



## Tweaked by God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hile the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which "Cynthia" takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

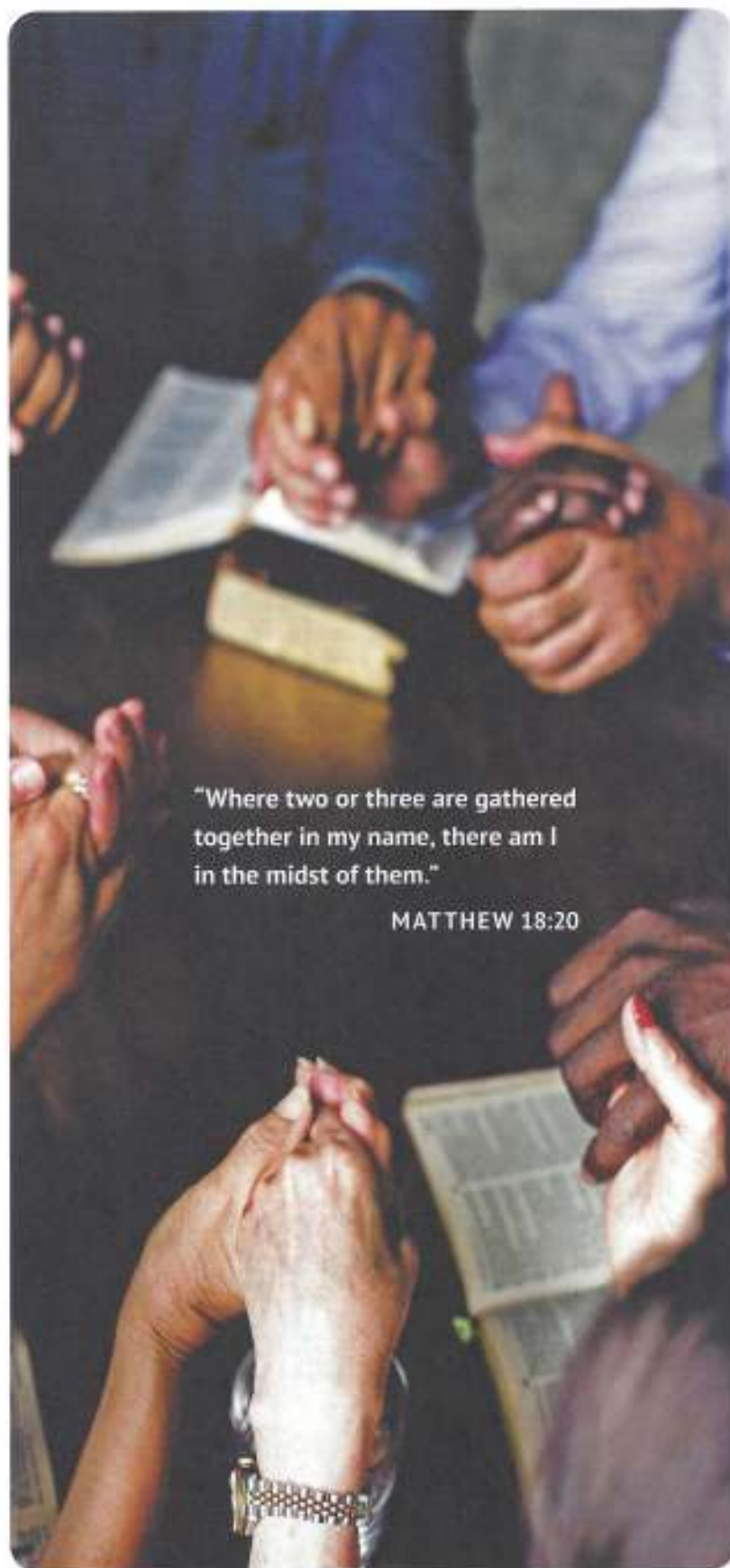
None of us want a "Cynthia" for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the "cake batter." Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects "Cynthia" thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

### Reflect

***What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?***



"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20



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**Wedding Renewal Mass**  
Sun, Sept 24th | 2:00 pm | RSVP

**Emergency Number for all 3 Churches 779-248-2164**

9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall

Sunday, September 10th - K thru 4th grade & Confirmation class  
Sunday, September 17th - 5th thru 8th grade



We are still looking for **volunteers** to be either a **teacher or helper**.  
If interested please call Michelle Bickett 815-751-2656 or email  
holytrinitycherry@gmail.com or contact the church office.

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 11, 2023**

Monday	9/11			† No Mass
Tuesday	9/12	9:00 am	STM	† Peter Fiocchi
Wednesday	9/13	5:30 pm	HT	† Special Intention (cancer child)
Thursday	9/14	9:00 am	HT	† Jerry Joiner
Friday	9/15	9:00 am	STM	† Ursula Morrison

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 16-17, 2023**

Saturday	9/16	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Special Intention (heart surg child)
Sunday	9/17	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Joyce Gillan
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† The Tony Taylor Family
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For The Parishioners



## 2023 ADA Kickoff Weekend

Dear Parishioners,

The Church, founded by Jesus Christ 2023 years ago, can be likened to an enormous fruit tree with branches spreading far and wide. "Its leaves will not wither, nor will its fruit fail...its fruits are used for food, its leaves for healing." (Ezekiel :47) We, as members of the Church, are like leaves growing out of this enormous fruit tree. Each individual leaf, no matter how small, has an important role in helping the tree grow and become ever fruitful.



With this thought in mind, we like to welcome each of you to this year's ADA KICKOFF WEEKEND. The theme for this year's ADA is "Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus."

The Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) is the major source of revenue for the ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Peoria. It is these ministries that enable the Church of Peoria, under the direction of the Bishop, to reach across parish boundaries in the areas of Worship/Prayer, Christian Education, Christian Service, and Church Administration, among others.

Until the first Appeal in 1986 the Diocese of Peoria had been financed in part by a tax on parishes. Each parish sent a required assessment to the diocese to fund diocesan services and programs. However, in the final years this assessment was providing less and less of the funding required, and former Bishop Edward W. O'Rourke was faced with the difficult task of substantially increasing the tax on parishes or seeking an alternative.

It is history that Bishop O'Rourke selected the alternative means-- namely, the Annual Diocesan Appeal (formerly called the Annual Stewardship Appeal). By utilizing this annual appeal, the diocese can continue its valuable services while having a minimal effect upon parish incomes. At the same time, the parish tax has been abolished entirely. By comparison, many dioceses today have both an annual appeal and a parish assessment.

A Diocese is, after all, a union of parishes, presided over by a Bishop and organized to fulfill Christ's mission in a given geographical area. While the work of Christ is done chiefly in the parishes, there are many tasks which require the administration and efforts of the larger Church, the Diocese.

As always, we would appreciate any amount of money you can contribute to the ADA goal for each individual church. The 2023 ADA goal of each church is as follows: SP \$8,915; STM \$9,272; HT \$13,255

Thank you for your precious generosity to this years ADA. May God bless you and yours, and repay you a hundredfold.

**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**



- Volunteers are needed to help clean up the church and hall at St. Patrick to prepare for the upcoming Wedding Renewal Mass. Cleanup will be on Wednesday morning (9/13) at 9:00 am.
- Julie will be out of the office the week of September 11th.
- STM Rav/Tort Group will need volunteers beginning in September on Mondays & Wednesdays from approximately 8:30 am - 11:30 am.

### LATEST OFFERING'S

#### SEPT 3RD WEEKEND

HT - \$ 832.00  
SP - \$ 506.00  
STM - \$1,155.00



### CONFESSIONS

NEXT CONFESSIONS WILL  
BE SAT. SEPT 16TH  
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT  
ST PATRICK  
IN THE CHAPEL



# Dear Padre,

**Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?**

"The laborer deserves his payment" from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being "in the know" (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can't pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!**

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



### MONDAY

September 11  
Weekday

Col 1:24-23  
Lk 6:6-11

### TUESDAY

September 12  
Weekday

Col 2:6-15  
Lk 6:12-19

### WEDNESDAY

September 13  
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church  
Col 3:1-11  
Lk 6:20-26

### THURSDAY

September 14  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Nm 21:4b-9  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

### FRIDAY

September 15  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
Jn 19:25-27  
or Lk 2:33-35

### SATURDAY

September 16  
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs  
1 Tm 1:15-17  
Lk 6:43-49

### SUNDAY

September 17  
Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:30-28:7  
Rom 14:7-9  
Mt 18:21-35

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