

September 17, 2023

LORD, IF MY BROTHER SINS AGAINST ME,
how often must I forgive?

MATTHEW 18:21

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00pm,
Closed 12:00 noon-1:00 pm

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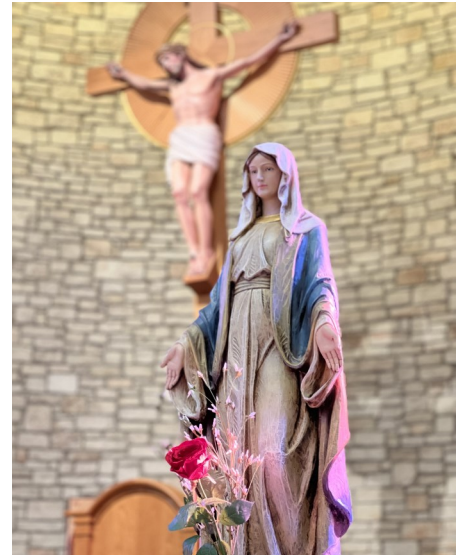
Fr. Rafal A. Duda

Dc. Alfredo "Jimmy" Bill, Jr.

Dc. Francisco Hernandez

Dc. Harold "Sonny" Kauffhold

Dc. Roberto Zapata



MASS TIMES:

Monday	12:00 Noon
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	12:00 Noon
Thursday	12:00 Noon - (Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service)
Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:45 a.m., 9:15 am (in Spanish) 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION (Confessions)
Saturday 3:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday—September 18, 2023

1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 7:1-10(443)

Tuesday—September 19, 2023

1 Tm 3:1-13, Lk 7:11-17(444)

Wednesday—September 20, 2023

1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35(445)

Thursday—September 21, 2023

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13(643)

Friday—September 22, 2023

1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3(447)

Saturday—September 23, 2023

Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a(133)

Sunday—September 24, 2023

Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a(133)

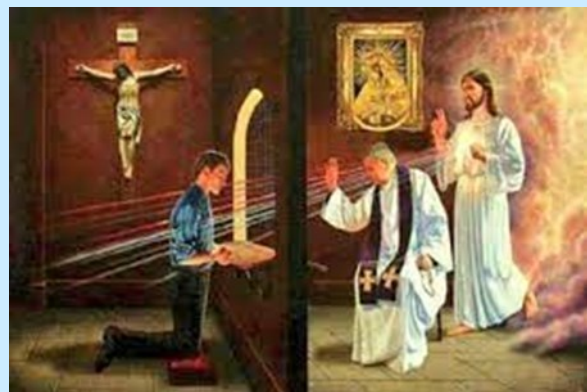
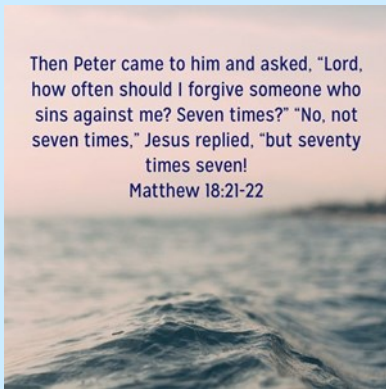
Verse to reflect on this week:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22



Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"
Matthew 18:21-22



Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel reminds us that a very important part of our life is forgiveness: we learn that we need to be forgiven and we need to forgive (ourselves or others). It is the only way to find healing, peace and joy. Forgiveness is always an act of love and kindness and opens us up for the future.

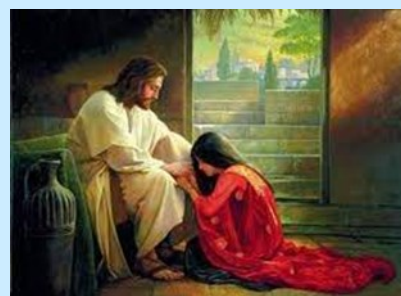
In our life, every day we make a lot of decisions and choices – smaller or bigger. So do others. Sometimes we make good ones and sometimes poor ones. We may feel hurt or rejected, guilty or ashamed. God is always willing to help us to find peace and healing, because we are always his children.

Peter asked today an honest question: *How many times do we need to forgive?* It is not an inappropriate question. Peter is trying to understand and he wants to know what to do and how far he needs to go. We can get tired or discouraged, can't we. We struggle at times in life with very strong emotions and feelings that are stealing our peace.

Forgiveness is a very intimate, very delicate and very personal moment. Our heart may be in pain, in darkness, in doubt. Usually, it is not easy for us. We need to find strength to be patient with ourselves and others, and forgive and move on.

In the Catholic Church, whenever we choose to go to sacramental confession, we can experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and receive his mercy and forgiveness. God is trying to make us whole again and restore our wounded life.

Have a blessed week,
Father Rafael



Woman, has no one condemned you? (John 8: 10)

Simon, son of John, do you love me? (John 21: 15)

**Then Jesus said:
Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.
Luke 23: 34**

Notre Dame Church Ministries

Monday, September 18, 2023

Good Shepherd—5:00 p.m.

Cursillos—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

RCIA—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

'St. Joseph's' Men's Prayer Group—6:30 a.m.

Ingles También—5:00 p.m.

Faith Formation—5:15 p.m.

EDGE—5:30 p.m.

LifeTeen—7:00 p.m.

Ministerio Santa Cecilia—7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 21, 2023

'That Man is You' Men's Prayer Group—6:45 a.m.

Catholic Way Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Spanish Choir—6:30 p.m.

M.O.S.T. (Ministerio Oracion Santisima Oracion) - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 22, 2023

Divine Mercy—3:00 p.m.

La Danza—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Reconciliation—3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Good Shepherd—9:00 a.m.

RCIA (Children's) - 9:30 a.m.



The Second Collection
on
September 23-24, 2023
will be for
Notre Dame School

Thank you for your generosity!



The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn this week
for
Fran Bertagnolli
By
Frank Bertagnolli



Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 17, 2023

7:45 am (Fr. Rafal) †Bernave Lopez & Family

9:15 am (Fr. Rafal) †Concepcion & Librada Ortega

11:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Norman Straumann

5:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) People of the Parish

Monday, September 18, 2023

12:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Florencia Martinez

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

7:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Ignacio & Delfina Dominguez

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

12:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Betty Blackwell

Thursday, September 21, 2023

12:00 pm (Dc. Francisco)
(Communion Service) †Fran Bertagnolli

Friday, September 22, 2023

8:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Rebecca McCracken

Saturday, September 23, 2023

5:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Teresa Gurley

Sunday, September 24, 2023

7:45 am (Fr. Rafal) People of the Parish

9:15 am (Fr. Rafal) †Clemente Alvarado Sr.

11:00 am (Fr. Rafal) Mass offered for
Gary & Annette Dickson

5:00 p.m. (Fr. Rafal) †Alvaro Paniagua

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS - Notre Dame

Acts Core—Janet Ontiveros—830.459.8126

Daughters of Notre Dame—Anne Beitel—830.928.1714

Eucharistic Adoration—Dana Garre—501.908.6593

Knights of Columbus—David Pillatzke—830.928.0335

Lectors—Gail Stauder—830.377.8716

Ministry to the Sick

(Hospital) - Patti Kerth—713.409.3107

(Homebound) - Gracie Burback—512.589.9164

(Nursing Home) - Frank Galvan—830.285.2825

RCIA—Gail Stauder—830.377.8716

St. Vincent de Paul—Mike Henke—713.962.7173

Ushers—Robert Machicek—830.739.4965

SPANISH MINISTRIES

Cursillos—Gerardo Angel—830.370.9595

Guadalupanas—Angelica Contreras—830.329.3788

M.O.S.T. (Ministerio Oracion Santisimo Trinidad) -
Olga Lopez—830.370.2164



Whatever you do, do it all
for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Notre Dame Catholic School

Festival

FAMILY FUN + Children's Area • GAMES • FOOD

Saturday & Sunday

October 7-8, 2023

on the School Grounds • 900 Block of Main Street • Kerrville

SATURDAY

3-7:30 PM

3:00pm **BINGO**
in the Social Center

Silent Auction
in the Gymnasium

8:00pm **Volunteer Appreciation Mass**
leading into
all night **Eucharistic Adoration**
in the church until 7:00 a.m.

For more information, call: 830-257-6707

SUNDAY

12-6 PM

11:00am **MASS**
with Archbishop Gustavo

3:00pm **Live Auction**
in the Gymnasium

Raffle Drawing
held at the end of the Live Auction

Tickets are available at the church
and school office.



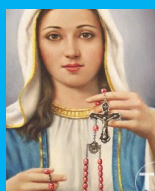
16th Annual Pro-Life Diaper Drive

Please join Knights of Columbus Council 6409 in helping our community's young families by supporting the 16th Annual Pro-Life Diaper Drive! We will have collection tables at the entrances to Notre Dame Catholic Church following each Mass on September 16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th, and 30th & October 1st. Donations received will be provided and divided between St. Vincent de Paul Society, and The Pregnancy Resource Center. You can drop off packages of diapers and baby wipes or a cash donation. The cash collected will be used to purchase additional diapers and baby wipes which will be distributed to families in need.

You can also mail your most generous gift donation payable to: K of C Council 6409. Memo you check with "Pro-Life Diaper Drive" and mail your check to: K of C Council 6409, c/o Diaper Drive, P.O. Box 291492, Kerrville, Texas 78029

Thank you so much and God bless you!

Thanks
Knights of Columbus
Council #6409



PRAY THE ROSARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY

19

VOLLEYBALL - HOME

VS San Juan Diego

JV - 5pm

V- 6pm

THURSDAY

21

VOLLEYBALL - HOME

VS BRACKEN CHRISTIAN

JV- 5pm

V- 6pm

FRIDAY

22

PSAT

Our Lady of the Hills Campus

OLH ALUMNI?

We would love to connect with YOU!
Reach out to our Development office at:
development@olhcollegeprep.org. We would love to
catch up and hear all about what you have been up
to since you left the Hawk's Nest!

830-895-0501





The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, September 24th from 8:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Social Center.

Blood is in short supply; please give the gift of life, give blood. Please register online

at https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/140905 or call/text John Windlinger at 847-312-3194

Memorial Mass for Shannon Washburn

We will be having a Memorial Mass said for Shannon Washburn Friday, September 22nd at **(time correction) 10:00 a.m.**, with Fr. David Wagner presiding. Shannon passed on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

While Shannon only recently came into the Catholic Church having attended RCIA, he was faithful in attending early morning Mass with his housemate Phil.

Shannon was always uncomfortable in crowds, even at Mass, but he grew to be more comfortable after being received in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Shannon had a servant's heart and was always willing to lend a hand when asked. He felt very lonely much of the time and would have days where he was anxious and needed reinforcement and support. Shannon was never truly at peace in this world, but is finally at peace now with God, and is celebrating with all the angels and saints in heaven. What Shannon needed most was companionship, affirmation that he was accepted and valued, and sometimes just a listening ear; and he was always so thankful for someone willing to be present to him.

All are welcome for this Memorial Mass. We want to send him off as a member of Notre Dame Catholic Church, as a part of our family.

From Your Librarians

Books to borrow from the Notre Dame Parish Library located in the Pastoral Center is open Monday & Wednesday from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. If you are unable to come at these times, please call Deborah Harris at 214-538-9105 & I will help you get the book you need.

In the introduction to the book **7 Secrets of the Eucharist** by Vinny Flynn, Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J. says the following: "part of the genius of this book is its ability to summon all Catholics to this deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We are drawn into a growing awareness and insight of the amazing discovery of Christ's hidden presence in the Eucharist. Flynn integrates St. Faustina's Diary into the theme of the Eucharist and her personal union with Jesus Christ. He applies the saint's insights to contemporary concerns for meeting the Lord Jesus who is veiled in the Eucharist. We all need books like this to help us grow spiritually, to remind us of what we are doing in the Mass, and to summon us to receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist with fuller awareness & participation in the infinite mystery that remains always beyond the total grasp of our minds and hearts."

The number 7 is not a magic number for there are a number of truths of the Eucharist. These are just the basic ones that lead us to first explore beyond the veil. Flynn uses the word SECRET to imply for some reason that the heart of the church doesn't seem to have been passed on to the average lay person in a way that would enable us to really understand them and incorporate them into our daily lives.

Secret 1, The Eucharist is alive! Jesus tells St. Faustina in her Diary (1385), "When I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, my hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul, but souls do not even pay attention to me. They leave me to myself and busy themselves with other things...They treat me as a dead object." The Eucharist is alive! When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? As we wait in line to receive Jesus, do we think about how much we want to unite with Him, do we see His hands filled with graces that He want to give us, and are we filled with gratitude that He loves me so much that we actually want to come to Him in this intimate way? The Host we receive is not a thing, it is not a wafer, it is not bread, and it is not dead. It is a person, HE IS ALIVE! Saint Pope John Paul II says, "we need to cultivate a lively awareness of Christ's real presence and we should take care to show that awareness through tone of voice, gestures, posture, and bearing."

Secret 2, Christ is not alone! St. Faustina tells Jesus in her Diary (486), "Jesus...You come to me in Holy Communion, you together with the Father and the Holy Spirit have deigned to dwell in the little heaven of my heart..." In the CCC #650, "Jesus Christ is one divine person with two distinct natures – one totally human, one totally divine. These two natures are so inseparable that the divine person of Christ remained united to his soul and body, even when these were separated from each by death" CCC #648, "...and when the Father raised Christ up, He perfectly introduced His son's humanity, including His body, into the Trinity." In the CCC #1377, "Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ." We don't have to receive Communion under both species. If we receive under EITHER form, we receive the whole Christ. Christ is never alone. When He becomes present in the Eucharist as He is in heaven, without leaving heaven, that means all of heaven is present with Him.

Written by Deborah Harris (to be continued)



FREE CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

CLASES DE CIUDADANIA Y INGLES GRATIS

HORARIO DE CLASES/CLASS SCHEDULE

Sitio/Location	Horario/Schedule	Inicio/Start	Instrucción/Instruction
DOYLE COMMUNITY CENTER 110 W. Barnett St. 830-257-4446	Jueves Thursday 6-7:30 PM	21 de septiembre September 21	Español English

Estudiantes deben ser residentes permanentes legales por al menos 5 años o al menos 3 años si esta casado con un ciudadano estadounidense.

Students must be a lawful permanent resident for at least 5 years or at least 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen.

Patrocinado por la Liga de Mujeres Votantes
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters



Please pray for those who have died, and have gone to their eternal rest with the Lord, especially for *J.C. Gutierrez & Cirilo Flores Luna*. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION**September 9-10, 2023****CHURCH****Envelopes/Checks \$10,351.72****Currency/Coin 4,081.27****Capital Improvement 0.00****TOTAL \$14,432.99****Capital Improvement
(2nd Collection) \$ 1,230.35****Notre Dame School 30.00****TOTAL \$ 1,260.35****Adoration Chapel
(to date) \$215,090.00****TOTAL \$215,090.00****Online Giving
September 4-10, 2023****Offertory \$3,212.50****School 375.00****Bldg. 200.00****Adoration 0.00****TOTAL \$3,787.50****SCHOOL****Envelopes \$ 542.00****Guardian Angel 700.00****TOTAL \$1,242.00****OFFERTORY COLLECTION****September 2-3, 2023****CHURCH****Envelopes/Checks \$10,786.00****Currency/Coin 4,492.30****Capital Improvement 442.00****TOTAL \$15,720.30****Notre Dame School \$ 35.00****TOTAL \$ 35.00****Adoration Chapel
(to date) \$215,090.00****TOTAL \$215,090.00****Online Giving
August 28-Sept.3, 2023****Offertory \$4,388.00****School 350.00****Building 125.00****Adoration 200.00****TOTAL \$5,063.00****SCHOOL****Envelopes \$ 580.00****TOTAL \$ 580.00**

Dear Parishioners,

We want to give you an update on the status of our Adoration Chapel project and the other capital projects in our parish.

ADORATION CHAPEL

When the project was presented to the parish, the cost estimate was \$350,000. When the project went out for bids, the low bid was almost double that amount. This was primarily due to an inaccurate initial estimate and to significant construction cost increases over the last couple of years. The building committee and the construction companies have recommended some changes in the design of the chapel. They are in the process of getting updated bids on the revised project. To date the capital campaign has raised \$214,000 for the chapel. We will provide updated information on the revised cost and timing of the project when we have it.

POLLARD BUILDING

The parish has acquired the Pollard Building which is located between the school and the rectory. It was the only part of our two-block campus that the parish did not own. The building and lot were purchased for \$550,000. A parish family donated \$100,000 to be used for the purchase. The net cost to the parish was \$450,000. The parish attempted to acquire the property in the past but the asking price was always much higher. We are currently evaluating potential uses for the building and lot. We know this purchase has reduced our parish cash reserves significantly, but we thought it was in the parish's long-term interest to acquire the property.

SOCIAL CENTER RENOVATION

Our Social Center has been updated and renovated. We were in the process of updating the restrooms when we had vandals break in and damage the building. Using money we received from our insurance, and the \$150,000 that was donated by a couple of parish families, we were able to completely renovate the rest of the building. The entire Social Center has new flooring, ceilings, lighting, doors, front glass entrance and painting. Please check out the improvements when you get a chance.

Please, refer to the attached spreadsheet for a detailed list of all the major capital projects that our parish has accomplished in the last four years.

We are thankful for the donors involved in these projects and we are grateful for everyone that provides financial support for our parish. We want to acknowledge and thank our parish facilities manager, Mark Ince, and his assistant Raymundo Campos along with the many volunteers that have assisted in these projects.

Father Rafal Duda, Pastor

Ellen Kenalty, School Principal

NOTRE DAME FINANCE COUNCIL

Mark Hoffmann

Robert Machicek

Merrily White

John Windlinger

Estimados Feligreses,

Queremos brindarles una actualización sobre el estado de nuestro proyecto de la Capilla de Adoración y los otros proyectos capitales en nuestra parroquia.

CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN

Cuando el proyecto se presentó a la parroquia, el costo estimado era de \$350,000. Cuando el proyecto salió a licitación, la oferta más baja fue casi el doble de esa cantidad. Esto se debió principalmente a una estimación inicial inexacta y a importantes aumentos en los costos de construcción en los últimos años. El comité de construcción y las empresas constructoras han recomendado algunos cambios en el diseño de la capilla. Están en el proceso de recibir ofertas actualizadas sobre el proyecto revisado. Hasta la fecha, la campaña capital ha recaudado \$214,000 para la capilla. Proporcionaremos información actualizada sobre el costo revisado y el calendario del Proyecto cuando la tengamos.

EDIFICIO POLLARD

La parroquia ha adquirido el Edificio Pollard que está ubicado entre la escuela y la rectoría. Era la única parte de nuestro campus de dos cuadras que no era propiedad de la parroquia. El edificio y el lote se compraron por \$550,000. Una familia parroquial donó \$100,000 para la compra. El costo neto para la parroquia fue de \$450,000. La parroquia intentó adquirir la propiedad en el pasado, pero el precio de venta siempre fue mucho más alto. Actualmente estamos evaluando usos potenciales para el edificio y el lote. Sabemos que esta compra ha reducido significativamente las reservas de efectivo de nuestra parroquia, pero pensamos que sería de interés a largo plazo para la parroquia adquirir la propiedad.

RENOVACIÓN DEL CENTRO SOCIAL

Nuestro Centro Social ha sido actualizado y renovado. Estábamos en el proceso de actualizar los baños cuando unos vándalos entraron y dañaron el edificio. Usando el dinero que recibimos de nuestro seguro y los \$150,000 que fueron donados por un par de familias parroquiales, pudimos renovar completamente el resto del edificio. Todo el Centro Social cuenta con pisos, techos, iluminación, puertas, entrada frontal de vidrio y pintura nuevos. Por favor compruebe las mejoras cuando tenga la oportunidad.

Consulte la hoja de cálculo adjunta para obtener una lista detallada de todos los proyectos capitales más importantes que nuestra parroquia ha logrado en los últimos cuatro años. Estamos agradecidos por los donantes involucrados en estos proyectos y estamos agradecidos por todos los que brindan apoyo financiero a nuestra parroquia. Queremos reconocer y agradecer a nuestro administrador de instalaciones parroquial, Mark Ince, y su asistente Raymundo Campos junto con los muchos voluntarios que han ayudado en estos proyectos.

Father Rafal Duda, Pastor Notre Dame

Ellen Kenallty, Directora de la Escuela

CONSEJO DE FINANZAS

Mark Hoffmann, Robert Machicek

Merrily White, John Windlinger

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH - MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS 2019-2023								
CAPITAL PROJECT	TOTAL COST	PARISH CASH	ANDALE CAMPAIGN	MAINTENANCE FUND	DESIGNATED DONATION	INSURANCE CLAIM	CHARITABLE GRANT	
REPLACE CHURCH & SCHOOL ROOFS	\$ 600,000.00					\$ 600,000.00		
POLLARD BUILDING ACQUISITION	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 450,000.00			\$ 100,000.00			
SOCIAL CENTER RENOVATION	\$ 315,657.00		\$ 3,100.00	\$ 85,057.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 77,500.00		
SCHOOL SECURITY PROJECT	\$ 352,614.00			\$ 2,614.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	CAILLLOUX GRANT
REPLACE HVAC IN CHURCH	\$ 108,859.00		\$ 95,000.00	\$ 13,859.00				
UPDATE CHURCH RESTROOMS & PAINT INSIDE & OUTSIDE OF CHURCH	\$ 93,311.00			\$ 93,311.00				
SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY	\$ 65,718.00		\$ 65,718.00					ANDALE SCHOOL GRANT
REPLACE SKYLIGHTS OVER ALTAR	\$ 55,210.00		\$ 18,924.00	\$ 36,286.00				
UPGRADE SERVER & NETWORK	\$ 50,504.00			\$ 38,006.00			\$ 12,498.00	ERATE GRANT
REPLACE FLAT ROOF CHURCH	\$ 34,450.00			\$ 34,450.00				
SCHOOL CURRICULUM UPDATE	\$ 30,000.00						\$ 30,000.00	PETERSON GRANT
REPLACE LOW ROOF GYM	\$ 31,000.00		\$ 31,000.00					
SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 30,477.00						\$ 30,477.00	PETERSON GRANT
SCHOOL ROOF A/C & PAINTING	\$ 29,919.00					\$ 29,919.00		
SANCTUARY LIGHTING UPGRADE	\$ 27,330.00			\$ 12,330.00			\$ 15,000.00	MCCRACKEN GRANT
CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM	\$ 26,535.00		\$ 26,010.00	\$ 525.00				
SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY	\$ 24,588.00						\$ 24,588.00	PETERSON GRANT
REPLACE FLOORING KEMPER HALL	\$ 23,000.00				\$ 23,000.00			
REPLACE PARISH COMPUTERS	\$ 20,905.00			\$ 20,905.00				
REPLACE SCHOOL PHONE SYSTEM	\$ 18,905.00			\$ 9,455.00			\$ 9,450.00	PETERSON GRANT
SCHOOL CURRICULUM UPDATE	\$ 13,000.00						\$ 13,000.00	AVERY GRANT
SCHOOL FAB BUILDING UPGRADES	\$ 11,250.00			\$ 11,250.00				
RENOVATE YOUTH ROOM	\$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00			
SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 10,000.00						\$ 10,000.00	KENEDY GRANT
CAPITAL PROJECTS BELOW \$10,000	\$ 48,661.00			\$ 48,661.00				
	\$ 2,381,893.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 239,752.00	\$ 406,709.00	\$ 333,000.00	\$ 707,419.00	\$ 245,013.00	

Prayer for Rain

O Supreme Lord of Creation, maker of heaven and earth, of nature and seasons and all weather, we acknowledge today our powerlessness in the face of the drought upon our land, and we beg Your mercy upon us as we ask You to send forth beneficial rain from heaven to quench the parched ground and renew the fields and grasses, the trees and flowers, and all the damaged crops.

We implore Your forgiveness for our many sins against Your creation and our daily failures to be good stewards of the earth. We promise to be more caring toward the resources of water, air, and soil that You have given to sustain us, and which we have fouled by our own negligent and destructive power.

Lord, look upon us with mercy and send us rain.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Please Join Us for a

Beginning Experience Weekend

"Are you or someone you know Divorced, Widowed, or Separated and hurting? The October 13-15, 2023*, Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat will help you move through the grief process.

It offers an opportunity for turning the pain of loss into a growth experience. For more information on how we can help, visit <http://www.sanantonioexperience.org/>, call 210-724-9269, or e-mail sanantonioexperience@yahoo.com."

When
October 13-15, 2023

Where
Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine and Retreat Center
138 Beethoven St., San Antonio, TX 78210

Contact
Barbara (210) 724-9269
For information on cost, weekend overview, accommodations, etc., or to answer any questions you may have. (If no answer, please leave a message)

Additional Programs Offered
Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone (online) and
In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone (one-day/in-person*)
*Subject to change due to COVID restrictions

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil 4:13



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