

Dear Padre,

When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, “Thank you, Jesus. Amen.” Is this OK or should I just stick to “Amen”?

“Amen” is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt “Amen” is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It’s also a statement of belief, roughly translated as “truly,” “most assuredly,” or “so be it” to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with “Amen,” it repeats and confirms the first words “I believe.” “To believe is to say ‘Amen’ to God’s words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the ‘Amen’ of infinite love and perfect faithfulness” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). “Jesus Christ is...the definitive ‘Amen’ of the Father’s love for us. He takes up and completes our ‘Amen’ to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God” (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God’s people. Each individual communicant’s “Amen” is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than “Amen” may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful “Amen!” ●

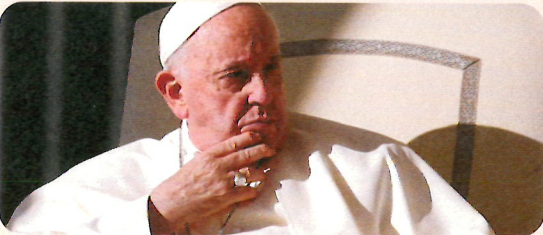


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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.

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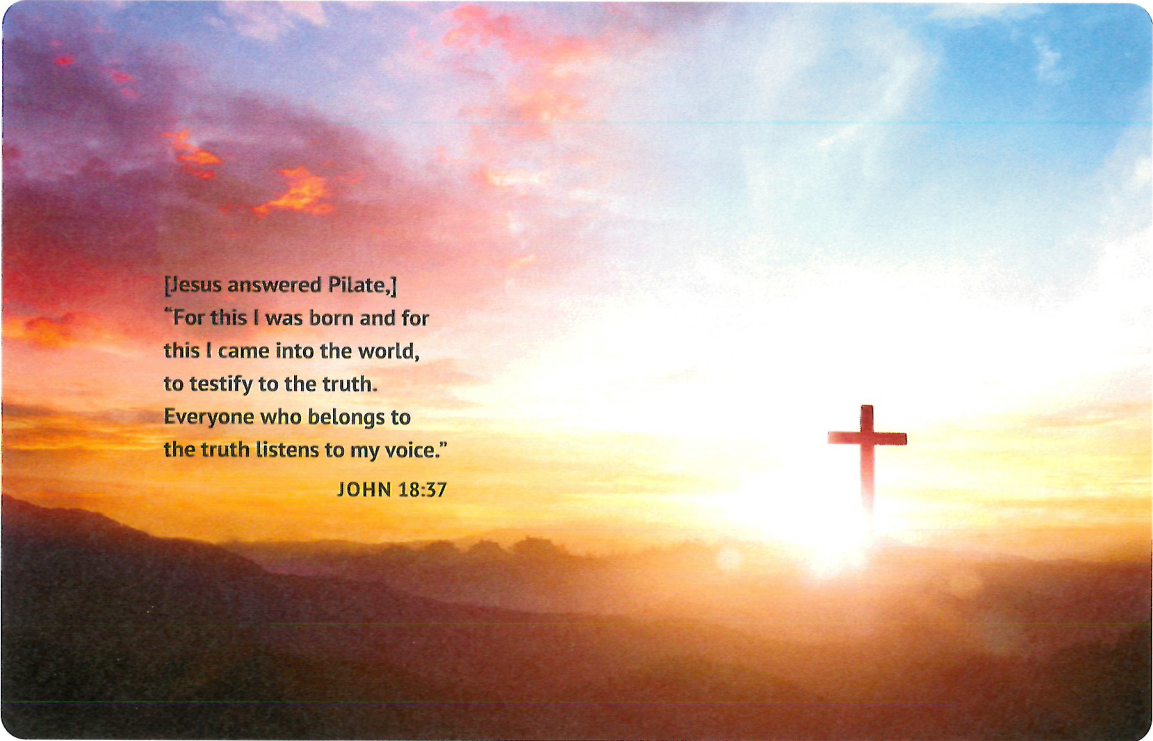
<b>Monday</b> November 25 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5 Lk 21:1–4	<b>Thursday</b> November 28 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9a Lk 21:20–28	<b>Saturday</b> November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Rom 10:9–18 Mt 4:18–22
<b>Tuesday</b> November 26 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 14:14–19 Lk 21:5–11	<b>Thanksgiving Day (US)</b> Sir 50:22–24 1 Cor 1:3–9 Lk 17:11–19	<b>Sunday</b> December 1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Jer 33:14–16
<b>Wednesday</b> November 27 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 15:1–4 Lk 21:12–19	<b>Friday</b> November 29 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2 Lk 21:29–33	<b>1 Thes 3:12–4:2</b> Lk 21:25–28, 34–36



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 24, 2024  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)  
Daniel 7:13–14 / Revelation 1:5–8 / John 18:33b–37



[Jesus answered Pilate,]  
“For this I was born and for  
this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to  
the truth listens to my voice.”

JOHN 18:37

His Life as Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, “You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37). What is Jesus’ truth?

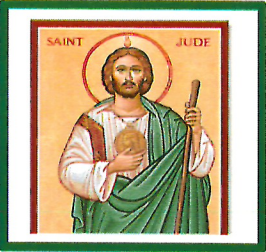
We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life’s truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life’s truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus’ ultimate truth is doing his Father’s will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

Reflect

How does your life witness to the truth Jesus’ life reveals?





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

Sunday	Nov. 24, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Creagan
Thursday	Nov. 28, 2024	NO MASS/ADORATION		
Sunday	Dec. 1, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Schmidt
Thursday	Dec. 5, 2024	9:00 a.m./10:30 p.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Creagan

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sunday	Nov. 24, 2024	The People of St. Jude Parish	By: Misa pro populo
Thursday	Nov. 28, 2024	NO MASS/ADORATION	
Sunday	Dec. 1, 2024	Alice Burza	By: Deacon & Mrs. Jim Bauer
Thursday	Dec. 5, 2024	Edward & Eleanor Kazak	By: Mr. & Mrs. John Kancauski

**TODAY:** **SUNDAY, 11-24-24** **NEXT SUNDAY:** **SUNDAY, 12-1-24**

Reader	Luke Sage	Reader	Jennifer Price
EO Ministers	Tony & Jenny Karsen	EO Ministers	Diane H. & Karen B.
Servers	Bella, Noah, Bo, Lydia	Servers	Daisy, Lydia, Emma, Carlana

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday	Nov. 17, 2024	Target	\$ 1,600	Offered	\$ 1,751.50	\$ 151.50
Year to Date		Target	\$ 37,000		\$ 38,602.00	\$1,602.50
Attendance		121	Year To Date Attendance			2578

My Dear Parish Family,

I write this letter to you with a humble heart. As many of you are aware, this summer, we announced plans for a future renovation to the garage to add new classrooms for our CCD program and a space for parish functions. Unfortunately, what I want, or we want, is not always in God’s plan for us at this time.

Recently, our building committee and finance council met with a contractor and received initial estimates on the overall cost of the project. While I, and many of you, have been excited about the prospect of a new building, the reality is that even after the donation that was already made toward this project, the initial cost would consume more than 40% of our parish savings account.

After further discussion with the Building Committee, Parish Council, and Finance Council, it was decided to take a step back, reevaluate our need as a parish community, and determine our next steps. After the first of the year, I will schedule an open meeting to begin those discussions as to what is next.

Please be assured that this parish and all of you are my first priority. I will always do my best for all of you, from the youngest to the oldest, in helping you grow your faith and assisting all of you to do what Jesus commands: “Go forth and take God’s word to all we meet.”

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Your Servant in Christ,

Deacon Jim



**FROM THE DRE:**

**December 1** - no class

**December 15** – Adoration and Reconciliation for students and parents during class time.

**THERE WILL BE A RECONCILIATION FOR PARISHIONERS ON DEC. 22 AFTER MASS.**

**December 29** - no class

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDS., NOV. 27<sup>th</sup> THROUGH FRI., NOV. 29<sup>th</sup>  
FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

**OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN:** We have initiated a capital campaign to help fund future expansion. Without additional funds, we will not have enough to build our community building and finish the current annex.

**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 those on our prayer chain.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE-** The Gobles-Kendall Area Ministerial Association will have a Community Thanksgiving Service on Tues., Nov. 26, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Kendall United Methodist Church. All are welcome!

**PLEASE HELP US FIND OUR NEXT ST MARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** - We need your help to find a new principal for St. Mary Catholic School in Paw Paw. As we continue to nurture the minds and hearts of our children, we need a leader who shares our faith and vision for excellence in education. Please pray, spread the word, and share this opportunity with those you know. A link to more information can be found at [saintmarypawpaw.org](http://saintmarypawpaw.org) or on the Saint Mary Catholic School Facebook page. Together, we can find a dedicated leader to guide St Mary Catholic School and inspire the next generation. Thank you for your continued support!

**CAMP KIDWELL FESTIVAL OF TREES** –Festival of Trees transforms Camp Kidwell into a can't miss wonderland of beautiful holiday lights and decor and family friendly events. Guests are immersed in a holiday atmosphere where they can enjoy (and bid on) beautiful trees, wreaths, and decor, visit with Santa, enjoy amazing homemade meals, hear great holiday music, and much more!!! Admission is FREE! Thurs., 12/5, Noon-8 p.m.; Fri., 12/6, Noon-9 p.m.; Sat., 12/7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun., 12/8, 11 a.m-4 p.m. Location: 39000 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Bloomington, MI 49026. For more information call 269-521-3559 or go to [www.campkidwell.org](http://www.campkidwell.org)

*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week  
in loving memory of our son **JEREMY WOOD**  
By request of Rose & Jon Wood*

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - When we are young, our parents “tell us about Jesus” and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate’s question: “Are you the King?” Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A CHILD:** We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER** – Join us at Fieldstone Grill in Portage on Dec. 6, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Event tickets are \$100 per person and include food, drinks, dessert, music, raffle tickets & live auction with a chance to win a 7-day Cabo San Lucas Getaway! There will also be tickets for \$20 each for a chance to win \$5,000 cash. You can purchase these tickets in advance at [www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/](http://www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/) You don't have to be present to win. For more info., contact us at [info@ccdok.org](mailto:info@ccdok.org) or call 269-381-9800.

**FROM THE DIOCESE**

**2024 KALAMAZOO AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES** - Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Advent season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer eight services throughout the area, and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions Everyone is invited to come to the location that suits your needs.

St. Thomas More - Mon., 12/2, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Catherine of Siena - Weds., 12/4, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Ann Gull Lake - Weds., 12/11, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Martin of Tours - Sun., 12/15, 3 p.m.  
St. Ambrose Parchment - Tues., 12/17, 6 p.m.  
St. Monica - Thurs., 12/19, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Joseph Kalamazoo - Fri., 12/20, 6 p.m.  
St. Augustine Cathedral - Sun., 12/22, 3 p.m.

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