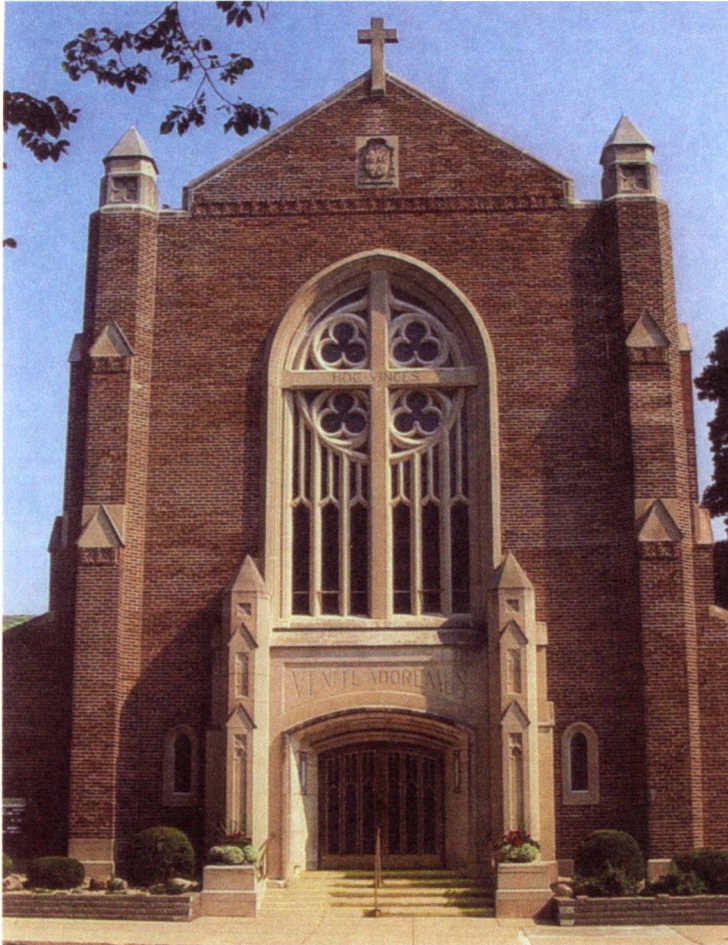


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Mass Schedule

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

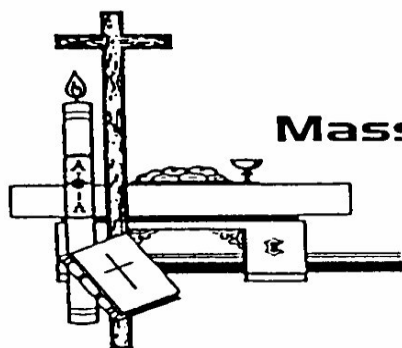


Holy Cross School

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

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Principal - Anita Kobilsek



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 1st

9:00 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
12:00 p.m. Dominga Arteaga by Felipa Arteaga

Monday, November 2nd

8:00 a.m. +Danny Arredondo by His Grieving Parents

Tuesday, November 3rd

7:00 a.m. *Parish:* +Dave Pohl by Mike & Barb Bokus

9:00 a.m. *School:* +Mary Catherine Wujek
by Tom & Linda Shaffer

Wednesday, November 4th

8:00 a.m. +Josephine Amfah

Thursday, November 5th

7:00 a.m. *Parish:* +Sister Mary Dominic Joerger
by Bill & Gloria Joerger

9:00 a.m. *School:* +Mary Margaret Frey
by Jim & Diane Flaherty

Friday, November 6th

8:00 a.m. +Ed Salz by Deane & Phyllis Vogel

Saturday, November 7th

4:00 p.m. +Janet Schmidt by St. Mary's Altar Society

Sunday, November 8th

9:00 a.m. +Kevin Corrigan
by Kevin & Cindy Schiefelbein
12:00 p.m. Leopoldo, Perfecto, María de Jesús, Elijó y
Teresa Covarrubias by Familia

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 31..... Brian Corrigan
Sunday, November 1 Clare Fischer
Saturday, November 7..... Gwen Krenz
Sunday, November 8..... Rudy Arteaga
Saturday, November 14..... Nancy Goble
Sunday, November 15..... Clare Fischer
Saturday, November 21..... Gwen Krenz
Sunday, November 22..... 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



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.

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Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel

"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue."

~St. Peter Julian Eymard

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. Oct 24	1340	50.00	Dick & Kim Marshall
Sun. Oct 25	584	50.00	Deb Stachlewitz
Mon. Oct 26	1958	100.00	Marjorie C. Jones
Tue. Oct 27	3128	50.00	Bernice Spanier
Wed. Oct 28	3283	50.00	Lily Bokus
Thur. Oct 29	3443	50.00	Kevin Sheridan
Fri. Oct 30	1432	50.00	JoAnna Engels

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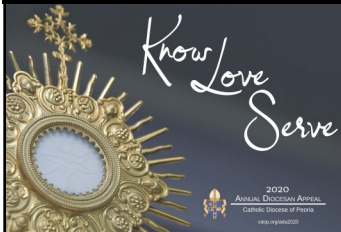
THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

	For the Week of	
Sunday	10/25/2020	\$3,054.19
School		45.00
Food Pantry		175.00
Youth Ministry		30.00
Total		\$3,304.19

Ss. PETER & PAUL OCTOBER 25TH, 2020

Sunday	\$1,620.00
Farm	350.00
World Mission Sunday	150.00
Total	\$2,120.00

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

\$27,585.00 toward our goal of \$46,356.00. We have received pledge cards from 114 parishioners.

At Ss. Peter & Paul we have pledges of \$7,635.00 toward the goal of \$15,422.00 24 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 November is for the holy souls in Purgatory



By Brian Smith

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

Here are some ways to celebrate the popular devotion for November, the holy souls in purgatory.

Talking with kids about the holy souls in purgatory

Sin is real. When we sin, we are taught to go to confession, repent and strive to avoid sin in the future. God, in his bountiful mercy, forgives us. Yet at the same time, our relationship with God is not fully healed simply because we ask him to forgive us. The Church teaches that a stain is left on our soul and that this stain must be fully erased before we are to enter heaven.

For example, let's say you purposefully ate your little sister's cookie without asking her. Your sister is sad; she cries. You apologize to her and she forgives you. This doesn't change the fact that you still ate the cookie. Your parents ask you to "make things right" with your sister. And so, you bake a dozen cookies just for your sister. You have made a genuine effort to make amends with your sister; your relationship is on its way to being restored.

We know that we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless our souls are pure. This means that any sins which have not been "made right" in God's eye must be reconciled. [Purgatory is a place](#), a sort of rest stop, where we wait for our souls to be purified. The souls in purgatory cannot pray their way out. Instead, these souls rely on you and I, the living, to pray for them. By remembering the dead, praying for them and offering sacrifices on their behalf, these souls are able to enter the kingdom of heaven more quickly.

Feast days & Memorials

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

- 1 [All Saints' Day](#)
- 2 [All Souls' Day](#)
- 3 [St. Martin de Porres](#)
- 10 [St. Leo the Great](#)
- 13 [St. Frances Xavier Cabrini](#)
- 15 St. Albert the Great
- 16 St. Gertrude
- 17 [St. Elizabeth of Hungary](#)
- 21 [The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- 23 [Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro](#)
- 25 [Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe](#)
- 30 St. Andrew

Bible Verse

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

"So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, it is a sin." ([James 4:17](#))

Prayer Prompts

Questions to help propagate the faith with your children.

1. Who do I know who has died?
2. Which sins have harmed my relationship with God the most?
3. What is God asking me to do? Have I fully embraced his calling?

Live It

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

Faith

Recite the following prayer as a family.

In practice, it is common for Catholics to recite a prayer for the departed. This is especially true when one learns of someone's death or when we pass a cemetery or funeral procession.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

Hope

Learn about God's infinite mercy.

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina was an Italian priest who live from 1887-1968. He was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2002. In 1918, St. Padre Pio began to receive the stigmata, which are the wounds Christ received. These wounds would cause St. Padre Pio much pain and suffering. He received the stigmata for 50 years.

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the holy souls in Purgatory...

St. Padre Pio quickly became a popular pastor. Hundreds of thousands of people made pilgrimages simply to be present during a Mass said by him. But God had even more work for the saint to do.

As Mary has taught us, many souls are lost to hell while many others remain in purgatory. God desperately wants us to be purified and united with him in heaven. God chose to use St. Padre Pio as an intercessor for those souls in purgatory. St. Padre Pio received many visions and, at times, was even able to converse with the souls in purgatory. Often, these souls would ask him to say a Mass for them, that God might grant them passage unto heaven. St. Padre Pio frequently reported seeing souls freed during the Mass offering.

St. Padre Pio was a very humble person. He felt so much sorrow for the souls in purgatory, that he often prayed through the entire night. The sacrifices that he endured show us his love and desire to serve God and to build His kingdom.

Charity

Help the church to grow within your own community.

There are countless ways that you can pray and sacrifice for the souls in purgatory. Have a family brainstorming session and come up with a plan that works for your family. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Attend a daily Mass
- Recite the divine mercy chaplet
- Pray the rosary
- Pray at a cemetery
- Volunteer in your community
- Fast/abstain from foods
- Give up electronics
- Refrain from eating out at a restaurant
- Drink only water

What can your family commit too? Remember that extra prayers and sacrifices should be realistic, yet not easy. For families with children in a large age-range, consider an age-based and personalized plan.

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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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

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 **NOW 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 **NOW INSIDE**

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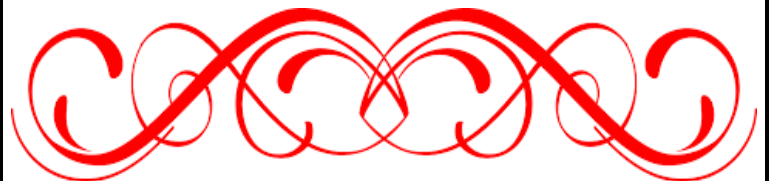
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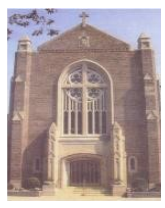
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2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Confession **NOW INSIDE**

4:00 p.m. Mass

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





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Why Be Catholic?

November 1, 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

BEHOLD ~ LOOK REVELATION ~ SEE ~ VISIONS



THERE IS A THREAD OF *VISION* running through our readings on this Solemn Feast Day of All Saints. The first reading from Saint John's Apocalypse tells of *visions* he was given, in which 144,000 from the tribes of the sons of Israel, and a great multitude of saints are in the throne room of heaven.

Our Responsorial Psalm sings to the Lord of a "people that longs to *see*" his face. In our second reading from the First Letter of Saint John, he writes that we are now rightly called children of God, but what we will be has not yet been *revealed*. When it is revealed, we shall *see* him as he is. And finally, in Matthew's Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples the Beatitudes. He expresses that the pure of heart will *see* God.

This idea of seeing God is known as the *Beatific Vision*. Scripture tells us no man can see God's face and live. Think of Moses asking God to see his face, and God tells him he cannot, but so he can see God in passing, he positions Moses so that God can place his hand over Moses's face until he has passed, and then Moses can see the backside of God (see Exodus 33:20-23).

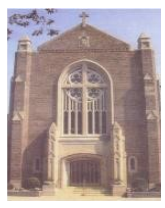
And yet, as Christians we have this great hope, based on John's letter that not only shall we *see God as he is*, but we will also be like him! If you took my advice a few weeks ago and watched the video on YouTube, *How Great Is Our God*, you will have been given great evidence

and imagery to contemplate the greatness—the vastness—of God as seen through his created universe. This is something Father Pilon has been talking about lately as well when he talks about googling images from the Hubble and other space telescopes to see the marvels that surround us. If such beauty has been created by the very essence of beauty Himself, then on this feast of All Saints just contemplate that heavenly vision in which we place our hope in this life.

Indeed many saints have gone on before us and are in heaven even now. We may even know someone who has made it, and won the race and achieved the heavenly reward. Ponder on what the face of Love incarnate must look like. The image below is based on the image of the Shroud of Turin. It may well be a close facsimile of the face of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus, whom we killed by our sins. Jesus, who forgave us those same sins and chose to suffer and die in our place. In the novel *Le Misérables* the protagonist Jean Valjean says that "to love another person is to see the face of God."



Not all saints, however, are in heaven at this moment. There are those whom we know as the Holy (or Poor) Souls in Purgatory. Those saints agonize in their purgation because while they cannot see God and be in his presence, they are aware that that is to be their ultimate destiny. They are in agony because there is nothing they themselves can do to further their position as far as going to heaven. It is only through our prayers and the prayers of the saints already in heaven that these soon-to-be heavenly beings can achieve that beatific vision. This is to be our focus always, but especially in the month of November. We are strongly encouraged to remember the holy souls in purgatory in our prayers.



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Family Catechesis Corner

FLASH FORWARD TO THE FLASH FLOOD

GENESIS 6:5 AND FOLLOWING stays with story of mankind's sinfulness and depravity; When the Lord saw how great the wickedness of human beings was on earth, and how every desire that their heart conceived was always nothing but evil, the Lord regretted making human beings on the earth and his heart was grieved. So the Lord said: I will wipe out from the earth the human beings I have created, and not only the human beings, but also the animals and the crawling things and the birds of the air, for I regret I made them. But Noah found favor with the Lord.

God then followed up with Noah by warning him that because the earth was so corrupt and full of lawlessness, he would destroy all he had created—except for Noah and his family. He then gave Noah specifications regarding the building of an ark that would carry him and his family safely through the flood waters. The Lord established a covenant with Noah and had him gather one male and one female of every animal, all living creatures and bring them on the ark. This, along with his wife, his sons and their wives and all boarded the ark as the rain began to fall.

And so the rains began to fall, and a heavy rainfall continued for forty days and forty nights until the whole earth, including the highest mountains, was submerged under the floodwaters. The scriptures tell us that everything on dry land with the breath of life in its nostrils died. The Lord wiped out every being on earth: human beings and animals, the crawling things and the birds of the air; all were wiped out from the earth. Only Noah and those with him in the ark were left.

Noah's clan and the ark, filled with all of the animals, drifted without destination on these floodwaters. Over the course of one hundred and fifty days the water swelled on the earth.

God then sent a wind across the earth until the waters began to subside and receded, settling the ark on the top of Mount Ararat. At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch and released a raven. It flew back and forth until the waters dried off from the earth. Then he released a dove to see if the waters had lessened on the earth. But the dove could find no place to perch, and it returned to him in the ark, for there was water over all the earth.

After seven more days' wait he released the dove again. This time the dove returned in the evening with an olive leaf in its bill. This told Noah that the waters had finally diminished on the earth.

We will look at this more deeply next week...

ADELANTE A LA INUNDACIÓN REPENTINA

GENESIS 6:5 Y SIGUIENTES permanece con la historia de la pecaminosidad y depravación de la humanidad; Cuando el Señor vio cuán grande era la maldad de los seres humanos en la tierra, y cómo cada deseo que su corazón concibió no era más que maldad, el Señor lamentó haber hecho seres humanos en la tierra y su corazón se entristeció. Entonces el Señor dijo: Borraré de la tierra a los seres humanos que he creado, y no solo a los seres humanos, sino también a los animales, los reptiles y las aves del cielo, porque lamento haberlos creado. Pero Noé halló gracia ante el Señor.

Entonces Dios siguió con Noé advirtiéndole que debido a que la tierra estaba tan corrupta y llena de anarquía, destruiría todo lo que había creado, excepto Noé y su familia. Luego le dio a Noé especificaciones sobre la construcción de un arca que lo llevaría a él y a su familia a salvo a través de las aguas del diluvio. El Señor estableció un pacto con Noé y le pidió que reuniera un macho y una hembra de cada animal, todos los seres vivientes, y los llevara al arca. Este, junto con su esposa, sus hijos y sus esposas y todos abordaron el arca cuando la lluvia comenzó a caer.

Y así comenzaron a caer las lluvias, y una fuerte lluvia continuó durante cuarenta días y cuarenta noches hasta que toda la tierra, incluidas las montañas más altas, se sumergió bajo las aguas de la inundación. Las escrituras nos dicen que todo en tierra firme con aliento de vida en la nariz murió. El Señor acabó con todos los seres de la tierra: los seres humanos y los animales, los reptiles y las aves del cielo; Todos fueron borrados de la tierra. Solo quedaron Noé y los que estaban con él en el arca.

El clan de Noé y el arca, llenos de todos los animales, fueron a la deriva sin destino en estas inundaciones. En el transcurso de ciento cincuenta días, el agua se hinchó sobre la tierra.

Entonces Dios envió un viento a través de la tierra hasta que las aguas comenzaron a disminuir y retrocedieron, colocando el arca en la cima del monte Ararat. Al cabo de cuarenta días, Noé abrió la escotilla y soltó un cuervo. Voló de un lado a otro hasta que las aguas se secaron de la tierra. Luego soltó una paloma para ver si las aguas habían disminuido en la tierra. Pero la paloma no pudo encontrar un lugar para posarse, y volvió a él en el arca, porque había agua sobre toda la tierra.

Después de esperar siete días más, volvió a soltar la paloma. Esta vez la paloma regresó por la tarde con una hoja de olivo en su pico. Esto le dijo a Noé que las aguas finalmente habían disminuido en la tierra.

Veremos esto más profundamente la próxima semana ...

November 1, 2020

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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!
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What can we recommend for this week?

Watch

THE SEARCH
This stunning series addresses life's most fundamental questions: "Why am I here?" "Does my life have meaning?" "What happens when I die?" The questions are all there. And, the answers are too.

Listen

PARENTING FOR PURITY BY JASON EVERT
In this presentation, Jason Evert provides parents with ten powerful strategies to safeguard the innocence of their children and effectively communicate the benefits and beauty of chastity to their family.

Learn

SYMBOLON: KNOWING THE FAITH, SESSION 9: MARY AND THE SAINTS
This week, journey through the Church's teaching on Mary and the saints as we celebrate All Saints Day and discover the beauty and breadth of God's plan for salvation.

Catechism Corner

» What are the symbols of faith? «
THESE EXCERPTS ARE FROM THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CCC.

† **What are the symbols of faith?**
The symbols of faith are composite formulas, also called "professions of faith" or "Creeds," with which the Church from her very beginning has set forth synthetically and handed on her own faith in a language that is normative and common to all the faithful.

Further reading CCC ¶ [185-188, 192, 197]

† **What are the most ancient symbols (professions) of faith?**
The most ancient symbols of faith are the *baptismal* creeds. Because baptism is conferred "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (*Matthew 28:19*), the truths of faith professed at Baptism are articulated in reference to the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

Further reading CCC ¶ [189-191]

† **What are the most important symbols of the faith?**
They are the *Apostles' Creed* which is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome and the *Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed* which stems from the first two ecumenical Councils, that of Nicea (325 A.D.) and that of Constantinople (381 A.D.) and which even to this day are common to all the great Churches of the East and the West.

Further reading CCC ¶ [193-195]

Adoration for Our Nation

A Nationwide Day of Prayer
3 November 2020

Join together in prayer for the nation
From 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3

Pray for our nation and its leaders no
matter the outcome of the election.

Come and adore our Lord exposed in the Most
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HCS News



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour this weekend, November 1st. Daylight Savings Time ends, so "Fall Back"!

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Repeat: School Masses

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Week of Thanksgiving for Pre-K thru 8

We have amended the calendar for the week of November 23, 2020. There will be no school for Preschool thru Grade 8 November 23—27. The teachers will have a few extra professional development days.

Ready, Set Grow Extended Care will be available November 23—25.

Continuous Novena through the intercession of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Our Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will be participating in a Diocesan wide continuous novena through 2020-2021 through the intercession of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Our Holy Cross students will be saying our share of the 9-day novena during the school days from November 3-6 and November 9-13. We will send our prayers through the intercession of St. Therese for holy vocations in our diocese - especially to the priesthood.

Here is the link to the novena if you would like to join in on our prayers:

<https://comeandfollowme.org/howtohelp/prayer/>

Knowing that a sacred call comes from Jesus Himself, Who asked us to beg Him for more laborers, please join in our prayers.

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.

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, 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.

Coming Up. . .

- November 9 ~ K—8 re-screenings for vision and hearing.
- November 17 ~ Mid-quarter of Quarter No. 2



PARISH-WIDE STUDY COMING

WHY ARE WE HERE? WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT?



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MORE

Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions – Who am I? What am I searching for? What’s our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God? We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong.

Beginning on Wednesday, November 11th, Fr. Pilon will lead a parish-wide study. The study will run for seven weeks and will start at 6:30 p.m. The plan is to be open to 90 minute sessions, but in reality will more likely only run about 60 minutes. We will be ordering a number of study guides to enhance our experience. If you are interested in joining in this beautiful and enlightening study and would like a study guide, please call the parish office.

We are excited to introduce *The Search*, a new seven part Augustine Institute Original Series with the goal of lighting that first fire in those who don’t yet know the faith or reigniting the fire in those who need a primer on the foundational questions.

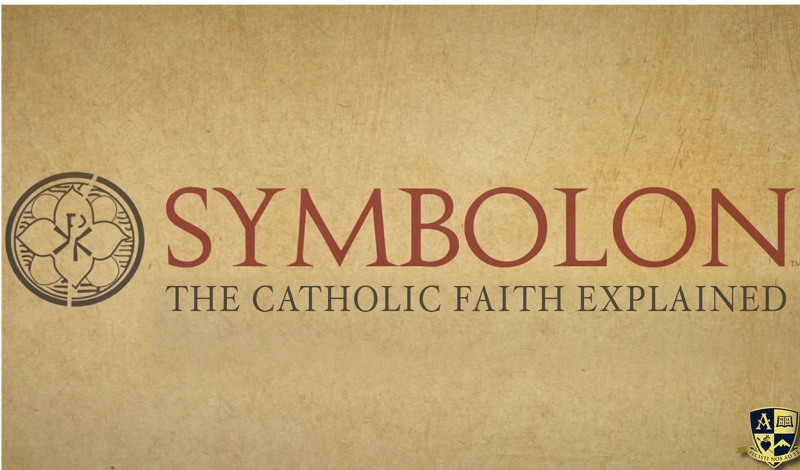
Due to Covid-19 we will be using Zoom (the same numbers used for the Mass) to host the study sessions. For those who are unable to use Zoom, you may call in on the number we use for our community rosary—425.436.6314. The access number is 604509. There is a chance the start date will move to Advent and run into the Christmas season, depending upon the availability of the workbooks.

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This stunning series addresses life's most fundamental questions: "Why am I here?" "Does my life have meaning?" "What happens when I die?" The questions are all there. And, the answers are too.

THE SEARCH



SYMBOLON: KNOWING THE FAITH, SESSION 9: MARY AND THE SAINTS

This week, journey through the Church's teaching on Mary and the saints as we celebrate All Saints Day and discover the beauty and breadth of God's plan for salvation.

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PLEASE CONGRATULATE OUR STUDENTS CONFIRMED OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



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)

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.

3 = Will not support most Pro-life issues

4 = Totally opposed to Pro-Life issues

= Rape and Incest Exception

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. 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 to view and download updates to this list.

President/(Vice President)

(Ratings apply to President/Vice President Candidates)

Rating

1/I - 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) *

For more Pro-Life voter guides and information click on this link: <https://mendotacatholic.org/2020-general-election>

The Month of November We Pray for All Souls

Monday, November 2nd is All Souls' Day, and the month of November is dedicated to remembering the souls of those who have gone on before us and offering prayers on their behalf.

The roses that will remain in front of the altar during November are a reminder to pray often, not only for the souls of family and friends, but also for those souls in Purgatory who may not have anyone to pray for them.

If you would like to add a loved one to the "All Souls' Remembrance Book" that was used last year, you may drop a note in the basket in front of the altar with their name(s), which will then be added to the book. If you are still not entering into the church building, you may send the name(s) to kahlj@rocketmail.com, or text the name to 815.356.1229. A rose will be added on your behalf to **the bouquets** in front of the altar.



UPDATE!

CONFESSION IN THE CHURCH

UPDATE!

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.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!/READ ALL ABOUT IT!

NOVEMBER 2 THRU NOVEMBER 23

THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON LET'S EXPRESS GRATITUDE BY SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE WITH OTHERS!

Apostles of Divine Love, the lay apostolate associated with the Daughters of Divine Love (DDL), is collecting clothing and school supplies for DDL missions. A decorated, labeled box for Drop Off is available in the church Vestibule Entry.

The following items are needed:

School supplies, Gently Used Spring & Summer clothing, Gently Used Sandals & Tennis Shoes, Colorful Cotton material for making garments.

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For more information please contact Mary at 815-503-3321



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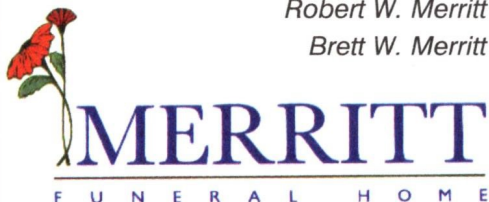
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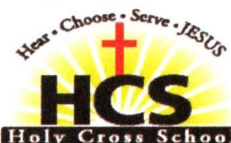
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