

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
23 September	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
24 September	Tues. 7:30 am	Betty Chloupek +
25 September	Wed. 7:30 am	Ken Kalvoda +
26 September	Thur. 7:30 am	priest's intention
27 September	Fri. 7:30 am	priest's intention
28 September	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
29 September	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish people of the parish

***Parish Activities:***

**Collection: September 15, 2024 \$660.00**

**“Pushing Back Against Evil”**

During a recent speech in Texas, I mentioned that “Drag Queen Story Hours” are being sponsored by local public libraries across the country. Toddlers and kids are brought in and placed in front of cross-dressing men who read children’s stories to them, stories that encourage them to reject fundamental gender differences between males and females. The LGBTQ agenda, I also noted, is being energetically promoted to upend and rewrite public school curricula even for kindergarten and pre-school-aged children.

During the Q & A after the talk, one of the parents in attendance, with a measure of frustration in his voice, asked what the average person can do to push back against the seemingly endless expansion of error and evil in our society.

His question is a common one. I usually reply by saying that we cannot yield to discouragement over the apparently widespread moral decline around us, nor dissipate our personal energy in worry and anxiety about the state of the world. Instead, we need to recognize how God has entrusted to each of us a small garden that he asks us to tend. If we tend that plot well, he will extend the reach of his grace in ways we cannot foresee or imagine, and we will actually contribute to stemming the tide of error and evil well beyond the limited confines of our particular plot...to continued next week.

Article: Pushing Back Against Evil. Date: October, 2019 Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**22 September 2024**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**CONFESSIONS:** Sunday 8:30-8:50 am & after the 11:30 am Mass

Or by appointment

**DAILY MASSES:** Monday -Friday 7:30 am.

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am (Español)

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Thu and Friday 7pm - 8:30pm and Saturday 12pm - 5pm.  
Phone Messages and email are checked daily.

**NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7pm October 1st.

**Harvard Senior Community Meal:**

The Harvard Senior Community Meals is held the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 2:00pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church basement. Cost is \$6. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Almond (402)224-0732 by 7pm on the Sunday before the meal.

**Harvard People's Project Food Bank:** Food boxes for those needing assistance are available the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 10:30 am.

Volunteers are needed for various tasks outside of those times to receive orders, build boxes and other tasks. ***St. Joseph's is responsible for staffing volunteers for the 2nd Saturday distribution of boxes.*** If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of assistance, please contact Elaine Almond, Shelly Chloupek or the parish office.

**Seminarian Prayer Calendar:** Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Alvin Luu studying at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.



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## - St. Joseph Prayer Chain:

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

Edith Weber	Cecilia Meeza	Dan Adler (Sem)	Virginia Miller
Teresa Volesky	Alyssa O.	Jolene Markland	Angel Valdivia
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Emily Howard	Dennis Reddick
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Martel	Erica Lauinger	Randy Schulte
Bill Kerber	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Shirley McCabe
Jordan Ortmeier	Fr. Allan Phan	Kelem Fabrice	Garry Veik
Sharon Reasland	Nancy Sapp	Randy Chloupek	Tony Stec
Diane Walz & family	Shirley Koenig	Andrea Ainsworth	Mary Verde
Jeff Weber	Joseph Verde	Kevin Chloupek	Wayne Alley
Maggie Lynch	Jim Jackson	Greg Almond	Rita Mach
Shannon Tebo			

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-224-0732) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).

### **We continue our reading of *The Sacrament of Charity Sacramentum Caritatis ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION.***

Spirituality and eucharistic culture "77. Significantly, the Synod Fathers stated that "the Christian faithful need a fuller understanding of the relationship between the Eucharist and their daily lives. Eucharistic spirituality is not just participation in Mass and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. It embraces the whole of life." (216) This observation is particularly insightful, given our situation today. It must be acknowledged that one of the most serious effects of the secularization just mentioned is that it has relegated the Christian faith to the margins of life as if it were irrelevant to everyday affairs. The futility of this way of living – "as if God did not exist" – is now evident to everyone. Today there is a need to rediscover that Jesus Christ is

not just a private conviction or an abstract idea, but a real person, whose becoming part of human history is capable of renewing the life of every man and woman. Hence the Eucharist, as the source and summit of the Church's life and mission, must be translated into spirituality, into a life lived "according to the Spirit" (Rom 8:4ff.; cf. Gal 5:16, 25). It is significant that Saint Paul, in the passage of the Letter to the Romans where he invites his hearers to offer the new spiritual worship, also speaks of the need for a change in their way of living and thinking: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (12:2). In this way the Apostle of the Gentiles emphasizes the link between true spiritual worship and the need for a new way of understanding and living one's life. An integral part of the eucharistic form of the Christian life is a new way of thinking, "so that we may no longer be children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Eph 4:14).

### **Prayer of St. Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion**

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You. Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will. Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company. Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You. Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love. Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile! Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You. Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart. Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love. Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You! Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more. With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. *Amen*