always. On this Trinity Sunday, let us reflect on how our own lives, our own individual stories, fit into the grand history of salvation. As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s presence with us in the Eucharist, may we thank God for the gift of faith that was born in us at our baptism and is nourished by this holy communion.



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of DAN GORDON  
By request of Bill & Vi Taylor*

**FROM OUR DRE:**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our CCD Annual Clean-up Day. I appreciate each of you. 😊 If anyone does not plan on returning next year, please let me know.

**THE ST. JUDE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MON., 5/27/24,  
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Fran Sage, Father Richard, Zane Miller, Pete & Barb Percival, Joan Rumery, David Vana, Phil Boyer, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Frances Parsons, Sonny and Mary Laughlin, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, and all those on our Prayer Chain.

**REGISTRATION AT ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAW PAW - Join us for The New School Year! Proudly serving grades Preschool through 5th Grade since 1937.** Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Financial Aid and Scholarships are available. We know that the education of your child is very important. Please consider Saint Mary's for the upcoming school year! Our students leave our school equipped with a firm grasp on how to balance academics, socialization, physical activity, faith, and family. To request more information about our school, visit our website at: [saintmarypawpaw.org](https://saintmarypawpaw.org) or call us at (269) 657-3750. School visits and tours are available upon request. Saint Mary Catholic School 508 E. Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079 (269) 657-3750. <https://saintmarypawpaw.org>

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - In today's gospel Jesus commands, "Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you." This command is meant for every Christian. In light of this command, parenting is not only the most difficult task a person can take on, it is also one of the most apostolic and missionary tasks. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children "all that I have commanded you."

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MAY** - canned fruit, mac and cheese, peanut butter, condiments, salt & pepper, and Jello. 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.

**FROM THE DIOCESE**

Information regarding the release of the Michigan Attorney General's report on the Diocese of Kalamazoo on May 20, 2024, the Michigan Attorney General released its report on the Diocese of Kalamazoo, the third of its seven reports on the handling of clergy sexual abuse by the seven dioceses in the state of Michigan. The investigation was launched in September 2018. No priest with an allegation included in the report is in active ministry. More information may be found at [diokzoo.org/protect](https://diokzoo.org/protect)

**Anyone who is aware of child sexual abuse should report the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency and make a report to the Michigan Department of Attorney General at 844-324-3374.**

The Diocese of Kalamazoo welcomes any additional information that may shed light on any past or present cases of disqualifying and prohibiting actions and will update the list of those disqualified from working with children and youth in the future as necessary based on any new information or investigations.

Bishop Lohse has pledged to provide professional counseling or therapy to victims of clergy sex abuse in the Diocese. Victims can receive 24-hour care via the crisis hotline setup with Catholic Charities at 800-873-8336.

**THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - Thank you so much to the parish families who have made a commitment to help grow God's Kingdom in our parish, diocese, country, and world. Our total commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal so far is **\$11,238** or **63%** (towards our goal of \$17,962). Your gift will bring Christ to people and people to Christ in countless important ways. There are still families we haven't heard from – please make a commitment this week. We are moving closer to our goal of 100% participation, but we can't make it without you.

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION ON JUNE 1st AT 10 A.M.**

**Please pray for Deacon Jacob Schmidt**