

Dear Padre,

Could you explain “lead us not into temptation” from the Lord’s Prayer? That doesn’t seem like something God would do.

Part of the problem lies in the translation of the Greek verb. *Lead* is the word used, but it means a request that we not enter into or yield to temptation (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). As we read in the Letter of James, “No one experiencing temptation should say, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one” (James 1:13).

Pope Francis agrees with you that this translation is confusing. He has approved changing this one line of the Lord’s Prayer from “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” This wording places the focus on us and our activity, as the original Greek implies. It is a plea that we do nothing to put ourselves in the way of temptation or give in to temptation.

This change will appear in the latest edition of the Italian *Roman Missal*, but there are no plans now to change the wording in English-speaking countries. If you would like to read more about the Lord’s Prayer, the *Catechism* includes an article that goes into a lot of detail (CCC 2777–2865). ●

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| January 23 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> Heb 9:15, 24–28 Mk 3:22–30 | January 24 <i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Heb 10:1–10 Mk 3:31–35 | January 25 <i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i> Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 Mk 16:15–18 | January 26 <i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i> Heb 10:19–25 Mk 4:21–25 | January 27 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 10:32–39 Mk 4:26–34 | January 28 <i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 Mk 4:35–41 | January 29 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Zep 2:3; 3:12–13 1 Cor 1:26–31 Mt 5:1–12 |



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are... disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders and financial leaders...[work] to ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education, and health care. Why not...ask [God] to inspire their plans?

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23–9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 / Matthew 4:12–23 or 4:12–17



A Call from the Wild

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes, as if by divine instinct, life draws us into new and uncharted lands, a kind of “call of the wild.” It happens when we leave childhood, when (if) we leave the single life, and when we grieve the loss of love or health. The call, then, is also to trust that God will walk with us and show us the way through the coming wilderness.

At other times that wild divine instinct is to go where we would rather not go, but somehow we also sense we must, if for no other reason than to be true to ourselves. It happened to Jesus, as this week’s Gospel begins with our Lord picking up where John the Baptist left off. “When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee....From that time on he began to preach” (Matthew 4:12, 17). Who could know where that divine instinct would lead him?

Sometimes that call pulls us into what life needs at this moment, whether we choose it or not. It may come in the face of the premature death of a spouse that finds us raising a young family alone, or it may be an aging spouse’s needs that require us to be a caregiver. It may be the daily grind of a job we can’t stand but have to keep for one reason or another, or it may be no job at all that forces us to reorganize our lives. The call of God may come out of the blue and from the many wilds of life. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt called to go where you did not want to go?

How did faith help you decide what to do?



As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers....He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

MATTHEW 4:21B–22



St. Joseph Neier

Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, Pastor

January
21 & 22
2023

Weekday: 6:30am

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Confessions – Saturday

4:00pm – 4:40pm

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From Fr. Tom,

According to most scripture scholars and church history experts, the span of Jesus' public ministry lasted about three years culminating with his crucifixion and resurrection. In today's gospel reading from Matthew, we hear about the very beginning of Jesus' ministry and the choosing of a few fishermen to help him. You and I are the followers of Jesus in today's world hopefully making a holy difference in the lives of others. Imagine being present when Jesus asked the fishermen to follow him. What would we do if Jesus asked us to follow him? He is doing exactly that! He wants our total dedication and there should be nothing standing between Him and us. If this is not the case in our lives right now, then we need to pray for a conversion to rid our lives of needless distractions and false gods. This "metanoia," or change, is not an instantaneous event. It is a deeply internal readdressing of life toward choosing God's will for us. Then we will be well-equipped to carry on the ministry of love and service Jesus started long ago. Let us pray for each other.



Please pray for those who are sick in our parish and families:

Betty Bean
Shirley Beckman
Anna Marie Brueggemann
Peggy Collins
Chris Elbert
Cynthia Faust
Zachery Goosage
Benny Hammer
Andrew Hellebusch
Marcia Herbst
Brandon Huels
Kevin Gibbons
Olivia Jasper

Get
Well
Soon

Rick Just
Alisha Koelling
Marcus Lowe
Jacob McMullin
Jean Oldavi
Alice Rolf
Ashley Shelton
Marcia Shollenberger
Courtney Smith
Special Intention
George West
Sr. Georgiann Wildhaber, SSND
Sheri Zambruski



Please pray for those serving our country:

Adam Amato
Matthew Blankenship
Jamie Brueggemann Murphy
Andy Davis
Taylor Donner
Emily Guenther

Caleb Logsdon
Michael Miller
Michael Murphy
Reese Pellin
Sam Smith
Owen Struckhoff
Luke Stuesse

Thank you for your generosity!

**Donations for General Fund
January 9 – 15, 2023**

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|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Regular Offering Envelopes: (68) | \$ | 3,294.00 |
| Regular Offering Loose: | \$ | 127.00 |
| First Offering: (2) | \$ | 20.00 |
| Online Giving*: | (3) \$ | 222.30 |
| Total: | \$ | 3,663.30 |

* With Transaction Fees Removed.
(Number of Contributors)

Tithes & Offerings
Giving Back to God



Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for Restricted Funds: January 9 – 15

Capital Maintenance & Preservation (1)
\$5,000.00

St. Louis Review (8)
\$280.00

January "General Fund" Collections

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|------------------|------------|
| January 1, 2023 | \$4,970.85 |
| January 8, 2023 | \$4,976.95 |
| January 15, 2023 | \$3,663.30 |
| January 22, 2023 | \$ TBD |
| January 29, 2023 | \$ TBD |



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 23rd

NO MASS HAVE A VERY BLESSED DAY!

Tuesday Morning, January 24th

6:30AM RAY & ENID DONNER

Wednesday Morning, January 25th

6:30AM DONALD J. VOSS

Thursday Morning, January 26th

6:30AM TOM ADAMS, SR.

Friday Morning, January 27th

6:30AM ERVIN HELLMANN

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.
~ Psalm 27:1 ~*

MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND NEXT WEEKEND

5:00pm Saturday January 21 January 28

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| Mass Intention: | Melvin Brune | Parish Family of St. Joseph |
| Lector: | Jim Noelker | Amber Gerlemann |
| Eucharistic Minister: (C) | Cheryl Voss | Jim Noelker |
| Eucharistic Minister: (C) | Joan Kloeppe | Jo Noelker |

8:00am Sunday January 22 January 29

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| Mass Intention: | Dorothy Brueggemann & Hilda Voss | Homer & Mary Fink |
| Lector: | Amie Kohlbusch | Michelle Young |
| Eucharistic Minister: (C) | Dennis Randolph | Jeanne Dierking |
| Eucharistic Minister: (C) | Delores Swoboda | Chris Block |

10:00am Sunday January 22 January 29

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| Mass Intention: | Parish Family of St. Joseph | The Deceased Family of Everet & Mary Marquart |
| Lector: | Lisa Bocklage | Marilyn Rau |
| Eucharistic Minister: (C) | VOLUNTEER | Jeff Baker |
| Eucharistic Minister: (C) | Patti Greife | VOLUNTEER |

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- **Wednesday, January 25th**
 - PSR – 6:30pm – 7:45pm – Parish Hall
- **Thursday, January 26th**
 - Quilters – 8am – 1pm & 7pm – 9pm – Quilters Room
- **Sunday, January 29th**
 - Knights of Columbus – 4th Degree Honor Guard will be in attendance – 10am Mass – The Rosary will be prayed before Mass at 9:40am.

February

- **Wednesday, February 1st**
 - PSR – 6:30pm – 7:45pm – Parish Hall
- **Thursday, February 2nd**
 - Eucharistic Adoration – 7am – 5:50pm – w/ Benediction after – Church
 - Quilters – 8am – 1pm & 7pm – 9pm – Quilters Room
 - 4H – 7pm – Parish Hall

5th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Knights of Columbus, Council 1576, along with the 4th Degree Honor Guard, will be attending Mass on Sunday, January 29th @ 10:00am.

We would like to have as many members of the Knights of Columbus and their families attend. The rosary will be prayed before Mass @ 9:40. Please take this opportunity to join them in the Eucharistic celebration. Also, if you are 18 years or older, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. To learn more about this Catholic men's organization, please contact a fellow Knight as there are many in our parish.



A RIDDLE FOR MASS ABSENTEES...

What is missing in this word?

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Sunday, January 22nd

has been set aside as a special day to celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life and stand in opposition to the culture of death promoted by the abortion industry.

Donations for Your Other Mother will be accepted in honor of this day. Donations can be placed in the cash box in the back of church or at the Parish Breakfast.

Thank you for your support of saving human lives!



It's Okay...

to Make Mistakes

Like having Wednesday, instead of Sunday in the bulletin last week!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MARCH 3 FRIDAY **DRIVE THRU FISH FRY**
4PM - 7PM
Volunteers needed all day: AM - PM

MARCH 16 THURSDAY **BLOOD DRIVE**
2PM - 6PM
Volunteers needed all day

MARCH 19 SUNDAY **DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER**
11AM - 4PM
Volunteers needed the 18th & 19th

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you plan to help at the Fish Fry, Blood Drive, and/or Chicken Dinner, **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** that you sign up to help on the sign up sheets. These will be available soon, and your help is greatly appreciated!

Thank You

ATTENTION!

Seeking Chairs & Co-Chairs for the Fish Fry & Chicken Dinner.

As of right now, both of these events will be Drive Thru unless we are able to find someone interested in taking a bigger role to help make these events successful with a sit down option.

Your consideration & help are greatly appreciated!! 😊

Questions?

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OR
Sarah Johnson
(See above for contact info.)
ABOUT THE CHICKEN DINNER

See the back for dates and times for all of these events.