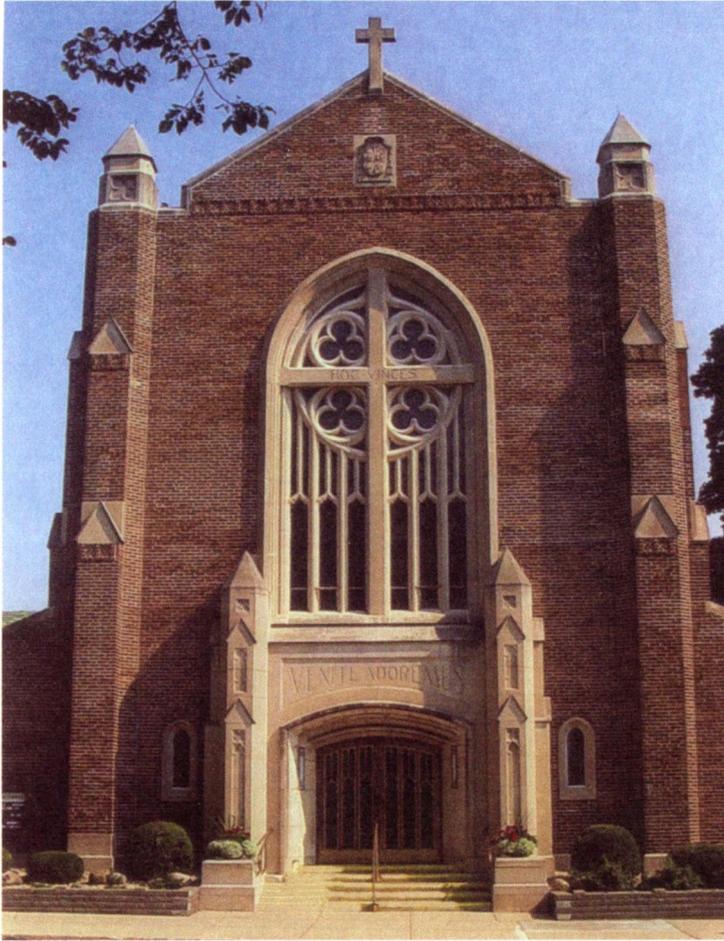


# Holy Cross Church

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

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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

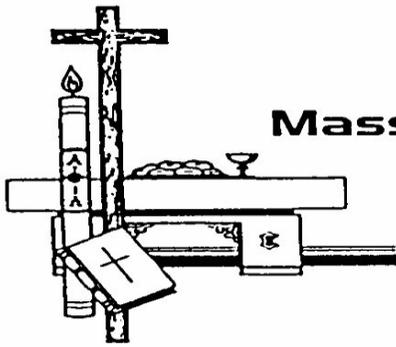


## *Holy Cross School*

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

815-539-7003

Principal - Anita Kobilsek



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, October 18th**

9:00 a.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Francis Ege  
by Bob & Rose Ann Saylor  
12:00 p.m. +Pedro y Hermelinda Arteaga  
by Carmen Arteaga

**Monday, October 19th**

8:00 a.m. +Captain Thomas Heitmann  
by Tom & Mary Heitmann

**Tuesday, October 20th**

7:00 a.m. *Parish:* +Jean Joerger  
by Kevin & Cindy Schiefelbein  
9:00 a.m. *School:* +Mary Guilfoyle  
by William Guilfoyle Family

**Wednesday, October 21st**

8:00 a.m. +Ken Kurth by Janet Jewell

**Thursday, October 22nd**

7:00 a.m. *Parish:* +Danny Arredondo  
by Papa, Ama, & Tio Ric  
9:00 a.m. *School:* +Larry Lauer by Tom & Anne Rottman

**Friday, October 23rd**

8:00 a.m. +Dave Pohl by Mike & Barb Bokus

**Saturday, October 24th**

4:00 p.m. +Jim Leonard by Marie Cantlin

**Sunday, October 25th**

9:00 a.m. +Donna Linder by Jeanne & Jim Fitzpatrick  
**11:00 a.m.** Humberto Torres by Family

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE**

Saturday, October 17..... Nancy Goble  
Sunday, October 18..... Gwen Krenz  
Saturday, October 24..... Brian Corrigan  
Sunday, October 25..... Rudy Arteaga  
Saturday, October 31..... Brian Corrigan  
Sunday, November 1..... Clare Fischer  
Saturday, November 7..... Gwen Krenz  
Sunday, November 8..... 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 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 are 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 loud-speaker 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: [frpilon@holycrossmendota.com](mailto:frpilon@holycrossmendota.com)



**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel

*"Our own belief is that the renovation of the world will be brought about only by the Holy Eucharist."  
~Pope Leo XIII*

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



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

Sat. Oct 10	3379	50.00	Paul & Yvonne Sondgeroth
Sun. Oct 11	266	50.00	Abel Belan
Mon. Oct 12	608	100.00	Joe Sharp
Tue. Oct 13	300	50.00	Mike Schultz
Wed. Oct 14	942	50.00	Norbert Weber
Thur. Oct 15	653	50.00	Elaine Henkel
Fri. Oct 16	2300	50.00	Rose Kobilsek

**The 2021 Daily Dollars are here!  
A chance to win money and help our school!**



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**THE SUNDAY COLLECTION**

	For the Week of	
Sunday	10/11/2020	\$4,069.00
School		170.00
Food Pantry		59.00
Youth Ministry		20.00
Mission Sunday		7.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,325.00</b>

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



**2020 ANNUAL  
DIOCESAN  
APPEAL**

Thanks to all who have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, at Holy Cross we have pledges of \$24,685.00 toward our goal of \$46,356.00. We have received pledge cards from 97 parishioners.

At Ss. Peter & Paul we have pledges of \$5,275.00 toward the goal of \$15,422.00 17 pledge cards have been returned.

A gift to the ADA, no matter how great or small can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish.

**We Have a New Website!  
Check it out!**



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

## Our Devotion for October is to the Holy Rosary



Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary

By Brian Smith

Back in the Middle Ages, many Catholics began observing special devotions around a particular theme each month — the [Seven Sorrows of Mary for September](#), 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 October, the holy rosary.**

### Talking with kids about the Rosary

In the year 1206 in southern France, many people were beginning to think that Satan was not a fallen angel but rather a “bad god.” This, of course, is not true. The Catholic Church has always taught that [Satan is a fallen angel](#); one that rejected God’s love and mercy. There is but one true God.

A man by the name of Dominic was very troubled by what was taking place in the hearts and minds of his countrymen. Dominic began to pray very fervently and made many sacrifices. He hoped that this misbelief that Satan was a god would soon pass.

God was very pleased with Dominic’s prayers and allowed Mary to appear to him. Mary gave Dominic the rosary and taught him how to use it as a prayerful weapon in combatting the evils taking place on Earth. Mary asked Dominic to encourage others to pray the rosary in hope that more souls will follow the teachings of Jesus.

Dominic was canonized a saint on July 3, 1234. His feast day is Aug. 8. St. Dominic is also the founder of the Order of Friars Preachers, also known as the Dominicans.

The holy rosary is a prayer in which we meditate on the life of Jesus. Because of the mission that Mary received from God, her life was closely tied to Jesus. Mary’s Immaculate Heart was always focused on the life of her son Jesus. When we pray the rosary, we are asking Mary to pray for us that we might be more focused on the life of Jesus.

### Feast days & Memorials

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

- 1 [St. Thérèse of Lisieux](#)
- 2 [The Holy Guardian Angels](#)
- 3 [St. Francis of Assisi](#)
- 4 [Blessed Marie Rose Durocher](#)
- 5 [St. Faustina](#)
- 7 [Our Lady of the Rosary](#)
- 9 [St. John Leonardi](#)
- 11 [St. John XXIII](#)
- 15 [St. Theresa of Avila](#)
- 17 [St. Ignatius of Antioch](#)
- 18 [St. Luke](#)
- 20 [St. Paul of the Cross](#)
- 22 [St. John Paul II](#)

### Bible Verse

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

**“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.” [Lk 1:38](#)**

### Prayer Prompts

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

- How can we better follow Jesus as Mary did?
- What sins can we petition God to help us combat?
- Which mystery of Jesus’ life is most important to me?

### Live It

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

### Faith

*Recite the following prayer as a family.*

Praying the rosary as a family is a great tradition. It is hard to say an entire rosary properly, especially with younger children. Older kids, who may have never prayed the rosary before, may also struggle. What’s important is to develop a system that works for your family.

To learn the proper way to pray the rosary in its entirety, [click here](#).

### Hope

***Learn about God’s infinite mercy.***

## The Holy Rosary...

On October 7, 1571, the Battle of Lepanto took place after tension between Christian Europe and the Islamic Ottoman Empire had been mounting for many years. The Ottoman Empire was closing in on Rome and was on the verge of overthrowing Christian Europe. St. Pius V saw the impending danger and summoned as much militia as he could to combat the Ottomans. Despite his plea for help, St. Pius' fleet was outnumbered nearly double.

Before the battle took place, St. Pius V prayed the rosary very frequently, begging Mary to plead with God that Christianity would be saved. The pope asked all of the men in the papal forces to carry a rosary with them into battle and to pray it often.

The battle lasted nearly five hours; the sea turned red from all of the bloodshed. In all, 16,000 men lost their lives that day, and even more were injured. The papal forces had succeeded and Christian Europe was preserved. St. Pius V declared Oct. 7 as the feast of Our Lady of Victory. Two years later in 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name of the feast to the feast of the Holy Rosary.

### Charity

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

Many parishes across the country have scheduled times where parishioners may congregate to pray the rosary together. These times are often published in your parish bulletin.

In addition, there are two national rosary campaigns that take place during the month of October. Catholics from the United States (and beyond) will be coming together to pray for our nation and our fellow citizens. Consider attending a rosary rally near your home:

[Rosary Coast to Coast: October 2019](#)

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!

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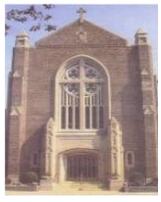
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Password 811195

- 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  
9:00 a.m. *School Mass—Staff & Students Only*  
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 **INSIDE**  
6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru
- Thur: 7:00 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru  
9:00 a.m. *School Mass—Staff & Students Only*  
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Confession **INSIDE**  
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 **INSIDE**  
4:00 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Distribution of Communion drive thru





"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME, GIVING YOU A TITLE, THOUGH YOU KNEW ME NOT."



Isaiah 45:4

How uncanny it is that our readings align themselves

with what is going on in our world. Maybe *Provi-*

*dential* would be a better choice of words. That, at least, gives an indication that our God is involved in our world and in our lives.

Isaiah writes of King Cyrus, who was a king in Persia (present-day Iran); a foreigner and non-Jew. His Persian kingdom was a vassal, that is, subject to the larger kingdom, of Babylon. He rebelled and overthrew the Babylonian overlords and kings, and after a series of victories entered Babylon as victor.

The people of Israel were living as captives in exile in Persia. A year after his victorious entry into Babylon he decreed that the exiled Jews be allowed to return to their homeland. Note that the passage from Isaiah begins by calling Cyrus God's anointed. The Hebrew equivalent of anointed is *mashiah* and the Greek translation is *Christos*. These are the roots from which we get Messiah and Christ, an important observation that I will come back to.

Let us now consider the words of the Responsorial Psalm: *Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! . . . Worship the LORD in holy attire; tremble before him all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.* Notice how all the nations are invoked in this passage, and the highlighted homage addressed to the *name of the LORD*. Even seven centuries *Before Christ* (the time of Isaiah and King Cyrus), God was showing that it was not only his chosen people of Israel who would be included in his salvation, but people of every nation would know his saving hand!

All of the epistles of Saint Paul are further proof of

God's salvation coming to all the nations. Paul is the apostle to the gentiles. The word gentiles means non-Jews. What then, if Paul was sent to bring the Gospel of Christ to the non-Jewish nations?

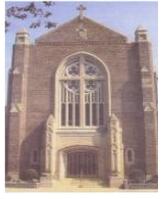
Again, word of God's glory is given to all the nations of the world—at least it is the mission given to all the faithful, **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"** (Mt 28:19-20).

This brings us to today's reading from Matthew's Gospel: The Pharisees are once again trying to lay a trap for Jesus by asking if it is lawful to pay the Roman tax. Jesus cannot be outwitted, and tells these crooked politicians, who also happen to be men of religion, that since it is Caesar's image on the coin, then the coin rightfully belongs to Caesar. The Pharisees thought that if Jesus said outright that it is right to pay the tax, they could paint him as a Roman sympathizer to his countrymen, and if he said the tax was unlawful then they could paint him as a treasonous agitator to the Roman authorities.

The inscription on the coin read, "Caesar Augustus Tiberius, Son of the Divine Augustus." Caesar Tiberius's father Augustus was (as was Julius Caesar) elevated to the status of god, in essence seen as a deity. So this coin being inscribed in this way is laying claim that Tiberius is the son of (a) god. Picture that, Jesus, the true Son of God is holding a coin inscribed to the son of god.

We have looked at Cyrus, a king, and Tiberius, an emperor, and we know from Jesus's encounter with Pilate that no man is in power without the Father in heaven placing him in a seat of power, so in a sense these powerful men are all anointed by God. Even David, the great king who was truly anointed by God, was a far from perfect ruler. Our Lord places many unlikely men in seats of power, and it is no different today.

As we continue to pray for our country, and the world over all, let us align our prayer to the will of our Father in heaven, that our leaders may be those whom he chooses and places in seats of authority. Let us put aside our petty political ideas and ideals and ask God to be our King over all the land, and Christ IS King of the universe.



# Holy Cross



# Family Catechesis Corner

## MAN'S FALL FROM GOD'S GRACE...

**G**OD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, the entire universe, and it was perfect. When God created Adam—the first man—he created him in his own image and likeness, meaning with an intellect and will. Additionally, this will is a *free will* so man could freely choose to return the love to God that God bestowed on man when he created him.

God saw that the man alone was insufficient and created Eve, the first woman, and also a help mate to love and live with in this perfectly harmonious garden. God gave them the freedom to go where so ever they chose and to eat the fruit of any of trees that grew in the garden. Now there were two trees at the center of the garden which were of particular note; one was the tree of life and one was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

It was from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which God forbade them to eat of its fruit. It is important to remember that Adam and Eve, at first, did not think as you and I. There were no corrupted, devious, or twisted thought processes as they were created in perfection out of the love of God.

Enter the serpent—Satan, or Lucifer, as was his first name. He approached Eve under the guise of a serpent and enticed her to eat from the forbidden tree. At first she was reluctant, but the devil persisted and told her the reason that God did not want Adam and Eve to eat this tree's fruit was because eating its fruit would make them just like God, equal to God, all-knowing and all-powerful.

His speaking cast a shadow of doubt over Eve's thinking, tempting her to doubt the truth of God's word. She reasoned that eating the forbidden fruit would make them higher in stature than they were created to be, truly God's equal. And so she ate the fruit. Adam too ate it, when it was offered to him, and immediately they knew they had done something wrong. They saw that they were naked and immediately sought to cover their nakedness.

When God came through the garden in the evening, they hid themselves from him. When God called out to them, Adam responded that he heard the call but was afraid because they were naked, indicating to God they had eaten of the forbidden fruit.

Because they had eaten the forbidden fruit God banished them from the garden forever. This is the original sin that stains the soul of every man and woman born throughout history. Eve's desire to be like God and Adam's subsequent agreeing with her necessitated man's need for salvation in order to be reconciled with God.

## LA CAÍDA DEL HOMBRE DE LA GRACIA DE DIOS ...

**D**IOS CREÓ LOS CIELOS Y LA TIERRA, el universo entero, y fue perfecto. Cuando Dios creó a Adán, el primer hombre, lo creó a su propia imagen y semejanza, es decir, con intelecto y voluntad. Además, esta voluntad es un libre albedrío para que el hombre pueda elegir libremente devolver el amor a Dios que Dios le otorgó cuando lo creó.

Dios vio que el hombre por sí solo era insuficiente y creó a Eva, la primera mujer, y también una ayuda compañera a la que amar y convivir en este jardín perfectamente armonioso. Dios les dio la libertad de ir a donde quisieran y de comer el fruto de cualquiera de los árboles que crecían en el jardín. Ahora había dos árboles en el centro del jardín que eran de particular interés; Uno era el árbol de la vida y el otro era el árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal.

Fue del árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal que Dios les prohibió comer de su fruto. Es importante recordar que Adán y Eva, al principio, no pensaron como tú y yo. No hubo procesos de pensamiento corruptos, tortuosos o retorcidos, ya que fueron creados a la perfección por el amor de Dios.

Entra la serpiente, Satanás o Lucifer, como era su primer nombre. Se acercó a Eva bajo la apariencia de una serpiente y la incitó a comer del árbol prohibido. Al principio ella se mostró reacia, pero el diablo persistió y le dijo que la razón por la que Dios no quería que Adán y Eva comieran la fruta de este árbol era porque comer su fruta los haría como Dios, iguales a Dios, omniscientes y omniscientes. Poderoso.

Su discurso arrojó una sombra de duda sobre el pensamiento de Eva, tentándola a dudar de la verdad de la palabra de Dios. Ella razonó que comer la fruta prohibida los haría más altos en estatura de lo que fueron creados, verdaderamente iguales a Dios. Y entonces ella comió la fruta. Adán también se lo comió, cuando se lo ofrecieron, e inmediatamente supieron que habían hecho algo mal. Vieron que estaban desnudos e inmediatamente buscaron cubrir su desnudez.

Cuando Dios pasó por el jardín al anochecer, se escondieron de él. Cuando Dios los llamó, Adán respondió que escuchó la llamada, pero que tenía miedo porque estaban desnudos, lo que le indicó a Dios que habían comido del fruto prohibido.

Debido a que habían comido del fruto prohibido, Dios los expulsó del jardín para siempre. Este es el pecado original que mancha el alma de todo hombre y mujer nacido a lo largo de la historia. El deseo de Eva de ser como Dios y el posterior acuerdo de Adán con ella, hicieron necesaria la necesidad de salvación del hombre para poder reconciliarse con Dios.

# Holy Cross News of Note



## If you haven't taken advantage of the parish subscription to Formed, you're missing out!

If you have not checked out the *new* FORMED.org website, we strongly encourage you to do so. It is chock-full of great videos, movies, eBooks and audio books, Bible studies, talks, and so much more!

All you need to do now is go to: [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and register an account by clicking on "Sign Up," then select "I belong to a Parish or Organization," find our parish by name, or zip, enter your email address and you're in. It's that easy!

*What can we recommend for this week?*

### Watch

**POPE JOHN PAUL II** This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind.

### Listen

**THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD BY FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY** In this vastly popular talk, Fr. Michael Gaitley describes the "second greatest story ever told"—a story that encompasses Divine Mercy, the life of Pope St. John Paul II, and the crucial role that Marian Consecration can play in your life.

### Learn

**LECTIO: EVANGELIZATION** In this ten-part series, Dr. Mary Healy combines insightful biblical study with Church teaching and practical advice, to show how modern Catholics can effectively impact their world for Jesus Christ.

To sign up for your free FORMED account, please visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup)

## Catechism Corner

» Why is there no contradiction «  
» between faith and science? «

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

† **Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?**

Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith.

*"I believe in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." (Saint Augustine)*

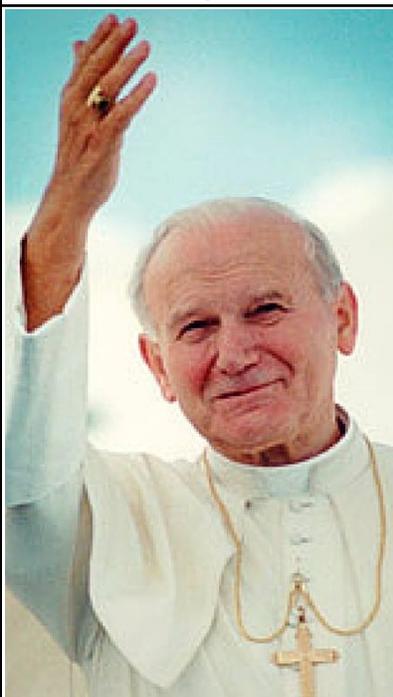
Further reading CCC ¶ [159]

† **Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial?**

Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, "We believe." It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian. For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

*"No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother." (Saint Cyprian)*

† Further reading CCC ¶ [166-169, 181]



Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person also extends to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God.

**POPE JOHN PAUL II**

**Memorial celebrated on Thursday, October 22**

# Holy Cross News of Note



## HCS News



### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

IESA has given us the directive that we can begin to plan a shortened regular season throughout the winter and spring for the following sports. Depending on the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan, the season may be suspended or cancelled. At this moment, this is the information that I have for which we are planning. There will be more details to come.

- Boys' Basketball practices may begin on January 4th and games may begin on January 16, 2021
- Girls' Volleyball practices may begin on January 11 and games may begin on January 23, 2021
- Girls' Basketball practices may begin on March 8 and games may begin on March 20, 2021

I will soon be working on Bowling, Scholastic Bowl, and Track. With restrictions placed on schools and limits of 50 people in one space, [it] makes our planning a challenge. Nevertheless, I wanted you to know that we all have to wait and see what happens as I continue to plan.

Peace,  
Mrs. Kobilsek

### Halloween Costumes May Be Worn on Thursday, October 29th

We celebrate Halloween because it is the eve or All Saints Day, November 1st. We will celebrate All Saints Day on October 29, with an 11:30 a.m. dismissal. We welcome fun with the wearing of Halloween costumes on October 29th. Please keep the scary,

gory and inappropriate costumes for your own use and not worn at school. No weapons. No face paint. Halloween costume masks may be worn as students arrive at school and then after dismissal. Halloween costume masks will not be worn during school. Have fun making your plans! If you don't want to wear a costume, you can wear jeans (no rips or tears), khakis, knee-length shorts or knee-length skirt or dress and an appropriate shirt of your choice. No leggings as pants.

Students in grades 1, 3, 4, and 7 will be at the school Mass at 9:00. Teachers will use their best judgment of what needs to be left in the classroom during Mass. This is a directive from Fr. Pilon.

Things we won't be able to do on October 29th:

- Have class parties
- Have class treats
- Have trunk or treating

Things we will be able to do on October 29th:

- Wear a costume
- Have a costume parade with some other classes
- Do a class Saint study
- Have a class STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) activity and design masks for the Pope image located in the school hallway
- The teachers will be working on recording and creating a virtual costume parade. After the day is over, we will be sharing it with you electronically.

### Repeat: School Masses

Our school Masses are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are sorry that you are not able to join us for those Masses in person. The Masses will continue to be live streamed via the Zoom connection Fr. Pilon has 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:

# HCS News



## School Masses (continued from previous page)

Here is the link for the Zoom site:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjJtNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 913 805 0856

Password: 811195

The Sunday Masses, including the Saturday Vigil Mass will continue to be broadcast to the parking lot via the loud-speaker system. The school Masses will not be broadcast in the parking lot. 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)

## Repeat: IDPH Protocol

The Illinois Department of Public Health exclusion guidance is the protocol we follow for symptomatic individuals. We do need to send home or deny entry if even one symptom is present. We need a release note from your doctor or healthcare provider in order to return to school. This note can be in paper form, or you can take a picture of it and email it to: [tthomas@holy-crossmendota.com](mailto:tthomas@holy-crossmendota.com), or you can fax it to Holy Cross School at 1-815-539-9082.

Next steps are guided by your doctor or health care provider and the Illinois Department of Public Health. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. Kobilsek.

## Box Tops for Education has a New System

Our school will continue to collect Box Tops for Education this school year. You download the Box Tops for Education app on your phone. You can then scan your receipt and choose Holy Cross School. You are helping Holy Cross School earn cash. If you have any paper box tops, please send them in to the school.

A good rule to have is to check the boxes before they go into the garbage. With the new system, the box top icon is not a coupon but an image to remind you to scan your receipt. If you see the Box Top icon, just scan your receipt and choose Holy Cross School.

## Students May Wear Shorts Through October

Students may wear shorts through the month of October.

## Collect Your Empty Cartridges

One of our fundraisers is to collect your empty ink cartridges. We send them in and receive cash in return. Please help us by donating your ink cartridges to the school.

## Scrip

The Scrip Order Form is in the File Library of the OptionC site. The business listed are only a few of the available choices. Call Lorraine Walter in the Parish Office at 815.538.6151 for more information.

## Fr. Pilon ~ Weekend Away

I will be gone from Friday, October 23rd to Monday, October 26th. Although we cannot attend a game, my brother's tailgate weekend is still happening. **Mass on Monday will be at 7 pm.** Msgr. Swaner will be here for Masses on Saturday and Sunday. There will be no scheduled confessions on Saturday and **the Spanish Mass on Sunday will be at 11 am.**

In addition, I would remind everyone that there will not be confession available on Saturday, October 24th. God bless. Fr. Pilon

## ~ Confirmation News ~

Holy Cross church will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, and Wednesday, October 28. Because of the large number of Confirmandi, it became necessary to divide the group in two.



The restrictions for the number of people who may attend are limited to the Confirmand, the Sponsor, plus 3 additional people (per Confirmand). Masks must be worn and except for those from the same household, the 6 foot social distance recommendation must be respected.

## MANDATORY REFRESHER AND HOLY HOUR SCHEDULED

On Sunday, October 18th, there will be a mandatory refresher, including the sacrament of confession and a Holy Hour. This is intended to help all Confirmandi be prepared to receive the Holy Spirit in all of His power, fulfilling what began in Baptism.

October 18, 2020

### WATCH

#### POPE JOHN PAUL II

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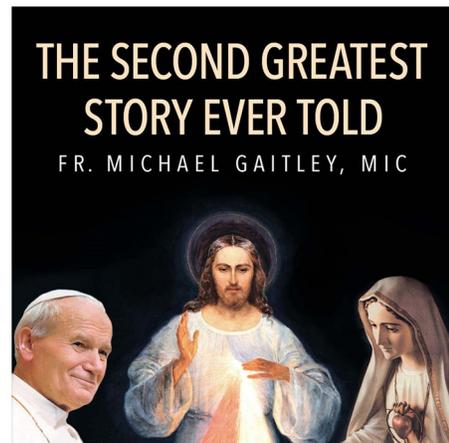
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While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space 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...



Our National Elections are scheduled for November 3rd. As a good Catholic, you are responsible for making wise and prudent choices in this country's electoral process. The guide below is intended to help you understand where various candidates stand on issues that are of primary importance to Catholics.

For more information check the parish website at:

<https://mendotacatholic.org/2020-general-election>



**Illinois Right To Life Action**  
**November 3, 2020, Illinois General Election Information**

Candidates have been surveyed and rated by Illinois Right To Life Action (IRLA) with respect to pro-life issues (Abortion, Euthanasia, Embryonic Stem Cell research and related issues). This was done through **websites, surveys, public statements, and/or voting records**. The ratings are to the left of the listing and represent the following:

- 1 = Fully Pro-Life
- 2 = Not in full support of all Pro-Life issues
- \* = An asterisk indicates incumbent.
- + = A plus indicates an incumbent who voted NO on the state budget that included state funding of abortions (HB 40)
- 3 = Will not support most Pro-life issues
- 4 = Totally opposed to Pro-Life issues
- # = Rape and Incest Exception

U = Unknown (Did not complete a survey, or a current survey, or we do not have enough information to enable IRLA to rate properly.)  
 X = Does not have a Pro-Life position, but we do not have enough information to enable IRLA to give a number rating.

If you would like further information, call Illinois Right To Life Action at 312/392-0384. You may also send an email to: [jerry@IllinoisRightToLife.org](mailto:jerry@IllinoisRightToLife.org). This list does not constitute support or endorsement by Illinois Right To Life Action and cannot be used to advance the candidacy of any individual. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. We regret any errors.

In the following list an "(R)" indicates the Republican Party, a "(D)" indicates the Democrat Party, an "(ASP)" indicates the American Solidarity Party, a "(CON)" indicates the Constitution Party, a "(DIA)" indicates the Democracy In America Party, a "(G)" indicates the Green Party, an "(I)" indicates the Independent Party, an "(L)" indicates the Libertarian Party, an "(LH)" indicates the Lincoln Heritage Party, a "(PGPL)" indicates the Pro-Gun Pro-Life Party, a "(PSL)" indicates the Party For Socialism And Liberation, and a "(WW)" indicates the Willie Wilson Party. We encourage copying this information for distribution. When formulating information for your own area please keep districts intact. IRLA cannot allow altering by adding or deleting an individual candidate or candidates or a change in rating without permission.

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order within rating groups without any preference to individual candidates or parties.

**THIS SHEET MAY BE TAKEN INTO THE VOTING BOOTH.**

9/15/2020

**Bureau/Grundy/LaSalle/ Lee County Area**

Please go to our website at [www.VoteProLifeIllinois.com](http://www.VoteProLifeIllinois.com) to view and download updates to this list.

**President/(Vice President)**

*(Ratings apply to President/Vice President Candidates)*

**Rating**

- 1/U - BRIAN CARROLL/(AMAR PATEL) (ASP)
- 1#/1 - DONALD J TRUMP \*( MICHAEL R PENCE) (R) \*
- 4/4 - JOSEPH R. BIDEN/(KAMALA D. HARRIS) (D)
- X/X - HOWIE HAWKINS/(ANGELA WALKER) (G)
- X/X - GLORIA LA RIVA/(LEONARD PELTIER) (PSL)
- U/U - JO JORGENSEN/(JEREMY 'SPIKE' COHEN) (L)

**U. S. Senate**

**Rating**

- 1 - MARK C. CURRAN JR. (R)
- 4 - RICHARD J. DURBIN (D) \*
- U - DAVID F. BLACK (G)
- U - DANNY MALOUF (L)
- U - WILLIE WILSON (WW)

**U. S. Congress**

**District - Rating**

- 16th - 1 - ADAM KINZINGER (R) \*
- 16th - X - DANI BRZOZOWSKI (D)

**State Senators** *(Not all districts have elections)*

**District - Rating**

- 37th - 1# - WIN STOLLER (R)
- 40th - 1 - ERIC M. WALLACE (R)
- 40th - X - PATRICK J. JOYCE (D) \*

**State Representatives**

**District - Rating**

- 73rd - 1# - RYAN SPAIN (R) \*
- 74th - 1 - DAN SWANSON (R) \*
- 74th - U - CHRISTOPHER DEMINK (D)
- 75th - 2 - DAVID ALLEN WELTER (R) \*

- 76th - 1 - TRAVIS S BREEDEN (R)
- 76th - X - LANCE YEDNOCK (D) \*
- 79th - U - JACKIE HAAS (R)
- 79th - X - CHARLENE EADS (D)
- 90th - 1 - TOM DEMMER (R) \*
- 90th - U - SETH WIGGINS (D)

**County Candidates**

*(Only offices with pro-life candidates are listed.)*

**Bureau**

Circuit Court Clerk - RUSSELL T. MILLER (R)

**LaSalle**

Chairman - DONALD E. JENSEN (R)

**County Board**

- 18th - TOM P. WALSH (D) \*
- 24th - RANDY L. FREEMAN (R) \*



# 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.

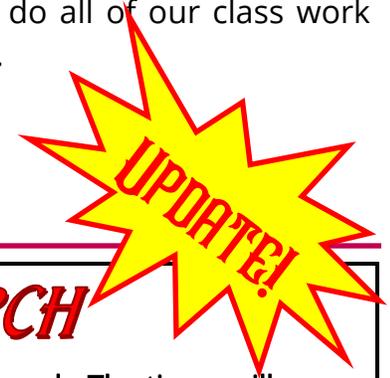
I can tell you that we are going to a platform that will involve the parents' as the primary teacher of their children. There is no reason to get nervous about it, thinking you don't feel qualified to take on that role. We will furnish you

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, P.



## CONFESSSION *IN THE CHURCH*

Beginning Wednesday, October 21st, confessions will be moving back inside the church. The times will remain the same: Wednesdays from 12 p.m.—1 p.m. and on Thursday from 5 pm—6 pm, and Saturday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A barrier has been installed to maintain health & safety protocols, so confession may be done either anonymously or face-to-face.

**REMINDER: There will be NO CONFESSION on Saturday, October 24th**

## 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.



*Joannes Paulus II*

## Prayer to St. John Paul II

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up high again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless families, bless each family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.



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