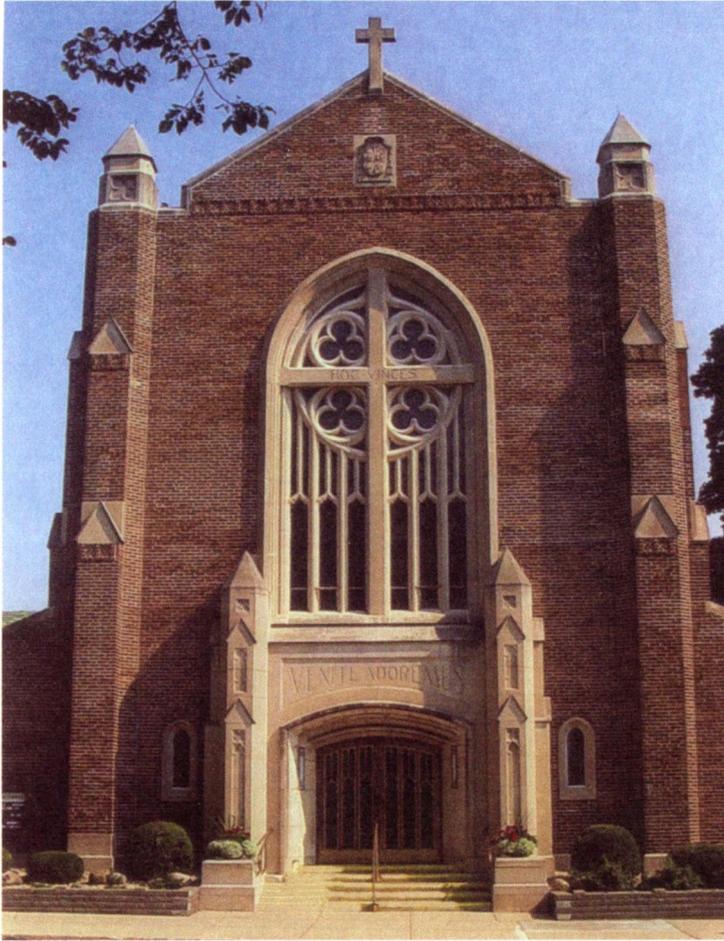


# Holy Cross Church

Catholic Diocese of Peoria  
1010 Jefferson Street • Mendota IL 61342  
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## **Pastor**

Fr. Peter A. Pilon

## **Pastoral Work**

Deacon Ray Fischer

Deacon Jose Lopez

Deacon Hector Diaz

## **Music Director**

Roy VanOpdorp

## **Director of Religious Education**

Brian R. Corrigan

## **Business Manager**

Lorraine Walter

## **Administrative Assistant**

Mary Lou Flahive

## **Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care**

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Offers Day Care for 3 year old to 12 year old.

## **Learning Lambs Pre-School**

815-539-7003

3 yr old and 4 yr old sessions

## **Mass Schedule**

Please check inside cover for all Mass times.

## **Confessions**

Saturday - 7:00 a.m to 7:40 a.m. 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

Sunday - 30 minutes prior to 6:30 a.m. Mass

## **Adoration Chapel**

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

(Closed on funeral days and holidays)

## **Baptism**

Pre-baptismal instruction is required. Call the office for information and scheduling a date.

## **Weddings**

Before any other wedding arrangements are made, please contact the parish priest 6-8 months in advance.

## **Homebound and Hospital Visits**

Please call the office during times of illness and visits will be arranged.

## **Cemetery Lots Purchase**

Please call Steve Schmitt 815-538-5276

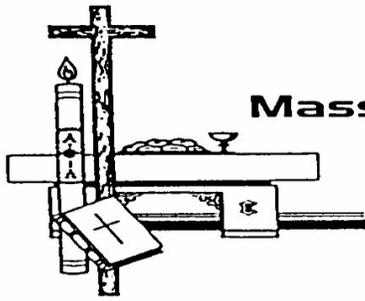


## *Holy Cross School*

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

815-539-7003

Principal - Anita Kobilsek



## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, August 22nd**

4:00 p.m. +Rose Galvan by Joe & Alicia Hochstatter

### **Sunday, August 23rd**

9:00 a.m. +William & Mary Dean by Family

12:00 p.m. María, Luis & Alfredo Díaz, Erik Hernández,  
and Teresa Cerda by Family

### **Monday, August 24th**

8:00 a.m. +Ray Lauer by Family

### **Tuesday, August 25th**

7:00 a.m. +Captain Thomas J. Heitmann  
by Tom & Mary Heitmann

### **Wednesday, August 26th**

8:00 a.m. +Francis Michel by Mahaffey & Setchell Families

### **Thursday, August 27th**

7:00 a.m. +Danny Arredondo by Tia Yaya, Alex & Brandy

### **Friday, August 28th**

8:00 a.m. Brian Faber by Tim & Lori McConville

### **Saturday, August 29th**

4:00 p.m. +Danny Arredondo  
by Grandpa & Grandma Arredondo

### **Sunday, August 30th**

9:00 a.m. +Deceased Members of George Cassidy Sr. Family  
by Kevin & Carol Cassidy

12:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Francisco Quintana  
by Carmen Quintana

## LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29:	Nancy Goble
Sunday, August 30:	Gwen Krenz
Saturday, September 5	Jennifer Norton
Sunday, September 6	Clare Fischer
Saturday, September 12	Nancy Goble
Sunday, September 13	Rudy Arteaga
Saturday, September 19	Clare Fischer
Sunday, September 20	Jennifer Norton
Saturday, September 26	Nancy Goble
Sunday, September 27	Brian Corrigan

If you are interested in getting on the list of Lector's for the weekend Mass schedule, please contact the parish office, or [briancorrighcdre@gmail.com](mailto:briancorrighcdre@gmail.com)



## MASS IN THE PARKING LOT

Due to current circumstances regarding the COVID-19 situation in the Mendota area, we will once again be celebrating Mass in the parking lot

This is intended to help keep everyone safe within the confines of their cars until Mendota's experience with the virus improves enough to justify moving back into the church building.

Everyone is encouraged to continue watching out for one another, wearing a mask wherever it is deemed necessary, or otherwise maintain a 6' distance between people, and wash your hands frequently.

And most importantly, pray. The Lord *wants* to hear from us. Pray for the world's leadership, pray for the leadership of our nation and state, as well as our own little community; and pray for each other. The Lord likes it best when we express love for each other out of love for him!

God Bless,

And thank you for your understanding and patience.

Father Pilon

The Mass will continue to be livestreamed via the Zoom connection we have been using. It may be best to leave the sound off, but if you would like to watch, this option may make your Mass experience a better one.

Here is the link for the Zoom site:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjltNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09>

**Meeting ID: 913 805 0856**

**Password: 811195**

Please help spread the word so all of our parishioners are aware of this new development. The link, ID, and Password are the same for all of the Masses. If there are any questions, Fr. Pilon may be reached by email at: [frppilon@holycrossmendota.com](mailto:frppilon@holycrossmendota.com)

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel  
Extended Eucharistic Adoration**

*“The bread that you see on the altar is the Body of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word. The chalice, or better what is contained in the chalice, is the Blood of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word.”*

~Saint Augustine

Pray that our Chapel may soon reopen so that we may once again fall down in Adoration of Our Blessed Lord exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Chapel Coordinator, Karen Brandner  
1-815-915-6635



\$\$\$ DAILY DOLLAR WINNERS \$\$\$

Sat. Aug 15	1331	50.00	Eileen Funfsinn
Sun. Aug 16	2052	50.00	Matt & Andrew Hochstatter
Mon. Aug 17	3055	100.00	Derek Zinke
Tue. Aug 18	1259	50.00	Ed Kuczek Jr.
Wed. Aug 19	1353	50.00	Patricia Becker
Thur. Aug 20	1189	50.00	Jonathan Vercimak
Fri. Aug 21	1148	50.00	Robert & Barbara Lyons

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	<b>For the Week of</b>	
Sunday	08/16/2020	\$3,596.80
School		220.00
Food Pantry		94.00
Youth Ministry		60.00
Assumption of the BVM		156.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,126.80</b>

**Give God what is just, not what is left!**

**Support Your Parish**

Even though we are not able to attend Mass to worship together in community, our parish still needs our financial support.



You can make donations to the parish online through the diocesan website:

<https://cdop.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/parishes>

You can create recurring donations taken from your credit card, or make a one time donation.

**We Have a New Website!**

Check it out. We are now at: <https://mendotacatholic.org/>



The new site has been completely redesigned by one of our very own parishioners!

We will begin the process of phasing the previous website (<https://holycrosscongregation.weebly.com/>) out. We ask that any new traffic going to the Holy Cross and/or Ss. Peter & Paul parishes for information use the new site. There will be wording added to the original site directing users to the new site. We think it is a much more beautiful and user-friendly website, and hope that is your impression as well.

## Our Devotion for August is the Immaculate Heart of Mary

By Brian Smith

Back in the Middle Ages, many Catholics began observing special devotions around a particular theme each month — [the Holy Name of Jesus in January, for instance](#). Today, many families are reviving this practice as part of the way they observe the liturgical calendar at home. By practicing monthly devotions, the core values of the faith will become more alive within your family. The beauty of monthly devotions is that there is no set way to celebrate. So, be creative, make it fun, and adapt your celebration to your own family.

Here are some ways to celebrate the popular devotion for August, the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### Talking with kids about the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means to recall the emotions of joy and sadness that Mary experienced in her own life. When you look at an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, you see a burning heart surrounded with a crown of thorns and pierced with a sword. The Immaculate Heart of Mary shows us that despite the sufferings of Jesus (crown of thorns), he loves all of us, regardless of our sins, and spilled his blood (the sword) in hope that we would join him in heaven. It is for this reason that despite the trials and sufferings of Jesus, Mary's heart still burns with love and devotion.

As the mother of Jesus, Mary experienced all of the same feelings that your own mother has for you. Whether you are happy or sad, your mother shares in your feelings (even if she doesn't tell you). The Bible tells us that "and his mother kept all these things in her heart" ([Lk 2:51](#)). We can share in Mary's emotions and constant love for Jesus by recalling the [mysteries of the rosary](#) and by praying the [seven sorrows](#).

### Feast Days & Memorials

*The following days can be connected to this month's devotion. Click to learn more.*

- 4 [St. John Vianney](#)
- 6 [Transfiguration](#)
- 11 [St. Philomena](#)



- 14 [St. Maximilian Kolbe](#)
- 15 [Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- 21 [St. Pius X](#)
- 22 [Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- 27 [St. Monica, The Seven Joys of Mary](#)
- 28 [St. Augustine of Hippo](#)
- 29 [Passion of St. John the Baptist](#)

### Bible Verse

*A take away for kids to memorize and/or include in their daily prayer.*

"His mother kept all these things in her heart." ([Lk 2:52](#))

### Prayer Prompts

*Questions to help propagate the faith with your children.*

- How can I bring joy to Mary by honoring Jesus and glorifying God?
- In what ways do my sins hurt Jesus and cause Mary to be sad?
- What sorrows have I brought upon my own mother that I can pray for?

### Live It

*Incorporate this month's devotion with the virtues of faith, hope and charity.*

### Faith

*Recite the following prayer as a family.*

The "Memorare" prayer is one that asks Mary for her to interceded for us that God might bestow the graces and blessings that we seek. The "Memorare" can be prayed whenever you wish, but is most commonly prayed following the conclusion of the rosary.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,  
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother;  
to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.  
Amen.

— ["Memorare" from The Catholic Family Book of Prayers](#)

### Hope

*Learn about God's infinite mercy.*

Did you know that the month of August occurs in what is called Ordinary Time? Ordinary Time lasts approximately 33 weeks of the liturgical year. The word "ordinary" does not mean it is an uninteresting time or that it is less important than other times of the year (such as Lent or Christmas). The word "ordinary" means "to order." It is during Ordinary Time that we are called to grow in our spiritual life in hope of becoming closer to God. The color green is worn during this time to symbolize growth and hope in the salvation promised by Jesus.

## **Immaculate Heart of Mary...**

### **Charity**

*Help the Church to grow within your own community.*

Many times we are called to pray for the well being and spiritual conversion of ourselves and of those close to us. On September 8, 1840, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Sister Justine Bisqueyburo in France.

Mary appeared to Sister Justine holding a green scapular in one hand and her Immaculate Heart in the other. Mary asked Sister Justine to spread devotion of the Immaculate Heart to others by distributing the green scapular.

The green scapular (recall earlier that green symbolizes hope and spiritual growth), contains an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary on one side and an image of the Immaculate Heart on the other. When using the scapular to invoke Mary's help, we are called to pray, "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death."

The church permits that we may wear the green scapular, give a scapular to someone, and/or place it in the vicinity of the person for whom we are praying. We simply need to pray what Mary had asked us to and have hope that our prayers will be answered by God.

For more information on the green scapular [visit the Society of the Green Scapular](#).

*For more information about monthly devotions, see the [Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy](#): #20, #32, #190-191 and the [Catholic Encyclopedia: Special Devotions for Months](#).*

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/the-immaculate-heart-of-mary-monthly-devotion-for-august/>

## ***PARISH SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE!***

Zoom web address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjltNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09>

Zoom Meeting ID 913 805 0856

Password 811195

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 noon Mass in Spanish

2:00 p.m. Adoration via Zoom

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:15 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

Mon: 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

Tues: 7:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

Wed: 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Confession by garage

6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

Thur: 7:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Confession by garage

6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

Fri: 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

Sat: 9:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Confession by garage

4:00 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

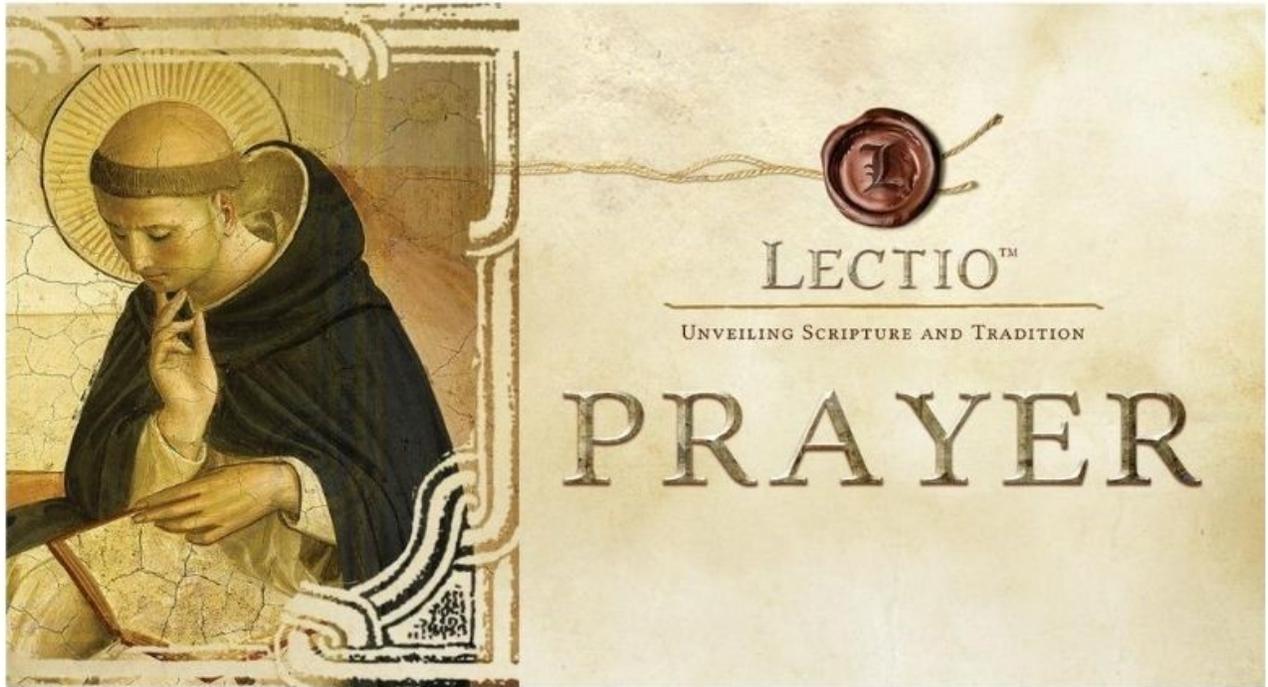
**\* Due to the recent spate of new cases of COVID-19 in Mendota, we will continue to celebrate the Mass outdoors, in the parish parking lot until at least August 30. We will reassess at that time to determine the viability of moving back inside the church for Mass.**

**"Just as in one man there is one soul and one body, yet many members; even so the Catholic Church is one body, having many members. The soul that quickens this body is the Holy Spirit; and therefore in the Creed after confessing our belief in the Holy Spirit, we are bid to believe in the Holy Catholic Church."**

**- St. Thomas Aquinas**

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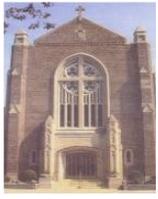


## Lectio: Prayer

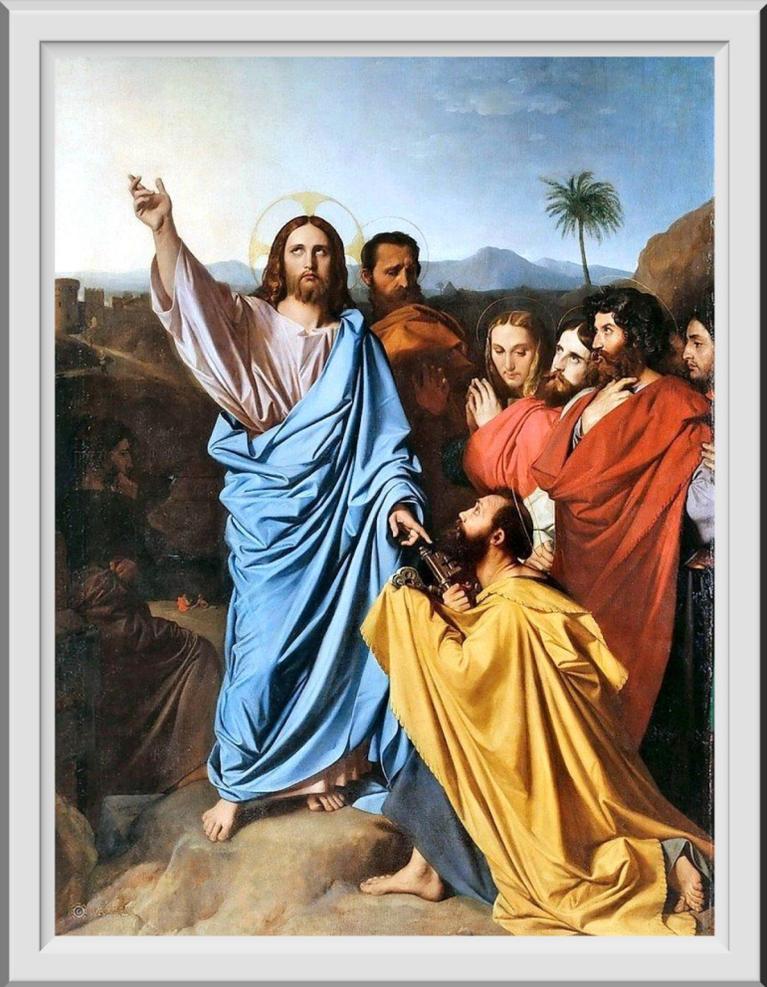
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# “..UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH..”



**J**ESUS ESTABLISHES A “CHURCH” upon the shoulders of the great fisherman in today’s Gospel. I put quotation marks around church because there are so many people in the world today who say “I don’t need a church. I have a relationship with Jesus and that is all I need.” There are also many people who have fallen so far away from God and his ways that they now consider themselves to have no religious association at all. The term “nones” has been applied to this segment of the world population.

Today’s Gospel passage is so important because it helps us to see and understand the futility of either of those stances. Those who reject Jesus, for a variety of reasons, reject the historical reality that there really was a man who walked throughout Israel and Judea and its surrounding environs healing the blind, the deaf, cripples, and driving demons from the possessed.

Our world today has gotten to the point where the reality of the demonic is simply scoffed at as something being no more than mere superstition. The devil and demons are very real, just as the forces of light are also real. Satan, the prince of the fallen angels never stops trying to get us to make poor decisions using our pride against us, just as he did with Adam and Eve. Just as there is a natural world and a natural order to the things we see, there is also a supernatural world and a supernatural order we do not see, where angels and demons dwell, as does our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Lord instilled a free will into each and every one of his creatures—no matter whether angels or humans.

So yes, it is very important that we know the circumstances surrounding the events in today’s Gospel. Jesus also promised that “**the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.**” The rest of the scripture tell us this Church is not a building built by human hands; rather, it is built of “living stones” (you and me) and is set in the world as a divine organization with Christ as the head, and in his place at the head of the visible Church in the world sits the man we identify as the pope. Pope—a Latin-Italian moniker that simply means “Papa” as an affectionate nickname.

What does it mean, this designating a person to have the keys to the entire kingdom? This is the same thing that was portrayed for us in the telling of Joseph, son of Israel, receiving the keys of the kingdom from Pharaoh (see Genesis chapter 41). Pharaoh made Joseph the chief steward, the prime minister of all his possessions. This is the same thing that Jesus did with Peter, except this assignation carried with it even more weight and authority than that which Joseph had known.

Jesus gave Peter the keys and told him “**Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**” In giving him the power to bind and loose, he was sharing his own divine power over the natural world and extending into the realm of the supernatural. This is why the apostles received the ability to forgive sins—something we know from previous homilies and studies that only God could do.

It is not enough to just have a relationship with Jesus. If we are truly his follower, his disciple, then we must also follow his other established teachings and practices. He gave the Church authority to bind and loose, to forgive and retain the sins of the people; he instilled within his Church the seven sacraments as a way for us to share more easily in the free gift of God’s grace; together with his brother bishops, our pope heads the magisterium to teach with the authority of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, to interpret Divine Scripture, and to exhibit the Apostolic and Sacred Traditions for the people of God all around the world.

# Holy Cross News of Note

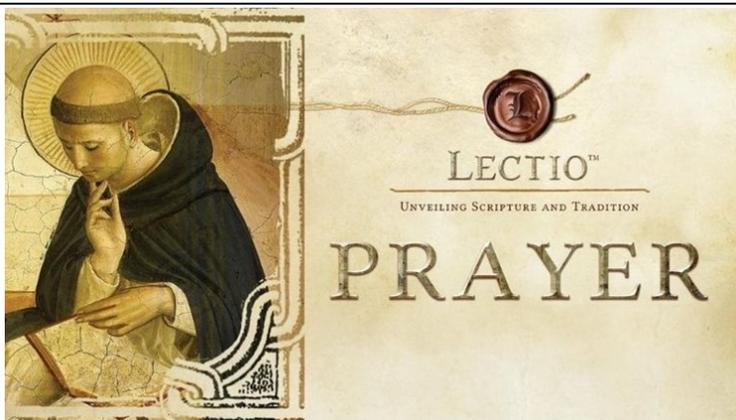


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*What can we recommend for this week?*



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## Catechism Corner

» What is Apostolic Tradition? «

THESE EXCERPTS ARE FROM THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CCC.

### † What is Apostolic Tradition?

Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity by means of preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations until the end of the world.

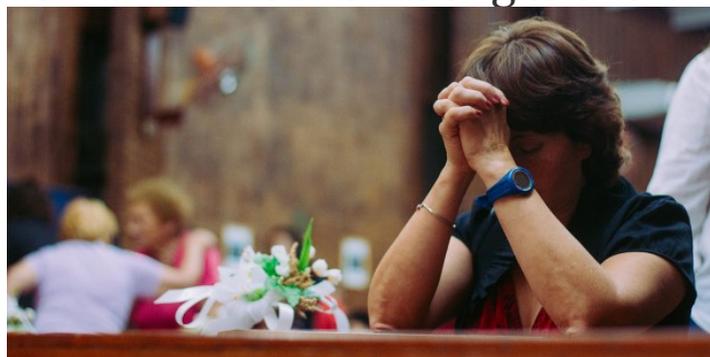
Further reading CCC ¶ [75-79, 83, 96-98]

### † In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur?

Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the live transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

Further reading CCC ¶ [76]

## Did you know Catholics have a small number of "obligations"?



[Philip Kosloski](#) | Aug 20, 2020

*The precepts of the Church lay out the bare minimum for what is required to lead a holy life.*

The Catholic Church is often viewed as a religious organization with all these rules to follow. However, in reality there are only a handful of *obligations*, which stipulate the bare minimum of what is required to lead a life united to Jesus Christ.

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## First Communion Date Set

We have set the First Communion dates for those students who were preparing in the 2019-2020 school year.

- ⊕ First Communion celebrated in English will be scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ⊕ First Communion celebrated in Spanish will be scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

As the church is still to be seated only according to social distancing, extra precautions will need to be put in place. Each student will have his/her own pew, and may only be able to share it with four additional people. It is suggested that parents, grandparents and/or godparents/padrinos attend—if social distancing can be maintained. Of course you may still have your family celebrations to honor the First Communicant, but we strongly urge only the immediate family attend the First Communion Mass.

All banners must be turned in **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>**. Remember to include the child's first and last names on the banner. The banners may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours, or left on the bench after hours.

One last note: Father Pilon will also be scheduling a Reconciliation Service and Rehearsal for the students near the end of this month.



## Religious Education

A meeting with all CCD parents/families to explain the new way we will be delivering lessons and catechesis to the families of our parish is being planned and will be announced very soon. A schedule is also currently being prepared and will be shared with everyone upon its completion.

*Please watch this space for more information to come!*

*Obligations (continued from previous page)*

These rules are called the *precepts of the Church* and are meant to be viewed as guideposts along the pathway to Heaven. They **help us keep focused on the end goal** and stay on the right path. Without them, we can easily wander aimlessly through life, not knowing where to go or what to do, hoping that we will reach the end.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, “The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to **guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor**” (CCC 2041).

The precepts lay out the minimum we need to follow. It's always possible to go **above and beyond the minimum** and the saints are examples of men and women who did exactly that by living “heroic virtue.” The saints weren't satisfied with only a passing grade, but wanted to excel and reach the top of the class.

At the same time, we should take care not to consider “obligatory” things that the Church herself does not. Virtue is found in obedience.

Here is a brief summary of each precept, giving you an idea of the very few obligations that Catholics are instruct-

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## Religious Education—Registration Form

*This information is held in confidence and is not shared without your permission.*

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade School Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the child received First Communion? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Does your child have any food allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

### Price Structure

1 Child	\$125
2 Children	\$200
3 or More Children	\$250

**If a child was not baptized at either Holy Cross Parish, or SS. Peter & Paul Parish, please obtain a Baptismal Certificate from the parish in which they were baptized and provide to Holy Cross Parish Office.**

Child resides with both parents? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Only \_\_\_\_\_ Father Only

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you be interested in helping in the religious education program?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ N

If "Yes," I would be interested in helping as a Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_

If filling out form outside of parish office, please complete and mail or drop off to:

Holy Cross Catholic Church  
 Attn: Brian Corrigan, DRE  
 1010 Jefferson Street  
 Mendota, IL. 61342



**Las Parroquias de  
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## Educación Religiosa—Forma de Registro

*Esta información es retenida en confidencia y no es compartida sin su permiso.*

Fecha de Hoy: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de Hijo(a): \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha de nacimiento: \_\_\_\_\_

Grado escolar: \_\_\_\_\_ Nombre de escuela: \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha de Bautismo: \_\_\_\_\_ Iglesia: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Recibió el niño(a) su Primera Comunión? \_\_\_\_\_ Sí \_\_\_\_\_ No

¿Su niño tiene alergias a los alimentos? \_\_\_\_\_ Sí \_\_\_\_\_ No

<b>Precio</b>	
1 Niño/a	\$125
2 Niños	\$200
3 o más Niños	\$250

**Si su hijo(a) no fue bautizado en las parroquias de Holy Cross o SS. Peter & Paul, por favor obtenga el certificado de bautizó de la parroquia en la cual fue bautizado y tráigala a la oficina de Holy Cross.**

¿El niño(a) vive con los dos papás? \_\_\_\_\_ Sí \_\_\_\_\_ Vive con Mamá \_\_\_\_\_ Vive con Papá

Nombre de Padre: \_\_\_\_\_ Religión: \_\_\_\_\_

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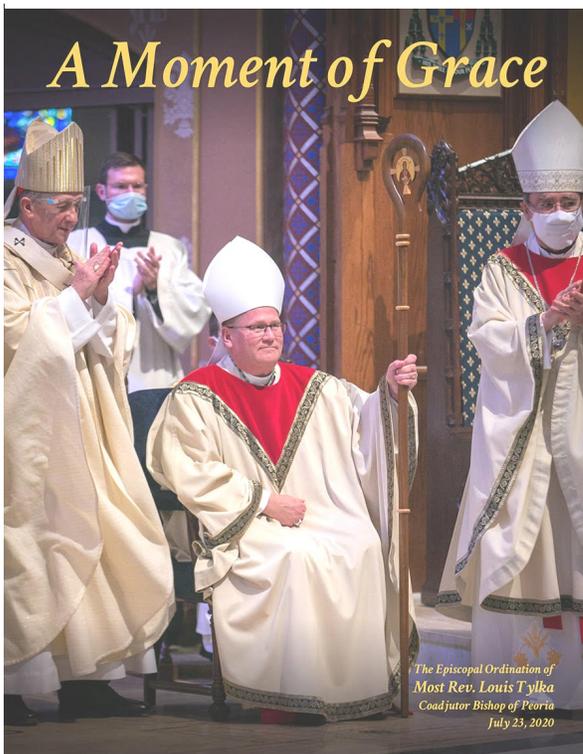
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## AN OPEN LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

### REGARDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

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**D**ear Parents of Holy Cross and Ss. Peter & Paul Parishes. The age of COVID-19 and the novel coronavirus has thrust us into a state of seemingly constant flux. To address this situation, primarily as regards the religious education of those students attending public school, we will necessarily have to change the way we transmit the faith to the children of the parish.

The Fourth Commandment says: **“Honor your father and mother; that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.”** We know from the Gospels that Jesus was obedient to Mary & Joseph, and that they cared for, and taught him everything they knew about growing in faith and righteousness as a human child of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states in paragraph 2223: **Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for *education in the virtues*. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery—the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the “material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones. Parents have a grace responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them:**

**He who love his son, will not spare the rod . . . He who disciplines his son will profit by him.**

(see Sirach 30:1-2)

**Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.** (see Ephesians 6:4)

The home is the natural environment for initiating a human being into solidarity and communal responsibilities. Parents should teach children to avoid the compromising and degrading influences which threaten human societies (CCC 2224).

*Education in the faith* by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God (Lumen Gentium 11). The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; It is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents (CCC 2226).

Our former model of using the Holy Cross School classrooms for weekly sessions will not be possible this year. Fortunately, there are alternative programs out there that will enable us to continue reaching and teaching our parish children. The model of religious education best-suited to our needs at this time is one of catechesis and faith formation for the whole family.

I would ask that you not be discouraged or apprehensive about this approach. Many parents will at first feel as though they are not equipped to teach their children in the faith, perhaps even going so far as to think they are unable to teach their children at all. Let me put those fears to rest by pointing out that you are constantly teaching your children. They learn more from their parents, guardians, and older family members than we realize—until we stop to consider how much of our own learned behavior and knowledge we have received at the hands of our own parents.

To take this even a step further I would like to offer the added assistance of the religious education teachers and staff. We will have monthly gatherings with parents to go over and inform of the upcoming topics. We will offer available assistance by means of websites, hand-outs, tutorials, etc., to enhance and fortify the arsenal parents will possess as relates to teaching the children.

While it is true that at this time we do not know which specific program we will go with, we can know that these steps will be the basic foundation on which we can build our new catechesis model.

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Coming with this new model will also be a fairly costly investment up front. For that reason it will be extra-critical that parents get their children registered for religious education. We will have to buy new books and materials to utilize along with the online/video/PowerPoint sources that will come with this new program.

Please use the registration form included with this bulletin and either return it via US Postal Service, or by dropping it off at the Parish Office. If you need to set up a payment plan, we can accommodate that as well. We have the options of setting payments up via automatic withdrawal from your bank account, or regular payments using your credit card information; and finally, we will accept a pledge to make payments of a specific amount at regular intervals. We want to be as flexible as possible so that no child need be left out as regards their religious education and formation in the faith. With this transition to a new model of RE, I will also try to make myself as available as I can to assist with any questions or challenges we may encounter.

I would also like to add one last piece of information regarding the over-all religious education goals and experience here at Holy Cross. For the past several years I have had a vision that I have tried to convey to the teachers and staff, and that is this: We must strive to help every student experience the power of the love of Jesus Christ, and come to a deeper and better understanding of what truly transpires during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I would continue that focus until we become a vibrant parish of engaged Mass-going Catholics who are ready, willing, and able to share the Gospel, that is, the Good News, of the promise of the salvation that Jesus Christ offers us. As Christians, our mandate is to be the salt and carry the light of Christ into the world—until He comes again. We were born to be saints!

Sincerely,



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## CONFESSION OFFERED

Confessions are held on Wednesdays from 12 p.m.—1 p.m. and on Thursday from 5 pm—6 pm in front of Father's garage.

**\*\*Confession will also be available on Saturdays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the garage.**

Please follow the signs as they will direct you.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OFFERED

If you would like to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Pilon will livestream this Exposition, using the same site as is used for streaming the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (see inside front cover for instructions).

**The Adoration is scheduled from 2:00—3:00 p.m. every Sunday.**

*\*Exposition will also be visible from Michigan Avenue, as well...*



## ...AND DIVINE MERCY

Father will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, following the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

These additional devotions will be every Sunday for the foreseeable future.

*Obligations (continued from page 9)*

ed to follow. They are not given to be oppressive, but to lead us to an eternity of peace and happiness.

**1** THE FIRST PRECEPT ('YOU SHALL ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION') REQUIRES THE FAITHFUL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION WHEN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER ON THE DAY COMMEMORATING THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.

**2** THE SECOND PRECEPT ('YOU SHALL CONFESS YOUR SINS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR') ENSURES PREPARATION FOR THE EUCHARIST BY THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, WHICH CONTINUES BAPTISM'S WORK OF CONVERSION AND FORGIVENESS.

**3** THE THIRD PRECEPT ('YOU SHALL HUMBLY RECEIVE YOUR CREATOR IN HOLY COMMUNION AT LEAST DURING THE EASTER SEASON') GUARANTEES AS A MINIMUM THE RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PASCHAL FEASTS, THE ORIGIN AND CENTER OF THE CHRISTIAN LITURGY.

**4** THE FOURTH PRECEPT ('YOU SHALL KEEP HOLY THE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION') COMPLETES THE SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BY PARTICIPATION IN THE PRINCIPAL LITURGICAL FEASTS WHICH HONOR THE MYSTERIES OF THE LORD, THE VIRGIN MARY, AND THE SAINTS.

**5** THE FIFTH PRECEPT ('YOU SHALL OBSERVE THE PRESCRIBED DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE') ENSURES THE TIMES OF ASCESIS AND PENANCE WHICH PREPARE US FOR THE LITURGICAL FEASTS; THEY HELP US ACQUIRE MASTERY OVER OUR INSTINCTS AND FREEDOM OF HEART.

Additionally, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities."



† Please pray for peace and healing for an elderly lady who has a severe back injury and is in intense pain. Pray also that she can find a surgeon to help her.

**Did You Know...**

A National Day of Prayer is being planned for Thursday, September 24th?



This is being planned based on a proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln, calling on all the faithful of this country to have a day of prayer, humiliation and fasting for the benefit of the country.

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