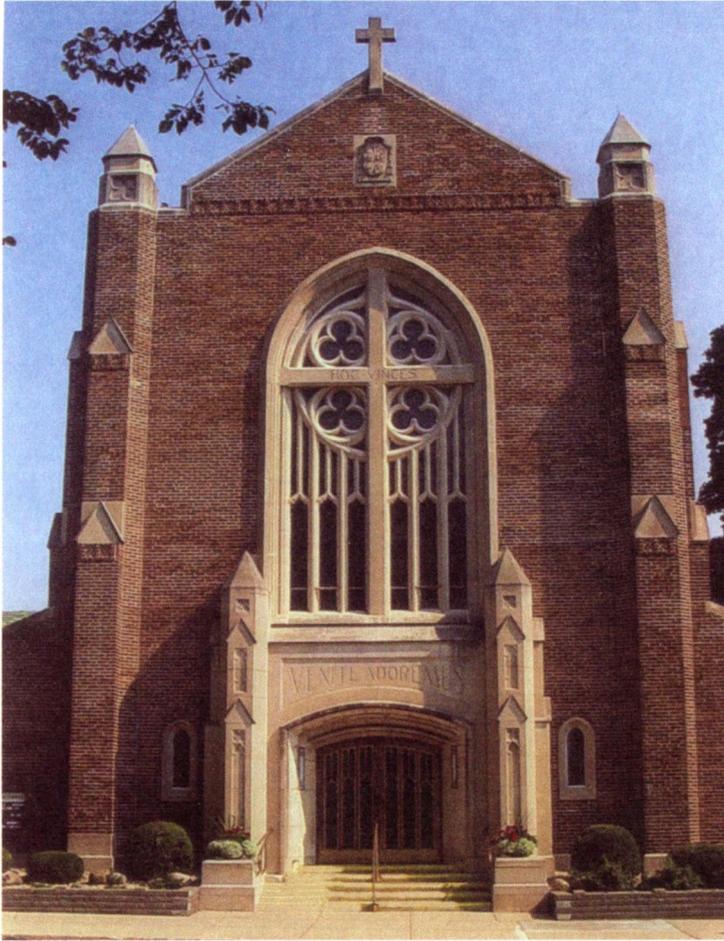


# Holy Cross Church

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**

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## **Administrative Assistant**

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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

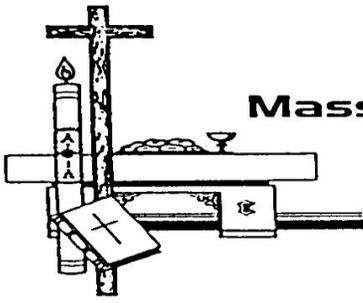


## *Holy Cross School*

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

815-539-7003

Principal - Anita Kobilsek



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, August 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

**Monday, August 31st**

8:00 a.m. +Laurence & Josephine Amfahr by Family

**Tuesday, September 1st**

7:00 a.m. +Ben Bokus by Bruce & Jan Full

**Wednesday, September 2nd**

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

**Thursday, September 3rd**

7:00 a.m. +Robert Kahl by Jan Kahl

**Friday, September 4th**

8:00 a.m. Bob Kurek by Tim & Lori McConville

**Saturday, September 5th**

4:00 p.m. +Capt. Thomas J. Heitmann  
by Tom & Mary Heitmann

**Sunday, September 6th**

9:00 a.m. +Irene Sondgeroth by Altar Society  
12:00 p.m. Leopoldo, Perfecto, María de Jesús, Eligio &  
Teresa Covarrubias by Familia

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE**

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
Saturday, October 3	Clare Fischer
Sunday, October 4	Rudy Arteaga

If you are interested in getting on the list of Lector's for the weekend Mass schedule, please contact the parish office, or

[briancorriganhcdre@gmail.com](mailto:briancorriganhcdre@gmail.com)



**WE'RE MOVING  
BACK INSIDE ON  
MONDAY**

The health of our community has improved to the point where we are once again able to move our worship back inside the church. Beginning on Monday, August 31st the 8:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated inside.

The Mass schedule will remain the same for the time being with Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Sunday Masses remain at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sunday.

The school Masses will begin after Labor Day and be held in the parking lot (weather permitting). Father will determine whether there will be 2 school Masses or 3. We will have more information regarding the school Masses in next week's bulletin.

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: [frpilon@holycrossmendota.com](mailto:frpilon@holycrossmendota.com)

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel**

*"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."*

~Saint Francis de Sales

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 22	1766	50.00	Andrew Carter
Sun. Aug 23	2767	50.00	Michael Guilfoyle
Mon. Aug 24	1453	100.00	Denise Bauer
Tue. Aug 25	506	50.00	Mark & Ellen Atherton
Wed. Aug 26	678	50.00	Courtney Rosales
Thur. Aug 27	1818	50.00	Grant Brunoehler
Fri. Aug 28	2343	50.00	Marty Lundgren

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Sunday	08/23/2020	\$3,579.49
School		35.00
Food Pantry		142.00
Youth Ministry		30.00
Assumption of the BVM		85.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,871.49</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:

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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 September is to The Seven Sorrows of Mary



By Brian Smith

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 September, the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

### Talking with kids about the Seven Sorrows of Mary

When you think of someone suffering, what do you think of? Do you think of someone who is sick, or a person without a food? These are what we call physical sufferings. Many of the saints suffered physically before they died. But there is another type of suffering too: spiritual suffering.

Aside from Jesus, no other person [has spiritually suffered](#) as much as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, called upon by God to bring Jesus into the world, witnessed all of the hurtful things that happened to Jesus. Mary knew that God had sent Jesus here to teach people to avoid sin and to work toward pleasing God. But because so many people rejected Jesus, Mary's immaculate heart grew weary and sad that people were rejecting God.

### The Seven Sorrows of Mary

The Prophecy of Simeon: [Lk 2:25-35](#)

The Flight of Jesus, Mary and Joseph into Egypt: [Mt 2:13-15](#)

The Loss of Jesus in the Temple: [Lk 2:41-52](#)

Mary meets Jesus on the Way of the Cross: [Lk 23:26-32](#)

Jesus dies on the Cross: [Jn 19:17-30](#)

Mary receives the Dead Body of Jesus: [Lk 23:50-56](#)

Jesus is placed in the Tomb: [Jn 19:38-42](#)

To this day, we continue to witness many things that add more pain to Mary's immaculate heart. We are all sinners and in God's eye, a sin is a sin no matter what the sin may be. Even if we think a certain type of sin might not

be "as bad" as another sin, all sins are displeasing to God and cause Mary's heart to weep for us today. Mary only wants us to grow closer to Jesus. We can do this by asking her to pray for us that, by the grace of God, we might be able to overcome our own temptations

### Feast Days & Memorials

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

- 8 [The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- 12 [The Most Holy Name of Mary](#)
- 14 [The Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#)
- 15 [Our Lady of Sorrows](#)
- 19 [St. Januarius](#)
- 21 [St. Matthew](#)
- 26 [Sts. Cosmas and Damian](#)
- 27 [St. Vincent de Paul](#)
- 28 [Sts. Lawrence Ruiz and companions](#)
- 29 [Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael the Archangels \(Michaelmas\)](#)

### Bible Verse

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

**"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house" ([Lk 2:49](#))?**

This verse, spoken by Jesus, tells us that although we may not see Jesus anywhere else, we can always find him present in the Church.

### Prayer prompts

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

- Which of Mary's sorrows do you think about the most?
- How have you displeased God through your sins
- How can you help other people grow closer to Jesus?

### Live It

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

### Faith

*Recite the following prayer as a family.*

The Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows is a prayer that recalls the grief that Mary experienced within her own life. Each sorrow is recalled followed by praying seven Hail Marys. This chaplet takes a bit longer to recite than a typical rosary. For detailed information and reflections, [click here to download the instructions](#).

For younger children, the chaplet may be condensed as you see fit. For example, each sorrow could be stated followed by one to three Hail Mary's'.

### Hope

*Learn about God's infinite mercy.*

In March of 1888 in Castelpetroso, Italy, Our Lady of

## **The Seven Sorrows of Mary...**

Sorrows appeared to two women. The women reported that they had seen a bright light coming from a rock. When they approached the light, they saw a vision of Our Lady of Sorrows.

As word of this apparition spread, many people, including skeptics, traveled to the site to decide for themselves if it were true. As many as 4,000 pilgrims testified to seeing Our Lady of Sorrows appear between 1888 and 1889. Many also reported seeing Mary as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Grace and Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. Some people reported that they saw Sts. Michael, Anthony and Sebastian alongside Our Lady.

In May of 1888, a spring appeared from the rock where the light had first been seen. When a young boy with tuberculosis visited the spring in November 1888, he was cured instantly. Since then, many people have believed that the water has healing powers, much like the waters of Lourdes, France.

Many members of the clergy, including bishops, investigated the apparitions and found them to be worthy of belief. In May of 1890, the bishop of Bojano, in union with Pope Paul VI, approved the building of the Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica.

### **Charity**

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

What do you and your family pray for? It is often easy to ask God for help in our own lives. As important as it is to pray and speak with God about our personal struggles, it is also essential to pray for those around us, even if we do not know them!

We can pray for other people whenever and wherever the moment strikes us. For example, pray when:

- An ambulance drives past you
- Someone is asking for money
- A person is seeking food or shelter
- Seeing a stranger cry
- Someone who seems to be stressed out

Whatever the case may be, there are opportunities around you every day to help those around you through your silent prayers. When you witness such an occasion, simply say:

*"Immaculate Mary, pray for this person, that God may bestow all the blessings and graces that they need."*

And then conclude with the Hail Mary.

*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](#)*

## **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

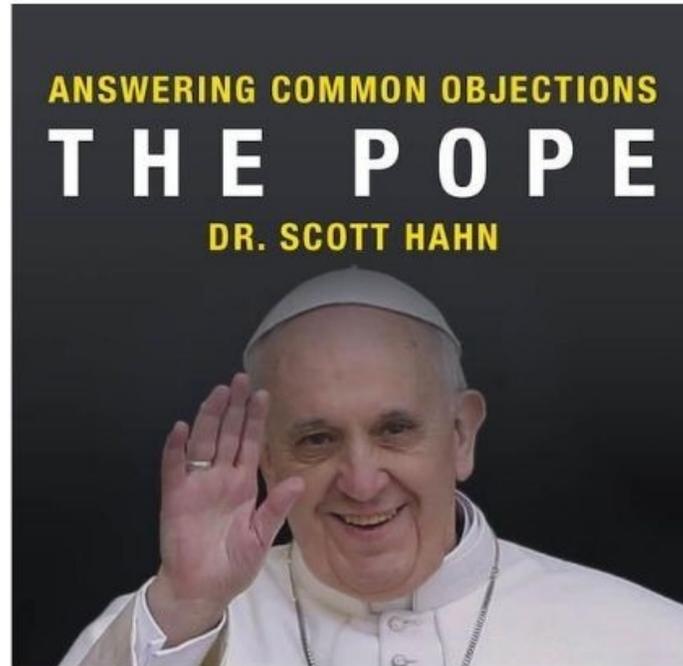
4:00 p.m. Mass

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.**

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PICK OF THE WEEK

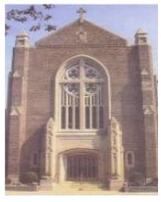


## The Pope

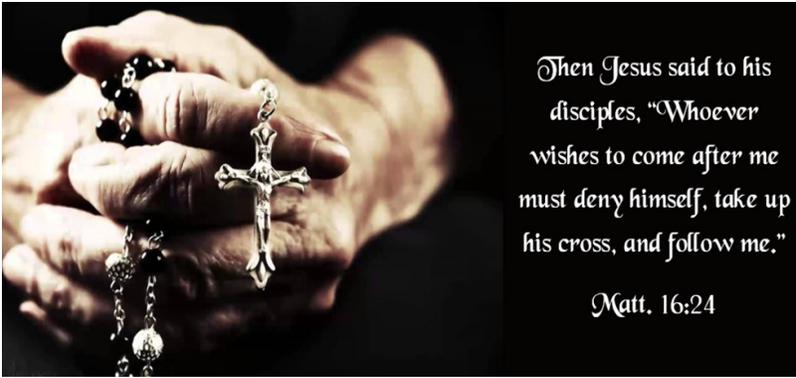
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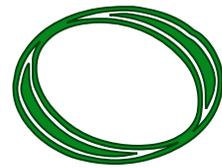


# REPENT AND CONVERT, IN MIND AND IN HEART IN INTELLECT AND IN WILL



Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matt. 16:24



**OUR WORLD SOMETIMES FEELS AS THOUGH IT IS SPINNING faster and faster** out of control. In today's readings we hear Jeremiah lamenting that he let himself be duped by God. To be duped is to be had, to be made a fool of.

Is being duped by God really being had? Especially letting oneself be duped by God? Creature is no match for Creator, no matter the contest or challenge. Jeremiah was second-guessing himself for accepting God's call to be his prophet. Jeremiah lived and prophesied some 600 years before the coming of the Christ. His work of prophesying was challenging to be sure, as those to whom he spoke the words of God were constantly going against the word of God. That made the job so much more difficult and Jeremiah was not afraid to let God know his displeasure with being called.

He seems to be saying to God, "Why oh why did I accept this job of yours? Would that these kings of yours obey your word!" This is a kind of image of the Suffering Servant that is so wonderfully illustrated in Isaiah's prophecies. It also sets the table, in a sense, for today's Gospel.

Let's remember that just last week we heard Jesus give Simon the new name of Peter, and give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. So shortly after that episode Jesus is calling Peter Satan. What gives? Why the quick turn? What else does Jesus say to Peter besides calling him Satan? Jesus tells him, **"You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."** The word used here in the original Greek text for obstacle is skandalon ([σκάνδαλον] from which we get the more familiar word, scandal) and connotes for the first-century Christians a stumbling block, or stone.

So just a short time before, Simon was called Petros, and now he is skandalon. He's gone from being a foundation stone upon which the Church would be built to a stumbling stone that would trip someone up and be a hindrance to completing the task at hand. By telling him that he is thinking not as God does, but as human beings do, he is letting him know that he'd better get on the right side of things.

This is also the signal for us to get on board. Jesus has said that not everyone will get into heaven, that the gate is small, the road narrow, that leads to heaven, while the road to hell would be a veritable expressway. If we are concerned about living faithfully as disciples of Jesus Christ, then what can we do to make sure we are trying to be on "Team Jesus" and living with an eye toward eternity?

**"The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder . . . What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection."**

— St. Padre Pio

Doesn't it stand to reason that having a rich prayer life would be an excellent first step? This world of ours will one day pass away, but the eternal heaven will remain. Praying is the best way for us to communicate with God; what is on our minds, our hearts, what's weighing us down, and what is buoying us up. Dig into the Psalms and the Book of Proverbs. Scripture tells us that fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. These two books alone can cover virtually every human emotion and condition.

I have an app on my phone called iBreviary (get it from Google Play or the Apple Store) that has not only the Breviary, as the name would suggest, but also the Missal, the daily readings, plus various prayers and rites. The Breviary is where you find the Liturgy of the Hours, which is the great prayer of the Church that is second only to the Mass as having pride of place in the prayer life of the Christian Church. I open up the app on my phone almost every morning—nobody's perfect—and try to dedicate my day to God. It has been a tremendous boon to my daily prayer life and my spiritual progress.

I also use the parish's Formed.org subscription and pray the rosary nearly every night (did I mention nobody is perfect?) with Vin Scully. Those of you who are a little more seasoned will remember not only the name, but also the deep melodious voice that called LA Dodgers games for a whopping 67 years! The point of all of this is to urge you to take ownership of your eternal soul in this life, and to go deeper in your relationship with our Blessed Lord. And pray for our world and our country while you're at it!

August 30, 2020

# Holy Cross News of Note

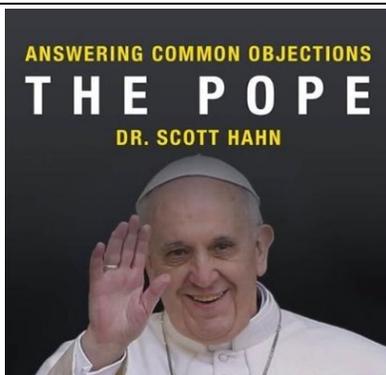


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*What can we recommend for this week?*



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## Catechism Corner

» Tradition vs. Sacred Scripture (i.e. the Bible «  
*THESE EXCERPTS ARE FROM THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CCC.*

† *What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?*

Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

Further reading CCC ¶ [80-82, 97]

† *To whom is the deposit of faith entrusted?*

The Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the whole Church. Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith the people of God as a whole, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Magisterium of the Church, never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine revelation.

Further reading CCC ¶ [84, 91, 94, 99]

## HCS NEWS!

### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

I am happy to say that it looks like we are ready to return to in-class learning on Monday, August 31, 2020. On August 31st, Grades 1—8 will dismiss beginning at 11:30 through 11:45. Please park facing east. Please be patient as we have to wait for all students to exit the building. Cars will be dismissed to the east by a staff member after all students are in their cars. Anyone out of their car must have a facemask on.

I recently learned that gaiter neck, face, and head coverings are not recommended, and will not be allowed [to be worn]. Masks [only] are to be worn.

In the morning, all arrivals will begin at 7:40 a.m. in the parking lot. Temperatures will be taken and symptom questions will be asked while your kids are in the vehicle. Please make sure that besides the mask on their face, they have two masks in their book bag. Please be (cont'd)





## 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.

patient, as the first day of firsts will take longer. Anyone exiting the vehicle on school/church property must have their mask on. Students will enter the building, use hand sanitizer, and proceed to their homeroom.

We will not provide hot lunch until further notice. Students will need to bring a cold lunch beginning Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Anyone with peanuts or peanut products will need to sit at the peanut tables. We would prefer that if you use a substitute to peanut butter (ex. Sunflower butter), write a note and put it in your child's lunchbox. We will not be selling milk at this time.

The Kindergarten students will come to school on Monday, August 31st by appointment to meet the teacher and to bring in school supplies. Please park in the front of the school and use the front door. We will take your temperature at the front door.

As always, we will all have questions as we move through our new procedures. Please contact your child's teacher or call the school office as we work through the many questions.

By the grace of God, we will teach and learn to the best of our ability.

The following revisions are to the "Reopening Schools Diocesan Plan." Please take time and read through the following information:

### [ISOLATION PROTOCOL](#) (revised 08.22.20)

If any student, employee or volunteer is COVID19 positive, principals will immediately contact the Superintendent of Schools. While every situation is unique, the following steps will likely be implemented:

1. The student, employee (or volunteer) will be sent home and monitored for ongoing symptoms, as described above, quarantined for 10 days from the start of symptoms.
2. The Superintendent will create a notification letter for the principal to send out parents and employees, as deemed necessary. Note: it is essential that the privacy of the effected student or employee be protected. Principals should not disclose the specific identity of the infected individual to parents or any employees who do not need to know.
3. The student or employee's classroom/work area will be thoroughly cleaned. Windows in the area will be opened to maximize airflow.
4. The principal will carefully monitor the health of students and teachers who are part of the infected individual's cohort (in the high school, the entire school population). Principals will contact the Superintendent of Schools for further instructions before initiating an entire Cohort or School Self-Quarantine.

5. If an entire Cohort or School is placed into self-quarantine, the Superintendent of Schools will create a notification letter for the principal with the goal of notifying families and employees of the cohort or school closure.
6. The principal will work with the Superintendent of Schools to decide if and when some or all of the cohort members or entire school can return to school.
7. Students will be allowed to complete and submit academic work via remote learning while self-quarantined.
8. Before a COVID19 positive student or employee is allowed back into the school, the physician or pediatrician should provide a statement that clears the student or employee to return to in-class instruction or to work. Employees should not have a negative test to return to school. A clearance letter is sufficient, as the molecular tests can remain positive for quite some time even after the person is no longer infectious.

#### **EXPOSURE TO A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS COVID19 POSITIVE**

Any student or faculty/staff member, with a family member who has tested COVID19 positive, will be sent home and required to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last time of exposure to the positive person. If you cannot isolate from that person while living with them, then you must quarantine for up to 24 days (the 10 days of symptoms plus the 14 days from the last day of exposure....EXCEPTION: if you get sick or test positive for COVID yourself, then you have a 10 day quarantine from the day you get sick or have a positive COVID test.) This requirement includes all students or members of the affected family member who are at the school, regardless of whether or not they, themselves, have tested negative. The student (s) will be allowed to complete and submit academic work via remote learning.

#### **FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID19**

This area is very challenging. With the fall season upon us, allergies, seasonal infections, and the not-so distant influenza season will have similar symptoms to COVID19. Therefore, the latest guidance from OCS' advisory group, IDPH, and CDC is that if a student wakes up in the morning with a new or disconcerting symptom, the parents will contact the pediatrician or primary care physician and discuss these symptoms with them, especially if the family has been traveling in or out of state and have been exposed to someone

who is suspected of or who has tested positive for COVID19.

If a student or employee has symptoms, they will be sent home from school.

That guidance includes all members of the same family who are in the school, as we know that the family unit is the highest source of exposure.

A student or employee will need to provide a clearance letter in order to return to in-class instruction or work.

#### **PENDING TESTS FOR COVID19**

Students and employees who are sent home, or who are home and have pending COVID19 tests, must continue to self-quarantine until they have received the results of the COVID19 test and are cleared to return to school or work. This guidance is simply given to limit, to the best of our ability, the risk of spreading the virus for the good of all. Pending tests should include all family members; so if you have one child out pending a COVID test, then all other children/parents in the school must also remain away from school.

Any parent who chooses NOT to get a COVID19 test for themselves or for their child(ren), and are displaying symptoms of the virus or have been exposed, will be asked to self-quarantine for 10 days. A clearance letter must be provided in order to return to in-class instruction.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MENDOTA COUNCIL 2090 MONTHLY MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

All Knights are invited and encouraged to join in at the regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m.**

For the time being we are meeting in the parish parking lot near Father's garage. Please bring your own lawn chair to sit on.

The evenings have been absolutely beautiful this summer, so if you are a Knight of Columbus, why not make one of these beautiful evenings productive by attending a Council meeting.

**DEAR GOD,  
THANK YOU FOR TODAY,  
YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW;  
MY FAMILY, MY JOYS, MY SORROWS;  
FOR ALL THAT MADE ME STRONGER.  
AMEN.**



## How to argue like a Christian



[Tom Hoopes](#) | Aug 23, 2020

*Are you following these 7 rules?*

We live in an angry, combative age. Our very [language of disagreement](#) feeds the unrest. People feel furious, misunderstood, and helpless.

What's a Christian to do? We who have been commanded to love our enemies and to spread the Gospel need to be above the fray. Herewith, some dialogue rules for Catholics.

### **Rule 1: Don't give up on anyone.**

A friend recently read *The Church and Racism* by the Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace and was struck by how the document denounced *racism* in no uncertain terms, but refused to condemn *racists*.

It would denounce racist acts “even to those who are responsible for them,” the document said, but “also seeks to understand how these people could have reached that point. [The Church] would like to help them find a reasonable way out of the impasse in which they find themselves.”

The Church refuses to “cancel” anyone — and neither should we. Instead:

### **Rule 2: Win souls, not arguments.**

Remember what St. Paul [said](#): “I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.”

He refused to dilute the Gospel, but everything else is up for grabs. He would sacrifice any privilege he had and follow whatever custom his audience was comfortable with if it will help them listen. He didn't want to advance his personal preferences; he wanted to advance Christ's.

### **Rule 3: Break out of your bubble.**

It is a sad fact of 21st-century society that we tend to limit ourselves to whichever voices in the media reinforce our own views — joining a two-sided “us vs. them” battle. A wise man who worked in policy for many years in Washington, D.C., once gave me invaluable advice: “Read your allies with a critical eye, but read your opponents with an open mind.”

When you do this you almost always find that your political “enemies” are not that different from you, and that “your side” needs to rethink some things.

St. John Paul was a master of this. For instance: In the sexual revolution, he didn't denounce sex — he saw what the Church had neglected and created the Theology of the Body. And, seeing the communists' concern for this world instead of the next, he said, in their “Victory Square,” “Let the Spirit descend and renew the face of the earth. This earth.”

### **Rule 4: Admit when you are wrong.**

Ironically, you often can't win an argument unless you admit you're wrong.

The human tendency is to dig in and get defensive. But if you do that, you lose not only the argument but your credibility also. Nobody listens to a person who is stubbornly wrong. If you want others to admit when you're right, you have to admit when you're wrong. We practice this with our kids. When a disputed point is resolved, the person who turns out to be wrong — even dad (*especially* dad) — has to say, “You were right and I was wrong.”

It is really hard to do at first. It gets much easier with practice.

### **Rule 5: Find a way for your opponent to save face.**

You aren't the only one who finds it hard to admit when you're wrong. Your opponent does, too. So you have to give your opponent a way to save face.

If you have backed an opponent into a place where they have to admit utter defeat and ignorance, you have made it humanly impossible for them to lose. Instead, help them find a way to have self-respect, freedom *and* the truth. One way to do so:

### **Rule 6: Build a positive case.**

Learn how to say what you are *for*, not just what you are *against* — again, like St. John Paul.

His *Gospel of Life* is about building the “culture of life” more than criticizing the “culture of death.” *The Splendor of Truth* isn't about condemning heresy, but about the beauty of moral coherence.

The faith spreads when people see it as a way to happiness, not as a way to moral superiority.

### **Rule 7: In Sum — Love your opponent.**

Love has an unmatched power to build trust and clear obstacles. The more you love your opponent, the more likely you can win them over.

But you can't fake love.

There are always two ways to approach your opponent: You can define them by their worst tendencies, or see and love what is best in them.

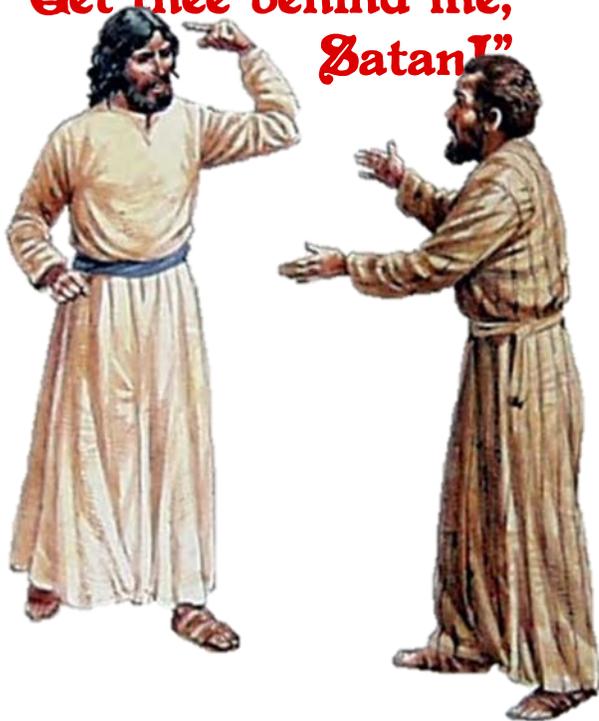
The first way leads to binary partisanship, divorce, the cancel culture, and makes dialogue impossible. The second way leads to reform, unity, constructive discussion, the culture of encounter, and evangelization. Choose the way of love.



## WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:

While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

**“Get thee behind me,  
Satan!”**



*When Peter tries to deny the Lord his passion—“God forbid that such a thing ever happen to you!”—the Lord rebukes him. Why? Because Christ’s death on the cross would fulfill the “good and pleasing and perfect” will of the Father for our salvation. In union with Jesus, we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. And no matter how much our sharing in Christ’s cross may make us an object of the world’s laughter and mockery, the love of God is like a fire burning in our heart. “True glory is the glory of love because that is the only kind that gives life to the world” (Pope Francis). It is the life-giving glory of love which Christ reveals on the cross.*

Join the National Day of Prayer & Fasting on September 24



## Save the Date!

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.

When you read the text of this proclamation you will clearly see the relevance for recalling this action in our country today.

When you read the text of this proclamation (below) you will clearly see the relevance of calling for this action in our country today. Click on the link for more information:

<https://www.actsxxix.org/national-day-prayer-fasting>

## A Proclamation.

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation.

And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th. day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty seventh.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln  
William H. Seward, Secretary of State.



# Religious Education

Parents, students, and families who participate in the parish's religious education program for those students who attend our community's public schools. Please know that I am aware of the many questions arising about when our CCD program will start and what it will entail.

I can tell you that we are going to a platform that will involve the parents' as the primary teacher of their children. There is no reason to get nervous about it, thinking you don't feel qualified to take on that role. We will furnish you

with the information you will need, and will ask that you lead your child(ren) by ensuring that they keep up with their school work, including the religious education assignments each week.

We will continue to use the same texts and curriculum that we have been using for the past several years (*Faith & Life Published by Ignatius Press*). This should allow for a smoother transition to the online classwork since the teachers are already familiar with the curriculum.

We will still have dedicated teachers at each grade level, but will have to do all of our class work online, as we will not be using the Holy Cross School building at all this year. I expect to have more information to share with everyone next week, as well as a date to host a meeting with all of our CCD parents/families.

Brian Corrigan, DRE

## 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.**

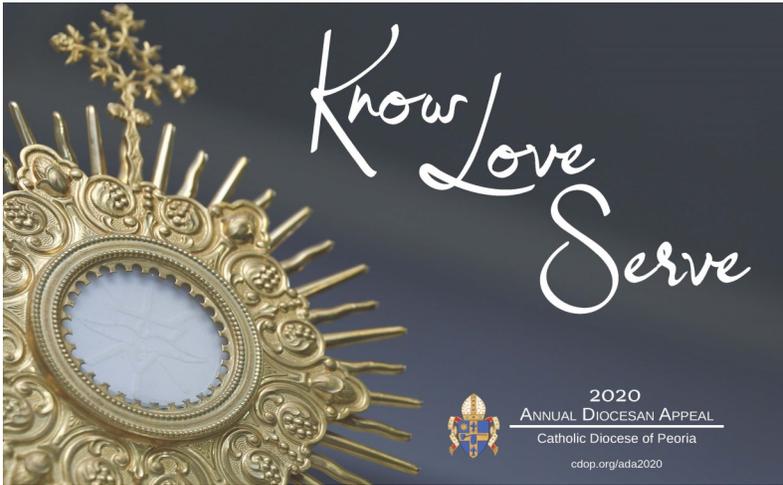
*\*Exposition will also be visible from Michigan Avenue, as well...*



## ...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.



The Diocese of Peoria is made up of 156 parishes and over 55,000 registered Catholic families. There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we, as a single parish, cannot. Catechetical training for schools and CCD teachers, recruitment and training of priests, medical care for retired priests, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, administration of many of the details of parish finances... these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, make it possible to provide these services.

## How to find time for prayer in a busy schedule

[Philip Kosloski](#) | Aug 16, 2020

*This simple principle will revolutionize your prayer life and give you more time for prayer each day.*

**W**e all live busy and hectic lives. Juggling work and family obligations is not easy, and unfortunately the first thing to get lost is too often our daily prayer.

We often have good intentions and want to pray on a daily basis, but putting that desire into action is difficult.

The good news is that **there is a simple secret that unlocks a daily habit of prayer.**

Author Jim Beckman, in his book *God, Help Me: How to Grow in Prayer*, observed a key principle in finding time for prayer.

***The way we spend our time tends to reveal what we place value on. One author I read on this topic observed with amusement that no one ever died of hunger because of not having time to eat. There are things we do with our time every day, and if we track our activity, we'll see what is truly important to us. If prayer is something we place value on, we'll make time for it.***

If we truly value prayer, we will make room in our daily schedule.

One way to do this is to **make prayer a priority and schedule it first.** For example, when you look at your day, instead of thinking of all the things you need to do, first ask yourself, "When can I pray today?"

Then you can work backwards and schedule in everything else. It is a simple principle, but one that we don't always like to follow.

**Ask yourself right now, "Is prayer a priority in my life?" If it is, then it should be reflected in your daily schedule.**



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