



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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Anselmo, NE**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sargent, NE**

**St. Joseph
Broken Bow, NE**

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Weekend Schedule

Saturday

3:00-3:30 pm *Reconciliation*
Broken Bow or by appointment

4:00 pm Broken Bow

6:00 pm Sargent

Sunday

8:30 am Anselmo

10:30 am Broken Bow

Mass Schedule: Sept. 28th - Oct. 4th

Mass Intentions

Mon. 3:00 pm Javene Nielsen Funeral Service at Govier Brothers in BB	No Mass at Anselmo
Tues. 9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow	Eugene Holeman †
Wed. 5:00 pm Mass at Sargent	Fr. Joseph Szynal †
Thur. 9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow	Bill Baxter †
Fri. No Mass	
Sat. 3:00-3:30 pm Reconciliation at Broken Bow	
4:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow <i>Servers: Bayler C. & Peyton S.</i>	Phyllis Hannappel †
6:00 pm Mass at Sargent	Justin Young †
Sun. 8:30 am Mass at Anselmo <i>Servers: Trevin & Kaden K.</i> Bible Study after Mass	People of the Parishes
10:30 am Mass at Broken Bow <i>Servers: Chyann T. & Frederick F.</i>	Judy Smedley †

Events This Week

September 30th

Religious Education

6:30pm Anselmo
6:30pm Sargent
7:00pm Broken Bow

October 1st

6:30am Broken Bow
Men's Bible Study in Parish Ctr.
7:00pm St. Joseph
Parish Council Meeting in Parish Ctr.

September 19/20

Collection

St. Joseph

Regular: \$2,665.70

St. Anselm

Regular: \$587.00

Sister Parish: \$10.00

Sidewalk: \$150.00

Rectory Repair:

\$500.00

**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Regular: \$814.00

**Thank you very much
for your generosity!**

Adult Journey in the Catholic Faith

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone that might be interested in joining our Church? If so, please invite them or share their name with Fr. Joe. Are you baptized in the Catholic Faith and in need of other sacraments? Would you like to refresh your knowledge of the Bible & Catholic Teaching? If so, please contact Fr. Joe about Christian Initiation and Adult Faith Formation or call the parish office at (308) 872-5809.

Our Parish is subscribed to FORMED

To set up an account, go to formed.org. Sign up with your email, name, and a password, then you can find our parish subscription by typing "St. Joseph".

Ministry schedules are now available in the back of each church and on the Parish website:

www.stjoecatholic.org/ministry

PCCW College Care Packages

It's that time of year again! The PCCW is preparing and sending care packages to our 2026 graduates. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please donate 10 of an item appropriate for a new college student. Examples may include school supplies, snacks, drinks, toiletries, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office by Friday, Oct 9.

Packages will be sent on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

STEWARDSHIP:

A simple definition of stewardship. We must use the gifts God has given us for the benefit of others.

"Be generous, sharing what you have" (1 Tim 6:18).

September 26-27, 2026
FOR THE 112th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
Even Just One of These Children (cf. Mt 18:10)

Excerpts from the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV - 27 September 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, each year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to turn our attention to different aspects of the complex phenomenon of migration. For this 112th World Day, the theme, "Even just one of these children," draws our attention to the minors directly involved in the experience of migration and flight, to the care owed to them, and to the Lord's promise that "whoever receives one such child in my name receives me" (Mk 9:37).

In his Message for the 2017 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, dedicated to the theme "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless", Pope Francis recalled that migrant children "in a threefold way are defenceless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families."

Even just one of these children, in the context of civil institutions, calls us to reaffirm the principle of the best interests of the child. Public and private institutions are bound to prioritise the protection and dignity of every single child and adolescent. This requires the adoption of effective legal instruments of protection, the promotion of family reunification, and the prevention of the trauma caused by separation. An urgent change of perspective is needed: the focus of the debate must shift from the mere management of migration to the full and immediate protection of human rights, adopting "a coordinated, supportive and effective response, capable of guaranteeing protection, welcome and genuine opportunities for integration to those who migrate" (Address to the Spanish Parliament, Madrid, 8 June 2026).

Let us entrust migrant and refugee children to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, together with Saint Joseph and the child Jesus experienced the cruelty of Herod's violence and the tragedy of exile in Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-15). May she accompany their steps and help our communities to become living and credible signs of the Gospel.

From the Vatican, 11 August 2026, Memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi LEO PP. XIV

The full text can be found at www.vatican.va - world-migrants-day-2026
and other information at <https://justiceforimmigrants.org - 2026-WDMR-Toolkit-1.pdf>

**Key Principles Derived
from the Magisterial Teaching
of the Catholic Church**

(from the US Catholic Bishops' website)

- Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland (i.e., the right not to migrate).
- When the conditions necessary for a dignified life are absent, persons have the natural right to migrate to support themselves and their family.
- More prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome those in search of the security and means of livelihood unavailable in their country of origin.
- Countries have the right to maintain their borders and regulate immigration, consistent with the common good and with respect for the sanctity of human life.
- Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
- The God-given dignity and rights of undocumented immigrants should be respected.
- Immigrants have a responsibility to respect the country that receives them.



Congratulations to

Megan Christen & Christian Puls

who were married on

Saturday, September 19, 2026

at St. Anselm in Anselmo.

*Best wishes and blessings
from your faith family
for a long and happy life
together!*

**Fall Meeting of the North Platte
DCCW**

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic
Church

204 Main Street, Thedford, NE

Saturday, October 10

Registration is \$20 and begins at
9:30am CT. Dcn. Michael Davis
presents about mental illness. Mass,
lunch, a meeting, and installation of
Officers will follow.

Remember in your prayers

Bob Christen

age 72 of Holdrege, NE

passed away on Sept. 22, 2026.

Funeral Mass was held

on Sept. 26, 2026 at

St. Anselm's Church in Anselmo, NE.

Javene Nielsen

age 83 of Broken Bow, NE and

member of St. Joseph passed away on
Sept. 21, 2026.

Funeral Service at 3:00 pm Monday,

Sept. 28, 2026 at Govier Bros.

Mortuary in Broken Bow.

*May the joy of the Resurrection bring comfort
to those who mourn and hope to all who grieve.
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord:
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**The Mass for the Beatification of the
Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop
Fulton J. Sheen, was celebrated on
Thursday, September 24, 2026.**

Let us continue to pray that his example will
strengthen our own witness to the Gospel
and renew our desire to bring Christ to the
world.

Mary, Mother of Life



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”

Evangelium vitae

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”¹

¹ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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Saint Francis: Visionary of Life

"Hold fast to the memory of our father and brother, Francis, for the praise and glory of Him who made him great among us and glorified him in the sight of the angels."¹

Saint Francis, the poor man of Assisi, is a powerful model for us in building a world and culture that is authentically pro-life. This 13th century saint was a visionary of the radiant goodness of human life.

Early in Saint Francis' conversion, he was riding through the countryside and came across a person suffering from leprosy. Despite being repelled by the appearance and smell, he came down from his horse and kissed the hand of the leper, who returned his kiss of peace, filling Francis with joy. He could see the invaluable dignity of every person, even amidst utter poverty, the disfigurement of disease, and the stain of sin.

Saint Francis is well-known for his radical imitation of Christ and his love for all creation. This is evident in his prayer, "The Canticle of the Creatures," which praises God for all He has created: the sun, moon, and stars; wind, water, and fire. Francis proclaims that the created world reveals the glory of God himself. This is particularly true for the human person, created in the image of God, whose life from conception to natural death is to be honored and protected. Among all creation, the human person has the unique capacity to praise God, highlighting the distinctive dignity of human life.

Strikingly, Francis uttered his "Canticle" while lying half-blind on his deathbed. In welcoming "Sister Death," Francis could no longer physically see the beauty of creation, yet still he praised God for the created world around him.

Oftentimes we, too, are blinded to the goodness of life. Our vision may be blurred by hardships such as poverty, fragility, or suffering, all of which Saint Francis experienced in his earthly life. In the



face of such challenges, Saint Francis is a powerful intercessor, opening our heart and eyes to the gift of life even in the most trying circumstances. Francis had a particular devotion to the Lord's own vulnerability—in the manger, in the Eucharist, and on the Cross—highlighting God's presence in the most defenseless among us.

Pope Leo XIV has decreed that for 2026 "a special Year of Saint Francis shall be proclaimed, in which every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, shall become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace."² The taking of innocent human life through abortion, assisted suicide, and other acts of violence destroys peace in our world.³ We are called to be witnesses of peace by boldly proclaiming the dignity of the human person and working for the protection of all human life.

In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

"Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command."⁴

- Saint Francis' "Prayer before the Crucifix"

¹ Angelo Cardinal De Donatis, "Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the occasion of the Eighth Centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, by which a special Jubilee Year is proclaimed, with associated Plenary Indulgences, 16.01.2026," (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2026).

² Ibid.

³ Pope Leo XIV, "Address to Participants in the 'One Humanity, One Planet' Conference," January 31, 2026 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2026).

⁴ Armstrong, Regis J., O.F.M. Cap., J. A. Wayne Hellmann, O.F.M. Conv., and William J. Short, O.F.M., eds., *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents - The Saint* (New York, NY: New City Press, 2001), 40.

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. ●



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Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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



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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.

MESSAGE TO FADICA NETWORK, ROME, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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