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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SUNDAY

January 29

Fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time



MONDAY

Mk 3:22-30

January 23 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 9:15, 24-28

TUESDAY

January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:1-10

Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22

Mk 16:15-18

January 26 Sts. Timothy and Weekday Titus, Bishops Heb 10:19-25

Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

January 27 Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Mk 4:35-41

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12

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?

THE IOY OF THE GOSPEL. EVANGELII GAUDIUM, 2013



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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

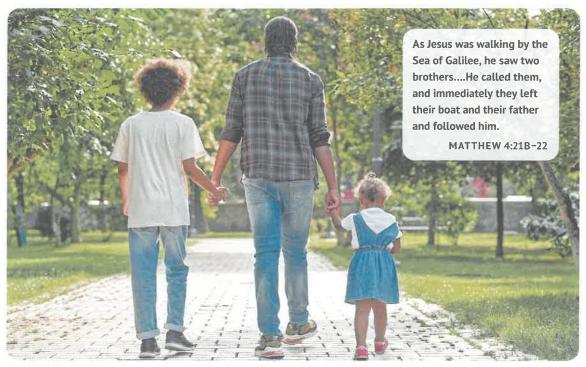
ometimes, as if by divine instinct, life draws us into new and uncharted lands, a kind of "call of the wild." It happens when we leave childhood, when (if) we leave the single life, and when we grieve the loss of love or health. The call, then, is also to trust that God will walk with us and show us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

Reflect

Have you ever felt called to go where you did not want to go? How did faith help you decide what to do?



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Saturday:

St. Joseph Neier Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, Pastor

<u>January</u> 21 & 22

2023

Weekday: 6:30am

5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

<u>Confessions – Saturday</u>

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.







Thank you for your generosity!

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THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 23rd

HAVE A VERY BLESSED DAY! NO MASS

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

ERVIN HELLMANN 6:30AM

Eucharistic Minister: (C)

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

MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND NEXT WEEKEND

January 21 5:00pm Saturday **January 28** Mass Intention: Parish Family of St. Joseph Melvin Brune

Lector: Jim Noelker Amber Gerlemann Eucharistic Minister: (C) Cheryl Voss Jim Noelker

Eucharistic Minister: (C) | Joan Kloeppel Jo Noelker

Patti Greife

January 22 January 29 8:00am Sunday

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

10:00am Sunday January 29 **January 22**

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

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.

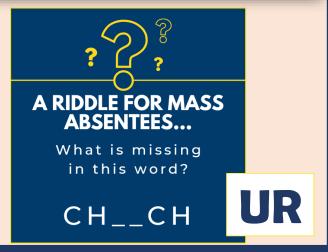
February

- Wednesday, February 1st
 - PSR <u>6:30pm 7:45pm</u> Parish Hall
- Thursday, February 2nd
 - Eucharistic Adoration <u>7am –</u>
 <u>5:50pm</u> 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.



Sunday, January 22nd

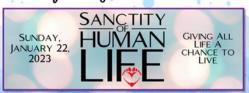
has been set aside
as a special day to celebrate the

<u>Sanctity of Human Life</u>
and stand in opposition to the culture of

and stand in opposition to the culture of death promoted by the abortion industry.

Donations for <u>Your Other Mother</u>
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!







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 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 apprecaited!

Questions?

CONTACT

Vi Schroeder (636) 303-2210 ABOUT THE FISH FRY

Sarah Johnson (636) 583-2806 - Office (314) 808-0337 - Cell **ABOUT THE BLOOD DRIVE**

> Emily Birke (636) 584-4787

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

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

ATTENTION!

Seeking Chairs & Co-Chairs

> for the Fish Fry & Chicken Dinner.

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

Your consideration & help are greatly appreciated!!