



Tweaked by God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

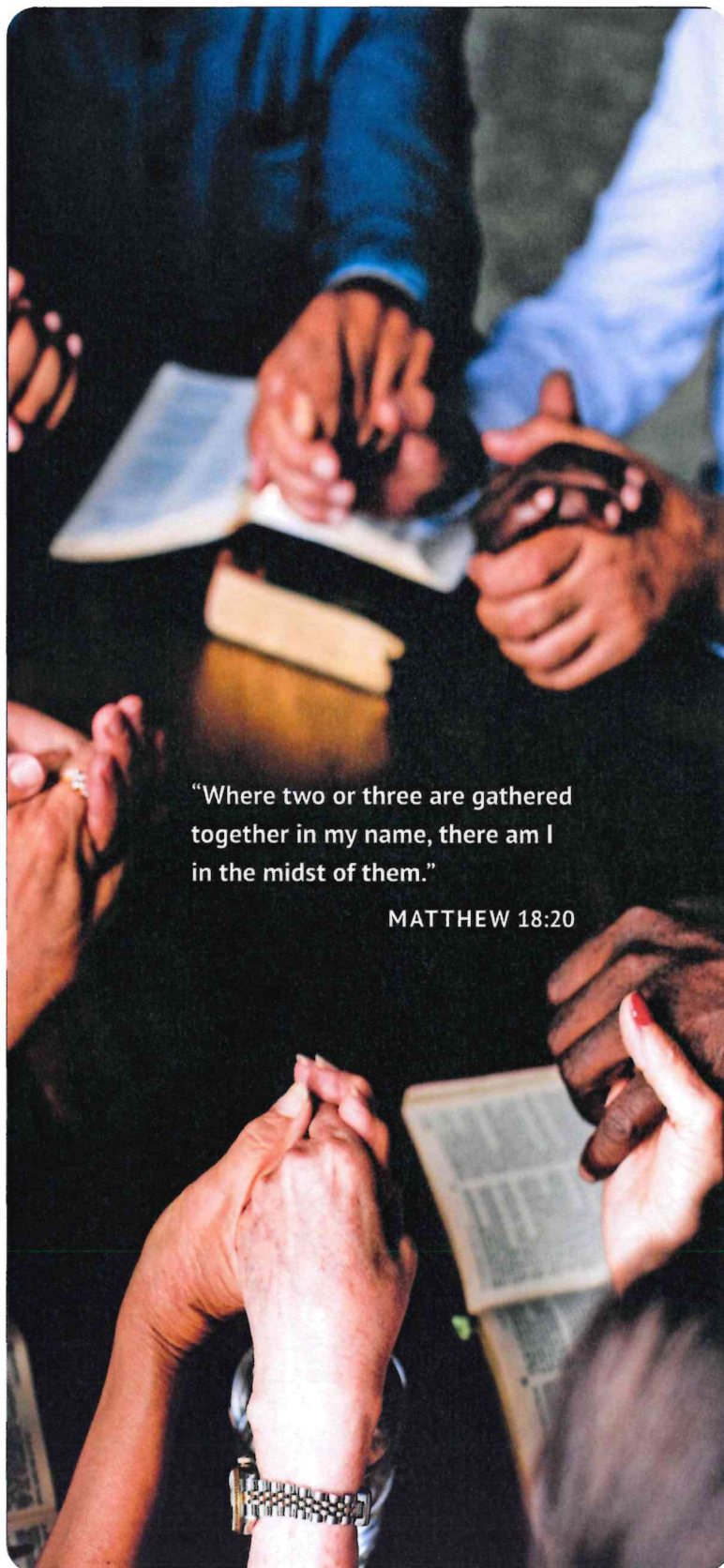
None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

Reflect

What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?



“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20



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**This Week at
 Our Lady of
 Perpetual Help**

Liturgies & Prayer

Tuesday, Sept. 12

6:00 PM Mass @ St Roch
 Mass offered for the Pomponi/
 Discenna family

Wednesday, Sept. 13

8:45 Bible Study
 10:00 AM Mass @ St Francis

Thursday, Sept. 14

10:00AM Mass @ St Roch

***24th Sunday in
 Ordinary Time***

Saturday, September 16

5:00pm at St. Roch
 Mass offered for John Adam
 Schaefer

Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM Mass @ St Roch
 10:30 AM Mass at St Francis Borgia
 Mass offered for Christopher
 Discenna

Mission Statement:

We, the faith community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek to hear the word of God and live accordingly. We endeavor by our life's activities to reach out to our parish community and the world at large to realize the message of Christ for unity and peace.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM at St. Roch Church, Caseville
 Sunday 8:30 AM at St. Roch Church, Caseville
 10:30 AM at St. Francis Borgia Church, Pigeon

Check Bulletin for
 Weekday Masses and Holy Days

Parish Office Hours

Closed Mondays
 Tuesday – Friday
 8:00 AM to Noon

Sacraments

In order to celebrate the following Sacraments in our Parish, it is vital to be an active member of our Faith Community by participating regularly in our Worship and being a registered parishioner.

Registration:

If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please stop by the Parish Office to register.

Baptism:

We ask that you please make an appointment, prior to birth, if possible, with the Pastor.

Marriage:

An appointment with the Pastor must be made at least 6 months before the wedding celebration.

Reconciliation:

First Friday @ St Roch & First Saturday @ St Francis Borgia
 9:30 to 10:30 AM,
 or by appointment.

Pastoral Care:

If you or someone you know wishes a visit and/or Holy Communion during an illness or hospital stay, please contact the Parish Office.

Commissioned Lay Ministers
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 Linda Oeschger
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 Ben Willenberg – Parish Cemeteries
 John Champagne—St Felix
Web Master
 Linda Clark

Stewardship: Treasure—September 1-2

Weekly Contributions

Envelopes: \$3,583.00
 Loose: \$1,836.25
 Cemetery: \$ 153.00

Weekly Recurring Expenses

Wages & Benefits: \$3,878.33
 Maintenance: \$2,203.78
 Utilities: \$ 482.94

**Online giving for the month of August
 \$3,435.00**

**Thank you for your weekly contributions
 # of Envelopes used— 94
 Count Group 2 September 12, 2023**



SIMPLE GRATEFUL LUNCHEON TEA

October 12, 2023

Time 12:00 PM

Place – FOX LODGE

at Oak Pointe

5857 Port Austin Rd.

Caseville, MI 48725

Lunch: A gathering of vegetables for Beef Vegetable Soup
Garden collected salad
Amazing breads
Assorted teas
Fresh picked apples for an Apple Crisp w/maple syrup drizzle

Contact: Rosemarie Cregeur for tickets. Seating limited. Price \$20.00

Funds raised will support Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Capital Campaign effort

Let's celebrate Life

Mary Beth Nimtz
Ron Heckman
Tom Drabek
Lucas Wehner
Catherine Dayak
Shawn Dayak



FAITH FORMATION
A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

As summer comes to a close and families are getting ready for the new school year we would like to remind parents to register their elementary aged children for faith formation. Registration forms can be found on the parish website or by calling the parish office.



Donations are now being accepted for "Coats for Kids". New or gently used coats, sizes infant to adult, may be dropped off at local businesses, churches, and schools in the Pigeon and Caseville area through October 1st. Winter hats, gloves, & mittens are also needed. Cash donations are also being accepted. Coats will be available for those in need on the following **Saturdays:** **October 7th, October 14th, October 21st, & Oct. 28th at St. Roch's Catholic Church in Caseville, and the St. Francis Borgia Hall in Pigeon from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.** Monetary Donations may be sent to St. Roch Catholic Church, Coats for Kids, PO Box 1238, Caseville, MI 48725. Checks payable to Knights of Columbus, memo line Coats for Kids.

Women's Society Rummage Sale

**@ St Francis Hall in Pigeon
Thursday September 21st &
Friday September 22nd**

Donations will be accepted beginning Saturday September 16th until noon on Wednesday September 20th, 2023.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of
Daniel Quinn

Whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday September 9th At St Roch Church

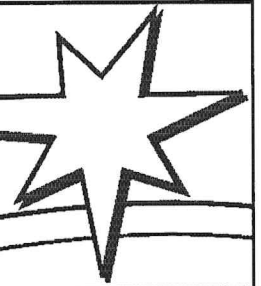
And also to the John Champagne Family on the Loss of

Jill Champagne

who was tragically killed in a car accident on Tuesday September 5th.

We ask for your prayers for their families and the full recovery of John Champagne.

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

September 2023

Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Thoughtful Moments

St. Padre Pio

Born to farmers in 1887 in Italy, Francesco Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars. In 1918, Fr. "Pio" received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands sought him for Confession and spiritual guidance. His famous advice, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," consoles and inspires many today. Even in his sufferings, he cared for others' spiritual and physical well-being, founding a hospital that continues to operate today.



Raising good stewards

Stewardship means demonstrating that all we have and all we are belong to God. Children can be given opportunities to practice stewardship by participating in service projects, giving away excess possessions, and especially by giving to the Church. Our offerings enable our parishes to provide ministry to us and our communities.

"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you" (Psalm 32:8).



Four healthy habits for a new school year

As people of faith, we know that our lasting happiness is found in a relationship with God. Help children develop these four soul-healthy habits in the new school year as a key to finding lifelong joy and lasting fulfillment in God-filled lives:

Prudence is a virtue that helps us consider decisions from a practical and Catholic viewpoint – choosing friendships, activities, and entertainment that flow from our Catholic values.

Justice encourages us to give others what they're owed. Attending Sunday Mass is just because we owe God our worship. Others deserve respect because all are made in God's image. Treat everyone with respect, honor, and charity, and children will follow your example.

Fortitude strengthens us to follow Christ faithfully. Model fortitude for your children by offering many saints as role models, helping children spot how God works in your lives, praying aloud together in good times and bad, consulting Scripture prior to acting.

Temperance properly prioritizes our desires. Good food, fashionable clothes, the latest technology are all blessings, but can't be a focus. As an antidote, reserve a day each week for penance – Fridays, from tradition – to help increase appreciation for those blessings. Spend extra time in family prayer, set limits for screens, abstain from meat or favorite foods. We deny ourselves small pleasures so we can appreciate the greatest Gift.

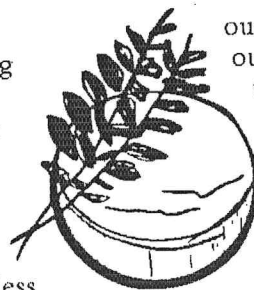


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

Blessing ourselves with holy water before entering a Catholic church recalls the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews who cleansed themselves by bathing before entering the holy temple.

In addition, when we bless



ourselves with holy water, we recall our baptism and renew our promises to God to live our faith. Because holy water is a sacramental, we receive graces when we use it with the right disposition, such as strengthening us against temptation and removing venial (small) sins.

Good sports – big and small

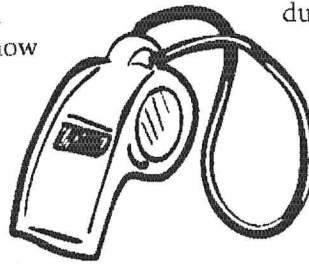
Children learn the basics of sportsmanship from adults, especially parents and coaches. By learning to develop good sportsmanship, children also learn that success in sports comes to those who know how to persevere and respect others – win or lose.

Focus on lessons learned. Winning is just one lesson learned from playing sports. Youngsters also learn to take pride in their efforts, their improving skills, and in their accomplishments, even if the ending score doesn't favor them. Encourage young athletes to play fair, to have fun, and to concentrate on helping

the team while improving their own skills.

Remember, you are the parent. How you behave during practices and games will teach your children more than what you say. Unless you are coaching your child's team, stay on the sidelines. Shout only encouragement – not directions or criticism – to the players. Praise sincere effort and congratulate winners, even if they're on the other team.

Stay positive. Express only support for coaches, officials, or other players. Any concern you have should be addressed privately.



Scripture LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16a, God's ways are not our ways

In this Gospel reading, Jesus compared God's kingdom to a vineyard and God to a generous landlord. In the parable, the landlord hired groups of workers at different times of the day: at the start of the workday, at midmorning, noon, midafternoon, and finally, at five o'clock in the evening. All the workers agreed on a "fair wage."



were frustrated. They complained to the landowner, who reminded them that he paid them the agreed-upon sum; the rest was sheer generosity

What can a parent do? The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard shows that God judges "fairness" differently from

us. The last people we expect to see in Heaven might be the first people to greet us in Paradise. This parable reminds us not to assume we know the state of someone's soul. We may judge actions, but only God can judge hearts.

Jesus' listeners must have been shocked to hear the landlord paid all the workers equally, regardless of how long they worked. In fact, he paid the workers who came the latest, first. Understandably, the full-day workers

Feasts & Celebrations

September 12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary. We honor Mary's name out of respect for her relationship to Jesus. One of Mary's titles is "Help of Christians." We can always look to Mary to lead us back to her Son.

September 13 - St. John Chrysostom (407). Born in Antioch around AD 349, St. John was called "Golden-mouthed" for his eloquent homilies. As Bishop of Constantinople, his concern for the poor led to criticizing the opulence of the royal courts. He died in exile.

September 22 – St. Thomas of Villanova (1555). Born in Spain, St.

Thomas studied theology at the University of Alcalá, before becoming a priest. Named Bishop of Valencia by Emperor Charles V, he fostered Catholic spirituality in his diocese, and provided for the poor.

September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael. Today, we remember the three archangels named in the Bible,

who were entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother at the Annunciation.



Parent TALK

When my daughter was invited to a professional soccer match by a friend, she was thrilled. She had been

playing soccer for few years and was excited to see how the professionals play it.

Before she left, I reminded her of the behavior I expected from her. I stressed the importance of saying, "thank you," and I urged her to be polite and use her manners.

Anne came home beaming. It had been a great game and her team had won. Later, she told me that only one thing had marred the experience for her. She said that a man who was sitting in front of her yelled insults at the opposing team through the entire game and even used bad language. Anne was shocked to see an adult behave that way and remembered my lecture about manners. She said someone should have reminded the man to use his manners.



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Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish
July—August

We continue to keep those who have been sick for some time in our prayers. **Your name or that of your loved one will remain on our prayer chain until you call to have them taken off.**

We will however **only publish** the names of those most recently sick in the bulletin but we ask our parishioners to continue to pray for **all** the sick of our parish.

Please pray for:

Georgina Santos, Mary Mayra, David Dillingham, Ron Gross, Joanne & Norm Samborski, Steve Rybinski, Maura McSorley, Natalie Morgan, Bethany (Grates) Burns, Sonja Smith, Dominic Rybinski, Rose Motycka, Gary Maes Sr. John Schaefer, Dan Quinn, John Champagne, Mitch Champagne, Todd Mangiapane, Brandon Burtcz

*All praise and glory are yours. Lord our God.
For you have called us to serve you
and one another in love.*

*Bless our sick today so that they may bear their
illness in union with Jesus' sufferings
and restore them quickly to health.*

*Bless those who have grown old in your service
And give them courage and strength in their faith.
Lead us all to eternal glory.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Peggy 989-738 -5452, Norma 989-453-3026,

If you or a loved one wish to be removed from the prayer chain please call the parish office.

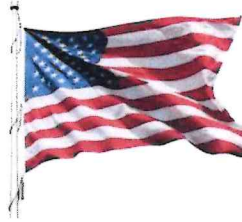
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HOLY COMMUNION TO A HOME BOUND FAMILY MEMBER

A parishioner doesn't need the diocesan EMHC training to bring Holy Communion to a family member on a temporary basis, if they are unable to attend Mass. They should however meet with Fr. George for some basic training and get a pyx, burse, and prayer book.

All others must receive Holy Communion from a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion please call the parish office.

If you have a pyx at home that is no longer in use please return it to the Sacristy at a weekend mass.



Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the Armed Forces, that they may return home safely to family and friends.

Remember particularly:

Brandon Radlick - Air Force;

Rachel Radlick - Air Force;

Jonathan Taormina – Marines (Special Forces); Justin Carter – Marines; Chad DeShano – Marines; Jeremy McGee – Marines; Jackson Okey– Marines; Joshua Allen - Michigan State Police; Brandon Tolliver – Marines; Zachary McGee – Marines; Evens Repke – US Coast Guard; Michael Sampson Jr.-Air Force; Frank Duda—Marines; Glenn May—Army; Drew Thompson—Navy Seal.

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad forever and will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength, and keep them safe from all harm.

May the power of your love enable them to return home safely, that, with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. Amen.

You may contact the Parish Office with any names of relatives or friends who are in the military, and our parish community will pray for them.

FORMED

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish has partnered with Holy Name of Mary Parish in Harbor Beach in an Augustinian Institute program which offers adult and children's faith formation videos, books, podcasts etc. Our parish has already used the "Presence" program about the Eucharist during Advent but there are many more topics to explore and use to expand our knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Church. If you missed the Presence program about the Eucharist, or part of it, you can watch the videos through FORMED.

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- Go to: - Formed.org
- Click: - Sign Up
- The New page will have three choices:
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- Click on the Parish Name.
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Dear Padre,

Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can't pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY

September 11
Weekday
Col 1:24–2:3
Lk 6:6–11

TUESDAY

September 12
Weekday
Col 2:6–15
Lk 6:12–19

WEDNESDAY

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Col 3:1–11
Lk 6:20–26

THURSDAY

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

FRIDAY

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14
Jn 19:25–27
or Lk 2:33–35

SATURDAY

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 1:15–17
Lk 6:43–49

SUNDAY

September 17
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30–28:7
Rom 14:7–9
Mt 18:21–35

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