Dear Padre,

What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.



The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches ex cathedra ("from the chair") as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church's understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church.

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| Magdalene | Mi 7:14-15, | Jer 1:1, 4–10 | Apostle | Anne, Parents | Jer 7:1-11 | Sunday in |
| Sg 3:1-4b or | 18-20 | Mt 13:1-9 | 2 Cor 4:7-15 | of the Blessed | Mt 13:24-30 | Ordinary Time |
| 2 Cor 5:14–17 | Mt 12:46-50 | | Mt 20:20-28 | Virgin Mary | | 2 Kgs 4:42-44 |
| Jn 20:1–2, | | | | Jer 3:14-17 | | Eph 4:1-6 |
| 11–18 | | | | Mt 13:18-23 | | Jn 6:1–15 |



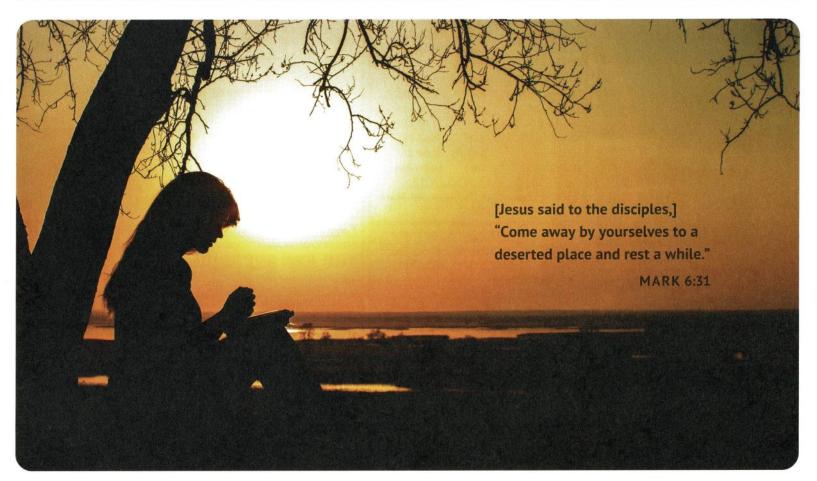
A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus'] tender invitation—rest a while—should accompany us. Let us beware...of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God. ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 18, 2021



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Our Parish



Dancing in the Dark

n 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song "Dancing in the Dark." It's said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we're here. There are many who feel they are "dancing in the dark."

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do-paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

July 21, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Ephesians 2:13-18 / Mark 6:30-34

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God's voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm.

Reflect-

Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God's will for you?



Knights of Columbus



The Knights have meetings every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30. They welcome new members, please talk to Don Thompson.



led by our Pastor, Fr. Tony Dattilo.

host the mission on Monday and Tuesday.

please do so! We are all in this together!

We....Are The Body of Christ

We walk by faith. On the journey to the kingdom. Called to serve. We, are the Body of Christ! This is our mission. This is our time to come together as one faith community answering God's call to serve and to witness! All pa-

rishioners from St. James, St. Joachim, St. Joseph and St. Stephen are invited and encourage attend our joint Parish Mission from September 29 – October 3, 2024. This will be an opportunity for renewal! So please, mark your calendar and plan to join us each night of our mission this fall! Fr. Tom Santen will be leading us on the journey during these days of prayer, reflection with inspired teaching.

We....Are The Body of Christ

Mission Theme: We are the Body of Christ I As Catholics we are on the journey to

the kingdom, united as one faith community comprised of all the faith communities

in Washington County including St. James, St. Joachim, St. Stephen's and St. Joseph

Mission Leader: Fr. Tom Santen has been invited by Fr. Tony to lead us on this mis-

from Sunday, September 29 through Thursday, October 3, 2023. St. Joachim Parish

Mission Schedule: The joint parish mission will be held five consecutive nights

will host the mission on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. St. James Parish will

evening's themed message given to us by Fr. Santen. Afterwards, everyone is en-

couraged to participate for refreshments and social gathering in the parish hall. A

penance service will be incorporated into the mission schedule and a closing Mass

will be held on the last night of the mission. There are plans to have some version

Who can attend: This mission is an opportunity for all of us to gather in days of

prayer including our school children, youth, young adults, and adults (with graying

hairI). This mission is open to all Each night's message will be unique so you are

What you can do: Pray for a successful mission. The mission prayer will be recited

at or before Mass from now until the time of the mission. Prayer cards will be in

the pews. It will appear in the parish bulletin for you to pray the mission prayer at

home. Plan to attend. Volunteer to help if asked. Updates will be provided in the

bulletin and the schedule will be more detailed as we get closer to the mission.

strongly encouraged to attend every night! If you can only attend a couple nights,

Mission Format: Each night will include praise & worship music prior to the

of the mission incorporated into the morning Masses that week as well.

sion journey through his inspired preaching of God's word!





St. James PSR NEWS Another chance to sign up for PSR Wed. Aug. 07 5:30-6:30pm

In the school hall . If you can not make it please call Laura at 573-366-5235

There will be some changes with PSR classes this fall. Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest info



