

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The Catechism of the Catholic Church sums it up well: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God" (2540).

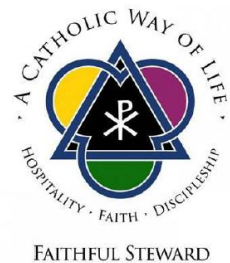
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St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
Time and Talent Share Fair



Sunday, November 9
(following 10:30 mass)

Learn about opportunities to get more involved with our church through its organizations and ministries including:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Musicians/Accompanists
- Altar Servers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Readers
- Youth Programs
- Hospitality
- OCIA
- Sacristans
- and much more

Talk with coordinators, ask questions, learn about what's involved and how you can lend your time and talent.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
~ 1Pt 4:10

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more.

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

What do you want of me, Lord?
Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises?
I am your song.

I hear you call my name, Lord,
and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self.
Sing your songs in me.

Welcome to Our Parish Community
Sunday ~ October 5, 2025



St Anthony
of Padua
Catholic Church
Hot Springs, SD

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Weekend Mass Schedules:

Saturday ~ 5:30pm St John the Baptist Church ~ Custer, SD
Sunday ~ 8:00am St John the Baptist Church ~ Custer, SD
Sunday ~ 10:30am St Anthony of Padua Church ~ Hot Springs, SD
Sunday ~ 5:00pm St James the Apostle Church ~ Edgemont, SD

Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety.

Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's.

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



Reflect

Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?



Welcome to our Catholic faith community. If you are a new parishioner interested in becoming part of our parish community, please stop by the Parish Office and register or call for more information.