Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 22:20–26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 / Matthew 22:34–40

Love Is a Verb

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

"Love makes the world go 'round." Or another saying: "Love is all you need." Love, so necessary, so welcome, and seemingly so elusive. How can something be so needed, so valued, and so treasured and at the same time be so rare and even, at times, so difficult? Philosophers, poets, and scribes all provide different insights, each capturing something of the truth yet remaining somehow incomplete.

Jesus changes the context: love understood not as a feeling or as an emotion, but as a commandment. In God's kingdom, love is not something you pursue or something you hope to find. Living in God's kingdom, love is something you *do*. It is core; it is essential. It is how you live. It is how you form your judgments and perceptions. It is what energizes your choices and your decisions.

We come closer and closer each day to loving God fully when we understand the need to embrace the "unspoken" commandment: "[Jesus said,] 'For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'" (Matthew 16:25). ●

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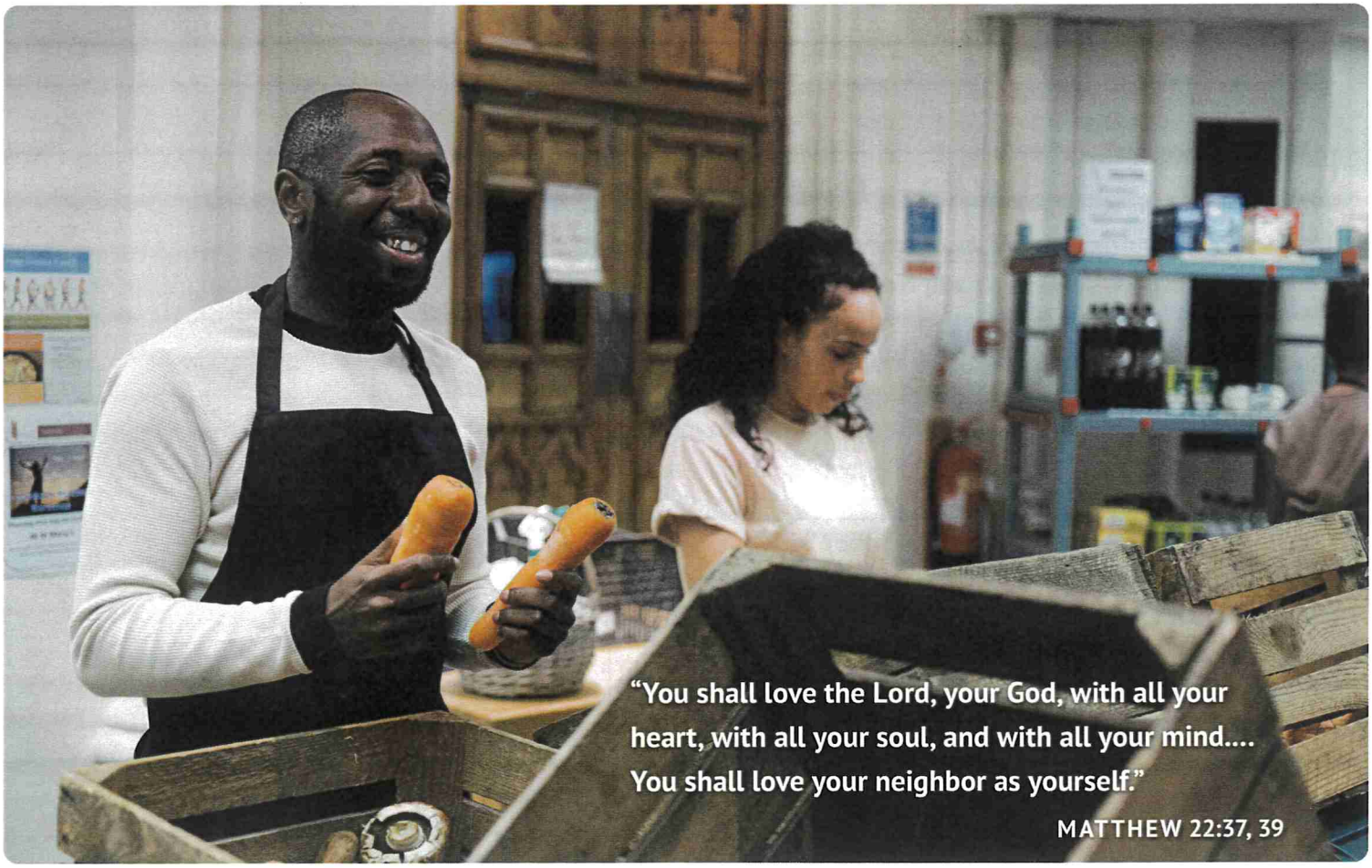
Reflect

Do I think of love as a feeling or as an action—as a noun or a verb?



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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: Oct. 26th - Nov. 1st		**Mass Intentions**
Mon.	**5:00 pm Mass at Anselmo**	Joan M. Downey †
Tues.	**9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow**	David Peterson †
Wed.	**5:00 pm Mass at Sargent**	Fr. Jim Murphy †
Thur.	**9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow**	Ted Kalinowski †
Fri.	**No Mass**	
Sat.	3:00-3:30 pm Reconciliation at Broken Bow	
	4:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow *Servers: Ryan & Liam M.*	Jeff Bailey
	6:00 pm Mass at Sargent	Wallace & Phyllis Hannappel †
Sun.	**8:30 am Mass at Anselmo** *Servers: Elise H. & Bryce C.* Bible Study after Mass	Gary Nickels †
	10:30 am Mass at Broken Bow *Servers:Bowen & Braxton R.*	People of the Parishes

Encounter With God's Call, November 13-15

A seminary discernment experience for high school juniors through recent college graduates (ages 16-25). During Encounter, the participants further discern the call to priesthood and learn about seminary life.

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.

Events This Week

October 25th
2:00pm St. Joseph
PCCW Craft in P. Ctr.

October 28th
Religious Education
6:30pm Anselmo
Religious Education & Server Practice
6:30pm Sargent
No class in Broken Bow

October 29th
6:30am Broken Bow
Men's Bible Study in P. Ctr.

November 1st
11:30am St. Anselm
Turkey Dinner

You are invited to a gathering for PCCW on Oct. 25, 2026, 2-5pm at the St. Joseph Parish Center.
We will be painting a fall scene and enjoying conversation & company with others. Snacks and drinks provided. All ages and levels of painting expertise welcome. Cost for the first painting is $15, with an option of painting another for $5.

October 17/18 Collection

St. Joseph
Regular: $2,351.04
World Mission Sunday: $60.00

St. Anselm
Regular: $1,307.00
World Mission Sunday: $20.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Regular: $1,239.00
Utilities: $40.00
World Mission Sunday: $30.00

DIOCESAN APPEAL
OCTOBER 2026 - JUNE 2027

St. Joseph
Parish Goal: $18,446.00
Donor Goal: 50

St. Anselm
Parish Goal: $6,799.00
Donor Goal: 20

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Goal: $5,103.00
Donor Goal: 15

Thank you for your generosity!

October 24-25, 2026

Weddings, Retreats and Psalm 130

You may have noticed I was away the last two weekends. I am grateful to Bishop Emeritus Dendinger for presiding at all of the Eucharistic celebrations and hearing confessions.

It was good to travel and attend my nieces wedding and be with my family as the six of us gathered together for the first time since my mom's funeral in May. I describe my niece Maddy as my mom's twin because they share many similarities and they were both born on January 3, just sixty-two years apart.

After that I was privileged to spend a week on retreat. To have time for rest, silence and solitude, spend time reading, journaling, going on long walks and having plenty of time for prayer, meditation, and reflection. I am aware the last sentence is a bit of a tossed "word salad" but it briefly describes how quiet retreat time is good for my mind, body and soul. One of my retreat practices is to rise and watch the sunrise every day. The first three dawns this refrain kept repeating in my morning prayer,

"My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak."

I was aware that came from a Psalm that I pray regularly in the Liturgy of the Hours but I couldn't remember which one it was so I looked up the phrase online and found it is from Psalm 130 verse 6.

The whole Psalm was familiar to me and I learned something new by reading the footnotes of the Psalm on the USCCB website: *"This lament, a Penitential Psalm, is the De profundis (Out of the Depths) used in liturgical prayers for the faithful departed. In deep sorrow the psalmist cries to God, asking for mercy. The psalmist's trust becomes a model for the people."* These explanations are given for two of the verses: *"v1: The depths: Sheol here is a metaphor of total misery. Deep anguish makes the psalmist feel "like those descending to the pit" v4: And so you are revered: the experience of God's mercy leads one to a greater sense of God."*

With All Hollows Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day coming next weekend I recommend it as a prayer for "all the faithful departed." You will find Psalm 130 printed below from the Revised New American Bible (RNAB) version.

It is good to be home again! I will be here for the Masses on Saturday night. However, on Sunday I will be facilitating a retreat for the parish leaders at St. Agnes in Scottsbluff. Please welcome again Fr. Anthony Kirumira from St. James in Kearney.

"My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak."

Fr. Joe Hannappel

Psalm 130 (RNAB)

Out of the depths
I call to you, LORD;
Lord, hear my cry!
May your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, LORD, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness and so you are revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits and I hope for his word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak. More than sentinels for daybreak, let Israel hope in the LORD, For with the LORD is mercy, with him is plenteous redemption, And he will redeem his people from all their sins.

St. Anselm Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 1st 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Anselmo Fire Hall, Anselmo, NE

Adult meals are $12.00, 6-10 yrs. are $5.00 and 5 & under are free.

Menu includes home-roasted turkey, homemade dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dinner roll, gravy, and a wide variety of salads and pies to choose from. While waiting to eat or after you are finished, shop our bazaar for the perfect item for yourself or someone else!

The best part of the day is making wonderful memories with family and friends!

Signup sheets are available in the entrance at St. Anselm's for this year's St. Anselm's Turkey Dinner. Please signup and help with this important fundraising event. Cleaning will take place at 6:30 pm on October 28 and 9:00 am on October 29.

Congratulations to

Slade Sinner

~~daughter~~ Son of Spencer and Ginalee Sinner who will be baptized at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, October 24th, 2026.

We rejoice with you and welcome you!!



Congratulations to

Reece Rundell

daughter of Joseph and McKenzie Rundell who will be baptized at St. Patrick Church in O'Neill on Sunday, October 25th, 2026.

We rejoice with you and welcome you!!

Dear Padre,



JESUS FERNANDEZ / SHUTTERSTOCK

I occasionally need to be reminded why I should remain Catholic. Can you help?

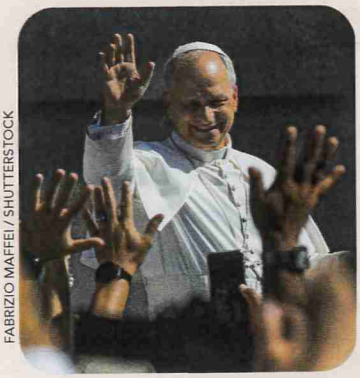
Whether our faith was inherited at birth or adopted later, it's healthy to periodically reexamine our beliefs and practices with the intent to grow closer to God. Saint Paul uses the metaphor of moving beyond milk to solid food to explain our maturing faith. (See Hebrews 5:12–14). Questions or doubts are not necessarily signs of crisis or disloyalty to God or the Church. Indeed, it's often when we challenge pat answers that God moves us to a deeper meaning and stronger relationship—that is, if we're steadfast on the path to holiness. People remain Catholic for numerous reasons, including:

- the Church's belief in God's goodness to us through the sacraments;
- a 2,000-year tradition of living the gospel in a universal, multicultural community of faith;
- a proven track record as an agent for personal and spiritual growth and social transformation.

When Church members' behavior is contrary to Christ's mission, and our confidence to remain is tested, it's good to recall that the Church is divinely fortified and humanly composed. People remain Catholic because the Church exists to bring us into full communion with God, through Christ, by working toward the fullness of the kingdom. "The Church 'is the visible plan of God's love for humanity,' because God desires 'that the whole human race may become one people of god, form one body of Christ, and be built into one temple of the Holy Spirit'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 776). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



FABRIZIO MAFFEI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Health cannot be a luxury for the few.... Universal health coverage is not merely a technical goal to be achieved; it is primarily a moral imperative for societies that wish to call themselves just. Healthcare must be accessible to the most vulnerable, then, not only because their dignity requires it but also to prevent injustice from becoming a cause of conflict.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MARCH 19, 2026

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Monday
October 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32–5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday
October 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday
October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday
October 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday
October 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday
October 31
Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday
November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

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