



Do nothing out of selfishness or out of
vainglory; rather, humbly regard others
as more important than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3–4



Will You Work in God's Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word! ●



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Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	Diocesan Seminarians
Wednesday	8:00 am	Saint Jerome	Helen Carrier & Wilber
Thursday	8:00 am	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus	Joan Mages
Friday	9:00 am	Guardian Angels (at Fort Dodge)	Frank & Lydia Birzer
Saturday	2:00 pm	Wedding Mass	Nick Theis & Rose Schacher
Sunday	9:00 am	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

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

Ministers for next Sunday, October 4, 2026

Greeters: Jenna Graf & Betty Burkhart

Collection: Nick King & Matt Durler

Cantor: Karen Herrington

Servers: James Hamilton & Jessa Hamilton

Lectors: Logan Lix & Jennifer Lix

E.M.C.'s: Diane Lix, Jim Burke, Sara Smith

Gifts: Theresa Tate

Rosary: Matt Durler

Giving Report: 9-20-26

Envelopes: \$1,524.00

Loose: \$291.00

Electronic: \$612.44

Alms for Renovation Project: \$76,582.69



PSR is on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. Altar Society will provide the meal.

There will be no First Friday Adoration and Confessions this month. We are going to have a wedding practice at that time... but you can come and pray at any time... and Fr. Ted will stick around for confessions after the practice.

OCIA – The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

A few adults have expressed interest in joining the Catholic Church. In ages past, St. Andrew Parish coupled with the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in the process of preparation for sacraments of initiation. This year, we are going it alone. If you wish to be part of our OCIA team, please contact Sara Smith or Fr. Ted.

If you are not Catholic, but wish to become Catholic, we welcome you. Please contact Sara Smith or Fr. Ted as we prepare to begin sessions soon. God bless you.

Wright K of C Council 1862 will host a Sacred Heart Holy Hour Sunday, Sept. 27 at 5:30. It features an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner. Please join us.

The National Life Chain is the largest prayerful, pro-life public witness in the world. More than 1,500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m. The Dodge City Life Chain will be on 14th Street. Stop at Zeigler Funeral Chapel (1901 N 14th) to pick up a sign, then walk or drive to your location in the chain.

The Knights of Columbus Council has Religious Ed Raffle tickets available. The cost is \$100/ticket. Top prize is \$30,000 with other prizes ranging from \$10,000 to \$1000. Contact John Askew for more info or to purchase a ticket. \$600 will come to our parish Religious Ed Program from this raffle.

The Dodge City Pregnancy Support Center is hosting a free will donation chili supper.

Saturday, October 3 from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

At Minneola Community Church, Minneola, Kansas, USA.

For mor information, call 620-682-3015

Dcps.center@gmail.com

Guest Speaker: Macy Froetschner (College intern for Lutheran for Life)

Tuesdays with the Diocese Fall 2026 Schedule

October 6 – The Second Vatican Council

Why Lay Ministry

Presenter: Fr. Frank Coady

October 20 – Youth

Walking with our Youth

Presenter: Emma Webs

November 3 – Synodality

The Human Library

Presenters: Debbie Snapp & Doug Keller

Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others.

(See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) “Godparent” isn’t simply an honorary title we bestow on someone.

It’s an important role in a child’s faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, “Receive the light of Christ.” That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special “witness” who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4
Weekday	Sts. Michael,	St. Jerome, Priest	St. Thérèse of	The Holy	Weekday	Twenty-seventh
Jb 1:6–22	Gabriel, and	and Doctor of	the Child Jesus,	Guardian Angels	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6,	Sunday in
Lk 9:46–50	Raphael,	the Church	Virgin and	Jb 38:1, 12–21;	12–17	Ordinary Time
	Archangels	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16	Doctor of the	40:3–5	Lk 10:17–24	Is 5:1–7
	Dn 7:9–10,	Lk 9:57–62	Church	Mt 18:1–5, 10		Phil 4:6–9
	13–14 or		Jb 19:21–27			Mt 21:33–43
	Rv 12:7–12ab		Lk 10:1–12			
	Jn 1:47–51					



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord's instruments.

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