

Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what

we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 19, 2025

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Weekday	Dale Vogel
Wednesday	8:00 am	Saint John Paul II, Pope	Berna Mae Stegman
Thursday	8:00 am	Weekday	Carlene Linnebur
Friday	9:00 am	Weekday (at Fort Dodge)	Diocesan Seminarians
Saturday	8:00 am	Weekday	Helen Bansemer
Sunday	9:00 am	Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

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

Ministers for Next Sunday, October 26, 2025

Greeters: Kate Helfrich & Maurice Bleumer

Collection: Matt Durler & Nick King

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Hadley Birney & Maggie Cornitius

Lectors: Rochele Weil & Becca Durler

E.M.C.'s: Diane Lix, Sheila McCarty, Sara Smith

Gifts: Jane Graf

Rosary: Maurice Bleumer

Giving Report: 10-12-25

Envelopes: \$2,390.00

Loose: \$310.25

Electronic: \$2,223.64

Alms for Renovation Project: \$36,025.00



Coffee and Rolls are available after Mass.

Parish Meetings will be on Tuesday: Finance Council at 6:00 pm and Pastoral Council at 7:00 pm

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

The Knights of Columbus thank all who joined us for Octoberfest. Your support is greatly appreciated. Final proceeds for the Church Renovation will be announced soon.

The Knights of Columbus thank all who purchased Religious Education Raffle Tickets. This activity allows every parish in the state to request up to \$450 for their Religious Education Program.

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.

Saint Andrew Fall Parish Social will be held on October 26 from 10:00a.m. - noon. Menu will be: Chili, Chicken & Noodle Soup, Mashed Potatoes, & Cinnamon Rolls. There will also be games for the kids.

SENIOR CITIZENS COVERED DISH SUPPER

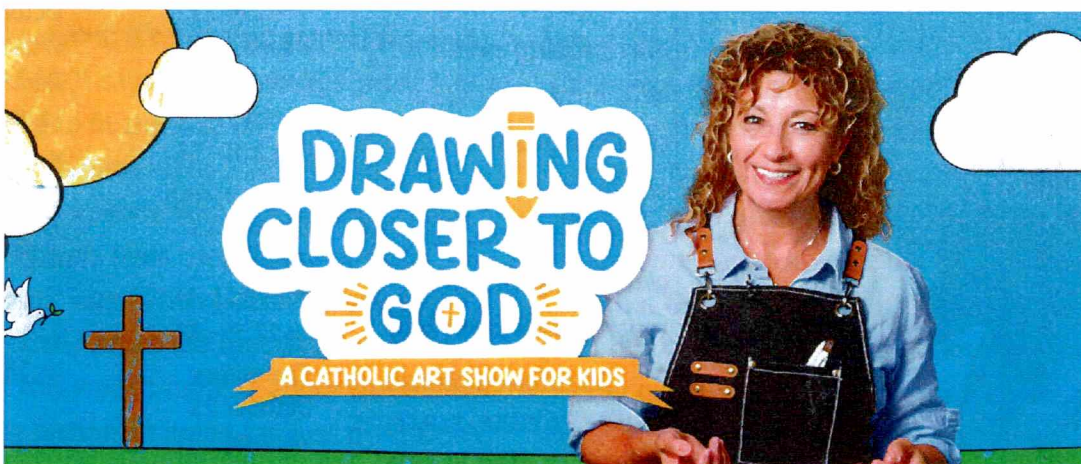
Covered dish supper Thursday, October 23 at 6 pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert. Invite a friend to enjoy the evening.

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 22, 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!

On Formed Now



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

Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any “energy” that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of “inanimate,” do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: “My peace I give to you” (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by

eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

**AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025**



ERREROBERTO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20–25
Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17–19, 20b–21
Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12–18
Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19–23
Lk 12:49–53

Friday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18–25a
Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 8:1–11
Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12–14, 16–18
2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18
Lk 18:9–14