



Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety. Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

Reflect

Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 6, 2025

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Our Lady of the Rosary	Chuck Correll
Wednesday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Thursday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Friday	9:00 am	Weekday (at Fort Dodge)	Helen Zecha
Saturday	8:00 am	Saint John XIII, Pope	Pat Tieben
Sunday	9:00 am	Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for Next Sunday, October 12, 2025

Greeters: Sherry & Don Nau

Collection: Matt Durler & Nick King

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Braxton Bertz & Jonathan Lemus

Lectors: John Askew & Robert Askew

E.M.C.'s: Regina Lix, Jim Burke, Ray Theis

Gifts: Jon Ewy

Rosary: Ray Theis

Giving Report: 9-28-25

Envelopes: \$1,775.00

Loose: \$199.00

Electronic: \$376.64

Alms for Renovation Project: \$30,350.00



National Life Chain Sunday – Is **TODAY**, Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm. We will gather along North 14th Ave in Dodge City. Signs are available at Ziegler Funeral Chapel parking area.

Altar Society meeting on Monday, October 6 at 7 in the parish center!

Parish School of Religion takes place this Wednesday. Meal at 6:30 pm, Classes begin at 7:00 pm. This week, Knights of Columbus provide the meal.

The Knights of Columbus are leading the Rosary before daily Masses starting at 7:40. Pope Leo has asked all Catholics to pray a Rosary daily for Peace during October.

Today is Tootsie Roll Sunday.

Senior Dinner is Thursday evening at 6:00. Come join us and bring a friend.

Octoberfest is coming to Wright! The Knights are hosting the celebration on Oct. 11 from 2:00 to 10:00. There will be fun, food, games, the opportunity to watch college football games. The band Crazy Horse will play from 7:00 to 10:00. Everyone is welcome to join the fun! We can have food to go for those in the fields. **All proceeds will go to the St. Andrew Church Renovation Project.**

Questions about the Catholic church? Our Christian Initiation of Adults team would like to help you find answer.

Our next meeting will be Oct 7, 2025, from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Parish Center. This is the first step in joining the Catholic Church, but it is also a place to come to ask questions and receive encouragement on the spiritual journey. Please continue to pray for those who are being led by the Holy Spirit to look deeper into spirituality and for those who are interested in learning about our faith. For more information, please call Fr. Ted at 620 227-3363 or Sara Smith at 620 339-3654, or other members of the inquiry team, Pam Kirkby, Glenn Kerbs, and Tim Slattery.

The Youth Social Committee invites you to Hickory Hollow Pumpkin Patch (12437 Lariat Rd, Spearville, KS) immediately following Mass on October 12th. Kids receive free admission, a drink & snack, and a pumpkin. Adults receive free admission. For questions, contact Deena Hamilton (620-255-2551)

Grand knight, Dustin Robben, has Kansas State Council Religious Education Fund raffle tickets for sale. They are \$100.00 per ticket. Prizes are huge. Thank you for your support.

Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Join us for *Foundations of Faith* at St. Andrew Parish this Wednesday, October 8, from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and every following Wednesday of PSR, until the Season of Lent. No need to register, just come!

Spearville's St. John the Baptist Annual Parish Soup Supper on Sunday, October 26th - 5 PM at the Parish Center. Free-Will Donation Dinner of Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Sandwiches, and Pie, served from 5-6:45. Pay-to-play carnival games for all ages, raffle tickets for sale, and door prizes to win!

**Hospitable Community + Prayerful Worship +
Generous in Service + Formed by the Word**

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

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Monday

October 6

Weekday

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 7

Our Lady of the

Rosary

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 8

Weekday

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 9

Weekday

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 10

Weekday

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 11

Weekday

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 12

Twenty-eighth

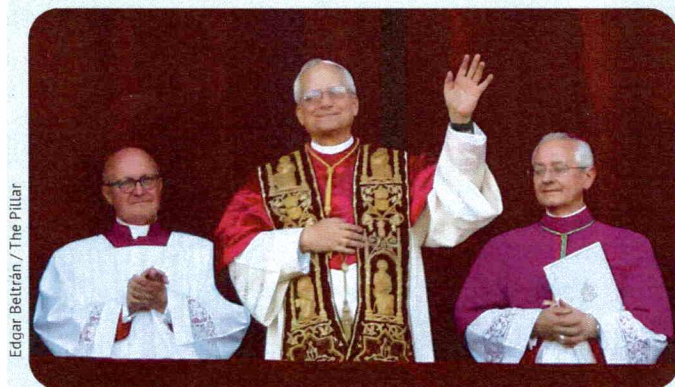
Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19



Edgar Beltrán / The Pillar

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

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