Holy Cross Catholic Church

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

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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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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
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Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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

Adoration - 1st Friday of each month

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

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

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, July 24th **17th Sunday in O.T.**
6:30 a.m. +Sue Barrett by Tim & Lori McConville
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Marian McConville by Dick & Mary McConville
9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul**: +Donna Hintermister by Mary Hardy
10:30 a.m. +Don Full by Nancy Goble
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Feligreses

Monday, July 25th **Saint James**
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** Janice Fusinatto Intentions (Living) by Tom & Mary Heitmann
7:00 p.m. +Rita Weber by Norbert Weber

Tuesday, July 26th **Ss. Joachim & Anne**
7:00 a.m. +Larry Lauer & +Audrey Prokuski by Friends
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +P.R. Hughes by Dick & Mary Lee McConville
11:30 a.m. Mass at OSF St. Paul: Special Intention

Wednesday, July 27th
7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Virginia Dakesian
8:00 a.m. +Fr. Richard Brunskill by Marilyn Neff
12 p.m.—1 p.m. — Confessions

Thursday, July 28th
7:00 a.m. +Eddie Adame by Hector & Maria Arredondo
+John Daniel Weber by Norbert Weber
8:00 a.m. @**St. Theresa:** +Virginia McLachlan by Roger Donahue
5 p.m.—6 p.m. — Confessions

Friday, July 29th **Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus**
7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Dan Kelly
8:00 a.m. +Don Full by Bob Bernie Menne

Saturday, July 30th **St. Peter Chrysologus**
2:30 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. +Calvin Bohn by Betty Bohn
5:00 p.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Joyce Hendricks by John & Florence McConville

Sunday, July 31st **18th Sunday in O.T.**
6:30 a.m. +Jean Joerger by Mark & Juli Wixom
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** Parishioners
9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul**: +Ken Sondgeroth by Mel Harth
10:30 a.m. +Judy Stiel by Family
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Severiano y Herlinda López por Diacono José López

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 live streamed via the Zoom connection we have been using.

Here is the link for the Zoom site:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjJtNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09

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, July 30 ..... **C. Fischer**
6:30 a.m. Sunday, July 31 ..... **R. Bergmark**
10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 31 ..... **G. Krenz**

4:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug 6 ..... **B. Corrigan**
6:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug 7 ..... **R. Arteaga**
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug 7 ..... **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
JULY 24, 2022

Fr. Peter Pilon,
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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. July 24 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. +Donna Hintermister by Mary Hardy

Sun. July 31 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. +Ken Sondgeroth by Mel Harth

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

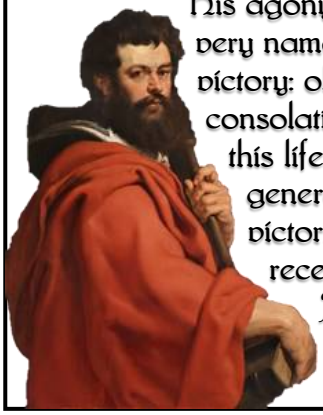
Lector
Sun. July 31 Dar Wujek

Collection for July 17, 2022

Sunday Collection: $1,153.00

Glorious Apostle

O Glorious Apostle, Saint James, who by reason of your fervent and generous heart, was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; you, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.



. . . St. James the Apostle,
Pray for Us . . .

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Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry is looking to fill volunteer positions on Wednesdays and Fridays. You would need to be available from 8:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Your primary responsibility would be shopping with clients.

If interested in volunteering, please call Tracy at the food pantry.
(Leave a message if no answer...) 815.538.2211

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Sun. July 31	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners

Collection for July 17th

Sunday Collection: $1,226.00

Lector & Extraordinary Minister
of Holy Communion Schedule

Saturday, July 30th	**Sunday, July 31st**
Lector: Lisa Harness	Lector: Tom Gerber
EMHC: Joe Stralka	EMHC: Paula Wold

GIVE BLOOD

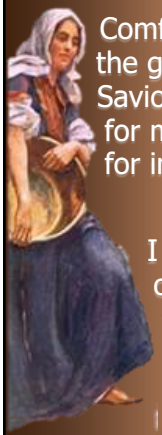
American Red Cross *You can make a difference.*

Please mark your calendar!!! BLOOD DRIVE will be Thursday August 25 from 1 to 6 pm at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on East St in Earlville. Please make an appointment. If you need help, let me know about what time and I can do it for you. Mary Sons 815-414-3241

The Earlville Police Department is hosting a cookout for the kids in the community on Saturday, August 13th at noon. They are looking for people to donate food, money, or even your time. For more information on how you can help, contact Gary Theis, Investigator with the Earlville Police Department.
gary.theis@earlvillil.org
312-961-7662 cell
815-538-4200 station

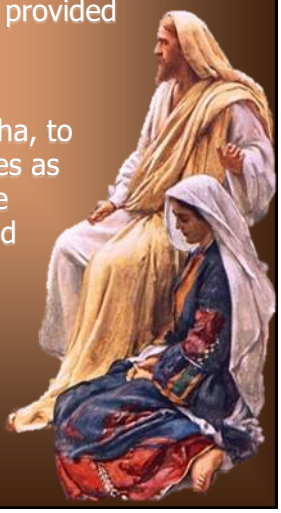
NOVENA TO SAINT MARTHA

Saint Martha, I resort to your aid and protection. As proof of my affection and faith, I offer you this light, which I shall burn every Tuesday.



Comfort me in all my difficulties and through the great favors you did enjoy when the Saviour was lodged in your house, intercede for my family, that we be provided for in our necessities.

I ask of thee, St. Martha, to overcome all difficulties as you did overcome the dragon which you had at your feet.



Say Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Amen.

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Missionary Appeal for St. Theresa Catholic Church, Earlville 2022

1) What is his full name? Narcisse SEKA Ogou
2) What does he prefer to be called? Father Narcisse
3) Where is he from? Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
4) When was he ordained? June 28, 2003
5) Is this his first time in the U.S. and/or the Diocese of Peoria? No
6) Any other information about him we might find interesting? See short résumé

Father Narcisse SEKA Ogou hails from Côte d'Ivoire in West Africa.

After discernment, he was admitted to start his missionary formation in 1995 with the **Society of African Missions** known as the **SMA** Fathers. Ordained on June 28, 2003, Father Narcisse's missionary experience includes ten years of parish work in Nigeria where he was appointed right after his mission until 2013. He first worked in Northern Nigeria in the Bauchi Diocese where he pastored various rural parish missions. From the Diocese of Bauchi, Fr. Narcisse was sent to Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria to be pastor of an urban parish.

His missionary experience in Abuja prepared him to work in SMA administration. So from 2013 to 2016 Fr. Narcisse was elected vice superior of the SMA Fathers in West Africa. Then SMA superior in Côte d'Ivoire till present.

In the priestly ministry, Fr. Narcisse learned that God gives strength to people for the work he entrusts to them, and that God looks beyond our weaknesses to make use of our strength. He equally learned that the best way to have fulfillment in the ministry is to be open to God's own project rather than personal ones.

Thanking Fr. Peter for welcoming the SMA in his parish, Fr. Narcisse is looking forward to meeting the people of the parish and making new friends.

Iglesia de la Santa Cruz

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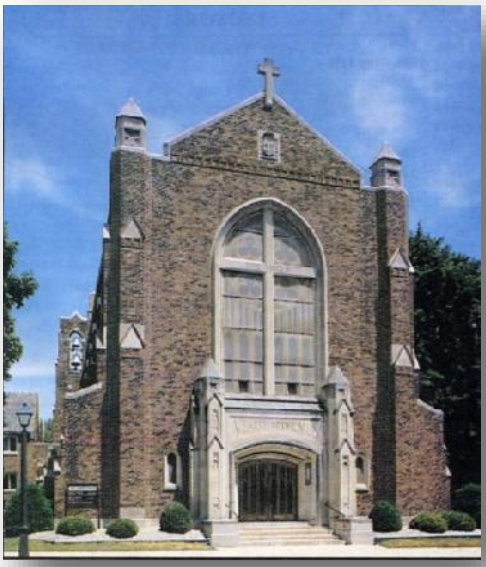
Párroco: Padre Pedro Pilon Diáconos: José López y Héctor Díaz

24 de Julio 2022

Decimoséptimo 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

Jueves de 5 pm a 6 pm confesiones en español

Señor, el día que pedí ayuda, me respondiste.

Horario de las misas

Domingo: 6:30 a.m. Holy Cross. /8am St. Teresa/ 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. St. Teresa 8 a.m.
Miércoles 7 a.m. Earlville/ 8 a.m. Holy Cross
Jueves 7 a.m. Holy Cross / 8 a.m. St. Teresa
Viernes 7 a.m. Earlville /8 a.m. Holy Cross
Sábado 4 p.m. Holy Cross / 5 p.m. St. Teresa

Lectores
07/24 Carlos Moreno y Ramona Escatel
07/31 Evitelio y Leticia Guzmán

Intenciones para Misa
07/24: 12 p.m. +Feligreses
07/31: 12 p.m. Severiano y Herlinda López

'Y yo os digo, pedid y se os dará; Busca y encontraras; llama y la puerta se te abrirá. Porque todo el que pide, recibe; y el que busca, encuentra; y al que llama, se le abre la puerta'.

~Lucas 11,9

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel

"Our own belief is that the renovation of the world will be brought about only by the Holy Eucharist."

~ Pope Leo XIII

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

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Jerry's Flower Barn

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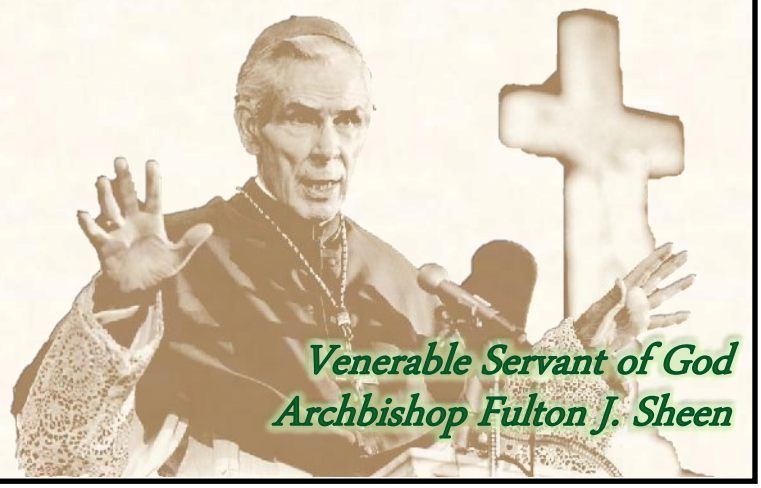
THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

	For the Week of	
Sunday	07/17/22	$5,312.00
School		177.00
Food Pantry		155.00
Youth Ministry		30.00
Peter's Pence		10.00
Total		**$5,684.00**

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

"When a child is given to his parents, a crown is made for that child in Heaven, and woe to the parents who raise a child without consciousness of that eternal crown!"



Venerable Servant of God
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Check out our website!

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

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

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, the ministry in which you would like to take part, and your Mass time preference(s). *Even if you volunteered before, please let us know if you wish to continue.*

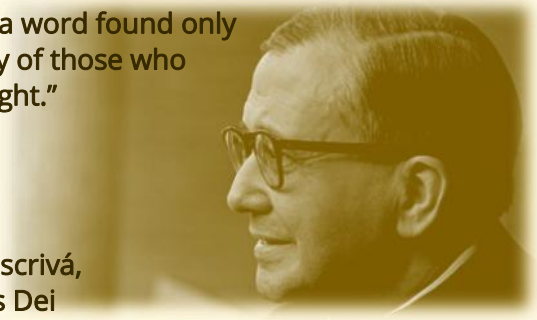
Thank you and God bless.

Fr. Peter Pilon

Church Cleaning Help Needed

We would like to have some new volunteers to help with light cleaning duties in the church.
You can choose which area and/or job that you prefer to clean. It would only be for about an hour once a week for a month.
Cleaning begins after the 7 a.m. Mass on Thursdays.
If you are interested, please call (815) 539-7682.
Thank you very much!

"Compromise is a word found only in the vocabulary of those who have no will to fight."



~ St. Josemaría Escrivá, Founder of Opus Dei

Precious Blood of Christ

Anne Husted Burleigh

The Church has traditionally designated July as the month to honor the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. From the pierced heart of Jesus, lanced as our Lord hung on the cross, ours forth the Precious Blood that atones for our sins, sins which Jesus takes entirely on himself, thereby saving us from the condemnation, the burden that we on our own are powerless to escape.

For the modern sterilized, sanitized soul, blood streaming from a wound, especially one's own, can be a terrifying sight. Too much blood ebbing away means death. Death for us, yes—but when that blood flows from Christ, it means life: life for us, poured out in his total sacrifice of himself on the cross—all for us.

Jesus did not shrink or deny his cross. Nor can we run away from ours. Our crosses, of whatever cause or degree, come to us simply by our existence as human beings imperfect, flawed, bowed down by the world that is too much with us. As Christians, we are marked indelibly by the saving grace of our baptism. Even so, we suffer in ways dramatic or ordinary, sometimes quietly, even cheerfully, for ourselves and for others, sensing that without Christ lifting our grief to unite it with his own on the cross, our life lacks meaning. Without binding our pesky, pathetic sufferings to Christ's ultimate sacrifice of his blood on the cross, we have no answer to the perennial question: Why do we suffer? Why do we say goodbye? Why are we lonely? Why is the world so disjointed?

Christ answers in the Eucharist. Receiving his Body and Blood, we witness our sufferings, joined to his cross, transformed into fruitfulness. His plan for us moves forward. Not ours, but his. Then creeps in, softly, with little cat feet, a surprise: Joy!

Anne Husted Burleigh is a long-time writer for Catholic journals. She and her husband live in Cincinnati near their children and grandchildren. They are members of the Dominican laity.

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.

Holy Cross

Food For Thought ◊ Food For the Soul

July 24, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples

When you pray, say: Our Father... We are all very familiar with the "***Our Father***" and have prayed those words countless times in our lives. You may have noticed in today's reading of the Gospel that the words of the Our Father, or "The Lord's Prayer" are slightly different from those to which we are accustomed.

The Our Father we know is comprised of seven petitions; the one we are hearing today has only five. The seven petitions of the version we are used to are 1.) Let your name be hallowed, 2.) let your kingdom come, 3.) let your will be done. The first three are centered on God, and the last four are focused on us: 4.) Give us this day our daily bread, 5.) forgive us our trespasses, 6.) lead us not into temptation, and 7.) deliver us from evil.

The prayer presented in Luke's Gospel is comprised of these five petitions: 1.) Hallowed be the name of God, 2.) your kingdom come (again the prayer begins with its focus placed on God); and the next petitions are: 3.) Give us our daily bread, 4.) forgive us our sins, and 5.) do not subject us to the final test. These petitions, in their presentation, give a sort of echo of the Ten Commandments, in which the first three commands are focused on God, and the remaining are focused on man.

Persistence pays...

After his disciples ask him to teach them to pray, Jesus gives an example of what he means when he tells them the parable of the friend who knocks on the door of a friend asking for bread to offer another friend who has come in the middle of the night... Jesus sums up this parable by telling the disciples that because of the persistence of the friend knocking that he will be given what he is asking for. To get a better understanding of his meaning let's take a look at the first reading from Genesis.

Abraham, in the continuation from last week's reading, watches as his three mysterious visitors walked on toward Sodom. Cryptically, we also hear that "***the LORD remained standing before Abraham.***" Abraham here, is modeling the very kind of petition and persistence Jesus is teaching.

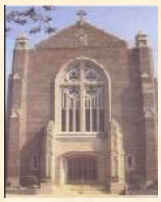
Abraham boldly goes through this sort of haggling with God about the number of righteous people that would need to be in Sodom in order for Sodom to not be destroyed. "***Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it?***" From fifty righteous people Abraham continues decreasing the number of people until he gets down to ten, all the while the Lord tells him he will not destroy the city if he finds even that small number of righteous people within. It is this kind of persistence that Jesus is talking about.

Dr. Brant Pitre points out that the word "importunity" is used in the Revised Standard Version (RSV) of this Gospel passage where the New American Bible (our translation today) uses the word persistence. Pitre explains further that the Greek word used here is *anaideia*, which essentially means in a shameless way. So you see, it goes beyond just persistence to a sort of selfless, even foolish, persistence. Abraham goes on and on with the Lord about not destroying the city—because he has family there. This is the very image of persistent intercession.

If persistence pays off though, then why are there so many people who will say "I've been praying for _____ for a long time, years even, and *my* persistence hasn't paid off. I haven't had an answer to my prayer." The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraphs 2735 and 2736 says:

> In the first place, we ought to be astonished by this fact: when we praise God or give him thanks for his benefits in general, we are not particularly concerned whether or not our prayer is acceptable to him. On the other hand, we demand to see the results of our petitions. *What is the image of God that motivates our prayer: an instrument to be used? or the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? Are we asking God for "what is good for us"?* Our Father knows what we need before we ask him, but he awaits our petition because the dignity of his children lies in their freedom, to be able truly to know what he wants.

This tells us that in addition to persistence, we must also have patience, and a will that our own prayers and petitions align with the will of our Father in heaven. When we don't perceive the answer, sometimes it might just be that what we are asking for is not good for us, or maybe we just need to keep up our persistence!



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Alimento para el Pensamiento ◊ Alimento para el Alma

24 de Julio 2022

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Señor, enséñanos a orar como Juan enseno a sus discípulos

CUANDO ORES, DI: Nuestro Padre... Todos estamos muy familiarizados con el "***Padre Nuestro***" y hemos rezado esas palabras innumerables veces en nuestras vidas. Es posible que haya notado en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy que las palabras del Padrenuestro, o 'El Padrenuestro' son ligeramente diferentes de aquellas a las que estamos acostumbrados.

El Padre Nuestro que conocemos se compone de siete peticiones; el que estamos escuchando hoy tiene solo cinco. Las siete peticiones de la versión a la que estamos acostumbrados son 1.) Que tu nombre sea santificado, 2.) que venga tu reino, 3.) que se haga tu voluntad. Los primeros tres están centrados en Dios, y los últimos cuatro están enfocados en nosotros: 4.) El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy, 5.) Perdona nuestras ofensas, 6.) No nos dejes caer en tentación, y 7.) Líbranos. nosotros del mal.

La oración presentada en el Evangelio de Lucas se compone de estas cinco peticiones: 1.) Santificado sea el nombre de Dios, 2.) venga tu reino (nuevamente la oración comienza con su enfoque puesto en Dios); y las siguientes peticiones son: 3.) Danos nuestro pan de cada día, 4.) perdona nuestros pecados, y 5.) no nos sometas a la prueba final. Estas peticiones, en su presentación, dan una especie de eco de los Diez Mandamientos, en los que los tres primeros mandamientos se centran en Dios, y los restantes se centran en el hombre.

La Persistencia paga...

Después de que sus discípulos le pidan que les enseñe a orar, Jesús da un ejemplo de lo que quiere decir cuando les cuenta la parábola del amigo que llama a la puerta de un amigo pidiendo pan para ofrecérselo a otro amigo que ha venido en medio de la la noche... Jesús resume esta parábola diciéndoles a los discípulos que por la persistencia del amigo llamando a la puerta se le dará lo que pide. Para comprender mejor su significado, echemos un vistazo a la primera lectura de Génesis.

Abraham, en la continuación de la lectura de la semana pasada, observa cómo sus tres misteriosos visitantes caminan hacia Sodoma. Críticamente, también escuchamos que "***el Señor permaneció de pie delante de Abraham***". Abraham aquí, está modelando el mismo tipo de petición y persistencia que Jesús está enseñando.

Abraham audazmente pasa por este tipo de regateo con Dios sobre el número de personas justas que tendrían que estar en Sodoma para que Sodoma no fuera destruida. "***Supongamos que hubiera cincuenta personas inocentes en la ciudad; ¿borrarías el lugar, en lugar de perdonarlo por el bien de las cincuenta personas inocentes que lo habitan?***" De cincuenta personas justas, Abraham continúa disminuyendo el número de personas hasta llegar a diez, mientras el Señor le dice que no destruirá la ciudad si encuentra incluso ese pequeño número de personas justas dentro. Es de este tipo de persistencia de lo que habla Jesús.

El Dr. Brant Pitre señala que la palabra "importunidad" se usa en la Versión Estándar Revisada (RSV) de este pasaje del Evangelio donde la Nueva Biblia Americana (nuestra traducción actual) usa la palabra persistencia. Pitre explica además que la palabra griega utilizada aquí es anaideia, que esencialmente significa desvergonzadamente. Como ves, va más allá de la simple persistencia a una especie de persistencia desinteresada, incluso tonta. Abraham sigue y sigue con el Señor acerca de no destruir la ciudad, porque tiene familia allí. Esta es la imagen misma de la intercesión persistente.

Sin embargo, si la persistencia vale la pena, entonces ¿por qué hay tanta gente que dirá: "He estado orando durante mucho tiempo, incluso años, y mi persistencia no ha dado resultado. No he tenido una respuesta a mi oración". El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en los párrafos 2735 y 2736 dice:

> En primer lugar, debemos asombrarnos de este hecho: cuando alabamos a Dios o le damos gracias por sus beneficios en general, no nos preocupamos particularmente de si nuestra oración le es aceptable o no. Por otro lado, exigimos ver los resultados de nuestras peticiones. ¿Cuál es la imagen de Dios que motiva nuestra oración: un instrumento a utilizar? o el Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo? ¿Estamos pidiendo a Dios "lo que es bueno para nosotros"? Nuestro Padre sabe lo que necesitamos antes de que se lo pidamos, pero espera nuestra petición porque la dignidad de sus hijos está en su libertad, para poder saber verdaderamente lo que quiere.

Esto nos dice que además de la persistencia, también debemos tener paciencia y la voluntad de que nuestras propias oraciones y peticiones se alineen con la voluntad de nuestro Padre celestial. Cuando no percibimos la respuesta, a veces puede ser que lo que estamos pidiendo no es bueno para nosotros, ¡o tal vez solo necesitamos mantener nuestra persistencia!

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FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK

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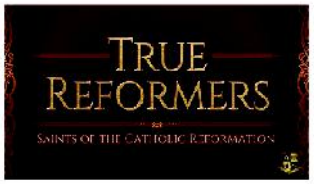
WATCH

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



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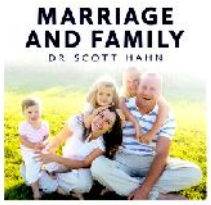
FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?

As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society as a whole. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings in your family. In honor of Sts. Joachim and Anne, please enjoy this powerful talk!



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Catechism Corner

» Why Do We Suffer and Die? «

† **Was it part of God's plan for men to suffer and die?**

God does not want men to suffer and die. God's original idea for man was paradise: life forever and peace between God and man and their environment, between man and woman.

Often we sense how life ought to be, how *we* ought to be, but in fact we do not live in peace with ourselves, act out of fear and uncontrolled emotions, and have lost the original harmony that man had with the world and ultimately with God. In Sacred Scripture the experience of this alienation is expressed in the story of the Fall. Because sin crept in, Adam and Eve had to leave paradise, in which they were in harmony with each other and with God. The toil of work, suffering, mortality, and the temptation to sin are signs of this loss of paradise. (YOUCAT questions 66)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (373-384) and other references here.

Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council 2090

Sir Knight CORNelius wants to be sure you come and get some of his "*Fresh-Picked and Mendota Grown*" Sweet Corn at the corner of 8th Street and 6th Avenue. The corn will be available every Saturday (beginning July 23rd) from 8 till noon, until the corn is all gone!

"*We sells Sweet Corn by the Street Corn-er!*"

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"The disciples say to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." Yet these are men who were already very religious, men who already prayed. Why would they ask that? They want to pray with the same intimacy and confidence they observe in Jesus. That is why they must have rejoiced when Jesus instructed them, "When you pray, say: Our Father." For when we belong to God as his children—when we have been "buried with Christ in baptism"— we possess the courage, like Abraham, to draw near and ask the Lord to "forsake not the work of his hands." In asking the Lord to teach them to pray, the disciples seek to live as friends of God. Let us pray, therefore, not only as creatures or slaves, but with the devotion of sons and daughters.

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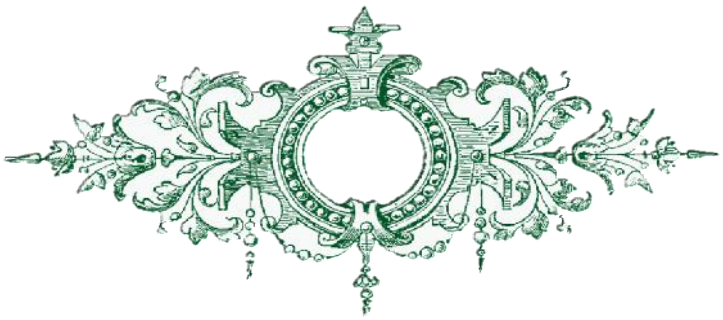
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

Jesus called James and his brother John as they mended their nets on the Sea of Galilee. Their mother approached Jesus, asking that her sons be seated on either side of him in his kingdom. Jesus replied, "You do not know what you are asking." And to the brothers: "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" "We can," they declared. James was, in fact, the first apostle to share in the cup of martyrdom, "killed by the sword" under Herod Agrippa around the year 44 (*cf. Acts 78:7-2*). John is said to have died in exile on the island of Patmos.

Alleluia, alleluia
You have received a Spirit of adoption, /
through which we cry, Abba, Father.
Alleluia, alleluia

PARISH SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE!

Zoom web address:
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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
11:30 a.m. Mass @ OSF St. Paul

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*)

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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TRI-COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL

Community Action Agency

Tri-County Opportunities Council has opportunities available for seniors to serve in local classrooms as Foster Grandparents this fall. Volunteers must be age 55 or over, meet income guidelines and have a love for children and the community. Volunteers receive a small stipend and transportation to help offset their investment to volunteer. Please call 815-625-7830, ext. 610 for more information or visit tcochelps.org

Saint Mary's Altar Society

A fun gathering was enjoyed by our members and guests at our summer picnic. We were joined by Father Jeff and Father Pilon. The shelter was decorated in a patriotic theme and it was a beautiful evening by the lake. Details were discussed regarding our booth at the Sweet Corn Festival on Saturday, August 13th. We will sell delicious baked treats and bottles of water. Please mark August 13th on your calendar and visit us at our booth! Thanks to everyone who attended the picnic.

Jeanne Fitzpatrick announced the final results of our recent baby bottle collection project. Holy Cross parishioners donated $3036.18. That is a fantastic contribution to our local Abigail Women's Center. Thanks to Jeanne for all her work on this project and to everyone for your donations.
May God bless you.

Nancy Goble, President

Saints Joachim and Anne

Scripture is silent about the grandparents of Jesus. The Protoevangelium of James (c. 150) relates the story of Anne and Joachim, who are cured from their infertility with the gift of the child Mary. Veneration of Anne and Joachim in the East dates from the 7th century. In the West, Anne became popular in the Middle Ages, invoked by infertile couples and women at childbirth. Medieval painters favored the triad of Anne embracing her daughter Mary and grandchild Jesus. "*Children's children are the crown of the elderly, and the glory of children is their parentage*" (*Prv 17:6*).

Dear Holy Cross Congregation:

On behalf of the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry, I would like to thank you for your donation of $997.00 we received on June 8th, 2022.

Your financial support helps us continue in our mission to assist those in our community. Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible. The Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry did not supply any goods or services in return for this donation.

Your generous support makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make the community a great place to live. On behalf of the entire staff and volunteers, thank you again for your support.

Sincerely, Tracy Cooper, Executive Director

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

In Luke's Gospel, Martha of Bethany serves Jesus, while Mary, her sister, sits at our Lord's feet (10:38-42). Since the 3rd century, the Fathers of the Church have seen in Martha and Mary the right relation between action and contemplation, ministry and prayer. In keeping with her active role, in Christian art Martha bears a broom, soup ladle, or cooking pot. An even more vigorous Martha appears in medieval paintings wielding the aspergillum, or holy water dispenser, against a dragon who threatens the French countryside. An old tradition has Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, evangelizing the region of Provence in the south of France.

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On Eucharistic Revival

Beginning with the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we will provide a kneeler in order that the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist in a kneeling position, if they so desire.

"Over the centuries the Church has always characterized the moment of Holy Communion with sacredness and the greatest respect, forcing herself constantly to develop to the best of her ability external signs that would promote understanding of this great sacramental mystery. In her loving and pastoral solicitude the Church has made sure that the faithful receive Holy Communion having the right interior dispositions, among which dispositions stands out the need for the Faithful to comprehend and consider interiorly the Real Presence of Him Whom they are to receive. (See *The Catechism of Pope Pius X*, nn. 628 & 636). The Western Church has established kneeling as one of the signs of devotion appropriate to communicants. A celebrated saying of Saint Augustine, cited by Pope Benedict XVI in n. 66 of his Encyclical *Sacramentum Caritatus*, ("Sacrament of Love"), teaches: "No one eats that flesh without first adoring it; we should sin were we not to adore it" (*Enarrationes in Psalmos* 99, 9). Kneeling indicates and promotes the adoration necessary before receiving the Eucharistic Christ.

From this perspective, the then-Cardinal Ratzinger assured that: "Communion only reaches its true depth when it is supported and surrounded by adoration" [*The Spirit of the Liturgy* (Ignatius Press, 2000), p. 90]. For this reason, Cardinal Ratzinger maintained that "the practice of kneeling for Holy Communion has in its favor a centuries-old tradition, and it is a particularly expressive sign of adoration, completely appropriate in light of the true, real and substantial presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ under the consecrated species" [cited in the Letter "This Congregation" of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 1 July 1, 2002].
https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/details/ns_lit_doc_20091117_comunione_en.html

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

What's Next?

It takes time to kindle a living, loving relationship—and a relationship with Jesus Christ is no exception. That's why the Eucharistic Revival allows three years for discernment, encounter, and grassroots response on the diocesan, parish, and individual levels. Find out what to expect along this journey:

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

June 19, 2022

We launched our national response to the Lord's call with widespread Eucharistic processions and adoration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

July 17-21, 2024

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/

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Toward a Eucharistic Revival

By James Pauley

The Feast of Corpus Christi last month was a momentous event in the life of the Church in the United States. The celebration of this liturgy begins a Eucharistic revival, a period of historic importance that will culminate in a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in the summer of 2024.

The need for "revival" in relation to the Eucharist could be understood in two ways. First, we American Catholics stand in need of a revival of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we know, there has been a steep decline in the number of Catholics who believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. The Eucharistic revival is a tangible movement of the Church, in our great need, toward our Eucharistic Lord.

But a Eucharistic revival isn't only about *our* faith in the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Presence of Jesus is how God also heals and revives our fragmented world. There is clearly so much that is broken, both outside of and within the Church. Pope Benedict XVI once compared the effects of the transubstantiation of bread and wine to nuclear fission. [1] Receiving the Eucharist is meant to introduce a principal of radical change within a person, giving each of us the capacity, because of our communion with Jesus, for unmeasured self-giving love. And such love heals and renews, not only persons but cultures too.

Of course, merely adoring or receiving the Blessed Sacrament doesn't automatically create this kind of change within a person. Each of us must intentionally allow this encounter to influence us. Only then does the building of a civilization of love become a meaningful possibility. Mother Teresa depended upon Eucharistic Communion, and the global effects of her "yes" to God continue to reverberate to this day. The world needs an army of real disciples who actually know Jesus intimately and know how to live *in and from* a deep union with him. Great things then become possible.

When we encounter the Eucharistic Lord in the Mass, we are not meeting Jesus somehow in the abstract. Rather, we are meeting him in his Paschal Mystery, in the very act of laying down his life out of love, for our great good. Sacramental theologian Lawrence Feingold puts it this way:

In the Eucharist, Christ gives to His Bride the very act by which He poured out His life for her to cleanse and sanctify her by meriting the remission of sins. . . . In other words, Christ willed to give a testament to His Bride that would be not only His own living presence but also the continued presence of the very act by which He showed Himself as the Supreme Lover of our souls.[2]

When we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, we meet the Lord of History who wishes, by his self-emptying love made present, to draw us into an intimate communion with him in his Mystical Body, the Church. Of course, such a communion becomes possible not only by receiving the Eucharist but also by giving all of ourselves back to the Lord as a sacrificial offering. Suffice it to say, such a deep loving exchange is what we were made for. It revives us. It makes us capable of bringing the light of Christ into our communities in new ways.

Catechists will be on the front lines of the revival. Please consider offering yourself to this incredibly important initiative and, especially in these next two years, making Jesus in the Eucharist truly central to your catechesis. To this end, this journal will dedicate an article each issue on the Eucharist in the hope that these ongoing reflections will help us all to better invest ourselves into this initiative.

The National Eucharistic Congress will be the first since Philadelphia's in 1976. These two years of revival before the event really have no precedent. The revival and the congress will help Catholics to encounter the Eucharist with new eyes, but also to encounter the broader Mystical Body of Christ in a very powerful way. I was able to see St. John Paul II come to my hometown of Phoenix in 1987. It was a life-changing experience for sixteen-year-old me to see seventy thousand Catholics gathered for Mass at Sun Devil Stadium (with all the images of Sparky the Sun Devil covered over with artwork featuring angels and saints). I hope that my children might see a hundred thousand Catholics who love the Eucharist gathered together in Indianapolis and that we all will take great courage and strength from such an encounter.

Dr. James Pauley is Professor of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University and has been appointed to the Executive Team for the Eucharistic Revival for the USCCB. He is also author of the newly revised Liturgical Catechesis in the 21st Century: A School of Discipleship (2022).

Notes

[1] Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 11.

[2] Lawrence Feingold, *The Eucharist: Mystery of Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion* (Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Academic, 2018), 7.

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Big Picture

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (commonly known as the R.C.I.A.) is the normal way that adults become full active members of the Catholic Church.

The R.C.I.A. is more than a "convert class" with a new name. It looks different too. Special rites are celebrated during the Sunday liturgies at various times throughout the year. Adults involved in the R.C.I.A. may be dismissed each week after the homily to go and reflect on the Scriptures they have heard. The R.C.I.A. involves the whole parish — in prayer, as the rites are celebrated; in hospitality, as new members are welcomed; and in specific ministries such as sponsor, team members or dismissal leader.

The most important thing to keep in mind about the R.C.I.A. is this: it is not merely a new way to prepare adults for baptism; baptism is only one step. The goal of the process is full communion, which means "full, conscious and active participation" (*Second Vatican Council, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #14*) in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic faith community.

Many persons who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptized in another Christian church. They will not be rebaptized. They will be guided to a deeper familiarity with Catholic teachings and prayer through a process adapted to the particular needs and concerns of Christians from another faith tradition.

The RCIA process will begin anew on September 11, 2022. If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches, or may want to become Catholic, please speak with any of the deacons or our priests, or call the parish office at 815.538.6151 for more information.

Notes from a past RCIA candidate…

1. **How did you hear about the RCIA program?**
   My daughter told me about it. I knew she went through with a friend some years ago.
2. **What prompted you to begin the journey?**
   My husband and I have wanted to go to church for a long time, but I knew it would never happen if I didn't join. Then a friend of mine called me to tell me she was going to sign up and take the classes. I wanted to become Catholic, to belong to the Church, to be able to participate and to understand what was going on, and mainly to receive the Eucharist, and not just receive a blessing. My husband lost two brothers last year, and that too, had me thinking about the shortness of life. I knew we needed to get right with God, and on November 1st, my journey began.
3. **What was your biggest take-away from our sessions?**
   I had to wonder why it took me so long… We were married at St. Columba, our kids were baptized at St. Columba and took their CCD classes at Holy Cross. I was scared; I didn't think I could do it. I thought the Catholic Church was intimidating. I was wrong. A lot of people came up to me and said "Welcome Home" and that meant a lot.
4. **What would you say to someone considering joining the Catholic Church?**
   I would say if you are thinking about joining the Church, just do it. There is no better time than now while it is on your mind. Don't put it off. Like one of the videos said, "God is waiting for you. Even in all of your ugliness, He is waiting for you."

Prayer Chain

† **From Hope Life Center:**
Kennedie is undecided about her pregnancy. Please pray!

† Praise the Lord, Shanenne has chosen life!.

† Kendrah is still planning to abort. Please pray!

† Wendy is undecided about her pregnancy at this time. Please pray!

† Kriste has found support to carry her pregnancy and is no longer considering an abortion. Praise God!

† Jaenelle is planning on having an abortion. Please pray!

† Jaqueline is considering abortion. Please pray!

† Pray for a parishioner from Ss. Peter & Paul who recently had an MRI in Rockford; pray that the team of medical care providers will be guided by the Divine Physician in all of their practices.

† A Holy Cross mother asks for prayers for her son, Rey, who has been diagnosed with bone marrow failure.

† Pray for an elderly man with bladder cancer, who underwent surgery on Friday.

† Pray for peace and healing for an elderly woman whose next step is hospice care; please pray for her family, as well.

† Please keep storming heaven with our prayers to end the evil that is abortion in our society, and in our country. Unfortunately, about half of the states in this country are still very much in favor of abortion—with Illinois being among the top, most liberal states regarding making abortion available at every stage of pregnancy. It is evil in our world and we need to pray that it is eradicated forever.

****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.***

NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINTS ANNE & JOACHIM

Good parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grandparents of our Savior, Jesus Christ, When life seems barren, help us to trust in God's mercy. When we are confused, help us to find the way to God. When we are lost in the desert, lead us to those whom God has called us to love. When our marriage seems lifeless, show us the eternal youth of the Lord. When we are selfish, teach us to cling only to that which lasts. When we are afraid, help us to trust in God.

When we are ashamed, remind us that we are God's children. When we sin, lead us to do God's will. You who know God's will for husband and wife, help us to live chastely. You who know God's will for the family, keep all families close to you. You who suffered without children, intercede for all infertile couples. You who trusted in God's will, help us to respect God's gift of fertility. You who gave birth to the Blessed Mother, inspire couples to be co-creators with God. You who taught the Mother of God, teach us to nurture children in holy instruction. You whose hearts trusted in God, hear our prayers for . . . (state your request).

Pray with us for the ministry of Catholic family life.
Pray with us for the ministry of Natural Family Planning.
Pray with us for all who give their time, talent, and treasure to this good work.

Hail Mary . . . Our Father . . . Glory be . . .

God of our fathers, you gave Saints Anne and Joachim the privilege of being the parents of Mary, the mother of your incarnate Son. May their prayers help us to attain the salvation you have promised to your people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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