



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
Phone: 815-538-6151
Fax: 815-539-5014
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1010 Jefferson Street
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Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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



St. Theresa Catholic Church

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

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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.



Sunday, Sept 4th **23rd Sunday in O.T.**
 6:30 a.m. +Parishioners
 8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** Collin Reeder and All Serving in the Military by Dick & Mary McConville
 9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Jerry Cassidy by Mary Hardy
 10:30 a.m. +Judy Stiel by Family
 12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Por la alma de David Olguín por Familia

Monday, Sept 5th **Labor Day**
 8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Joe & Sally Chandler by Mike & Debbie Kent
 7:00 p.m. +Sandy Gordon by Cindy Schiefelbein

Tuesday, Sept 6th
 7:00 a.m. +Our Benefactors by Tom & Mary Heitmann
 8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Tom Sampson by Dick & Mary Lee McConville
 11:30 a.m. Mass at OSF St. Paul: Special Intention

Wednesday, Sept 7th
 7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Milley Kreitinger
 8:00 a.m. +Rodolfo Escatel Sr. by Hector & Maria Arredondo
 12 p.m.—1 p.m. — Confessions

Thursday, Sept 8th **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 7:00 a.m. +Beth McConville by Tim & Lori McConville
 8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Janis Novak by Mike & Debbie Kent
 5:00 p.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Jerry Cassidy by Daryl & Becky Sondgeroth
 5 p.m.—6 p.m. — Confessions

Friday, Sept 9th **St. Peter Claver**
 7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Special Intentions by Dick & Mary Lee McConville
 8:15 a.m. **School Mass** +Marge Sondgeroth by Brian & Deb Corrigan

Saturday, Sept 10th **Blessed Virgin Mary**
 2:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:00 p.m. +David Bend by Jacie Bend
 5:00 p.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Geraldine Sondgeroth by Michelle Stouffer

Sunday, Sept 11th **24th Sunday in O.T.**
 6:30 a.m. +Marvin Buchanan by Herb & Sue Buchanan
 8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Albert Vázquez by Isela Vázquez & Kids
 9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Mary Rita Hochstatter by Juanita Sondgeroth
 10:30 a.m. +Parishioners
 12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Sabino Mandujano y Liberada Mandujano por Familia



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=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, Sept 10..... B. Corrigan
 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept 11..... R. Bergmark
 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept 11..... C. Fischer

4:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept 17 N. Goble
 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept 18..... R. Arteaga
 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept 18..... G. Krenz

If you would like to be a Lector for our weekend Masses, please contact the parish office, or email: briancorriganhcdre@gmail.com or mlflahive53@comcast.net

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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
SEPTEMBER 4, 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



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by Daryl & Becky Sondgeroth

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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Lector

Sun. Sept 4 Janelle Happ

Collection for August 28, 2022

Sunday Collection: \$1,561.00



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

*The presence of Christ in
the Eucharist is real, true,
and substantial.*

"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love."

~ Saint John Paul II,
Dominicae cenae, no. 3

Will you pray for vocations from our parish?

Our Church desperately needs more priests.
Join thousands of Catholics who are pledging to pray
daily or weekly for vocations.

www.invisiblemonastery.com Remember, each
Thursday the Adoration Chapel is dedicated to prayer
for vocations and we will continue to pray the litany for

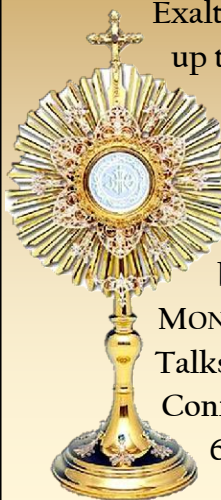


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AT HOLY CROSS

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Please be generous in your time
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days for our parish. Adoration will
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MONDAY and TUESDAY NIGHT.



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Confession will be offered Tuesday from
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ST THERESA, EARLVILLE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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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



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- We are planning another outdoor Mass on Saturday, October 15 with a **Fall Fest** to follow. We will serve brats & hot dogs; advance tickets are available for \$10 for a brat dinner, or \$5 for a hot dog dinner. We will also have a 50/50 drawing!
- The **Outside Door of the Mother's Chapel** has been redone and will now be open for use.
- We are hosting a "**Socksgiving**"! There is a need for warm socks for PADS (homeless shelter in Ottawa/Peru). We will put baskets in the entryways of the church to deposit your donation. Please pick up a pair of warm socks for any age when you shop and help our drive in November.
- Donation envelopes for the **Food Pantry** are kept in Earlville and there is a need. One month the food pantry donations go to Helping Hands, and the next month donations are designated for Sharing Hearts. Helping Hands is under the direction of the Earlville Lion's Club. They are responsible for providing 40 to 60 Earlville families with meals during the three main holidays (Easter/Thanksgiving/Christmas). Their cost for food is well over \$2,000.⁰⁰ for each holiday. They also help in emergency situations.
- There will be a **potluck in January**. This will include Bingo...

Collection for August 28th

Sunday Collection:	\$1,479.00
	0.00
Total:	\$1,479.00
Cemetery:	166.00

Lector & Extraordinary Minister
of Holy Communion Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 10th

Lector: Lisa Harness
EMHC: Jack Cantlin

Sunday, Sept 11th

Lector: Gary Dau
EMHC: Mary Sons

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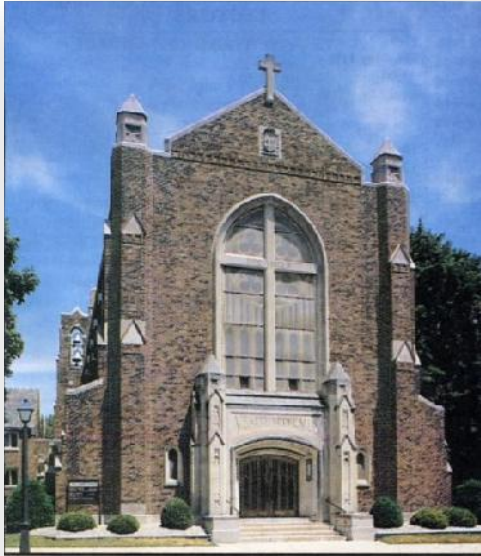
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4 de Septiembre 2022
Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Bautismos, Bodas, o Quinceañeras

Llamar a la Oficina

Bodas antes de hacer preparaciones para una boda

Llame a la oficina 6 a 8 meses antes de la boda

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

Grupos de Oración:

+Renovación Carismática: jueves a las 6- 8 pm

Confesiones

Sábado - 2:30 pm—3:45 pm

Jueves de 5 pm a 6 pm confesiones en español

... Que conoció tu
consejo, si no le hubieras
dado sabiduría y enviaste tu
santo espíritu desde lo alto.

~ Sabiduría 9,17

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

09/04 José Mandujano

09/11 Daniel y Leticia Angulo

Intenciones para Misa

09/04: 12 p.m. +Por la Alma de David Olguín

09/11: 12 p.m. +Sabino y Librada Mandujano

“Si alguno viene a mí sin aborrecer a su padre y a su madre, esposa e hijos, hermanos y hermanas, y hasta su propia vida, él no puede ser mi discípulo.

~Lucas 14,27

El que no
carga con
su cruz y
me sigue,
no puede ser
discípulo mío.

DEL EVANGELIO SEGÚN
SAN LUCAS 14. 25-33



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KERMES ANUAL

Tacos

Tendremos tacos de asada y al pastor

Quesadillas

Ricas quesadillas de asada y al pastor

Sodas

Sodas de diferentes para todos sus gustos

Venga con su familia

*Todo será para organizar nuestro retiro de
septiembre de 2022*

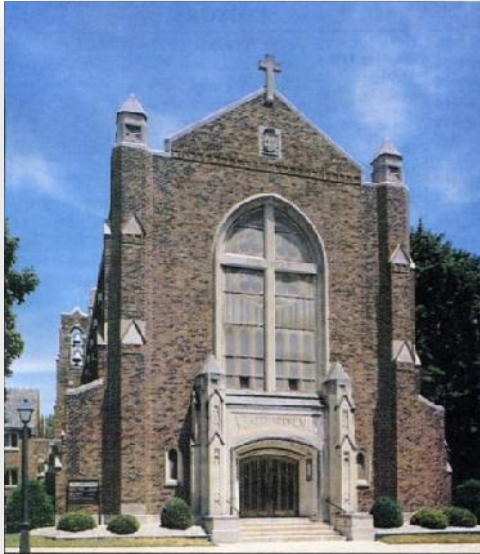
**LO ESPERAMOS ESTE DOMINGO 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE
DE LAS 11am A 3PM O HASTA QUE SE TERMINE LA
COMIDA.**

**EN EL PARQUEADERO DE LA ESCUELA HOLY CROSS DE
MENDOTA.**

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ÍNDICE DE HACEDORES DE DISCÍPULOS ¡PRÓXIMAMENTE EN OCTUBRE!

Su opinión es vital para el éxito de su parroquia. Pronto, tendrá la oportunidad de ofrecer sus pensamientos sobre asuntos parroquiales. El Índice de Hacedores de Discípulos, una encuesta de feligreses, estará disponible en línea y en papel durante el mes de octubre. Padre Pilon, el P. Jeff y los líderes parroquiales utilizarán su aporte para planificar de manera efectiva el crecimiento espiritual, el discipulado, la evangelización, la hospitalidad y las actividades parroquiales.

Los resultados de la encuesta para las parroquias de Holy Cross, St. Peter & Paul y St. Theresa se acumularán por separado para que la planificación se pueda personalizar según las necesidades parroquiales específicas. Como resultado, habrá un enlace en línea separado para la encuesta de cada parroquia y copias impresas separadas de la encuesta etiquetadas para cada parroquia. Si ha enviado previamente su dirección de correo electrónico

actual, se le enviará por correo electrónico un enlace en línea a la encuesta que corresponde a su parroquia. El enlace en línea a la encuesta de cada parroquia también estará disponible en la página de inicio de mendotacatholic.org. Si prefiere realizar la encuesta en papel, puede recoger una copia en papel debidamente etiquetada de la encuesta en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial de Holy Cross. Una vez que haya completado la encuesta en papel, puede dejarla en el receptáculo de encuestas en papel que también se encuentra en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial de Holy Cross.

El objetivo es el 100% de participación. Se alienta a todas las personas (8º grado o mayores) que están asociadas con las tres parroquias, la escuela Holy Cross y/o el programa CCD de Holy Cross a participar en la encuesta. **Los esposos y las esposas deben realizar la encuesta por separado.** Corra la voz sobre la próxima encuesta a los familiares y amigos correspondientes. Esté atento a más información de la encuesta a medida que se acerca octubre.



Noticias de Educación Religiosa

Las clases están programadas para comenzar el miércoles 7 de septiembre y serán de 6:00 p.m. a las 19:30

Vaya a mendotacatholic.org para registrarse en línea. Después del 11 de septiembre no se aceptarán más inscripciones. La inscripción también se puede realizar durante la primera noche del 7 de septiembre, por lo que es muy importante que sus hijos estén registrados.

También necesitamos mucho maestros en el salón de clases, asistencia en el salón de clases y ayuda bilingüe en la oficina. Si puede ayudar con nuestro programa de educación religiosa, llame al Sr. Corrigan a la Oficina Parroquial - 815.538.6151

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BEST. LOVE STORY. EVER.

Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel

"Nowhere does Jesus hear our prayers more readily than in the Blessed Sacrament."

~ Blessed Henry Suson

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

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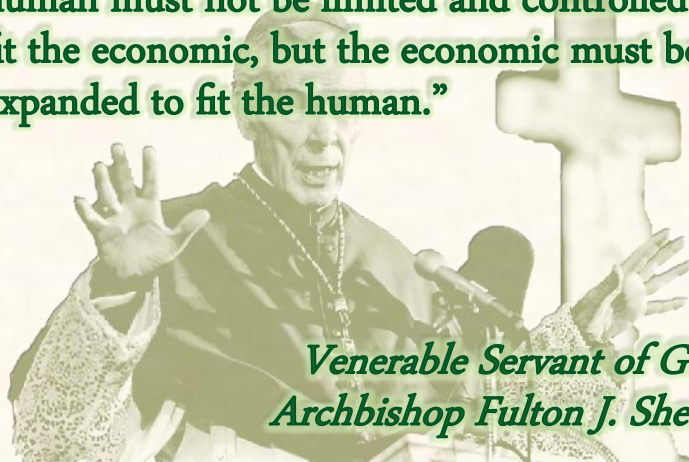
Real Estate • Wills/Trusts/Probate • Estate Planning • Elder Law • Personal Injury

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

	For the Week of	
Sunday	08/28/22	\$5,760.26
School		56.00
Food Pantry		612.00
Youth Ministry		40.00
Assumption		35.00
Total		\$6,503.26

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

"If the bringing of children into the world is today an economic burden, it is because the social system is inadequate; and not because God's law is wrong. Therefore the State should remove the causes of that burden. The human must not be limited and controlled to fit the economic, but the economic must be expanded to fit the human."



*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.Stein@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



!Ultreya!

Illinois Valley Cursillo will once again host an Ultreya at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church at Peterstown on Saturday, September 10th.

A potluck supper begins at 6:00 p.m. - bring a dish to pass - and the speaker will be Brian Corrigan. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m.

Cursillo is a means, or method, by which the person who has gone through a Cursillo weekend gains the tools necessary to help live out a life of faith in Jesus Christ. Ultreya is a great way to experience the community and family of the Cursillo practitioner; Cursillistas are encouraged to bring a guest!

"I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."

Saint Teresa of Kolkata



SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Teach Us about Perseverance

Saint Henry II

Married layman († 1024)

Feast: July 13

It is said that when Henry was the Duke of Bavaria, his former tutor, Saint Wolfgang, appeared to him pointing to the words "after six." Taking this to be a premonition of his death, Henry entered into a period of prayer, fasting, and works of mercy in preparation. After six years, however, he did not die—he became the Holy Roman Emperor

Henry's life was a complex of duties, and he interwove his political labors with service to the Church. His decisions at times drew just criticism, yet his overall efforts were for the material and spiritual stability of his empire. He brought prosperity and security to five episcopal sees in Germany, and established a sixth. In keeping with common practice, he appointed bishops, thus helping to strengthen his own political position. Nonetheless, he was submissive to the authority of the pope, who had crowned him emperor.

He became a supporter of some aspects, at least, of the movement for reform coming out of Cluny Abbey—a movement that, among other things, promoted fidelity of religious to their rule, a great emphasis on the liturgy, and greater autonomy of the Church from civil authority. With the support of his holy wife, Saint Cunegunde, Henry worked to "enrich the house of God." The two had no heir, and gave away much of their wealth. So great was Henry's devotion to the Benedictines that he is honored as the patron of Benedictine oblates.

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of Saint Henry, help us remain faithful in temporal affairs and generously promote Catholic renewal in our communities.

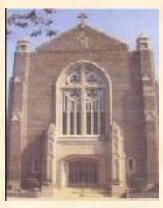
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PRAY THE ROSARY!

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

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





COUNT THE *COST*?
I THOUGHT
SALVATION WAS
FREE?

IT IS...

AFTER YOU LOSE
YOUR LIFE.

THAT SEEMS LIKE
A STEEP INITIAL
INVESTMENT.



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LUKE 14:25-33

THE WEIGHT, OR BURDEN, OF DISCIPLESHIP

DOES JESUS REALLY WANT US TO *HATE* our family? Of course not! The Gospel reading for today is one of the hardest of the “hard sayings” of Jesus. His “hard sayings” are hard in the sense that they are difficult to understand, but this one is hard because it is not only hard to understand, it’s just plain hard to hear. **“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”**

Remember, there are many literary types and styles contained in the Bible, and in addition, Jesus himself uses various techniques to teach and get his message across to wider audience. In this instance, he is using hyperbole, much as he did when he instructed that we pluck out our eye or cut off our foot if either of them causes us to sin. He said it is better to enter into heaven maimed than to enter into the fires of hell with our body intact. Of course Jesus is not telling us to hate our family members; he taught just a few chapters earlier: **“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ... But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great...”** (Luke 6:32, 35).

The important thing to know here is the language Jesus uses. The original texts in the Greek language use the word *miseó*, which is the word for hate. For example, the word *misanthrope*, from the Greek *miseó* (to hate), and *anthropos* (meaning man/person/human being), means someone who hates people. In this sense of *miseó* means to actively will evil towards another person. So of course, Jesus is not telling us to hate, he is using hyperbole. This ought to help us understand this hard saying a little better. Just knowing hyperbole is being used takes much of the sting of this

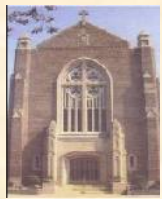
seemingly harsh command. The real point Jesus is making here is that we must put God before every other relationship in our life. Using the Ten Commandments to illustrate the point, God gave the first tablet, containing the first three commandments,

to Moses to show the importance of the relationship we must have with God. Those first three commandments deal with the supreme importance of our relationship with God: ***I am the LORD your God; you shall not have strange Gods before me. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Keep holy the Sabbath.*** It is then, on the second tablet, that God shows us how our human relationships must accord. The very first commandment relating to our human relationships is the one that everyone is very familiar with: ***Honor your father and mother.*** How then, can we understand that Jesus is preaching hate against the members of our families, when this goes so glaringly against the Ten Commandments? He uses a hard saying to wake us up so we can recommit our relationship in the order of [love of] God first and then [love of] man.

Every Catholic who was married according to the Church’s dictates knows that a true Christian marriage has, as Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, three, not two members to consider. Of course there is husband and wife, but in the center of that relationship there must be God. This is what Jesus is saying in this hard teaching. God is always to be first.

It makes no sense at all to go through the motions of following Christ if we are not going to be sincere in our intent and our actions. This is the difficulty of the weight, or the onus we accept to become disciples of Jesus Christ. **Every. Single. Relationship.** must have God first and in the center.

Discipleship is necessarily hard. If you pay attention to the news, you know that Christians in general, and Catholics specifically, are at the center of a lot of discrimination. It has ebbed and flowed like this throughout history. But remember, from the beginning of the Church, Christians have had to be prepared to die for their faith. This is the seriousness of what we profess. This is not a simple joining of a civic organization, but a means and method taught by the very Son of God as a way of preparation for our eternal existence. God created us for a very specific purpose, and that is to become saints with him in eternity. So be a saint!



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4 de Septiembre 2022

Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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está utilizando la hipérbole elimina gran parte del dolor de esta orden aparentemente dura. El punto real que Jesús está haciendo aquí es que debemos poner a Dios antes que cualquier otra relación en nuestra vida. Usando los Diez Mandamientos para ilustrar el punto, Dios le dio la primera tabla, que contenía

EL PESO, O LA CARGA, DE DISCIPULADO

JESÚS REALMENTE QUIERE QUE ODIEMOS a nuestra familia? ¡Por supuesto que no! La lectura del Evangelio de hoy es una de las más duras de las “dichas duras” de Jesús. Sus “dichos duros” son difíciles en el sentido de que son difíciles de entender, pero este es difícil porque no solo es difícil de entender, es simplemente difícil de escuchar. **“Si alguno viene a mí y no aborrece a su padre, a su madre, a su mujer, a sus hijos, a sus hermanos, a sus hermanas, y aun a su propia vida, no puede ser mi discípulo. El que carga su propia cruz y viene en pos de mí, no puede ser mi discípulo”.**

Recuerde, hay muchos tipos y estilos literarios contenidos en la Biblia, y además, Jesús mismo usa varias técnicas para enseñar y transmitir su mensaje a una audiencia más amplia. En este caso, está usando una hipérbole, como lo hizo cuando instruyó que nos saquemos un ojo o nos cortemos el pie si cualquiera de ellos nos hace pecar. Dijo que es mejor entrar al cielo manco que entrar al fuego del infierno con el cuerpo intacto. Por supuesto, Jesús no nos está diciendo que odiemos a los miembros de nuestra familia; enseñó sólo unos pocos capítulos antes: **“Si amas a los que te aman, ¿qué mérito tienes? Incluso los pecadores aman a quienes los aman a ellos. ... Pero amad a vuestros enemigos, y haced el bien, y prestad, sin esperar nada a cambio; y vuestra recompensa será grande...”** (Lucas 6:32, 35).

Lo importante que hay que saber aquí es el lenguaje que usa Jesús. Los textos originales en lengua griega utilizan la palabra *miseo*, que es la palabra para odio. Por ejemplo, la palabra *misántropo*, del griego *miseo* (odiar), y *antropos* (que significa hombre/persona/ser humano), significa alguien que odia a las personas. En este sentido, *miseo* significa querer activamente el mal hacia otra persona. Entonces, por supuesto, Jesús no nos está diciendo que odiemos, está usando una hipérbole. Esto debería ayudarnos a entender un poco mejor este duro dicho. El simple hecho de saber que se está utilizando la hipérbole elimina gran parte del dolor de esta orden aparentemente dura. El punto real que Jesús está haciendo aquí es que debemos poner a Dios antes que cualquier otra relación en nuestra vida.

los primeros tres mandamientos, a Moisés para mostrar la importancia de la relación que debemos tener con Dios. Esos tres primeros mandamientos tratan de la suprema importancia de nuestra relación con Dios: Yo soy el Señor tu Dios; no tendrás dioses ajenos delante de mí. No tomarás el nombre del Señor tu Dios en vano. santificar el sábado. Es entonces, en la segunda tabla, que Dios nos muestra cómo deben concordar nuestras relaciones humanas. El primer mandamiento relacionado con nuestras relaciones humanas es uno con el que todos están muy familiarizados: Honra a tu padre ya tu madre. Entonces, ¿cómo podemos entender que Jesús está predicando el odio contra los miembros de nuestras familias, cuando esto va tan abiertamente en contra de los Diez Mandamientos? Él usa un dicho duro para despertarnos para que podamos volver a comprometer nuestra relación en el orden del [amor a] Dios primero y luego [el amor al] hombre.

Todo católico que se casó de acuerdo con los dictados de la Iglesia sabe que un verdadero matrimonio cristiano tiene, como dijo el arzobispo Fulton Sheen, tres, no dos miembros a considerar. Por supuesto que hay marido y mujer, pero en el centro de esa relación debe estar Dios. Esto es lo que Jesús está diciendo en esta dura enseñanza. Dios siempre debe ser el primero.

No tiene ningún sentido seguir los pasos de seguir a Cristo si no vamos a ser sinceros en nuestra intención y nuestras acciones. Esta es la dificultad del peso, o la responsabilidad que aceptamos para convertirnos en discípulos de Jesucristo. **Cada. Único. Relación.** debe tener a Dios primero y en el centro.

El discipulado es necesariamente difícil. Si prestas atención a las noticias, sabes que los cristianos en general, y los católicos en particular, están en el centro de mucha discriminación. Ha tenido flujos y reflujos así a lo largo de la historia. Pero recuerde, desde el comienzo de la Iglesia, los cristianos han tenido que estar preparados para morir por su fe. Esta es la seriedad de lo que profesamos. No se trata de una simple incorporación a una organización cívica, sino de un medio y método enseñado por el mismo Hijo de Dios como camino de preparación para nuestra existencia eterna. Dios nos creó con un propósito muy específico, y es el de convertirnos en santos con él en la eternidad. ¡Así que sé un santo!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



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FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

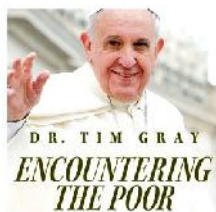


As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Schorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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✠ Catechism Corner ✠

» Why is Jesus LORD? | Why Did God Become Man in Jesus? «

† Why do Christians address Jesus as "Lord"?

"You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am" (John 13:13)).

The early Christians spoke as a matter of course about Jesus as "Lord", knowing that in the Old Testament this title was reserved as a form of addressing God. Through many signs Jesus had shown them that he had divine power over nature, demons, sin, and death. The divine origin of Jesus' mission was revealed in his Resurrection from the dead. Thomas confessed, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). For us this means that since Jesus is "the Lord", a Christian may not bend his knee to any other power.

† Why did God become man in Jesus?

"For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven" (Nicene Creed).

In Jesus Christ, God reconciled the world to himself and redeemed mankind from the imprisonment of sin. "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son" (Jn 3:16). In Jesus, God took on our mortal human flesh (Incarnation), shared our earthly lot, our sufferings, and our death, and became one like us in all things but sin. (YOUCAT questions 75-76)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (446-463) and other references [here](#).



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Christ makes this revelation: "If anyone comes to me without hating...even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." The Lord wants to give us a love that so exceeds even the highest human loves that we would be "a prisoner for Christ Jesus." The kind of detachment that Jesus calls for in the Gospel today disposes us to receive all that God is eager to give us. The Lord insists that we carry our own cross, for that cross separates us from anything that "burdens the soul" and "weighs down the mind" so that we can follow Christ faithfully, for "thus were the paths of those on earth made straight."

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



SAINT PETER CLAVER

A Jesuit from Catalonia in Spain, Peter Claver was ordained in the New World in Cartagena (present-day Columbia) in 1616. He ministered to the most vulnerable: the ten thousand African slaves who came through the port each month. Peter brought Christ to them, climbing into the filthy, pestilential holds of the ships to feed them, baptize the dying, and hear confessions. His work angered those who considered the slaves to be less than human, and for a time Peter was forbidden to perform baptisms. At the end of his life, he fell victim to the plague and was confined to his bed under the care of a neglectful African servant. He accepted all without complaint.



Alleluia, alleluia Let your face shine upon your servant; /
and teach me your laws. **Alleluia, alleluia**

PARISH SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE!

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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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We are looking for greeters to offer hospitality and welcome people to our Masses during the weekends and to hand out bulletins before all the Masses. It would be great to have at least two people at each weekend Mass. If God is calling you to this ministry in our parish, see Fr. Jeff or call the parish office. We are also still in need of Lectors and Altar Servers. If you have a child who has made their First Holy Communion and would like to have him/her serve Mass, please let us know. We would like to have a large group of altar servers. We can have up to five servers at each Mass!



Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY

Disciple Maker Index Coming in October!

Your opinion is vital to the success of your parish. Soon, you will have the opportunity to offer your thoughts regarding parish matters. The Disciple Maker Index, a parishioner survey, will be available online and on paper during the month of October. Fr. Pilon, Fr. Jeff, and parish leaders will use your input to effectively plan for spiritual growth, discipleship, evangelization, hospitality, and parish activities.

The survey results for Holy Cross, St. Peter & Paul, and St. Theresa parishes will be accumulated separately so planning can be customized to specific parish needs. As a result, there will be a separate online link for each parish's survey and separate paper copies of the survey labelled for each parish. If you have previously submitted your current email address, you will be emailed an online link to the survey that corresponds to your parish. The online link to the survey for each parish will also be accessible on the mendotacatholic.org homepage. If you prefer to take the survey on paper, you can pickup an appropriately labelled paper copy of the survey in the church vestibule or Holy Cross Parish Office. Once you have completed the paper survey, you can drop it off in the paper survey receptacle also located in the church vestibule or Holy Cross Parish Office.

The goal is 100% participation. Every person (4th Grade or older) who is associated with the three parishes, Holy Cross School, and/or the Holy Cross CCD Program is encouraged to take the survey. **Husbands and wives should take the survey separately.** Please spread the word about the upcoming survey to applicable family members and friends. Keep an eye out for more survey information as October approaches.

The Beauty of the Dawn

Few people were aware that anything unusual had happened the day that Mary came to earth. Kings and princes did not care that a little daughter had been born to Joachim and Anna. A few relatives came to congratulate the parents; friends brought gifts and asked, of course, what the baby's name was going to be. Miriam? Well, that was nothing strange; there were many Hebrew girls called Miriam. To those who think that public opinion is so vital to success and that nothing will prosper without advertising, the obscurity of Mary's birth is a direct challenge. It is like the noiseless dawn that rises daily whether man looks or not.

There is an ancient tradition that Mary was presented in the Temple at the age of three, and that she lived there among the virgins dedicated to work in the temple until she was of marriageable age. Since she must have been the most beautiful of all women, the loveliest in all ways—being without sin—it is hard to imagine that nobody noticed how beautiful she was. We may take it for granted that they did. But Mary was God's, wholly and entirely. During her lifetime she took not a single step to be noticed by anyone.

No one ever has or ever will succeed in eclipsing the beauty of Mary, who lived in obscurity two thousand years ago. The beauty of her sinless soul, something so tremendous that words cannot describe it or brush depict it, has been the theme of more masterpieces than all other subjects put together. Churches all over the world today, even though they may be in ruins, still testify to the love mankind has poured at her feet for all these sad years. She has been enshrined in marble, in stone, in glass, in wood and jewels, in song and story, on canvas, in masterpieces so lovely that all ages revere them. Countless artists have laid aside their tools with regret on finishing her image, breathing an apology that they had portrayed her so poorly: For artist's brush can never trace/ The beauty, Mother, of thy face;/ And if on earth 'tis fair to see,/ O what must it in heaven be?

SISTER MARY JEAN DORCY, O.P.

Sister Mary Jean († 1988) was a Dominican sister and a prolific author and illustrator, especially of children's literature.

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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
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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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WILL YOU PRAY FOR VOCATIONS FROM OUR PARISH?

Our Church desperately needs more priests. Join thousands of Catholics who are pledging to pray daily or weekly for vocations. www.invisiblemonastery.com Remember, each Thursday the Adoration Chapel is dedicated to prayer for vocations and we will continue to pray the litany for vocations after Thursday Mass.

We are still looking for a few more entries for the Three-Parish Chili Cook-Off this Thursday at Ss. Peter & Paul. Please fill out an entry form (found in vestibule) this weekend and either put it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office on Tuesday. We invite you to come out to Ss. Peter & Paul this Thursday. Mass will be at 5 p.m. and judging will follow with food and fun for all.

Please join us to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on her Birthday and get to know some of the other parish members! Chili should be brought to Ss. Peter & Paul gym anytime between 4:00—5:30 p.m. Thursday...in a crock-pot, and please mark your [name] on the bottom of the crock-pot. There will be places to plug them in.

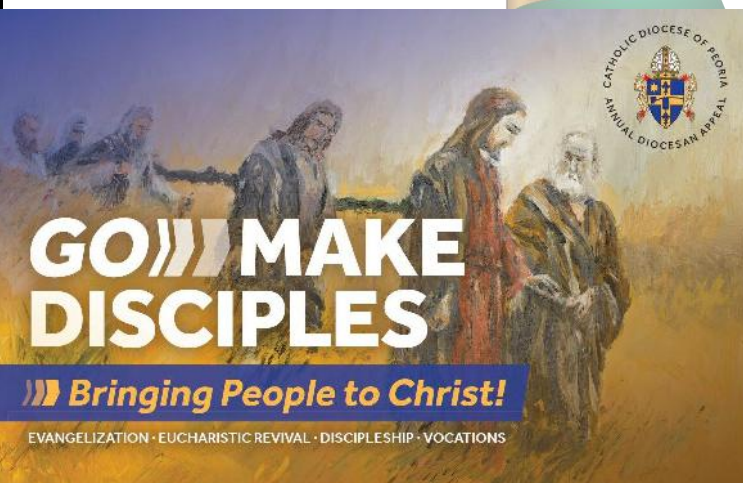
Prayer for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Virgin Immaculate, thou who by a singular privilege of grace wast preserved from original sin, look in pity upon our separated brethren, who are nevertheless thy children, and call them back to the center of unity. Not a few of them, although separated from the Church, have kept a certain veneration for thee; and do thou, generous as thou art, reward them for it, by obtaining for them the grace of conversion.

Thou was conqueror of the infernal serpent from the first instant of thy existence; renew even now, for it is now more necessary than ever before, thine ancient triumphs; glorify thy divine Son, bring back to Him the sheep that have strayed from the one fold and place them once more under the guidance of the universal Shepherd who holds the place of thy Son on earth; let it be thy glory, O Virgin who destroyest all heresies, to restore unity and peace once more to all the Christian people.

Amen.

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When we experience the love and joy that comes with knowing and loving Jesus, we want to proclaim the difference Christ has made in our life, and help bring others to him.

Ministries and programs include support for all our Catholic grade schools and high schools. Totus Tuus — the summer parish program for youth, Newman Centers outreach to college students, Catholic Charities programs and more.

Go to <https://cdop.org/ada> to learn more about the ministries supported by ADA and to watch the ADA videos.

"I always thought my friends would make fun of me, but I noticed that those friends that I would hang out with weren't really my friends. The friends I have now are friends that go to church with me, go to RCIA classes with me and are preparing to receive their sacraments with me. Father Dittmer has inspired me to follow Jesus Christ. He encourages us a lot to be faithful and to continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus for the rest of our lives."

- Iván Sánchez, catechumen



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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.



1st Annual Chili Cook-off

On Thursday, **September 8th**, we decided to have some fun with all three parishes. We will have a Chili Cook-off! It's the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday, but it is also the official start of the NFL season later that evening, so it seems like a good night for competition. Over the next few weeks Fr. Jeff will take entries from each of our parishes. We ask you to make a normal size crockpot of chili to share. First, the judges will judge the best chili without knowing who brought it, so please, if you mark your crockpot, mark it underneath. So if you are chili chef and want a night of good family fun, join us at Ss. Peter & Paul's gym where different “tasting stations” will be set up. There will be games of bags set up around the gym if chili isn't your competitive edge, and of course prizes and bragging rights for the winner and their parish! We will provide drinks and the toppings for the chili. This is Fr. Jeff's idea, and he would like some volunteers to help with set-up. Please let him know if you can help. Hopefully this will be a great and fun event we can do together for many years!! So enter your chili now...and find out if you're the best!!! See Fr. Jeff for entry info asap and get your ingredients ready. It will also be the only night Fr. Pilon will be able to brag about his Detroit Lions, because then the season will begin!!!

Also on that same evening, we will have the Knights of Columbus Volunteer Recognition event. The distribution of the proceeds from the Sweet Corn sales will be made known, including the funds earned for the various participating organizations.

If you were a volunteer for this year's corn sales, wear your shirt to show your support for the Knights of Columbus charitable giving. We hope you will join us for this event too!



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What is the 40 Hours Devotion? Why 40 Hours?

40 Hours Devotion comes from the 40 hours that Christ's body traditionally rested in the tomb. 40 is a significant number in the Bible, often tied to trials and/or suffering: the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years, and Christ was tempted in the desert for 40 days prior to the start of his ministry.

History of 40 Hours Devotion

The practice of 40 Hours Devotion dates to as early as 1527, introduced by St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria in Milan and Vicenza, and spread by St. Ignatius and the Jesuits.

When the Archdiocese of Milan asked for an indulgence for 40 Hours Devotion in 1539, Pope Paul III replied:

"Since our beloved son the Vicar General of the Archbishop of Milan, at the prayer of the inhabitants of the said city, in order to appease the anger of God provoked by the offenses of Christians, and in order to bring to naught the efforts and machinations of the Turks who are pressing forward to the destruction of Christendom, amongst other pious practices, has established a round of prayers and supplications to be offered by day and night by all the faithful of Christ, before our Lord's Most Sacred Body, in all the churches of the said city, in such a manner that these prayers and supplication are made by the faithful themselves relieving each other in relays for forty hours continuously in each church in succession, according to the order determined by the Vicar... We approving in our Lord so pious an institution, grant and remit."

Pope Clement VIII in his 1592 letter "Graves et diuturnae," proclaimed:

"We have determined to establish publicly in this Mother City of Rome an uninterrupted course of prayer in such ways that in the different churches, on appointed days, there be observed the pious and salutary devotion of the Forty Hours, with such an arrangement of churches and times that, at every hour of the day and night, the whole year round the incense of prayer shall ascend without intermission before the face of the Lord."

40 Hours in the United States

St. John Neumann was the first church leader in America to practice the devotion. At the time, Catholics faced great opposition in his home city of Philadelphia during the Know-Nothing Riots of 1844. Anti-Catholic protesters burned two churches and continued to foster animosity towards the Catholics in the city.

Catholics in the city.

Bishop Neumann wanted to institute 40 Hours Devotion, but some of the priests in the diocese were hesitant, believing that it might fan the flames of anti-Catholic sentiment and even result in the desecration of the Eucharist. Neumann was working late into the night when he fell asleep at his desk with his candle still lit. As he slept, the candle burnt down and caught the papers on his desk. Miraculously, he awoke before a large fire broke out — and the papers, though charred, were still readable.

Neumann thanked God for His protection and the Lord spoke to him, telling him to not fear about having the devotion. The first was held in St. Philip Neri Parish, and then expanded throughout the diocese and beyond, being approved for all American dioceses in 1866.

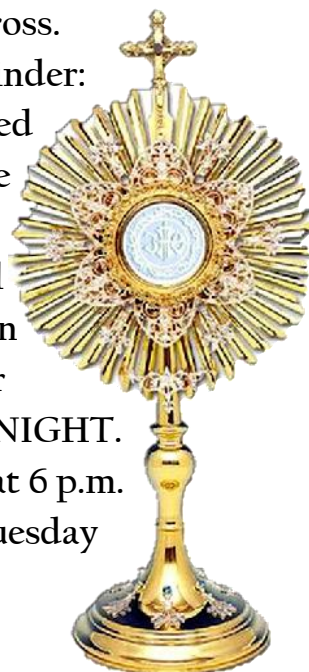
The Tradition Continues

The Parish Community of Holy Cross is honored to carry on the tradition of 40 Hours Devotion, providing the faithful an opportunity to draw close to the Lord in prayer as we anticipate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th.

40 HOURS DEVOTION AT HOLY CROSS

We will have 40 Hours Devotion this month on September 12th following the 7 p.m. Mass until September 14th at the 5:30 Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Please sign up to adore. Reminder: those late night hours are filled with LOTS of grace! Please be generous in your time with our Lord during these special days for our parish. Adoration will be twenty-four hours for both MONDAY and TUESDAY NIGHT. Talks will be given Tuesday at 6 p.m. Confession will be offered Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER CHAIN

- † Pray for a Holy Cross parishioner in serious need of prayer; he had open heart surgery and began getting sick again. He has an aggressive form of lymph cancer.
- † Please pray for Holy Cross parishioner who is having cardiovascular challenges. Pray that her medical team will be able to correctly diagnose and treat the problem, and that full health may return.

**Remember, if you have prayer intentions, please call Nancy Kaiser at 815.539.6656, or call the parish office. 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.*



H A P P Y
LABOR DAY



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 5th, in honor and celebration of Labor Day.

The Adoration Chapel will also be closed on that day.

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!

Join Fr. Jeff Windy and Catholic Spirit Radio on a two day, September 29th-30th Spiritual Journey from Bloomington-Normal to the Shrine and body of St. Theodora Guerin in Saint Mary of the Woods, Indiana. She is one of the six female saints in the United States. Lunch included.

Then off to beautiful Canton, Ohio where we will spend the night; the next day we will visit the Mother Angelica birthplace and museum. We will have a wonderful catered lunch by "That Little Italian Kitchen" from the Fr. Leo show on EWTN. We will also visit the miracle house of the Servant of God, Rhonda Wise, and then depart at 4 p.m. for the return to Bloomington-Normal. Cost is \$360 (prior to August 18th), and includes transportation, breakfast and lunch both days, and hotel. For more details, check out catholicspiritradio.com. You can sign-up online.



Taco Sunday!

September 11, 2022
from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

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