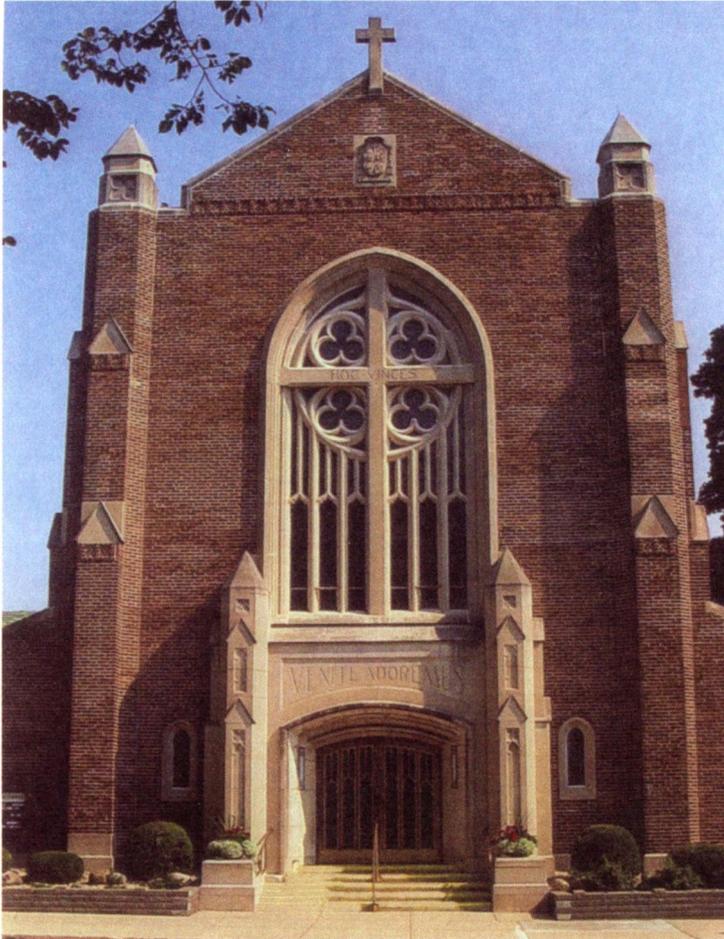


# Holy Cross Church

Catholic Diocese of Peoria  
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## **Pastor**

Fr. Peter A. Pilon

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Deacon Ray Fischer

Deacon Jose Lopez

Deacon Hector Diaz

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Brian R. Corrigan

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## **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

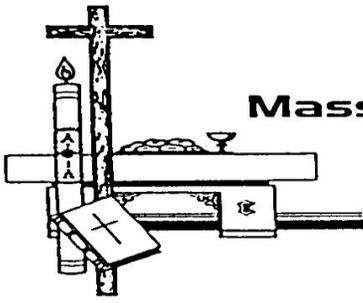


## *Holy Cross School*

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

815-539-7003

Principal - Anita Kobilsek



## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, 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

### **Monday, September 7th**

8:00 a.m. +Joe McNally by Frank & Anita Kobilsek

### **Tuesday, September 8th**

7:00 a.m. +Jean Joerger by Mike & Barbara Bokus

### **Wednesday, September 9th**

8:00 a.m. +Mary Jo Leonard by Tom & Mary Heitmann

### **Thursday, September 10th**

7:00 a.m. +Paul & Margaret Joerger by Family

### **Friday, September 11th**

8:00 a.m. Mark Harris by Jan Kahl

### **Saturday, September 12th**

4:00 p.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Francis Ege  
by Bob & Rose Ann Saylor

### **Sunday, September 13th**

9:00 a.m. +Dorothy Hochstatter  
by Joe & Alicia Hochstatter  
12:00 p.m. For the People/Para la gente

## LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12	Nancy Goble
Sunday, September 13	Rudy Arteaga
Saturday, September 19	Clare Fischer
Sunday, September 20	Volunteer
Saturday, September 26	Nancy Goble
Sunday, September 27	Brian Corrigan
Saturday, October 3	Clare Fischer
Sunday, October 4	Rudy Arteaga
Saturday, October 10	Volunteer
Sunday, October 11	Nancy Goble

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 BACK INSIDE!

The Mass schedule will remain the same for the time being with Monday, Wednesday and Friday Masses at 8:00 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 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 September 15th, and will be scheduled as follows: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. The only persons permitted to attend the school Mass will be the HCS students, teachers, and staff.**

**This is a directive from the Diocesan Office of the Vicar General and the Office of Catholic Schools.**

The Mass will continue to be livestreamed via the Zoom connection we have been using. The Sunday Masses, including the Saturday Vigil Mass will continue to be broadcast to the parking lot via the loudspeaker system. 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel**

*“I hunger for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ ...; I long to drink of his blood, the gift of unending love.”*

*~Saint Ignatius of Antioch*

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 29	1172	50.00	Bruce Walter
Sun. Aug 30	3222	50.00	Calvin Barnhart
Mon. Aug 31	699	100.00	Chad & Jill Wujek
Tue. Sep 1	411	50.00	Kim Hight
Wed. Sep 2	87	50.00	Kristi Koch
Thur. Sep 3	3473	50.00	Jared Schroeder
Fri. Sep 4	265	50.00	Andrew Belan

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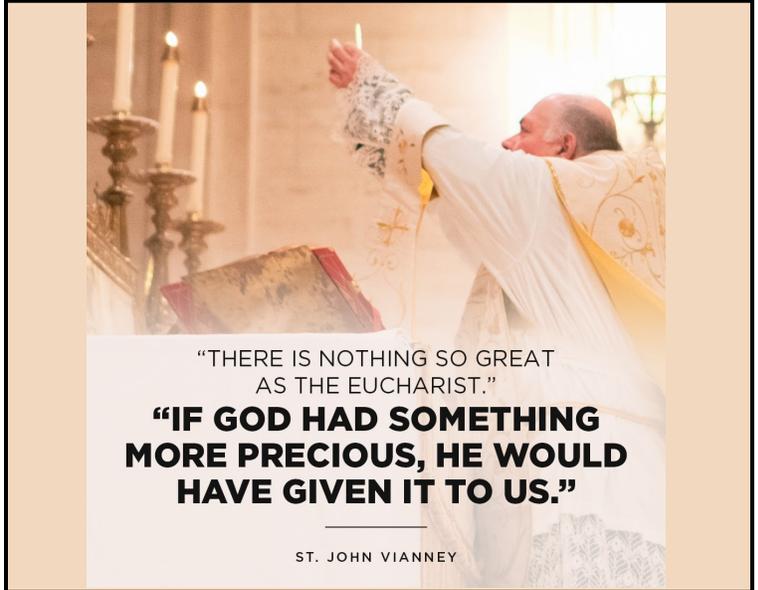
Dan Hochstatter - Brett Hochstatter



**THE SUNDAY COLLECTION**

	<b>For the Week of</b>	
Sunday	08/30/2020	\$2,999.00
School		10.00
Food Pantry		145.00
Assumption of the BVM		5.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,159.00</b>

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



**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

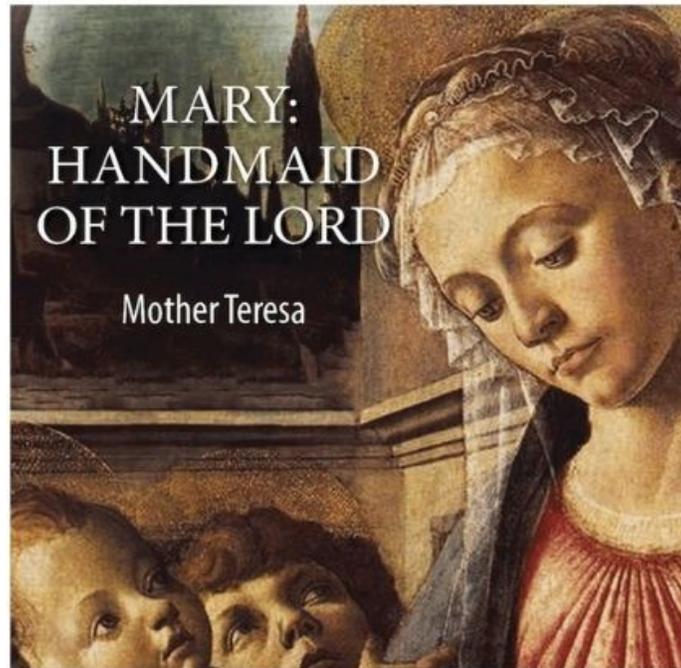
6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru

*I do apologize for any confusion regarding the indoor/outdoor information as regards our Masses. It has been challenging, to say the least, to keep up with our seemingly ever-changing circumstances vis-à-vis COVID-19.*

*-Brian Corrigan*

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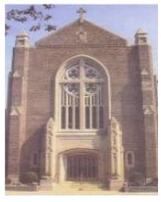


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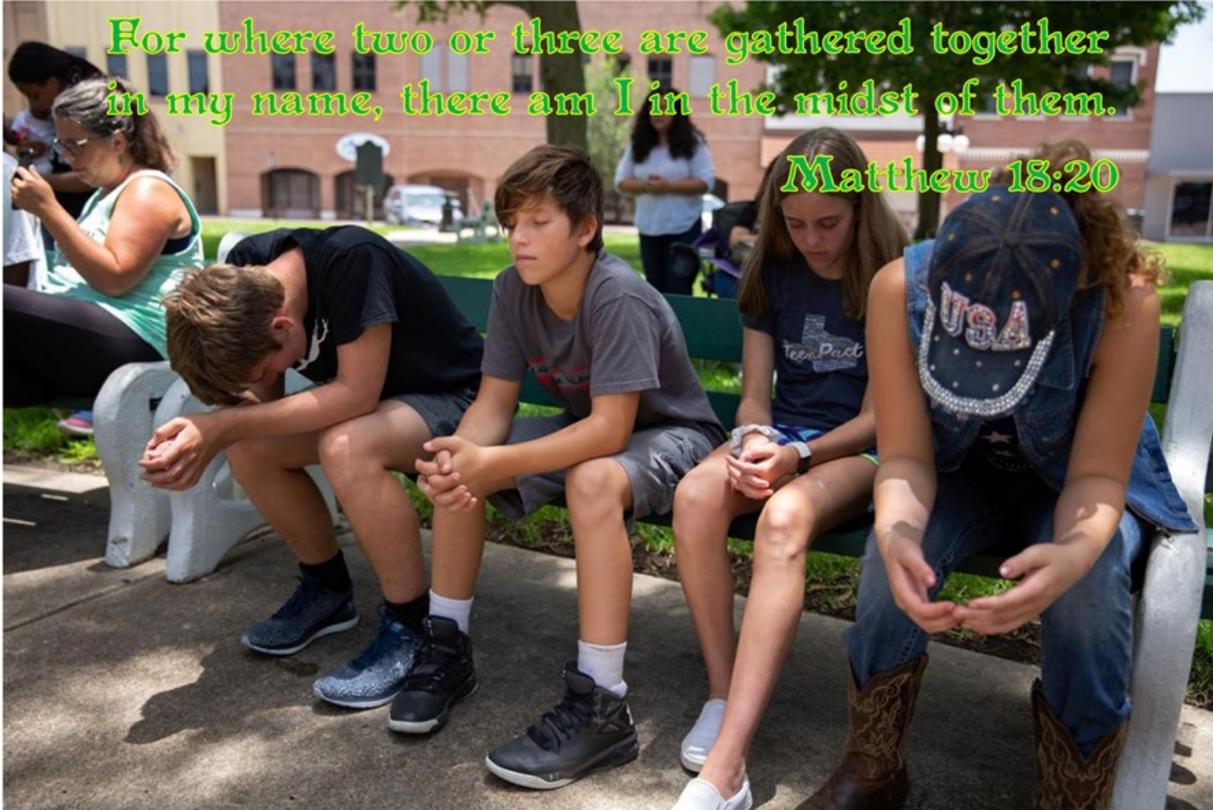
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# “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20



not work, we should expect a higher authority to step in and give judgment to go with the correction. Of course, this is all according to Christian law and morals, not civil. Just consider the peace and beauty the world would know if everyone followed the ways of the Lord. Here Jesus gives the other apostles a share in the same

power to bind and loose that he had given Peter shortly before.

Friends, if we can just begin to unite *in Christ*, then we will necessarily begin to see more charity in the world around us—and remember, the word charity comes to us from the Latin *Caritas* meaning love.

Society today looks upon charity as a kind of welfare, but the deeper meaning of the word is one of concern for the well-being of the other. That is what is meant by Christian love.

Being united in Christ is what Jesus was talk-

ing about when he said, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Ezekiel was tasked with the correction of God’s chosen people in just the same way as described by Jesus in the Gospel. It is quite clear that if we are following Christ, then we must be willing to offer and to accept correction in love. None of us is perfect, and we must keep that in mind as well if offering correction.

To grow in the way of holiness is to humbly accept the small flaws and tics of character that can unsettle us; we should remember that we have them too (remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye—see Matthew 7:5).

This is precisely what Paul is talking about when he says, “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

**S**AIN'T PAUL'S MESSAGE TO THE ROMANS taken from today's section of the letter is the essence of all of today's readings. At first glance, you might detect a theme of correction—correcting a brother or a friend when they are falling into sinful ways.

However, the deeper theme is one of love, that is, divine love. We know that “*God is love*” (1 John 4:8). Therefore if God is love and Jesus is God, then Jesus teaches us pure, divine love. He is, in these verses today, teaching us how we must correct each other—I say each other, rather than correct a brother because each other implies we must also accept correction. The first method allows the individual to “save face” by being given correction in private.

If we are not willing to accept correction in that way, we should expect to have the issue revisited with additional friends/family as witnesses. Finally, if that does

# Holy Cross News of Note

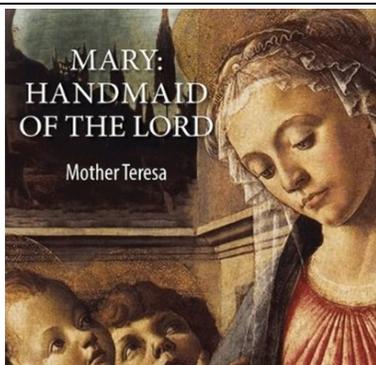


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*What can we recommend for this week?*



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## ☪ Catechism Corner ☪

» What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium? «

*THESE EXCERPTS ARE FROM THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CCC.*

† *To whom is given the task of authentically interpreting the deposit of faith?*

The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the deposit of faith has been entrusted to living teaching office of the Church alone, that is, to the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, and to the bishops in communion with him. To this Magisterium, which in the service of the Word of God enjoys the certain charism of truth, belongs also the task of defining dogmas which are formulations of the truths contained in divine Revelation. This authority of the Magisterium also extends to those truths necessarily connected with Revelation.

Further reading CCC ¶ [85-90, 100]

† *What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium?*

Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium are so closely united with each other that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.

Further reading CCC ¶ [95]



## Reconciliation for First Communion On Saturday,

*September 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Father Pilon will be hearing the confessions of those children who are making their First Holy Communion this month. Please come to the HCS parking lot and be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare to receive the Blessed Sacrament.*



## First Communion Date Set

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

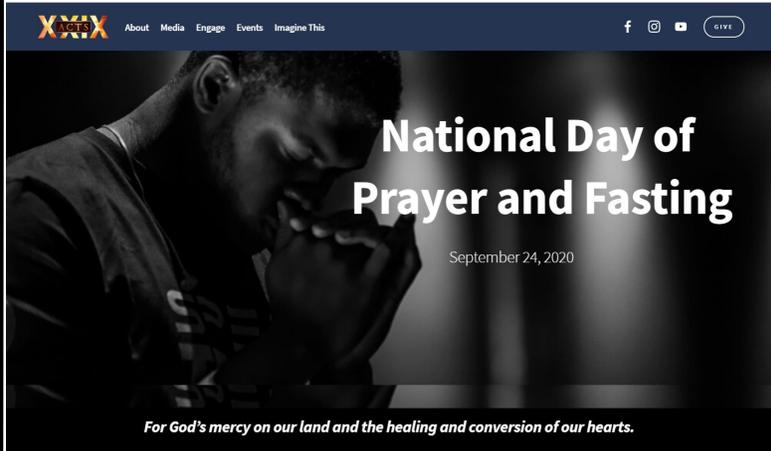
- ⊕ **First Communion celebrated in English will be scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- ⊕ **First Communion celebrated in Spanish will be scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

**Please be sure your child's banner has been turned in to the parish office.** 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.

Join the National Day of Prayer & Fasting on September 24



## Save the Date!

A National Day of Prayer is being planned for **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**?

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 of calling for this action in our country today. Click on the link for more information:

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

Our country is in a very bad place right now with the union of states splintering more and more every day. People are being less civil toward one another, and we are clearly losing our way. This is not the way of the Christian. Christ calls us to union with Him, and if we would be His disciples then it is critical that we bring His LOVE back into the world.

We are planning a day of prayer and fasting, including Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please make a plan to join us for at least some portion of the scheduled prayers—even if you are unable to join us physically and commit to praying at home, work, or school—and for the good of the country!

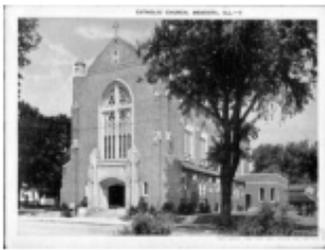
## WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:

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.



## Religious Education

IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN FOR THE PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM, PLEASE TURN IN A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM (ONE FOR EACH CHILD, PLEASE), OR COME TO THE PARISH OFFICE AND PICK ONE UP. SINCE OUR CLASSES WILL ALL BE DONE REMOTELY (ONLINE), IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE GET STUDENTS REGISTERED IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO USE THE PLATFORM SITES FOR THE CLASSES. A SCHEDULE WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON...



The Parishes of  
**Holy Cross, Mendota**  
 and **SS. Peter & Paul, Peterstown**  
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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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**¿Le interesa ayudar al programa de educación religiosa?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sí \_\_\_\_\_ No

Si "Si" me gustaría ayudar en forma de Maestro(a): \_\_\_\_\_ Asistente de Maestro(a): \_\_\_\_\_

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Si llena esta forma fuera de la oficina parroquial, por favor envíe o deje en la oficina de: Holy Cross Catholic Church  
Attn: Brian Corrigan, DRE  
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## IT'S TIME TO GET INTENTIONAL ABOUT COLLEGE

Chris Stefanick

August 12, 2020

Mom and dad, listen to me carefully. There's a great old saying that goes like this: "Fail to prepare, prepare to fail." When you're not ready for something, you're not going to succeed at it. In raising your children, you know that your kids aren't looking ahead, planning, and preparing for themselves – YOU are the one preparing. And next thing you know, they're going off to college, and you're the one shopping online. You're the one making sure that they have that tea set or that picture on the wall to remember their family by. You're the one making sure they have the right bedding. YOU are preparing the way before them. And it's up to you to prepare, to plan ahead, to make sure they keep their faith in college. You've got to be intentional about this.

Most people who stop practicing their faith stop during their four years in college. You're not sending them off to succeed in a million different ways just so they can lose their souls in the process. Or so that they can fall into drugs or alcohol. Or so they could fall into the wrong crowd of friends. Or so they could start using their bodies, or getting used, or Lord knows what. But if you're not preparing them intentionally, specifically, to keep the faith and virtue you raised them with at home, in the new setting at college, you should prepare to fail.

But how do you get them ready, Chris? We got the answer for you. Check out [College Connection](https://reallifecatholic.com/blog/its-time-to-get-intentional-about-college/?mc_cid=eb1174c922&mc_eid=e7eeba3752). You can succeed at this! And so can your kid that's heading off to college. We're making it easy to prepare for specific ways that your kid's faith and virtue will be under attack in the next four years. We've got a game plan to keep all the beauty you've given them intact.

Mom and dad, let's get intentional. You can do this!

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## Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Late First Century B.C.*

*September 8 – Feast*

*Liturgical Color: White*

### *The last and greatest figure of the B.C. era causes its end*

The birthdates of great men and women are remembered for posterity. The presidents of the United States are commemorated near the February birthday of George Washington. Many nations celebrate their birthday on the date they gained their independence. The Church celebrates its birthday, so to speak, on the Feast of Pentecost. However, the Church typically commemorates its saints on their date of death, ordination, or other significant milestone. Only Christ Himself, Saint John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary have feasts commemorating their births, because only they were holy from the start. They were sanctified by God in the womb, not made holy through grace and long trial during their earthly lives.

Nowhere in Scripture is the place and date of birth of the Virgin Mary recorded. Nor are the names of her parents found in Scripture, although tradition tells us they were Joachim and Anne. It is not until the sixth century that there is certain knowledge of a liturgical commemoration of Mary's birth. This is not unusual. Mary lived a largely hidden life, and her theological and historical significance remained somewhat veiled until the Council of Ephesus in 431 formally declared her the Mother of God. Since that definition, every aspect of her life has become the source of a rich spiritual and theological heritage.

The Word of God, for the Catholic, is more than its written form. We are a people of the Word, not a people of the Book. Scripture is just one expression of the Word made flesh, the Word spoken by the Father from all ages. This means that a richer, more layered meaning of the events of the New Testament perpetually unfolds in the Church. The written Word of God in the Bible is limited by the fixed nature of all written words. Once put on paper they don't change. The Living Word is something more, and

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# 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.

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.**

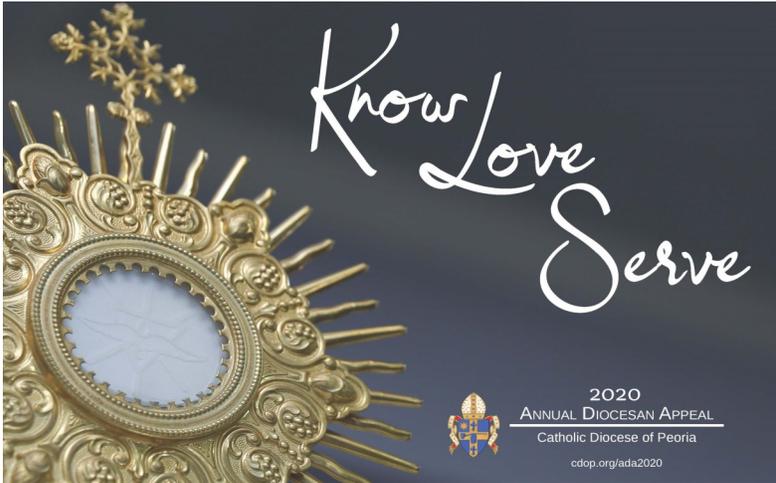
*\*Exposition will also be visible from Michigan Avenue, as well...*



## ...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.



## 2020 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

In two weeks our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so transform lives throughout the diocese. Please give generously as God has given to you.

it is the Living Word that the Church teaches, preaches, and lives. Just like a person, the Body of Christ expresses itself through both formal language and through body language. The words of the Catechism, prayers, and magisterial documents use formal language. But the liturgy, sacraments, music, architecture, pious devotions, processions, etc., are more like body language. They communicate the same written truths as the Catechism and Scripture yet in a different, more corporeal, more lived way.

The silence of Mary, the hiddenness of so much of her life, is intriguing. It is an invitation to prayer and spiritual reflection. Her silence, and the silence of Scripture on so many events which must have occurred but are not referenced, means that there is, and will always be, more for the Church to reveal about Her greatest truths. It is not just Scripture that is inspired but the Church as well. She pulls from Her storehouse things old and new, polishes them off, and offers them to the faithful in culturally compelling language to deepen the content of faith and the faithful's response to it.

But even more than offering old things in new ways, even more than preserving past truths, the Church is a generator of revelation. She is the Living Word in the world of today, the vibrant Magisterium who absorbs the world's questions and challenges in every age and gives them compelling answers. Tradition for the Church, then, is not just a jewel to be guarded. Tradition is forward-looking, dynamic, and active. And this positive tradition continues to celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary because it was she, the last great figure of the B.C. era, whose birth itself gave birth to a new world. No Mary, no Christ. Her birth was the start of the future we all now inhabit.

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-8the-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin/>



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