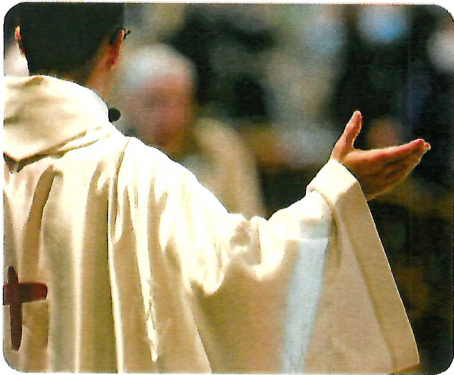


Dear Padre,

I have a question about the prayer the priest says after the Our Father. Someone told me it's called an "embolism." Why don't we just end with "Amen" like when we say it at home?

You have correctly identified the "embolism" or "interpretation" that has been added to the Lord's Prayer during the sacred liturgy. It reads, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This addition, ancient in its use during the eucharistic liturgy, is a further explanation of the content and the intercessory nature of the prayer. It develops the last petition of the Lord's Prayer and asks for deliverance from the power of evil for the whole community of the faithful. It is an appropriate insertion, reflecting the purpose of the eucharistic gathering as spiritual but also as a celebration of the Lord's words and directions to us. In private prayer, the embolism would be out of place.

The sacred liturgy is filled with intercessory prayers, acclamations, and bits and pieces of ancient eucharistic prayers and blessings. Everything has been carefully chosen and placed within the celebration of the sacred liturgy to assist the faithful who gather to lift their minds and hearts to the Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
St. Kateri	St. Bonaventura,	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sixteenth Sunday
Tekakwitha,	Bishop and	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	Ex 3:13-20	Ex 11:10-12:14	Ex 12:37-42	in Ordinary Time
Virgin	Doctor of the	Mt 11:25-27	Mt 11:28-30	Mt 12:1-8	Mt 12:14-21	Gn 18:1-10a
Ex 1:8-14, 22	Church					Col 1:24-28
Mt 10:34-11:1	Ex 2:1-15a					Lk 10:38-42
	Mt 11:20-24					



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

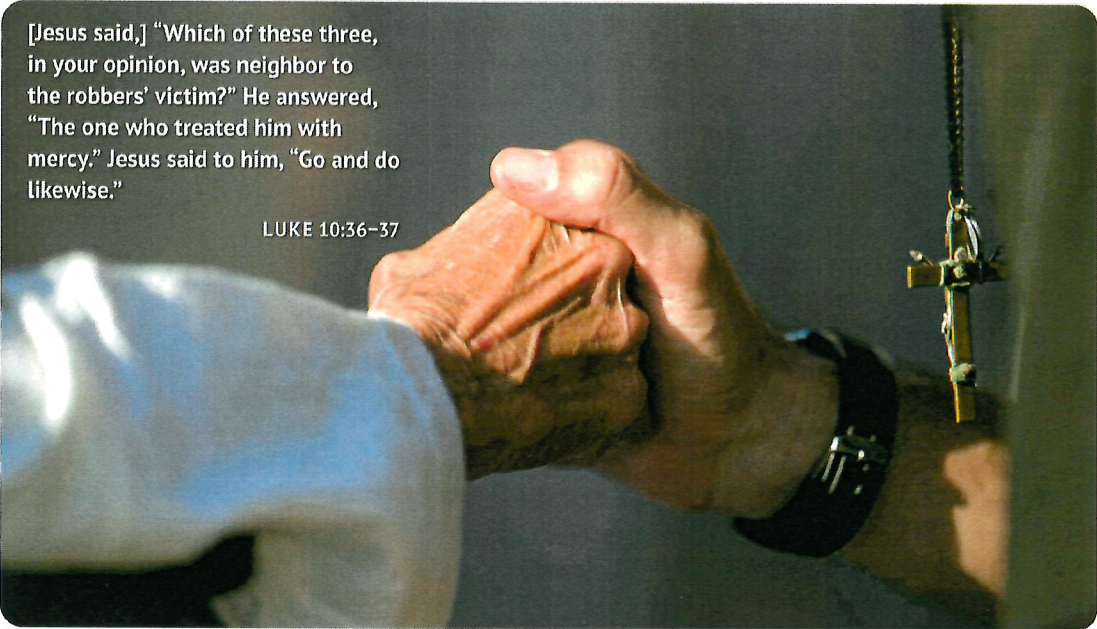
This is the prayer that I suggest to you today.
"Lord, that I might see and have compassion just like you see me and have compassion on me"—
that we might have compassion on those whom we encounter along the way, above all on those who suffer and are in need....

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 10, 2022

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 13, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Deuteronomy 30:10-14 / Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 10:25-37



[Jesus said,] "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

LUKE 10:36-37

The Passion of Compassion

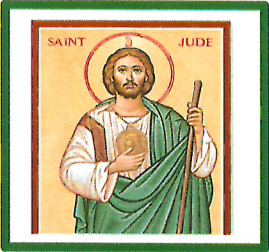
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We tend to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan and place ourselves in the role of the Samaritan, thereby expected to be compassionate, as was the Samaritan. Those who heard Jesus tell the parable, however, would never have identified with the Samaritan. To them, the Samaritans were religious heretics who worshipped not in Jerusalem but at their own temple. Thus, the people of Jesus' day would have seen themselves as the victim, the one on the side of the road. Who, then, would be the Samaritan, the surprising caregiver, the compassionate one? Because parables are about God and how God works, it would be God who is and has always been the one who heals and feeds and nurtures us back to life. The parable then surprises the hearer of Jesus' day—God as a compassionate Samaritan!

It is God's compassion that we bring to those seeking forgiveness as well as to those who, for whatever reason, have not yet reached the point of asking for forgiveness. It is God's compassion that we bring to the unborn, the immigrant, the homeless, the sick in need of healing, the jobless who have lost hope. It is God's compassion that a nation brings to anyone who has lost his or her way, as it has been noted that the greatness of a nation is in how that nation deals with and cares for the weakest among them. ●

Reflect

When have I needed a compassionate response?
When could I have been more compassionate?



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

Sunday	July 13, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Creagan
Thursday	July 17, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Schmidt
Sunday	July 20, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Schmidt
Thursday	July 24, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Creagan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	July 13, 2025	Fran Sage	By: Jon & Rose Wood
Thursday	July 17, 2025	Lillian A. Wheeler	By: Rick & Beth Beam
Sunday	July 20, 2025	The People of St. Jude Parish	By: Pro populo
Thursday	July 24, 2025	Pat Loomis & Edith O'Donnel	By: Anne & Larry Loomis

TODAY:

SUNDAY: 7-13-2025

NEXT SUNDAY: 7-20-2025

Reader	Brianna Price	Reader	Tony Karsen
EO Ministers	Dan & Lorie Wahmhoff	EO Mins	Tony & Jenny Karsen
Servers	Bella, Sadie, Emma, Alanah	Servers	Daisy, Bo, Hazyl, Noah

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday	July 6, 2025	Target	\$ 2,200	Offered	\$ 1,766.00	\$ 459.00
Year to Date		Target	\$ 2,200		\$ 1,766.00	\$ 459.00
Attendance		137	Year-To-Date Attendance			137

Christ Reconciles All Things by The Blood of His Cross.

When we speak of God, we tend to use images and ideas from our own limited human experiences, but these will never fully capture what we are trying to convey. The finite human imagination cannot comprehend the infinite God. However, there is a core element of our faith that does not require us to “imagine” an image or think of a metaphor, and that is the fundamental belief that through Jesus Christ, we have been given redemption. He is the one who has made peace through the blood of his cross, and through his proclamation of the kingdom, he has shown us the way to live in a manner worthy of eternal life.

The words Paul uses in his Letter to the Colossians are likely derived from an early Christian hymn that would have been familiar to the community and used liturgically. It offers a concise and clear teaching about who Jesus Christ truly is and how, in Him, the very nature and person of God are revealed to us. This is the doctrine that unites all Christians: Jesus is both human and divine, he is God made man, the firstborn of creation, and the one through whom all things were made and ultimately redeemed.

Only God can save those he has created, for only God can forgive, offer salvation, and grant the gift of eternal life. To show us how much he loves us and how far he was willing to go to redeem us, God sent his only Son as a man to suffer and die. Here in the person of Jesus, we fully understand not just the cost of our redemption but also the depth of that love.

It is this truth that Paul aimed to share with the Colossians and with us. The word "redeem" literally means to buy back: Jesus has redeemed us from the bondage of sin, death, and oppression and guides us to freedom as children of God, to new birth, and the promise of eternal life.

The question about eternal life posed by the scholar of the law in today’s Gospel is “the question.” Jesus’ reply to him, shared through the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan, is a core message of the Gospel: love one another as Christ has loved us. Since redemption is only found in Christ, our challenge is to live according to his commands and to love the Lord as a lifelong response to his gift of life. To hear, understand, and go and do likewise.

*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **JAMES FLYNN**
By request of Mary Hartfield*

Bishop Lohse Opens Applications For Deacon Candidates For The Diocese Of Kalamazoo

Effective immediately, the Diocese of Kalamazoo will begin receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation. Shortly after his ordination in 2023, Bishop Lohse appointed a deacon formation task force to work on developing an articulated vision for diaconal ministry in the Diocese of Kalamazoo in response to diocesan and parish needs and priorities. The task force's recommended revised formation process along with requirements and application procedures was accepted by Bishop Lohse and presented to the Presbyteral Council and the Deacon Community.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Sonny Laughlin, Julie Haley, Joan Rumery, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark and those on our prayer chain.

DUE TO YOUR GENEROUS BIDDING, OUR SILENT AUCTION RAISED \$2366.00!!!!
Thank you to all who bid and congratulations to those who won!!

A SPECIAL WAY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE – Here at St. Jude, you can sign up to have a loved one remembered by having the Sanctuary Candle lit for one week in their name (which will be announced in the bulletin). Donations are \$10.00. If you are interested, please call the office at 269-628-2219.

PRAYER CHAIN – Please remember that “PRAYERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”. Pray as you want – say a Rosary, pray to a Saint, however you wish. Let’s pray for our St. Jude Community and their families, relatives, and friends. If you wish to add someone to our prayer chain, please contact Claire Miller at 269-628-5667

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today’s gospel. Worry more about what your children see in YOUR LIFE than what they see on TV.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES IN ACTION – For people living in developing countries around the world, lack of access to traditional financial services keeps them from providing for their material needs. A Catholic Relief Services program has created Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) to address this lack by helping poor communities to pool savings, which then can be lent to SILC members to build or grow business at low cost. In Chad, Claudine, a mother of six uses loans from her local SILC to buy large, lower cost quantities of the ingredient she needs to make the beignets she sells at market. Before SILC was established, Claudine was barely able to sell enough beignets to live. But now these cost savings allow her to care for her family and pay school fees.

**AFTER A DEVASTATING FLOOD HIT THE HILL COUNTRY OF TEXAS,
POPE LEO XIV GAVE HIS PRAYERS TO THE VICTIMS, MANY OF THEM CHILDREN.**

“I would like to express sincere condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones, in particular their daughters, who were at the summer camp, in the disaster caused by flooding of the Guadalupe River in Texas in the United States,” Leo said.

Texas Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller said the situation in Kerrville was tragic. I with many other leaders of faith, I invite you to do something in a tragic situation like this,” he said in the Archdiocese of San Antonio’s television service. “May God guide us in very stormy waters these days. And may we be present to those in pain, and to know that the control we have about life is limited and that we are called to trust in God,” the archbishop said. “During these days, fear is useless. What is needed is trust in God and in one another,” he said.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott, who is Catholic, vowed that authorities will work around the clock and said new areas were being searched as the water receded. “I urge every Texan to join me in prayer - for the lives lost, for those still missing, for the recovery of our communities, and for the safety of those on the front lines,” he said in a statement.
Original Source: Crux

FROM THE DIOCESE

Bishop Lohse has committed to providing professional counseling or therapy to victims of clergy sex abuse in the Diocese. Victims can access 24-hour support through the crisis hotline established by Catholic Charities at 800-873-8336.