



Holy Cross Catholic Church

1010 Jefferson Street
Mendota, IL 61342
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 - 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
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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

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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

† 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



Holy Cross School

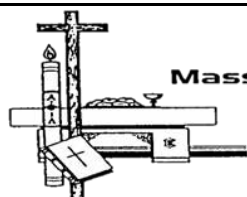
1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 27th 4th Sunday of Lent

6:30 a.m. +Joan Dennison by Jim & Jeanne Fitzpatrick

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Elsie Donato
by Dan & Joanne McConville

9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Mary Catherine Wujek
by Jerry & Mary Lou Baker

10:30 a.m. +Della Hamburg by Bruce & Jan Full

12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - Por el almas de Antonio
Arteaga y Enrique Escatel por familia

Monday, March 28th

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Joan Blum by Ray Blum

7:00 p.m. +Tom Mahaffey by Deb, Jason, Megan, Ava &
Macy Mahaffey

Tuesday, March 29th

7:00 a.m. +Ray & Mary Full by Family

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Debra Funfsinn
by Peterstown TEC

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

Wednesday, March 30th

7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Rita Happ
by Jim & Lynn Sondgeroth

8:00 a.m. +Karl Soliman by Family

12 p.m.—1 p.m. — Confessions

Thursday, March 31st

7:00 a.m. +Ashley Heiting by Heiting Family

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Jane Kuczek by Altar Society

5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Theresa

5 p.m.—6 p.m. — Confessions

Friday, April 1st

7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Jerry Meyer by Pat Powell

8:00 a.m. +Danny Arredondo by Papa, Ama, & Tio Ric

5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross

Saturday, April 2nd St. Francis of Paola

8:00 a.m. Jean Joerger by Mark & Juli Wixom

2:30 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. +Patricia Whitmore by Family

5:00 p.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Fr. Spilman
by Ted & Jane Zimmerman

Sunday, April 3rd 5th Sunday of Lent

6:30 a.m. +Clifford Sondgeroth
by Dennis & Linda Thompson

8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Joan Blum by Ray Blum

9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** Intentions of
John & Pat Sondgeroth

10:30 a.m. +Robert Woods by Deane & Phyllis Vogel

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, Apr. 2.....T. Leffelman

6:30 a.m. Sunday, Apr. 3.....B. Corrigan

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Apr. 3.....C. Fischer

4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 9.....G. Krenz

6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 10.....R. Arteaga

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

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

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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
MARCH 27, 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**



Sun. Mar. 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. + Mary Catherine Wujek
by Jerry & Mary Lou Baker

Sun. Apr. 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. Intention of John & Pat Sondgeroth

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Lector
Sun. Apr. 3 Penny Vercimak

Collection for March 20, 2022

Sunday Collection: \$1,412.00

PLEASE NOTE:
THE SATURDAY LENTEN RETREAT THAT WAS
MOVED TO APRIL 2ND, WILL NOW BE HELD IN
THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL GYM, FROM 9 A.M.
TO 11 A.M.



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

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

Sat. Mar. 19	2336	50.00	Connor Reppin
Sun. Mar. 20	3080	50.00	Joseph Foulk
Mon. Mar. 21	1291	100.00	Ann Lauer
Tue. Mar. 22	1102	50.00	Steve Weber
Wed. Mar. 23	1075	50.00	Steven Stremlau
Thur. Mar. 24	2580	50.00	Justin Proctor
Fri. Mar. 25	0408	50.00	Jaiden Peter

BLESSING OF SEEDS

An ancient custom of the Church is to bless seeds on or around the Solemnity of the Annunciation which is celebrated on March 25th. We will have the Blessing of the Seed on Sunday, March 27th at Ss. Peter & Paul in Peterstown at noon. Please bring any seed which you will plant this year for a great harvest! Anyone may come for this beautiful blessing. See you there!!!



ST THERESA, EARLVILLE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA
MARCH 27, 2022

Fr. Peter Pilon,
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Masses at St Theresa
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
Weekday Masses
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday : 8:00 am
Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am
Confessions: 4:00 to 4:45 on Saturday



Mass Intentions

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8:00 a.m. +Joan Blum by Ray Blum



Collection for March 20th

Sunday Collection:	\$1,102.00
Easter Flowers:	285.00
Capital Improvements:	20.00
Food Pantry:	130.00
Total:	\$1,537.00

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

faith

“The feeling remains that
God is on the journey too.”

-St. Teresa of Avila



Lector & Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Schedule

Saturday, April 2nd

Lector: Wally Cwikla
EMHC: Joe Stralka

Sunday, April 3rd

Lector: Tom Gerber
MHC: Jack Cantlin

PETERSTOWN TEC IS OFFERING A GIRLS TEC WEEKEND
APRIL 2ND THRU 4TH, 2022!

ANY YOUNG LADY AGED 16-23 IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND
AS A CANDIDATE. APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:
www.peterstowntec.com

PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATIONS IN ASAP! THANK YOU!

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- ♦ On Palm Sunday, April 10, St. Theresa will be serving **Fellowship Breakfast** for the first time since the pandemic has begun. We will be serving pancakes and sausage in the basement of the hall from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please join us inside for this fellowship. \$8 for the breakfast. More information will follow...

*Palm Sunday
Breakfast*



- ♦ There are several **empty dishes** that have been left in the basement from dinners. Please remember to head down and pick them up.
- ♦ The next meeting of the **Parish Activity Club** will be Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the church. Please mark your calendar. We will be planning the next event.



- ♦ **Easter Flowers**

Please use the Easter Flower Offering Envelope to donate for our Easter flowers this year. The envelopes need to be turned in by March 27th to have memorials listed in the Easter Bulletin. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful for Easter.

- ♦ **Air Conditioner Project**

We have made our down payment for the three units in the basement and hope to have them installed by summer. Your generous donations and successful fundraisers have exceeded the cost of the air conditioners. The excess will be used for future projects. Thank you for building up St. Theresa Parish.

- ♦ **Blessing of Seeds**

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- ♦ **Cemetery Clean-Up**

Come one, come all! 8:00 a.m. on April 2nd (Rain Date is April 9th). Bring rakes and garden tools. We hope to see you there!

Iglesia de la Santa Cruz

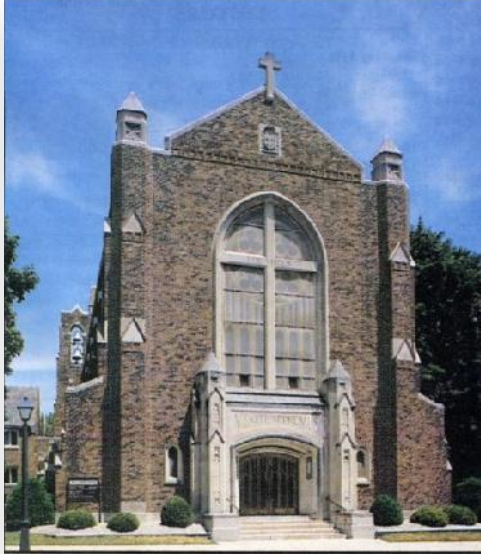
Diócesis Católica de Peoria
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Tel. 815 538-6151 Fax: 815 539-5014

Párroco: Padre Pedro Pilon

Diáconos: José López y Héctor Díaz

27 de Marzo 2022

Cuarto domingo de Cuaresma



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

Jueves de 5 pm a 6 pm confesiones en español

Todos los jueves durante la Cuaresma tenemos el viacrucis a las 6 pm Y después la Santa misa Venga a estar con Jesús!

Recuerde que los Caballeros de Colon ya esta teniendo las ventas de pascado frito los viernes.

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

03/27 Daniel y Leticia Angulo

04/03

Intenciones

03/27: 12 p.m. Antonio Arteaga y Enrique Escatel

04/03: 12 p.m. Feligreses

“PADRE, HE PECADO CONTRA EL CIELO Y CONTRA TI. YA NO MEREZCO SER LLAMADO HIJO TUYO; TRÁTAME COMO TRATARÍAS A UNO DE TUS JORNALEROS”.

(LUCAS 15:18-19)



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



BEST. LOVE STORY. EVER.

Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel

"Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

~ Pope St. Pius X

Please call Karen Brandner,
Chapel Coordinator, at 815.915.6635
to sign up for *your* Holy Hour.

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Monday thru Friday year round

Ages: 3-12

7 am - 5:30 pm

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THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

	For the Week of	
Sunday	03/20/22	\$7,019.25
School		230.00
Food Pantry		38.00
Youth Ministry		35.00
Fuel		811.00
Seminarian Appeal		976.00
Aid to Eastern Europe		90.00
Catholic Relief		43.00
Miscellaneous		68.00
Total		\$9,310.25

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

"Most commit the same mistake with God that they do with their friends: They do all the talking."

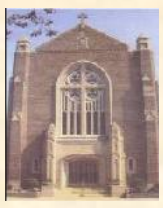


*Venerable Servant of God
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

Check out our website!

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





Holy Cross

March 27, 2022



Why Be Catholic?

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

“Whoever is in Christ is a new creation...”

THIS WEEK, RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON THE GOSPEL I WOULD LIKE TO begin by highlighting the epistle from St. Paul. Paul writes to the Christians in Corinth about the great pivot of heart that comes about as a result of being a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

Paul teaches that hearing of Jesus, i.e., learning about Jesus, who he is, what he says, and what he does, necessarily means a subsequent change of heart. The Greeks call this *metanoia*, literally a conversion of heart. I wonder, how many of us could honestly consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus?

Of course, I can only speak for myself, and I would answer that question by saying that there are times when I could consider myself a “real” disciple, and there are plenty of other times where I can miss the mark in great ways.

For those who are attending the Lenten Study *Into His Likeness* with Fr. Jeff, you may recall the idea of a disciple being covered in the dust of the rabbi. A good disciple, in order to obtain as much of the essence of the rabbi’s teaching would be said to follow so closely behind that the dust kicked up by the rabbi’s sandals would literally cover the disciple. The disciple sits at the feet of the rabbi and absorbs his teaching through his words; he also follows the rabbi in his daily life so as to absorb the practicability of his teachings — how do I apply these teachings to my everyday life?

You will be hearing a lot about discipleship over the course of the next months (and possibly years) in the context of each of us as parishioners of Holy Cross, Ss. Peter & Paul, and St. Theresa, to put into practice — to live out practically — the ideals of discipleship, and note just merely discipleship, but *missionary discipleship*.

This implies going out. Bishop Louis Tylka has chosen “The Great Commission” as his episcopal motto — Go Make Disciples. One of the highest priorities as our bishop is to foster this idea of missionary discipleship. You should be grateful to know that our parish has had a team working toward this goal already in place for the past several years.

I would like you to imagine what a parish of committed Christians would look like. Committed not only to following

Christ, but to working for the salvation of each and every one of our parish brothers and sisters. This is what it means to undergo parish renewal.

Imagine how a parish, whose members are willing to hold each other accountable in righteousness and humility, would be perceived by the surrounding area. When I sin against someone, and you or someone else calls me out on that sin and holds me accountable, not just to the one whom I’ve offended, but accountable to the Lord as well, will I have the humility to receive that correction in the love with which it is intended?

That’s a big question. If I have a misunderstanding of some Church teaching and am attempting to transmit that teaching on to other Christians, do I accept the subsequent correction in humility and love? Am I able to take to heart the new understanding and incorporate it into my life and my own attempts to transmit the faith?

Each of these is an example of what it means to be “in Christ,” as St. Paul says; it is also a view of what it means to have that *metanoia* and become the “new creation.”

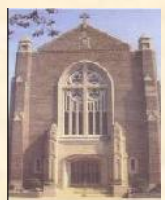
If you have the good grace to be present at the Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Cross this year, you will have the opportunity to witness four new members joining our parish family. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once commented that “there are not one hundred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.”

What this great patron of our diocese was getting at was simple. Do we learn the practice of our Catholic faith from sources other than the great deposit of the faith that is the Church. Example? How often do we look at a professed Catholic Christian who errs in some way, think pro-abortion politician. Do you suppose this pro-abortion politician could possibly lead other practicing Catholics astray? In Christ, we must strive to get past that point where we cannot accept correction, which has been the case with many of these pro-abort Catholic politicians.

This is not intended as any political statement, but simply is an attempt to use some low-hanging fruit to illustrate how missionary discipleship might work. As a Catholic religion teacher, my greatest fear is to teach something that is unorthodox or in error. As an apologist (an explainer and defender of the faith), the greatest thing a person can learn is how to say “I don’t know. Let me look into this further and get back to you.” It helps us stay away from teaching erroneously, and it gives us the opportunity to learn something new about our faith. It’s a great way to have a respectful dialogue with someone without belittling them or the position they hold.

As Easter approaches, let’s redouble our efforts to grow closer—with Him, and each other!





27 de Marzo, 2022

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

“El que está en Cristo es una nueva creación...”

ESTA SEMANA, EN LUGAR DE CENTRARME EN EL EVANGELIO, ME GUSTARÍA COMENZAR destacando la epístola de San Pablo. Pablo escribe a los cristianos de Corinto sobre el gran giro del corazón que surge como resultado de ser un verdadero discípulo de Jesucristo.

Pablo enseña que escuchar a Jesús, es decir, aprender acerca de Jesús, quién es, qué dice y qué hace, significa necesariamente un cambio de corazón posterior. Los griegos llaman a esto metanoia, literalmente una conversión del corazón. Me pregunto, ¿cuántos de nosotros honestamente podríamos considerarnos discípulos de Jesús?

Por supuesto, solo puedo hablar por mí mismo, y respondería esa pregunta diciendo que hay momentos en los que podría considerarme un discípulo 'real', y hay muchos otros momentos en los que puedo fallar en gran manera.

Para aquellos que asisten al Estudio de Cuaresma *a Su Semejanza* con el Padre. Jeff, quizás recuerdes la idea de un discípulo cubierto por el polvo del rabino. Se diría que un buen discípulo, para obtener la mayor parte de la esencia de la enseñanza del rabino, lo sigue tan de cerca que el polvo levantado por las sandalias del rabino literalmente cubriría al discípulo. El discípulo se sienta a los pies del rabino y absorbe su enseñanza a través de sus palabras; él también sigue al rabino en su vida diaria para absorber la viabilidad de sus enseñanzas. ¿Cómo aplico estas enseñanzas a mi vida diaria?

Escuchará mucho sobre el discipulado en el transcurso de los próximos meses (y posiblemente años) en el contexto de cada uno de nosotros como feligreses de Santa Cruz, Ss. Pedro y Pablo, y St. Teresa de Avila, para poner en práctica, para vivir en la práctica, los ideales del discipulado, y nótese solo el discipulado, pero el discipulado misionero.

Esto implica salir. El obispo Louis Tylka ha elegido 'La Gran Comisión' como su lema episcopal: vayan y hagan discípulos. Una de las más altas prioridades como nuestro obispo es fomentar esta idea del discipulado misionero. Debería estar agradecido de saber que nuestra parroquia ha tenido un equipo trabajando para lograr este objetivo durante los últimos años.

Me gustaría que se imaginaran cómo sería una parroquia de cristianos comprometidos. Comprometidos no solo en seguir a Cristo, sino en trabajar por la salvación de todos y cada uno de nuestros hermanos y hermanas de la parroquia. Esto es lo que significa experimentar la renovación parroquial.



Imagínese cómo sería percibida por el área circundante una parroquia cuyos miembros están dispuestos a responsabilizarse unos a otros con rectitud y humildad. Cuando pecho contra alguien, y usted o alguien más me llama la atención sobre ese pecado y me hace responsable, no solo ante aquel a quien he ofendido, sino también ante el Señor, ¿tendré la humildad de recibir esa corrección? en el amor con que se pretende?

Esa es una gran pregunta. Si tengo un malentendido de alguna enseñanza de la Iglesia y estoy tratando de transmitir esa enseñanza a otros cristianos, ¿acepto la subsiguiente corrección con humildad y amor? ¿Soy capaz de tomar a pecho la nueva comprensión e incorporarla a mi vida ya mis propios intentos de transmitir la fe?

Cada uno de estos es un ejemplo de lo que significa estar “en Cristo”, como dice San Pablo; es también una visión de lo que significa tener esa metanoia y convertirse en la “nueva creación”.

Si tiene la gracia de estar presente en la Misa de la Vigilia Pascual en Holy Cross este año, tendrá la oportunidad de presenciar a cuatro nuevos miembros que se unen a nuestra familia parroquial. El Venerable Arzobispo Fulton Sheen comentó una vez que “no hay cien personas en los Estados Unidos que odien a la Iglesia Católica, pero hay millones que odian lo que erróneamente perciben que es la Iglesia Católica”.

Lo que este gran patrón de nuestra diócesis quería decir era simple. ¿Aprendemos la práctica de nuestra fe católica de fuentes distintas al gran depósito de la fe que es la Iglesia? ¿Ejemplo? ¿Con qué frecuencia miramos a un cristiano católico profeso que se equivoca de alguna manera, piense en un político a favor del aborto? ¿Supone que este político a favor del aborto podría desviar a otros católicos practicantes? En Cristo, debemos esforzarnos por superar ese punto en el que no podemos aceptar la corrección, como ha sido el caso de muchos de estos políticos católicos a favor del aborto.

Esto no tiene la intención de ser una declaración política, sino que simplemente es un intento de utilizar algún fruto al alcance de la mano para ilustrar cómo podría funcionar el discipulado misionero. Como profesor de religión católica, mi mayor temor es enseñar algo poco ortodoxo o erróneo. Como apologeta (explicador y defensor de la fe), lo mejor que una persona puede aprender es cómo decir “No sé. Déjame investigar esto más a fondo y te responderé”. Nos ayuda a evitar enseñar erróneamente y nos da la oportunidad de aprender algo nuevo sobre nuestra fe. Es una excelente manera de tener un diálogo respetuoso con alguien sin menospreciarlo o menospreciar la posición que ocupa.

A medida que se acerca la Pascua, redoblemos nuestros esfuerzos para acercarnos más, ¡con Él y entre nosotros!



PALM SUNDAY



HOLY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER SUNDAY

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 †Stations of the Cross 5 p.m. @Holy Cross KofC Lenten Fish Dinner @ Mendota Elks	2 Lenten Mini Retreat w/Fr. Jeff 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Holy Cross
3	4 7 p.m. Mass @HC	5 <i>Into His Likeness:</i> 6 p.m. Lenten Study @ Ss. Peter & Paul	6 <i>Into His Likeness:</i> 8 a.m. Lenten Study @ St. Theresa 12-1 p.m. Confession @HC	7 †Stations of the Cross 5 p.m. @St. Theresa 5-6 p.m. Confession @HC	8 †Stations of the Cross 5 p.m. @Holy Cross	9
Palm Sunday 10	Holy Monday 11 7 p.m. Mass @HC	Holy Tuesday 12 Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Peoria	Holy Wednesday 13	Maundy Thursday 14 7 p.m. Mass @HC 7 p.m. Mass @ST	15 Good Friday Service: 12 Noon @HC 12 Noon @ST 3:00 p.m. @PP 3:00 p.m. @HC en español	Holy Saturday 16 9 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets 8 p.m. Vigil Mass @ST 8:30 p.m. Vigil Mass @HC
Easter Sunday 17	18 7 p.m. Mass @HC	19	20	21	22	23
Divine Mercy Sunday 24 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Concert	25 7 p.m. Mass @HC	26	27	28	29 *Abstain from eating meat on ALL Fridays of Lent (<i>except for the Feast of the Annunciation</i>) **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast <i>and</i> Abstinence	30

A CALL TO CATHOLIC
MEN OF FAITH

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ANNUAL MEN'S MARCH & MASS



SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Jeff would love to have a large turn-out to march and welcome our new bishop! Let him know if you would be interested in going.

"Let's do this!"



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

8:30am- Confessions at the Peoria Riverfront

9:00am- Gathering & Opening Prayer

9:15am- Men's Rally Begins

9:45am- March to Cathedral

10:30am- Mass with Bishop Lou Tylka at the Cathedral of St. Mary

11:45am- Fellowship & Food Following the Mass at Spalding Pastoral Ctr.

**Food & Beverages will be available for purchase*



Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

March 27, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Just over two years ago, the world entered an unprecedented time as the coronavirus pandemic began. No aspect of our lives went untouched, including the practice of our faith. From the onset, the Diocese of Peoria, in consort with the other dioceses in the State of Illinois, implemented protocols intended to protect the health and wellbeing of our brothers and sisters — especially the most vulnerable among us. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and honor all the sacrifices that were made, and to thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Now, having reached a point where many of the safety protocols are able to be lifted, the time has come to rescind the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. This will occur on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. Each year on this occasion, we mark Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem as we begin Holy Week. This year, it will also mark our Church's triumphant renewal of Sunday worship. Having borne the cross of the COVID-19 pandemic, Holy Week is a most fitting time to enter anew into the death and resurrection of Jesus and experience the renewed life of the Church as we celebrate the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians — the Most Holy Eucharist.

During the past couple of years, many of our parishes began the praiseworthy practice of streaming their Masses and other liturgical events. I am glad to know that a number of our churches will continue this practice for the benefit of our sick and homebound. However, it must be noted that watching Mass on TV or via the Internet — even when it is live-streamed — does not fulfill the Sunday obligation. As has always been the case, those who are ill or homebound — along with those who care for them — are not obliged to attend Mass. Furthermore, charity indicates that if you are contagious, you should stay home.

We have all suffered through this pandemic together, therefore, it will be a great blessing to fully welcome back all our brothers and sisters to Mass, particularly for our beautiful and deeply significant liturgies of Holy Week and Easter!

My dear friends, let us continue to pray for one another as many still struggle with matters related to the coronavirus pandemic. We pray that Jesus' healing touch may come upon those who continue to suffer.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Peace and Prayers,

✠ Most Reverend Louis Tylka
BISHOP OF PEORIA

March 27, 2022

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"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation. God has reconciled us to himself through Christ. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled too God." What is it that finally moves the prodigal son to return home? His hunger. Experiencing his own poverty, he remembers where he can find "more than enough" - his father's house. At first, believing that his father will feed him merely as he feeds his household servants, the son sets out. He goes hoping for scraps of manna, yet he is received like the Israelites into the Promised Land and set before a feast. Dressed in the effect of the Father's own authority, we "become the righteousness of God." God's love for us is even greater than we imagine.

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent



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,
call Karen Brandner at 815.915.6635

*Your brother was dead and
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PARISH SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE!

Zoom web address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjltNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09>

Zoom Meeting ID 913 805 0856

Password 811195

Sun: 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

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

Ash Wed: 6:30 a.m. Mass

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

8:15 a.m. School Mass

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

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

5:30 p.m. Mass @ Ss. Peter & Paul

7:00 p.m. Mass en español

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)

Sat: 8:00 a.m. (First Saturday ONLY)

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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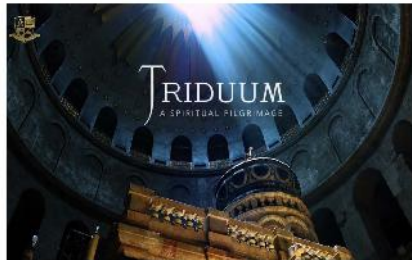
PICK OF THE WEEK

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TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



FORMED LIVE!

Jesus' Descent into Hell

Holy Saturday
April 11th, 2020

FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

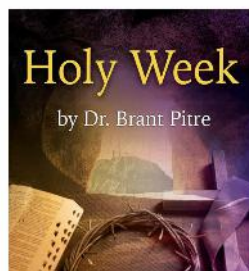
What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

LEARN

LISTEN

HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



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Catechism Corner

» What does it mean to say God is LOVE? «

† What does it mean to say that God is love?

If God is love, then there is nothing created that is not carried and surrounded by his infinite benevolence. God not only declares that he is love, he also proves it: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

No other religion says what Christianity says: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16). Faith holds fast to this promise, although the experience of suffering and evil in the world may make people wonder whether God is really loving. Already in the Old Testament God communicates to his people through the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you" (Is 43:4-5a) and has him say, "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have graven you on the palms of my hands" (Is 49:15-16a). This talk about divine love does not consist of empty words; Jesus proves this on the Cross, where he gives up his life for his friends. (YOUCAT question 33)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (214-221) and other references [here](#).



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Friday Fish!

For the first five Fridays of Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be offering a Boiled Fish and Fried Fish Dinner Buffet! Serving from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. \$15 per person, and grade school students eat free when accompanied by their parents or guardian! Phone in at 815-414-3381 for take-out service.



We are once again seating guests and serving our buffet style dinners!

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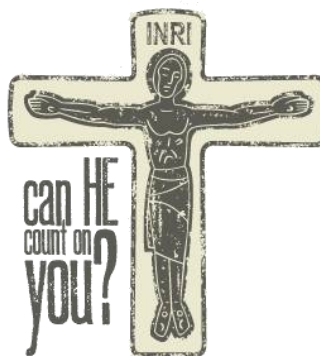
**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE CCD STUDENTS WHO MADE
THEIR FIRST CONFESSIONS LAST
SATURDAY!**



Please Welcome...

Amador and Eustolia Hermosillo
&
Manuel and Norma Lopez,
and their son Emill Antonio
to our parish family.

If you are interested in joining our
parishes, please call the Parish
Office or see one of the Priests.



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Girls' TEC Weekend!

***Peterstown TEC is offering a Girls' TEC
Weekend April 2—4, 2022!***

***Any young lady, aged 16—23 years old is
eligible to attend as a candidate. Applications
can be found online at:***

<https://www.peterstowntec.com>

Please send them in ASAP!

Thank You!

Pork Chop Barbecue

***Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services
Wednesday, April 6, 2022***

Serving from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

at the Mendota Civic Center

***Advance Tickets are Available at MASS and
Mendota Area Banks***

Menu includes:

***2 BBQ Pork Chops, Potato Salad, Baked
Beans, Roll & Butter, and Cookie.***

\$15 for adults ~ \$4 Kid's Hot Dog Special

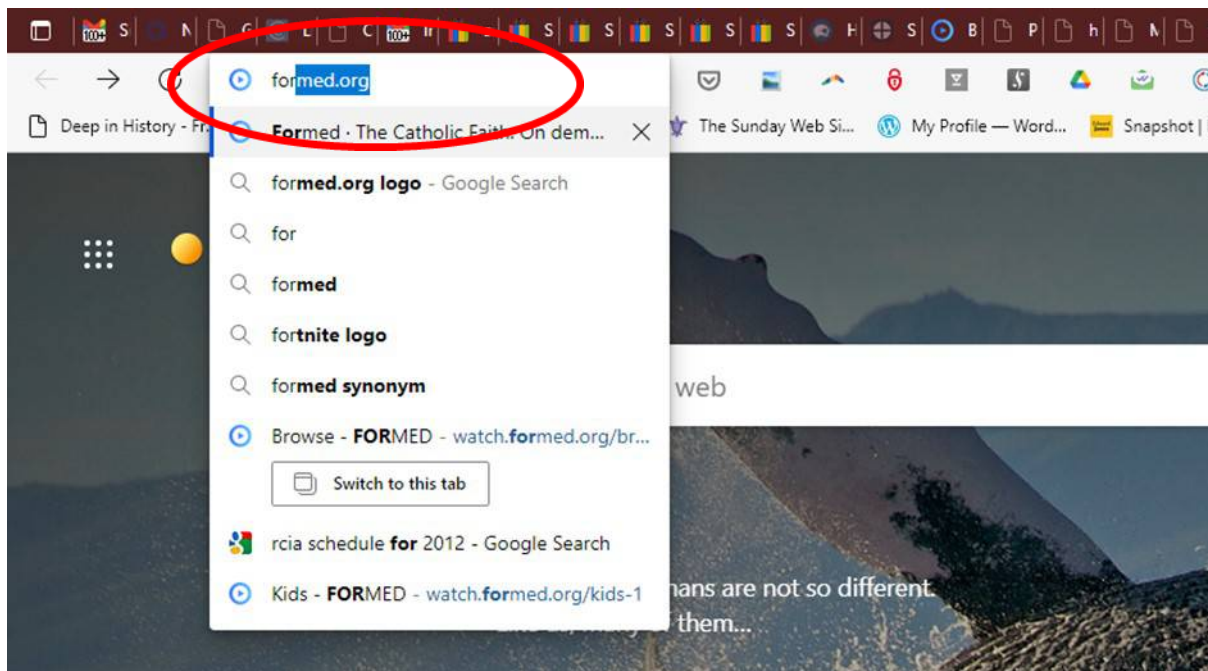
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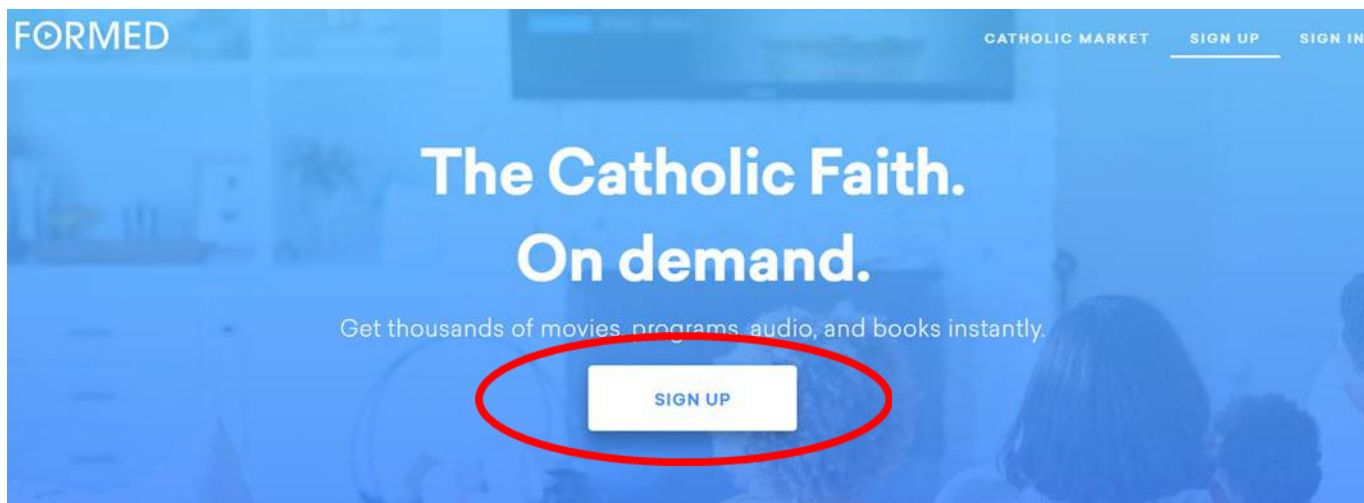


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1. Go to <https://formed.org> on your web browser



2. Click on the "SIGN UP" button



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3. Select “Sign up as a parishioner”
4. You will then come to a screen that says “Create a New Account”
5. Where it says, “Find your Parish or Organization,” type in “Holy Cross Mendota”

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6. Select the one that shows the address as “1010 Jefferson Street”
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11. Each time you log on, it will ask for your email address; you will then need to check your inbox and click on the link they send you to access the site and start watching.
12. It is very easy to get to the site, and once you are there, we encourage you to peruse all of the offerings on the site; you will find other studies, eBooks and audio books, movies, videos for faith formation for all ages, and so much more!
13. To view the “Into His Likeness” parish Lenten study, you can either:
 - a. Click on the purple “Lent” button and scroll down until you see the study, or
 - b. Click on the magnifying glass search feature and type “Into His Likeness” into the space that will open up, or
 - c. Scroll down to the “Lent” category and scroll to the right, if necessary until you find the study, or
 - d. Scroll further down the page until you find the “Faith Formation” category, and select the study from there.

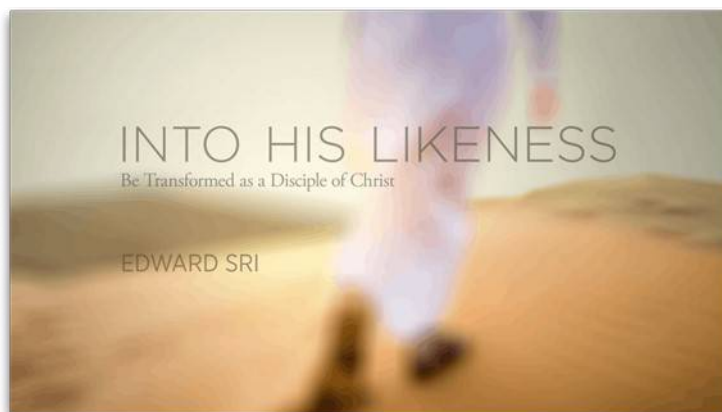
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Into His Likeness

In the ancient disciple-rabbi relationship, the disciple would follow the rabbi so closely that he would be covered in the dust kicked up from his rabbi's feet. Thousands of years later, though we walk on roads of pavement and not dust, we are still called to be disciples – to follow our Rabbi, Jesus Christ, so closely that we are covered with his life, changed, and made new.



But this transformation in Christ doesn't happen overnight. In this series, Edward Sri reminds us of two basic truths: First, (A) The truth of our high calling – we are called to be perfected in God's love and transformed in Christ. Living as a disciple is all about the process of getting from A to B.

We are reminded that the saints were not always perfect, but works in progress – just think of Matthew the tax collector, Paul the persecutor of Christians, and Peter the denier of Christ. Edward Sri reminds us that the earliest disciples are models not of perfections but of a process. And it's that process that Jesus wants to reproduce in our lives today.

Do you sense that movement in you – that desire to go deeper in your relationship with Christ? Do you have a longing to follow Jesus more closely, to be transformed by him? Do you notice a stirring inside, a longing to love God with all your heart, but feel unsure what steps to take next?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, know that God is the one who has put those yearnings in your soul. He has already given you the heart of a disciple. This series simply aims to help you follow those initial promptings of the Holy Spirit so that you may more intentionally encounter Jesus anew each day and be more disposed to the power of his grace molding you, transforming you ever more into his likeness.

Be sure to visit our parish website at <https://mendotacatholic.org> for more great information and resources to help take you deeper into your faith!

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DON'T BE CONFUSED!

There are two separate events being offered by Fr. Jeff this Lent; there is a four-week study entitled Into His Likeness that is taking place on Tuesday evenings at Peterstown, and on Wednesday mornings at Earlville.

There is also the Mini-Retreat that is being offered on **Monday, March 28 at 6 p.m. at Earlville**, and on **Saturday, April 2nd at Holy Cross at 9 a.m. (this is a new date and location!)**

Please continue to call the Parish Office and say which event you are signing up for, or if you are signing up for both. There is plenty of room at either location, so please plan to attend one or both of these great Lenten opportunities!

Sign up today for daily reflection
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PLEASE NOTE:

**THE SATURDAY LENTEN RETREAT HAS BEEN
MOVED TO SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND,
AT PETERSTOWN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM.**



PRAYER CHAIN



† From Hope Life Center:

Danyelle is pregnant and being treated for substance abuse. She is convinced abortion is her only choice. Pray boldly for healing and for her heart to change.

† From Hope Life Center:

Shawna told us she feels bad that she is considering abortion, but has some personal health conflicts that are guiding her decision. Please pray for calm and clarity of mind and heart for Shawna.

† From Hope Life Center:

Sairah was feeling pressured to abort and had a follow up scheduled for Wednesday. She didn't come. Pray that she would reach out to us and reschedule for another appointment.

† Please pray for the following people and their circumstances:

Kris Kazlowski, with Leukemia; Dave Bend, with COPD/Emphysema and a Pulmonary Embolism; Kevin Theisen, with Glioblastoma Cancer; Also, for a woman who has had 3 miscarriages, and is now pregnant again, that she has a healthy, full-term baby.



**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 information.*

Lenten Rules for Fasting & Abstinence

Lent is the principle season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious, and the laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy. In the United States, the rules for fasting and abstinence during Lent are as follows:

Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and on Good Friday. Everyone 18 and older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter. May our Lenten journey bring us closer to the Cross and our Resurrected Savior.

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.Steinz@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 \$36,944.00 toward our goal of \$53,309.00. We have received pledge cards from 145 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!

Use this code to access the full platform of all Hallow has to offer for a free three-month trial:

<https://hallow.com/share/RPEW5C>

Note: this link works for account creation on a web browser only (as opposed to creating an account in the app)

Note: this code **will not work if someone already is a Hallow Plus subscriber or if they already did a free trial of Hallow*

"The Mass is long, you say, and I add: 'Because your love is short.'"

~ St. Josemaría Escrivá
Founder of Opus Dei



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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 2022 ☞ PRAY ☞ FAST ☞ SERVE

There will be two opportunities offered for a Lenten four week study program with Fr. Jeff. Beginning on Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at Ss. Peter & Paul, or on Wednesday, March 9 at 9 a.m. at St. Theresa *Into His Likeness* will be presented. Please call the Holy Cross parish office if you are interested in attending. Next week's bulletin will include a calendar including all the events, liturgies, opportunities to increase in holiness.

Consider signing up for one of these ideas as an enhancement to your Lenten practice this year...

Sign up today for "Best Lent Ever 2.0" daily reflections at:
<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>

Relevant Radio 40 Lenten Lessons on the Mass:
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INTO HIS LIKENESS on FORMED.org ~ Lenten Study led by Fr. Jeff
[Into His Likeness - FORMED](#)

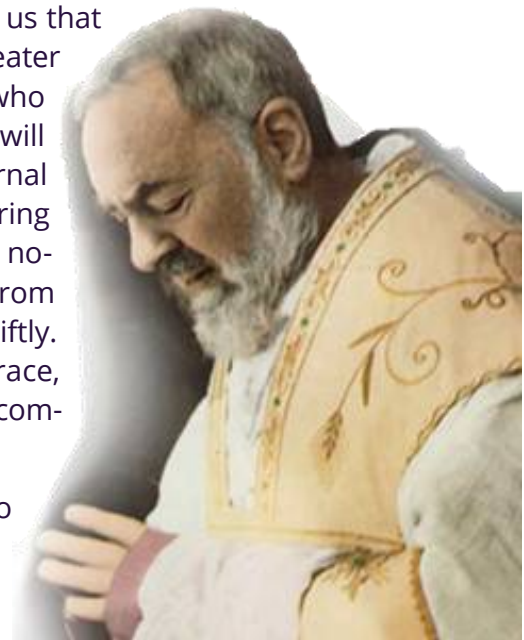
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Plan to attend and pray the Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Theresa, or 5 p.m. Fridays at Holy Cross. This could be something for the whole family to do together.

Our present life is given only to gain the eternal one, and if we don't think about it, we build our affections on what belongs to this world, where our life is transitory. When we have to leave it, we are afraid and become agitated. Believe me, to live happily in this pilgrimage, we have to aim at the hope of arriving at our Homeland, where we will stay eternally. Meanwhile, we have to believe firmly that God calls us to Himself and follows us along the path towards Him. He will never permit anything to happen to us that is not for our greater good. He knows who we are and He will hold out His paternal hand to us during difficulties, so that nothing prevents us from running to Him swiftly. But to enjoy this grace, we must have complete trust in Him.

~ St. Padre Pio



"God is going to ask us what we did to be effective evangelists. This is not an option. This is a Commission from God."



~ Chris Stefanick



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