



Holy Cross Catholic Church

1010 Jefferson Street
Mendota, IL 61342
Phone: 815-538-6151
Fax: 815-539-5014
www.mendotacatholic.org

Mailing Address
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Mendota, IL 61342

Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

Confessions - Wednesdays 12pm - 1pm, Thursdays 5pm - 6pm
and Saturdays 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Adoration Chapel - Monday-Friday 9am - 10pm



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

3888 First Road
Mendota, IL 60342
Phone: 815-538-6151
Fax: 815-539-5014
www.mendotacatholic.org

Mailing Address
1010 Jefferson Street
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Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

Confessions - Sunday 8:20am - 8:50am



St. Theresa Catholic Church

221 W. Union Street
Earlville, IL 60518
Phone: 815-538-6151
Fax: 815-539-5014
www.mendotacatholic.org

Mailing Address
1010 Jefferson Street
Mendota, IL 61342

Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

Confessions - Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Adoration - 1st Friday of each month

Homebound and Hospital Visits:
Please call the office and visits will be arranged.

Cemetery lot purchase: Please call
Steve Schmitt at
Mendota Monument Company 815-538-5276

Our Parish Mission Statement: *To help all persons live out and understand the relevance and priority of Jesus Christ and His Gospel in the Catholic Faith.*

Pastor: Fr. Peter A. Pilon

Parochial

Vicar: Fr. Jeff Windy

Deacons: Deacon Ray Fischer
Deacon Jose Lopez
Deacon Hector Diaz

Music Director: Roy VanOpdorp

Director of Religious Education
Brian R. Corrigan

Business Manager
Lorraine Walter

Administrative Assistant
Mary Lou Flahive

Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care

† Julie Winner - 815-538-7604

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Learning Lambs Pre-School

† 815-539-7003

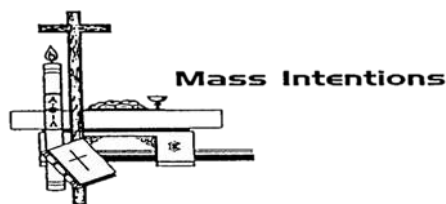
† 3 yr old and 4 yr old sessions



Holy Cross School

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-7003
Principal - Michael Struna

Baptisms: Pre-Baptismal instruction is required.
Call the Parish office for information and scheduling.
Weddings: Before any other arrangements are
made, contact the parish priest 6 to 8 months in
advance.



Sunday, January 23rd 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. +Kevin Corrigan by Jacie Bend
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** Parishioners
9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Ethel Happ
by the Altar Society
10:30 a.m. +Darlene Burke by Michael & Brenda Vaessen
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Refugio y Abel Diaz
por Leticia Guzmán

Monday, January 24th St. Francis de Sales

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** Andy & Mary Forrara
by Kathy Gaines

7:00 p.m. +Joe Shimek by Jan Kahl

**Tuesday, January 25th The Conversion of St. Paul
the Apostle**

7:00 a.m. +Tom Mahaffey by His Family
+Danny Arredondo by His Grieving Parents

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Timothy Wessel
by Ted & Margaret Seed

11:30 a.m. Mass at OSF St. Paul: Special Intention

Wednesday, January 26th Ss. Timothy & Titus

7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +All Deceased Members of the
Klein Family by Wilma Stillwell

8:00 a.m. +Catherine Taylor by Elaine Henkel

12 p.m.—1 p.m. — Confessions

Thursday, January 27th St. Angela Merici

7:00 a.m. +Francis Michel by Mahaffey & Setchell Families

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Jean Joerger by Mark & Jo Wise

5 p.m.—6 p.m. — Confessions

Friday, January 28th St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Darlene Burke
by Michael & Brenda Vaessen

8:15 a.m. School Mass +Mary Lou Clinton
by HC Students & Staff

Saturday, January 29th

2:30 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. +Rollie & Kathleen Walter
by Bruce & Lorraine Walter

5:00 p.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Jane Kuczek
by Dick Sondgeroth

Sunday, January 30th 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. +Dave & JoAnn Fitzgerald
by Kevin & Cindy Schiefelbein

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** Jerry Meyer
by Russell & Beth Wackerlin

9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Katie Sondgeroth
by Family

10:30 a.m. +Ken Kurth by Janice Siemers

12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - Feligreses



PARTICIPATE VIA ZOOM!

The weekend Mass schedule:

At Holy Cross Saturday Vigil—4 p.m.

At St. Theresa Saturday Vigil—5 p.m.

At Holy Cross—6:30 a.m.

At St. Theresa—8 a.m.

At Ss. Peter & Paul—9 a.m.

At Holy Cross—10:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass in Spanish—12 p.m.

Fr. Pilon's Masses will continue to be livestreamed via the Zoom connection we have been using.

Here is the link for the Zoom site:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjltNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09)
[pwd=RzZtRi8xNjltNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09](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



LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.....J. Norton

6:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.....T. Leffelman

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.....N. Goble

4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 5.....B. Corrigan

6:30 a.m. Sunday, February 6.....R. Arteaga

10:30 a.m. Sunday, February 6.....G. Krenz

If you would like to be a Lector for our weekend Masses, please contact the parish office, or email:

briancorriganhcdre@gmail.com or mlflahive53@comcast.net

SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH. . .

FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH

IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.

MAY THE LORD BLESS

YOUR GENEROSITY!

STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH, PETERSTOWN
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA
JANUARY 23, 2022

Fr. Peter Pilon,
Pastor

Fr. Jeff Windy,
Parochial Vicar

SUNDAY MASS AT STS. PETER & PAUL:
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS AT STS. PETER & PAUL:
8:30 a.m. Sunday



Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Ethel Happ by the Altar Society

Sun. Jan. 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Katie Sondgeroth by Family

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Lector

Sun. Jan. 30 Dar Wujek

Collection for January 16th, 2022

Sunday Collection:	\$6,896.00
Fuel Collection:	200.00
First Offering:	35.00
Total:	\$7,131.00

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Monday: 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 2-3 p.m.

Tuesday: 2-3 p.m.

Thursday: 9-10 a.m., 4-5 p.m.

Friday: 3-4 p.m.

To sign up for one of these hours,
call Karen Brandner at 815.915.6635

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Thur. Jan. 20	3142	50.00	Cori Hungerford
Fri. Jan. 21	0543	50.00	Jerry O'Sadnick

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thanks to all who have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, at Ss. Peter & Paul we have pledges of \$10,021.00 toward our goal of \$13,108.00. We have received pledge cards from 36 parishioners.

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.



The 2022 Daily Dollars are here!
A chance to win money and
help our school!

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Sat. Jan. 29
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Sun. Jan. 23 **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. +Jerry Meyer by Russel & Beth Wackerlin



Collection for January 16th

Sunday Collection:	\$1,395.00
Solemnity of Mary:	55.00
Food Pantry	40.00
Total:	\$1,490.00
 Cemetery:	 \$0.00

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thanks to all who have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, at St. Theresa we have pledges of \$17,045.00 toward our goal of \$17,822.00. We have received pledge cards from 41 parishioners.

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.

Just a reminder to pick up your envelopes for 2022. If you are unable to pick them up, please let Mary Sons know (815.414.3241) and she will get them to you.

Also, please write your name on your envelopes. It helps the staff when entering information in the computer. Thank you so much in advance.

Please drop a note in the collection basket if you need a year-end statement for contributions made in 2021. We will place them in the vestibule for you to pick up the following week.

Thursday, January 27 is the date for the blood drive at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on East St. in Earlville, from 1 to 6 p.m. We are in need of blood. Please make an appointment. Call Mary Sons (at 815.414.3241) if you need help making an appointment.

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Volunteers Needed

We need help with altar servers, scheduling Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion, and setting up for Mass.

There will be a better and more detailed list next week, but we need people to volunteer as subs when someone is unable to be here.

Please consider it and help out your parish....

Call Mary Sons at 815.414.3241

Lector & Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Schedule

Saturday, January 29th

Lector: Mary Corel
EMHC: Paula Wold

Sunday, January 30th

Lector: Carol McLachlan
EMHC: Don McLachlan

"We shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavoring to know God; for, beholding His greatness, we realize our own littleness; His purity shows us our foulness; and by meditating upon His humility we find how very far we are from being humble."

St. Teresa of Avila



Iglesia de la Santa Cruz

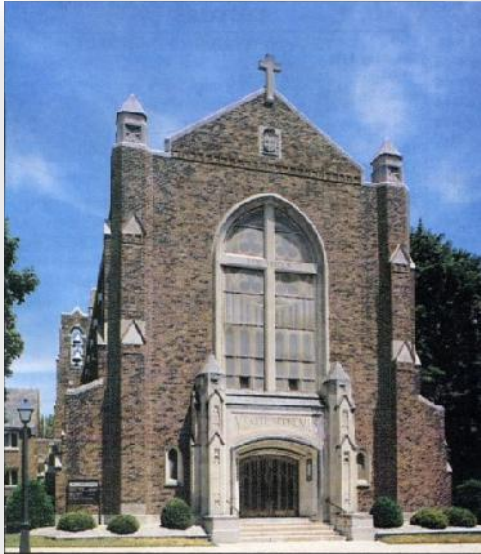
Diócesis Católica de Peoria
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Párroco: Padre Pedro Pilon

Diáconos: José López y Héctor Díaz

23 de Enero 2022

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Bautismos, Bodas, o Quinceañeras

Llamar a la Oficina

Bodas antes de hacer preparaciones para una boda
Llame a la oficina 6 a 8 meses antes de la boda

Obligado a estar en casa si necesita que le llevemos la comunión porque este enfermo por favor llame a la oficina

Grupos de Oración:

+Renovación Carismática: jueves a las 6- 8 pm

Confesiones

Sábado – 2:30 pm—3:45 pm

Si le gustaría ser lector en la misa de los domingos
Llame al Diacono Héctor Díaz

O mándele un recado. hdiaz1234@yahoo.com

APELACIÓN ANUAL DIOCESANA 2021

Gracias a todos los que se han comprometido con la Anual Apelación diocesana. Actualmente, en Holy Cross tenemos promesas de \$36,704.00 hacia nuestra meta de \$53,309.00. Hemos recibido tarjetas de compromiso de 143 feligreses. Un obsequio a la ADA, sin importar cuál grande o pequeño sea, puede ayudar. Una promesa de \$10 o \$20 por mes puede sumar. Incluso un regalo de una sola vez es útil. A los que tienen contribuido, estamos muy agradecidos. Si aún no lo has hecho hizo un regalo a la ADA, lo invitamos a hacerlo hoy. Cada dólar recaudado para llegar a nuestra meta es importante para servicios diocesanos y cada dólar recaudado sobre nuestra meta se mantendrá en la parroquia.

Horario de las misas

Domingo: 6:30 a.m. Holy Cross. /8am Earlville/
9am Ss. Peter and Paul. /10:30 a.m. Holy Cross/(inglés)
12 p.m. (español)

Lunes: 8 a.m. Earlville 7 p.m. Holy Cross

Martes: 7 a.m. Holy Cross/ 8 a.m. Earlville 8 a.m.

Miércoles 7 a.m. Earlville/ 8 a.m. Holy Cross

Jueves 7 a.m. Holy Cross / 8 a.m. Earlville

Viernes 7 a.m. Earlville /8 a.m. Holy Cross

Sábado 4 p.m. Holy Cross / 5 p.m. Earlville

Lectores

01/23 José Mandujano

01/30 Ramona Escatel

02/07 Carlos Moreno

Intenciones

01/23: 12 p.m. Refugio y Abel Diaz

01/30: 12 p.m. Feligreses

02/07: 12 p.m. David Olguín

«El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí.»

Isaías 61:1



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel

"Perpetual Adoration is the solution to our problems of declining vocations."

~ Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, Abp. of Cebu

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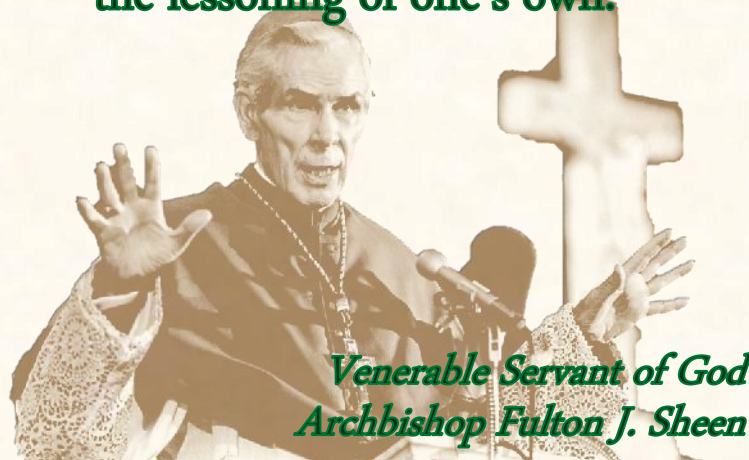
706 Washington St. 815-538-2265 Fax 815-539-5426
www.firststatebank.biz

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

	For the Week of	
Sunday	01/16/22	\$5,230.00
School		185.00
Food Pantry		65.00
Youth Ministry		30.00
Christmas		230.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God		15.00
Total		\$5,755.00

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

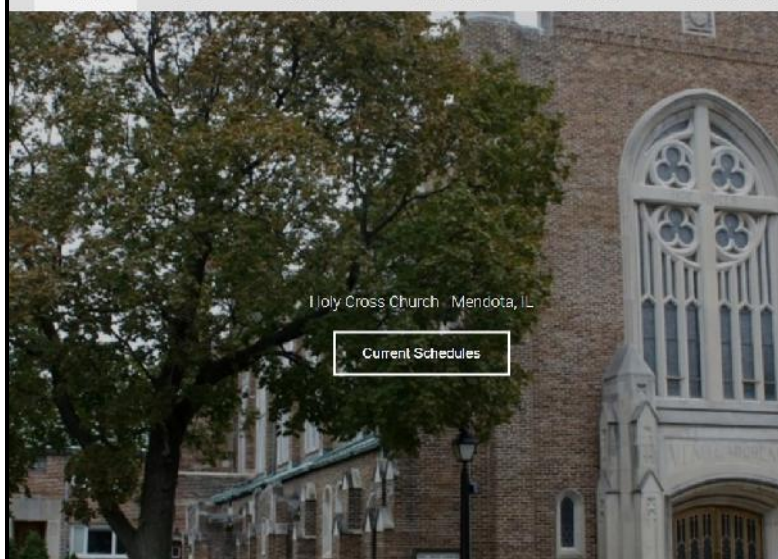
**"Help someone in distress and you
lighten your own burden; the very joy
of alleviating the sorrow of another is
the lessening of one's own."**

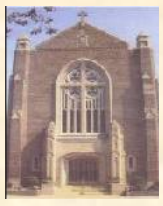


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Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

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





January 23, 2022

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



**“Today this Scripture passage
is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT Jesus’ preaching, his sermons or homilies, and what he might have said?

Well, wonder no more because today’s Gospel from St. Luke gives us the first words, at least, of his first homily. We also have a glimpse of what first century synagogue worship may have looked like.

I had to go to, perhaps my favorite teacher today, Dr. Brant Pitre, to get the background information on first century Jewish synagogue worship.

We must first understand that there was only one Temple, and that was the one in Jerusalem; we know that the people of that time were required to make a pilgrimage to the Temple three times a year (Passover, Pentecost, and the Day of Atonement), to offer sacrifice. Just as we have our priests today to offer sacrifice for us, and stand between us and God, so too did the first century Jews. So we need to have an understanding that the priestly role was then and is now to offer sacrifice on behalf of God’s people.

So what did they do all those other times to show Sabbath rest and offer Sabbath worship? That is how the synagogue system came into being. Obviously it was Jesus’ practice to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath (Saturday, *not* Sunday). The practice was that it was not the priest who preached and taught in the synagogues, but rather it was the laymen of the community who did that. The priest were men who were descended from line of Levi, and we know that Jesus was from the line of Judah (from which David also came) and so we know he wasn’t a priest in that sense. He was however a widely known and recognized

Rabbi, that is, a teacher of the Law. It’s also interesting to note that the Pharisees we hear so much about in the Gospels were also laymen leading a lay movement. Pharisees were, for the most part, the leaders in the synagogues. This should also give us a deeper look into just why the Pharisees had so often bumped heads with Jesus; he challenged their comfortable authority.

Synagogue worship consisted of reading from the Torah—the first five books of Moses, the scrolls of the Law—and another reading from the Hebrew scriptures, usually from the prophets. It was likely that Psalms were also sung, and this liturgical practice was followed by the Liturgy of the Banquet. Does this image bring to mind our own liturgical practice of the Sacrifice of the Mass in which we have the Liturgy of the Word, followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist? Even though there was no sacrifice in synagogue worship, we can still see how our liturgical practices have come down to us after centuries of practice from our older brothers in the faith.

Jesus, as a Jew, used these synagogue liturgies, just as all first-century rabbis and men and women of faith did. In instituting the Eucharistic celebration at the Last Supper, he took elements of synagogue worship and Temple sacrifice and wedded them, initiating the liturgical practices that have come down to us through the New Covenant.

**“Now you are Christ’s body,
and individually parts of it.”**

We will dig into more of Jesus’ first homily in next week’s column. Now I would like to turn briefly to our second reading from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians in which he expounds on the Mystical Body of Christ.

Saint Paul is the only New Testament writer who utilizes this image of the Mystical Body of Christ. This is the root of where all of theology finds its source in the imagery of the members of the Church making up the Mystical Body.

In brief, I would like to point out that this imagery from Paul illustrates the catholicity of the Church, as well as the diversity of its members. Mostly what Paul is writing about to this Christian community in Corinth is the idea that every person who is a member of the Church has been given a unique set of gifts from God, our Creator. Paul tells us by virtue of our baptism we have been given the Spirit of God. And the Holy Spirit builds up the Church through us by instilling within us His gifts. **“And God has appointed in the Church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues.”** You, me, and every member of the Church has worth in the eyes of God, and a duty to continue the work of building up His Church.

January 23, 2022

Holy Cross News of Note



It will be of great importance if you can leave aside your cares and spend the remainder of your life only in worshipping God. He requires no great matters of us; a little remembrance of him from time to time; a little adoration; sometimes to pray for his grace, sometimes to offer him your sufferings, and sometimes to return him thanks for the favors he has given you, and still gives you, in the midst of your troubles . . . Lift up your heart to him, sometimes even at your meals, and when you are in company; the least little remembrance will always be acceptable to him. You need not cry very loud; he is nearer to us than we are aware of.

— Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection

If you are interested in Serving for Mass, Reading at Mass, or volunteering as an Usher or Greeter for Mass, please drop a note in the collection with your name, telephone number and Mass time preferences. Even if you volunteered before, please let us know if you wish to continue.

Thank you and God bless. Fr. Peter Pilon

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Monday: 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 2-3 p.m.

Tuesday: 2-3 p.m.

Thursday: 9-10 a.m., 4-5 p.m.

Friday: 3-4 p.m.

**To sign up for one of these hours,
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YEAR END TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

To receive a copy of your year-end tax contributions, call or come to the Parish Office Monday through Wednesday between the hours of 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.



PARISH SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE!

Zoom web address:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjltNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09)

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Zoom Meeting ID 913 805 0856

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Sun: 6:30 a.m. Mass

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Theresa

9:00 a.m. Mass @ Ss. Peter & Paul

10:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 noon Mass in Spanish

Mon: 8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Theresa

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tues: 7:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Theresa

Wed: 7:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Theresa

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

Thur: 7:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Theresa

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

Fri: 7:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Theresa

8:00 a.m. Mass (8:15 when school is in session)

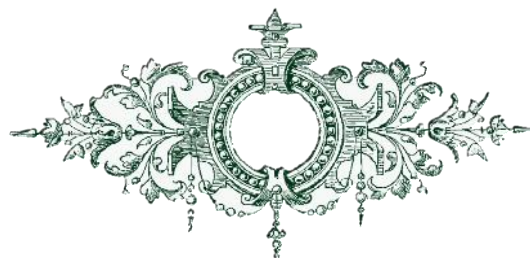
11:30 a.m. Mass @ OSF St. Paul

Sat: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Confession @ St. Theresa

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Theresa





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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE
The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations. This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!

FORMED Now!

FORMED NOW! LETTERS OF ST. PAUL
Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle.

LEARN

LISTEN

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH
The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

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Catechism Corner

» How Does the Church Understand the Sacrament of Holy Orders? «

† How does the Church understand the sacrament of Holy Orders?

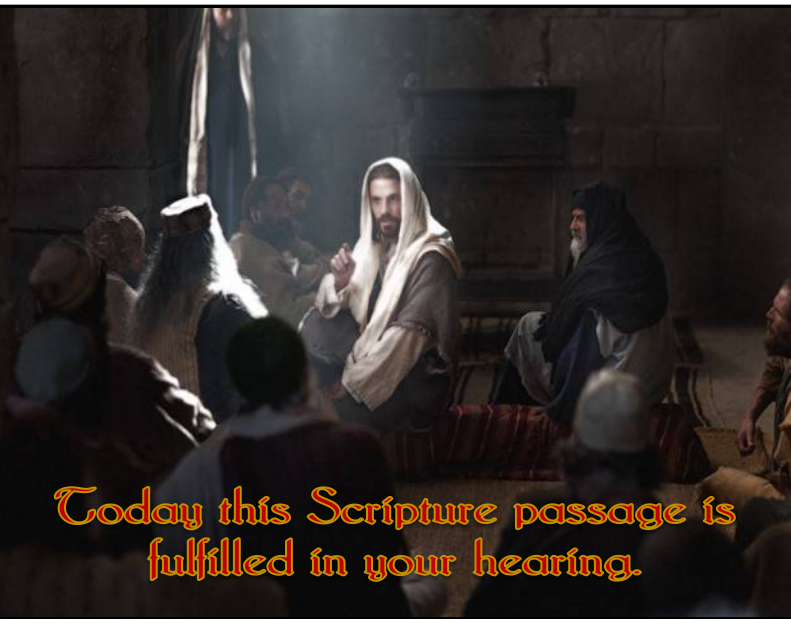
The priests of the Old Covenant saw their duty as mediating between heavenly and earthly things, between God and his people. Since Christ is the "one mediator between God and men" (1 Tim 2:5), he perfected and ended that priesthood. After Christ there can be an ordained priesthood only in Christ, in Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, and through a calling and apostolic mission from Christ.

A Catholic priest who administers the sacraments acts not on the basis of his own power or moral perfection (which unfortunately he often lacks), but rather "in persona Christi". Through his ordination, the transforming, healing, saving power of Christ is grafted onto him. Because a priest has nothing of his own, he is above all a servant. The distinguishing characteristic of every authentic priest, therefore, is humble astonishment at his own vocation.

† What are the degrees of the sacrament of Holy Orders?

The sacrament of Holy Orders has three degree: bishop (episcopate), priest (presbyterate), and deacon (diaconate). (YOUCAT questions 186-187)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (1539-1553) and other references [here](#).



Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.

In-Person Grief Groups

The grief groups will be held at two OSF Hospitals:
OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, in Ottawa, IL, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month.
OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota, IL, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of every month.

We will continue to maintain a safe 6' distance and masks will be required to enter the hospital.
Anyone is allowed to come to any or all meetings they would like to.

If you have questions, contact Kathy Steinz, OSF HealthCare, Bereavement Coordinator/Grief Group Support, (815) 343-5891

Kathleen.Stein@osfhealthcare.org

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thanks to all who have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, at Holy Cross we have pledges of \$36,704.00 toward our goal of \$53,309.00. We have received pledge cards from 143 parishioners.

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.



Great News!

If you, or someone you know, is struggling with forming a daily prayer routine, look no further, because Hallow is here to help! You can add the app to your smart phone for free!

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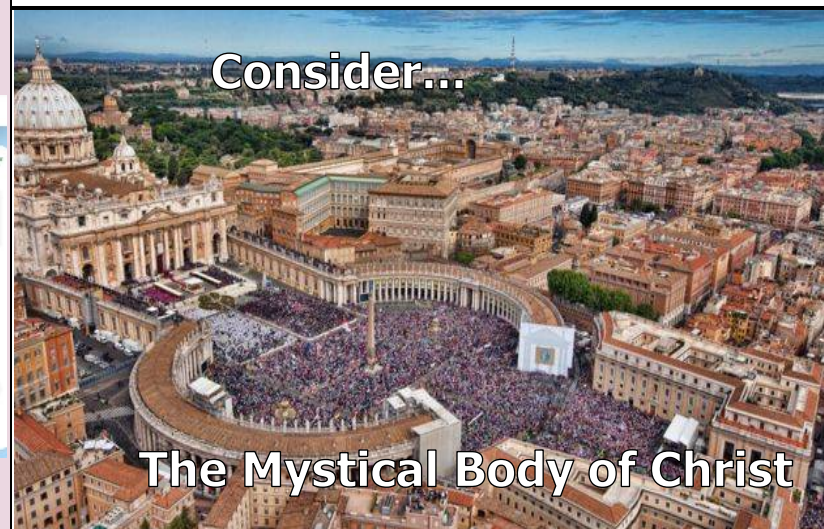
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~ St. Josemaría Escrivá
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PRAY THE ROSARY!

Our Evangelization team is on the move! Our meetings have gone from Thursday afternoons to Tuesday evenings to (now) Tuesday afternoons. We pray the rosary in community before our meetings and any/all parishioners are welcome to join in!

Please feel free to join us in the church to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary at **3:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons** in the church.



PRAYER CHAIN



- † **From Hope Life Center:**
We saw 3 women today who are struggling against tough circumstances to choose life for their children. Please pray God would draw near to them during this time.
- † **From HLC:**
Praise be to God! Becca, who had been planning to abort, recently chose life for her child! She also told us she recognizes her need for Christ. Please continue praying.
- † Please pray for people who are immunocompromised and those who are under covid restrictions and quarantine protocols.
- † Please continue to pray for parishioner Robert "Bob" Godawa, who has been battling Covid. Please pray fervently for Bob's recovery, and for his family.

*Remember, if you have prayer intentions, please call Nancy Kaiser at 815.539.6656. You can also sign up to get them immediately as they come in by joining the Prayer Chain on Flocknote. Call the parish office for more



Prayer After Communion by St. Thomas Aquinas
I thank You, Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, for having been pleased, through no merit of mine, but of Your great mercy alone, to feed me, a sinner, and Your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for my judgment and condemnation, but for my pardon and salvation. Let this Holy Communion be to me an armour of faith and a shield of good will, a cleansing of all vices, and a rooting out of all evil desires. May it increase love and patience, humility and obedience, and all virtues. May it be a firm defence against the evil designs of all my visible and invisible enemies, a perfect quieting of all the desires of soul and body. May this Holy Communion bring about a perfect union with You, the one true God, and at last enable me to reach eternal bliss when You will call me. I pray that You bring me, a sinner, to the indescribable Feast where You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, are to Your saints true light, full blessedness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas,
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