

# Dear Padre,

Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn *Sub Tuum Presidium* (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.*

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 7, 2018

### Monday

October 7  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Gal 1:6–12  
Lk 10:25–37

### Tuesday

October 8  
*Weekday*  
Gal 1:13–24  
Lk 10:38–42

### Wednesday

October 9  
*Weekday*  
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14  
Lk 11:1–4

### Thursday

October 10  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:1–5  
Lk 11:5–13

### Friday

October 11  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:7–14  
Lk 11:15–26

### Saturday

October 12  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:22–29  
Lk 11:27–28

### Sunday

October 13  
*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 7:7–11  
Heb 4:12–13  
Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 6, 2024  
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Genesis 2:18–24 / Hebrews 2:9–11 / Mark 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



[Jesus said,] “A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.”

MARK 10:7–8

## Living with Our Hungers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that “the heart asks more than life can give.” That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it. ●

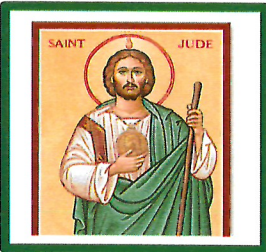
### Reflect

*When do you feel a sense of longing and how do you seek to satisfy it?*



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**WEEKLY MASS CALENDAR:** Confession: Thursday Mornings after Mass **CELEBRANT:**

Sunday	Oct. 6, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Schmidt
Thurs.	Oct. 10, 2024	9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.	Adoration/ Comm. Service	Deacon Jim
Sunday	Oct. 13, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Creagan
Thurs.	Oct. 17, 2024	9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Creagan

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sunday	Oct. 6, 2024	The People of St. Jude Parish	By: Pro Populo
Thurs.	Oct. 10, 2024	Linda Barrett	By: John Barrett
Sunday	Oct. 13, 2024	Alice Burza	By: Deacon & Mrs. Jim Bauer
Thurs.	Oct. 17, 2024	Richard Frayder	By: Darlene Hollar

**TODAY:** **SUNDAY, 10-6-24** **NEXT SUNDAY:** **SUNDAY, 10-13-24**

Reader	CCD Students	Reader	Brianna Price
EO Ministers	Karen B. & Diane H.	EO Ministers	Dee H. & Jennifer P.
Servers	Daisy, Alanah, Sadie, Emma	Servers	Alexa, Lydia, Carlina, Shane

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday	Sep. 29, 2024	Target	\$ 1,500	Offered	\$ 1849.00	\$ 349.00
Year to Date		Target	\$ 24,800	Offered	\$ 25,325.50	\$ 525.50
Attendance		117	Year To Date Attendance			1748

With God's Grace, We Can Love as He Commands.

Today's readings invite us to contemplate the mystery and the gift of the sacrament of marriage and its importance for the world.

Our first reading begins with God's own words: It is not good for *man to be alone*. In response to this fundamental need of the man, not just Adam but all men, unless you have decided to follow God's call to the priesthood or the religious life. God forms one who is *bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh*.

God made us for a relationship with Him and one another and calls us to unity, which is described as nothing less than one flesh. In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the reality of marriage.

Marriage is something God has done and does. We often think of marriage as something a couple does—they "get married." While it is true that in this sacrament, each person is the minister of the sacrament to the other, the relationship within matrimony is *what God has joined together*.

Every sacrament, in fact, is God's work made tangible and knowable to our senses. The couple participating in this work must consent to it and even make it tangible to one another when speaking their vows, but it is *God's* gift.

God is always faithful. In every sacrament, God pours out his grace, acting as he has promised to act through the material signs of each sacrament. In these sacraments, we receive this grace and open ourselves more fully to the gift already given.

Ah, but we all know the heartbreaking reality into which Jesus speaks. Divorce, brokenness, and separation are still possible and all too present.

There is a deep challenge here. But there is also good news. God has united married persons as one flesh, and he wants to give every married person the love needed to live this reality.

But today's message is not only for married people. To love rightly and justly is to imitate the love of God, who created us and who is united with us through His Son. This love is meant to be the foundation of every human relationship. Although it has a particular form and expression in marriage, the self-giving, self-sacrificial, other-directed nature of love is what we are commanded to undertake in following the Lord in all things.

How *do* we love those God has placed in our life? Through participation with his grace in the sacraments. In the gift of the Eucharist, we will soon receive, may we be given the grace we need to love as Jesus commands.



### FROM THE DRE:

Please remember to send a water bottle with your child.

Thank you to today's student helpers: Isabella and Bo for reading, Lydia and Carlena for bringing up the gifts, and Shane and Noah for ushering.

**OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN:** As I said at Mass last Sunday, we received a quote about \$50,000.00 over our estimated budget for the addition. Without the additional funds, we will not have enough for our planned 50'x30' building, which would have five classrooms and finish off the current annex. We will set up our wooden donation box so you can drop off any donation for our Capital Campaign Building Fund. We want to complete this fundraising by March 1, 2025.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – If you would like to join our prayer chain or have someone you would like them to pray for, please contact the office. Thanks.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Lillian A. Wheeler, Julie Haley, Steve Klein, Pete & Barb Percival, Joan Rumery, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Frances Parsons, Sonny Laughlin, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, Brett Middleton, and all those on our Prayer Chain.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR OCTOBER** - Jello, pudding, mustard, salt/pepper, salad dressings, cake/cookie/brownie mix, deodorant, sanitary pads, and shampoos. 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.

**VAN BUREN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE BENEFIT DINNER** – When: Mon., Oct. 14, 2024, at 6 p.m. Price: \$30. Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 32373 Red Arrow Hwy., Paw Paw, MI 49079. For reservations, call Jamie at 269-547-4815 or email [jwallace@rtl.org](mailto:jwallace@rtl.org)

**SINGLES LATE 50'S AND ABOVE:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Nov 8-10, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! The cost is \$235 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renewretreat.mi@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.mi@gmail.com), or call (570) 449-4858 for details.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** – In today's gospel, Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love .... a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

**PURSE BINGO** – Sat., Nov. 23, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Saints Cyril and Methodius Hall, 159 131<sup>st</sup> Ave., Wayland, MI. Must be 18 to be in attendance. 20 games for \$30, Includes dinner. Pre-pay at registration. Cash games from 5:00-6:30. Each game has a designer bag as a prize! For more info. or to reserve your spot (seating is limited to 200) go to [www.sttcatholicschool.org](http://www.sttcatholicschool.org)

### FROM THE DIOCESE

#### **THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS TO CELEBRATE COUPLES' MILESTONES**

Calling all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries anytime in 2024! If you or someone you know is celebrating 25, 40 or 50+ years of marriage anytime in 2024, we invite you to let your parish know, and register online at [www.diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary](http://www.diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary) to receive a personal congratulatory certificate from Bishop Lohse, even if you cannot attend the celebration and Mass, which will be held Sunday, November 3, 2024 at St. Augustine Cathedral at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the Crowley Center. For more information or with questions, contact [Socorro](mailto:Socorro) or call 269-349-8714 ext. 1112.

**NOVENA FOR MENTAL HEALTH BEGINS OCTOBER 10** - World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10, and here in the United States, the USCCB will begin nine days of focused prayer, teaching, and actionable steps to engage more intentionally on mental health issues. While the campaign is a year-round effort, the novena will run October 10-18, concluding on the feast of Saint Luke, the patron of health care. Information and resources about the USCCB's National Catholic Mental Health Campaign may be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/mentalhealth>

**CELEBRATION AND PRAYER FOR LIFE RALLY** will be held on October 20 at 5 p.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Portage. This is an ecumenical event celebrating the sanctity of life. Keynote speakers include: Neonatologist Dr. Robin Pierucci and Radiant Church Kalamazoo Pastor Zach Dillon. Other speakers from around the diocese, including from Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo, will also be featured. For more information contact [Cindy Vennix](mailto:Cindy Vennix), 269-377-7687 or [Joe Magalski](mailto:Joe Magalski), 989-992-6085.

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