



Holy Cross Catholic Church

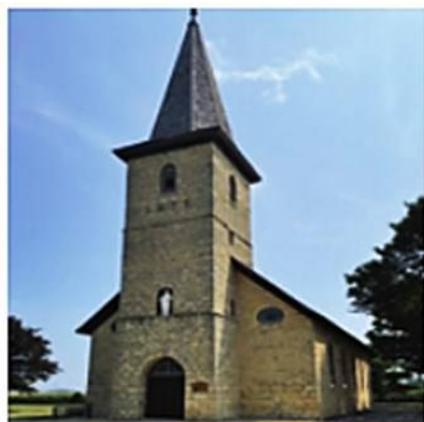
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Mendota, IL 61342
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Mailing Address
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Mendota, IL 61342

Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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

Adoration Chapel - Monday-Friday 9am - 10pm



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

3888 First Road
Mendota, IL 60342
Phone: 815-538-6151
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Mailing Address
1010 Jefferson Street
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Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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



St. Theresa Catholic Church

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

Mailing Address
1010 Jefferson Street
Mendota, IL 61342

Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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

Adoration - 1st Friday of each month

Homebound and Hospital Visits:

Please call the office and visits will be arranged.

Cemetery lot purchase:

Please call

Steve Schmitt at
Mendota Monument Company 815-538-5276

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

Pastor: Fr. Peter A. Pilon

Parochial

Vicar: Fr. Jeff Windy

Deacons: Deacon Ray Fischer
Deacon Jose Lopez
Deacon Hector Diaz

Music Director: Roy VanOpdorp

Director of Religious Education
Brian R. Corrigan

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Lorraine Walter

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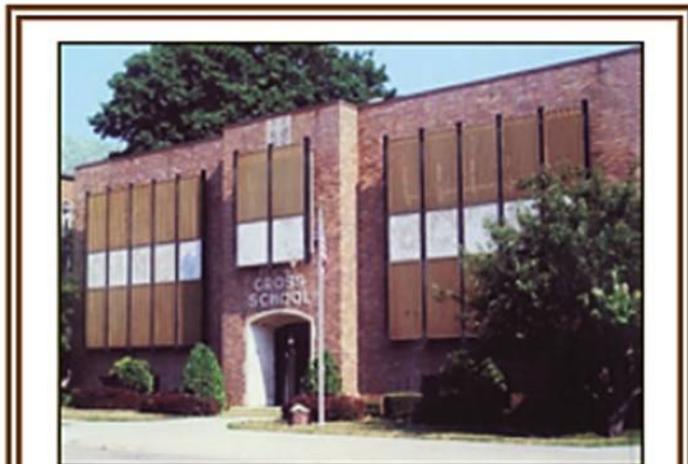
✠ Julie Winner - 815-538-7604

✠ 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.

**STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH, PETERSTOWN
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

**Fr. Peter Pilon,
Pastor
Fr. Jeff Windy,
Parochial Vicar**

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

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



Mass Intentions

**Sun. Sept 25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. +Rita Happ by Doug & Judy Happ**

**Sun. Oct 2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. +Clifford & Janet Schmidt's 70th
Wedding Anniversary**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Lector
Sun. Oct 2 Penny Vercimak**

Collection for September 18, 2022

**Sunday Collection: \$1,193.00
Farm Collection: 200.00
Total: \$1,393.00**

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.



*Holy Communion
assures me that I
will win the victory.*

- St. Faustina

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"Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key
that opens the heart of God."

~St. Padre Pio



!Ultreya!

Illinois Valley Cursillo will host an
Ultreya, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at
Peterstown. Potluck at 6pm followed
Mass at 7:30pm. Speaker will be Karen
Stremlau and the topic is "Blessings from around the Table".
Also Diocesan Wide Ultreya, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, 5pm at
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 607 NE
Madison Ave., Peoria. Theme "In God's Time". Celebrant
Bishop Lou Tylka. Guests and families are welcome. IV
contact person is Ray Aubry, phone 815 433-4733,
email rraubry@yahoo.com.

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!

ST THERESA, EARLVILLE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Fr. Peter Pilon,
Pastor

Fr. Jeff Windy,
Parochial Vicar

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



Mass Intentions

Sun. Sept 25	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon. Sept 26	Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
8:00 a.m.	+Kevin McConville by Barb Lane
Tues. Sept 27	Saint Vincent de Paul
8:00 a.m.	+James Pakenham
Wed. Sept 28	Saint Wenceslaus Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
7:00 a.m.	+Milley Kreitinger
Thur. Sept 29	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
8:00 a.m.	+Charles G. Kuebel by Kuebel Family
Fri. Sept 30	Saint Jerome
7:00 a.m.	+Mildred Kreitinger by Wilma Stillwell
Sat. Oct 1	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
5:00 p.m.	+Paul Hughes by jack & Kathy Cantlin
Sun. Oct 2	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Loren Vazquez, and all who serve in the military by Isela Vazquez & Kids

Collection for September 18 th	
Sunday Collection:	\$1,039.00
Candles:	6.00
Capital Improvement:	20.00
Total:	\$1,065.00
Cemetery:	40.00

Lector & Extraordinary Minister
of Holy Communion Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 1st
Lector: Lisa Harness
EMHC: Jack Cantlin

Sunday, Oct 2nd
Lector: Carol McLachlan
EMHC: Don McLachlan

Thank you to the generous St. Theresa parishioners. With your donations and help, we have completed our air conditioner project! We started with a survey back in the summer of 2021 and started to collect donations. The two air conditioners were installed that August while Fr. Millar was still here. Three units were installed in the basement this past July. Malley Plumbing Company did all the installation with help from Bob Goodbred. After payments, we have approximately \$4,500 in our Capital Improvement Fund. Thanks for your support!

“Take God for your spouse and friend and walk with Him continually, and you will not sin, will learn to love, and the things you must do will work out prosperously for you.”

~ Teresa of Ávila



- 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!
- 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 for 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...



DISCIPLESHIP CORNER:

“You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God.”

- Saint Jean Marie Vianney



ADA CORNER

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL SUPPORTS VOCATIONS

Vocation is our individual path to holiness and growing the Kingdom. Following our vocation requires allowing ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit to love and follow Jesus.

Emmaus Knights is a new program for the formation of young men and their fathers. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about this program and to watch the ADA videos.

“We have Emmaus Knights once a month and we are calling men from all around the diocese — not only the young men but also their fathers — to come here to be formed, to be trained, to realize what God is asking them to do in their lives.” – Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck Vocations Director, Diocese of Peoria

“What kind of dad do you want to be? Do you want to be the dad who builds your children up from the culture of today, from the world of today that doesn’t satisfy them in the depths of their soul? Or do you want to give them the love of God that will transform their lives and fill their lives with the peace and joy that this world cannot provide? That’s the dad we want to be and that’s why we are here.” – Tim Olsen, father attending Emmaus Knights

Parish Survey Begins October 1st



Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY

The Disciple Maker Index, a parishioner survey, will be available online and on paper during the month of October. This survey provides you the opportunity to anonymously give your opinion on parish matters. It also measures spiritual growth and parishioner involvement. Fr. Pilon, Fr. Jeff, and parish leaders will use your input to effectively plan for discipleship, evangelization, hospitality, and parish activities.

The survey results for the parishes of Holy Cross, Ss. Peter & Paul, and St. Theresa will be accumulated separately so planning can be customized to specific parish needs. This means there will be a separate survey and set of results for each parish for which Fr. Pilon is pastor. There will also be a separate online link for each parish’s survey and separate paper copies of the survey labelled for each parish. It is important that you take only the survey that corresponds to your parish.

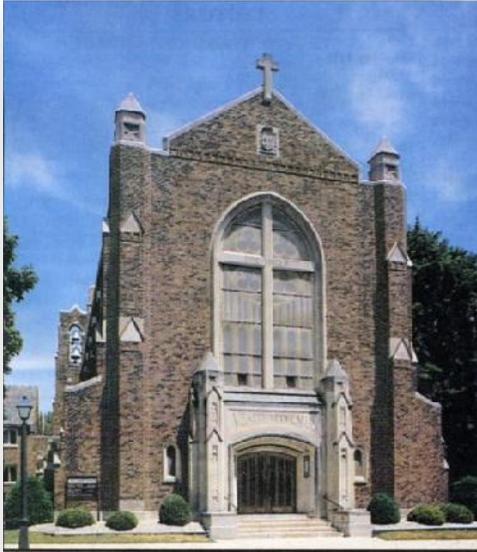
If you have previously submitted your current email address, you will be emailed an online link to your parish’s survey. The online link to the survey for each parish will also be accessible on the mendotacatholic.org homepage. If you are unable to take the survey online, you can pick up a paper copy of your parish’s survey in your church vestibule or the Holy Cross Parish Office. Once you have completed the paper survey, you can drop it off in the paper survey receptacle also located in your church vestibule or the Holy Cross Parish Office. To reduce manual data entry, taking the survey online wherever possible is encouraged.

The goal is 100% participation. **Every person, 8th Grade or older**, who is associated with the 3 parishes, Holy Cross School, and/or the Holy Cross CCD Program is requested 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.

Iglesia de la Santa Cruz

Diócesis Católica de Peoria
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Párroco: Padre Pedro Pilon Diáconos: José López y Héctor Díaz
25 de Septiembre 2022
Vigésimo Sexto 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

Pero tu, hombre de Dios, sigue la justicia, devoción, fe, amor, paciencia y mansedumbre. Compite bien por la fe. Echa mano de la vida eterna, a la que fuiste llamado....

1 Timoteo 6:11-12

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

09/25 Jesús y Raúl Díaz

10/02 Carlos Moreno y Ramona Escatel

Intenciones para Misa

09/25: 12 p.m. +Leopoldo, Perfecto, María de Jesús
Covarrubias

10/02: 12 p.m. +Jorge, José Luis, Margarito y Rigoberto

Entonces Abraham dijo: ‘Si no escuchan a Moisés y a los profetas, ni se persuadirán si alguno se levantara de entre los muertos.’

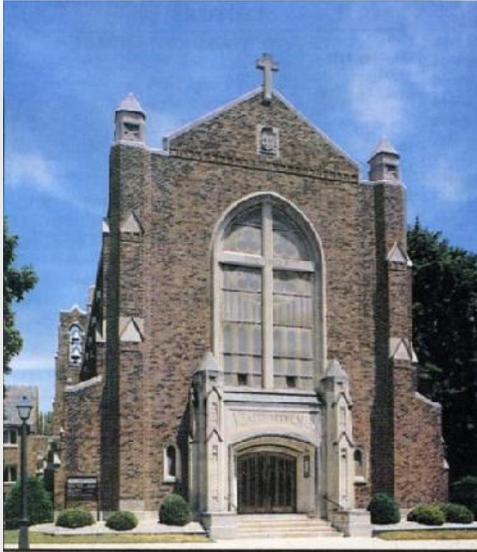
~Lucas 16:31



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SURVEY

LA ENCUESTA PARROQUIAL COMIENZA EL 1 DE OCTUBRE

El Índice de Hacedores de Discípulos, una encuesta de feligreses, estará disponible en línea y en papel durante el mes de octubre. Esta encuesta le brinda la oportunidad de dar su opinión de forma anónima sobre asuntos parroquiales. También mide el crecimiento espiritual y la participación de los feligreses. Padre Pilon, el P. Jeff y los líderes parroquiales utilizarán su aporte para planificar de manera efectiva el discipulado, la evangelización, la hospitalidad y las actividades parroquiales.

Los resultados de la encuesta para las parroquias de Holy Cross, Ss. Peter & Paul y St. Theresa se acumularán por separado para que la planificación se pueda personalizar según las necesidades específicas de la parroquia. Esto significa que habrá una encuesta separada y un conjunto de resultados para cada parroquia para la cual el Padre. Pilon es pastor. También habrá un enlace en línea separado para la encuesta de cada parroquia y copias impresas separadas de la encuesta etiquetadas para cada parroquia. Es importante que tome solo la encuesta que

corresponde a su parroquia.

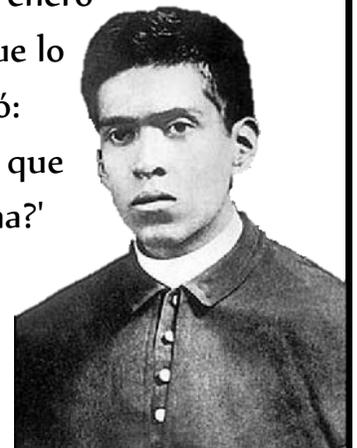
Si ha enviado previamente su dirección de correo electrónico actual, se le enviará por correo electrónico un enlace en línea a la encuesta de su parroquia. El enlace en línea a la encuesta de cada parroquia también estará disponible en la página de inicio de mendotacatholic.org. Si no puede realizar la encuesta en línea, puede recoger una copia impresa de la encuesta de su parroquia en el vestíbulo de su iglesia o en la oficina parroquial de Holy Cross. Una vez que haya completado la encuesta en papel, puede dejarla en el receptáculo de la encuesta en papel que también se encuentra en el vestíbulo de su iglesia o en la Oficina Parroquial de Holy Cross. Para reducir la entrada manual de datos, se recomienda realizar la encuesta en línea siempre que sea posible.

El objetivo es el 100% de participación. Se solicita a todas las personas, de 8º grado o más, que estén asociadas con las 3 parroquias, la escuela Holy Cross y/o el programa CCD de Holy Cross que respondan 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.



San David Galván-Bermúdez

† El padre David Galván, maestro de seminario, fue detenido cuando se dirigía a socorrer a las víctimas de un enfrentamiento en Guadalajara el 30 de enero de 1915. Advertido de que lo podían matar, respondió: “¿Qué mayor gloria hay que morir salvando ¿Un alma?” Fue ejecutado por un pelotón de fusilamiento.



TWENTY-SIXTH 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

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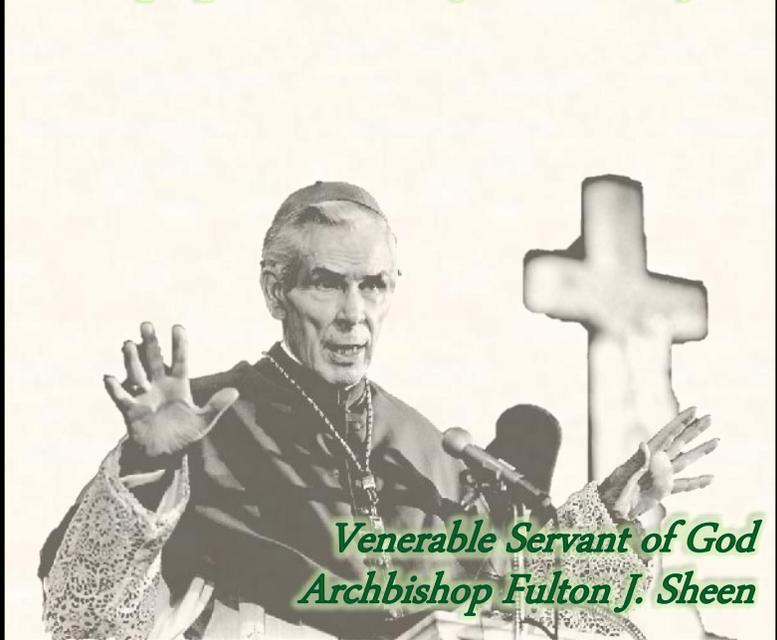
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THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

	For the Week of	
Sunday	09/18/22	\$6,115.00
School		175.00
Food Pantry		75.00
Youth Ministry		30.00
Air Conditioning		712.00
Total		\$7,107.00

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

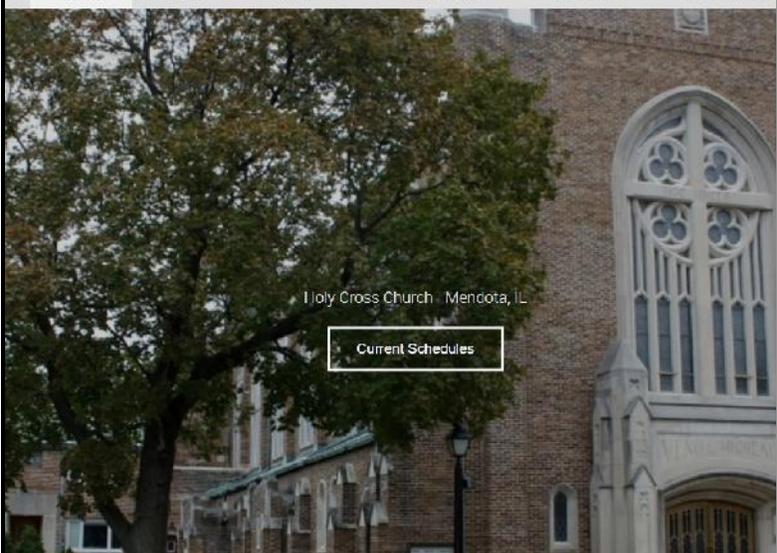
"The danger today is in believing there are no sick people, there is only a sick society."



*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

IF ANYONE CLEANSSES himself of these things, he will be a vessel for lofty use, dedicated, beneficial to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So turn from youthful desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord with purity of heart.

2 Timothy 2:21-22

Vincent was born in Gascony, France, and ordained when he was not quite twenty. Two years later he wrote that he was seeking a comfortable parish situation. Eventually he came under the influence of Cardinal Pierre de Bérulle with his emphasis on the humanity of Christ, and Saint Francis de Sales, who taught of God's tender mercy. Moved by the needs of the poor, with Louise de Marillac he founded the Daughters of Charity to care for the marginalized. He sent the priests of the Congregation of the Mission to bring Christ to rural populations. Vincent died in 1660. He is the patron of the parish-based Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by Frédéric Ozanam.

**"Never worry about numbers.
Help one person at a time
and always start with the
person nearest you."**

Saint Teresa of Kolkata



SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Teach Us about Perseverance

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Religious († 1690)

Feast: October 17

"His Sacred Heart will do everything for me, if I let him." Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, began to receive the revelations of the Sacred Heart shortly after her profession. In these visions, our Lord expressed a desire for a universal feast of the Sacred Heart on the Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi. Dismissed by her superior as either over-zealous or deceptive, Margaret Mary incurred much hostility from her fellow religious

Her sufferings were lightened when she met Saint Claude la Colombière, who, after close questioning, came to believe in the validity of her visions. He served for a time as her confessor and helped her to remain obedient both to her superiors and to the commission given her by Christ.

Although Margaret Mary became novice mistress and taught her novices the devotion, she did not live to see her revelations receive formal approval by the Church. She offered God the cross of not seeing her work bear fruit in petition for the success of that work. Margaret Mary died in 1690. Seventy-five years after her death, Pope Clement XIII gave the devotion official recognition, and in 1856 the feast of the Sacred Heart was extended to the universal Church.

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, help us persevere in obedience,
confident that your good work will be accomplished
through us, whether we see it or not in this life.*

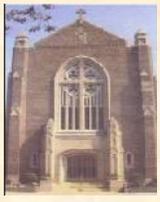
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PRAY THE ROSARY!

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.





O, You Obstinate People



I F THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead. These are the words Abraham addressed to the rich man in today's parable. I would like to tell you about a recent conversation I had with an old friend.

There were a number of us men who had gotten together for the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Holy Cross School. There was a doctor, a business owner, a former postmaster, an upper management member for a corporation, and me. Whether we recognize it or not—and I think we do—Holy Cross School was very good for all of us.

Well, through the many conversations we shared, both as a group, and individually, one in particular really stands out to me. You see, when I'm out on a night such as this was, it's not unusual for the conversation to occasionally turn to the spiritual realm. And on this night, my friend said to me that he didn't really believe God would send anyone to hell.

It's strange how God sometimes puts words, works, thoughts or ideas in front of us, and then we find that from these words, works, and ideas that he has given us a sort of preparation for something that will come up before us, something of which, previously we are unaware. In this instance, I had been reading *The Dogma of Hell: Illustrated by Facts Taken from Profane and Sacred History*. A book originally published in 1883 and authored by Fr. Francis X. Schouppe, S.J., it told of witnessed and documented cases of souls who had been permitted to return briefly from their damnable eternal punishment in order to warn others of their fate.

Now understand, the Church teaches that God does not send anyone to hell—we choose it for ourselves through the choices we make in our lives and the lack of love and compassion we exhibit toward others. *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...*

This did not seem like the time or the place to be having this conversation, which is why I think it has lingered with me since that night. I really want my friend to understand that hell is real, and yes, souls (*PEOPLE*) really do end up there. God doesn't send us, we send ourselves!

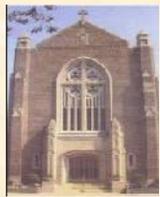
It strikes me that my friend is thinking very much like the rich man in today's parable. There is an idiom that says, "Today let us eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." It's not a modern idiom either. It dates all the way back to Epicurus, a Greek philosopher born some 340 years Before Christ. The meaning is obviously about one's capacity to live life to the fullest, because life is indeed short, especially when viewed against the backdrop of eternity. It seems to also be the philosophy by which today's rich man lived—wearing the finest clothes and dining sumptuously.

In our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos, we have an admonition against this "eat, drink, and be merry" philosophy; "Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils..."

It is this very complacency which concerns me the most today. We are all complacent in our view toward eternity. Oh, maybe not all of us all the time, but I feel very safe in saying all of us at least some of the time. We have a tendency to take our salvation for granted. That is a terrible thing and is something we are warned against time and again in our Scriptures.

We should take time each day—not just Sunday—and consider exactly who Jesus is. We should consider what Jesus said and what he did. I often think of the punishment he endured for the salvation of every man, woman and child who would ever walk the face of the earth. He readily and willingly accepted the will of the Father in heaven to become "The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." He stood through gritted teeth as the scourge dug into his flesh as he was lashed to the pillar; he carried his cross with grit and determination, even as the life-blood seemed to be leaving his body on that bloody trail to Golgotha. He tried to live even as he hung upon that cross, while his torn flesh stretched against the rough wood as he raised himself up to gulp in a breath of air, and sunk down again under the pain and fatigue of the punishment.

As Jesus placed the words on Abraham's lips, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Are we listening now to Jesus? Do we hear the prophetic words in light of an eternal destiny? We were born to be saints, and so let us begin today. As for my friend, I intend to begin that dialog very soon...



O, Gente Obstinada



SI NO ESCUCHAN A MOISÉS Y A LOS PROFETAS, tampoco se persuadirán aunque alguno resucite de entre los muertos. Estas son las palabras que Abraham dirigió al hombre rico en la parábola de hoy. Me gustaría contarles acerca de una conversación reciente que tuve con un viejo amigo.

Éramos varios los hombres que nos habíamos reunido para el 50 aniversario de nuestra graduación de la escuela Holy Cross. Éramos un médico, el dueño de un negocio, un exjefe de correos, un miembro de la alta gerencia de una corporación y yo. Ya sea que lo reconozcamos o no, y creo que lo hacemos, la escuela Holy Cross fue muy buena para todos nosotros.

Bueno, a través de las muchas conversaciones que compartimos, tanto como grupo como individualmente, una en particular realmente me llama la atención. Verá, cuando estoy fuera en una noche como esta, no es inusual que la conversación se convierta ocasionalmente en el ámbito espiritual. Y esa noche, mi amigo me dijo que realmente no creía que Dios enviaría a nadie al infierno.

Es extraño cómo Dios a veces pone delante de nosotros palabras, obras, pensamientos o ideas, y luego encontramos que a partir de estas palabras, obras e ideas nos ha dado una especie de preparación para algo que surgirá ante nosotros, algo de los cuales, previamente no somos conscientes. En este caso, había estado leyendo *El dogma del infierno: ilustrado por hechos tomados de la historia profana y sagrada*. Un libro publicado originalmente en 1883 y escrito por el P. Francis X. Schoupe, S.J., relató casos documentados y presenciados de almas a las que se les había permitido regresar brevemente de su condenable castigo eterno para advertir a otros de su destino.

Ahora comprenda, la Iglesia enseña que Dios no envía a nadie al infierno: lo elegimos por nosotros mismos a través de las decisiones que tomamos en nuestras vidas y la falta de amor y compasión que mostramos hacia los demás. *Perdona nuestras ofensas como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden...*

Este no parecía el momento ni el lugar para tener esta conversación, por lo que creo que se ha quedado conmigo desde esa noche. Realmente quiero que mi amigo entienda que el infierno es real, y sí, las almas (GENTE) realmente terminan allí. ¡Dios no nos envía, nos enviamos nosotros mismos!

Me sorprende que mi amigo esté pensando de manera muy parecida al hombre rico de la parábola de hoy. Hay un modismo que dice: "Hoy comamos, bebamos y seamos felices, porque mañana moriremos". Tampoco es un idioma moderno. Se remonta a Epicuro, un filósofo griego nacido unos 340 años antes de Cristo. Obviamente, el significado tiene que ver con la capacidad de uno para vivir la vida al máximo, porque la vida es ciertamente corta, especialmente cuando se ve en el contexto de la eternidad. Parece ser también la filosofía por la que vivía el hombre rico de hoy: usar las mejores ropas y cenar suntuosamente.

En nuestra primera lectura del Libro del Profeta Amós, tenemos una advertencia en contra de esta filosofía de "comer, beber y divertirse"; **Así dice el Señor, Dios de los ejércitos: ¡Ay de los complacientes en Sion! Acostados sobre lechos de marfil, cómodamente estirados en sus lechos, comen corderos tomados del rebaño y claves del pesebre. Improvisando a la música del arpa, como David, idean su propio acompañamiento. Beben vino en tazones y se ungen con los mejores aceites...**

Es esta misma complacencia la que más me preocupa hoy. Todos somos complacientes en nuestra visión de la eternidad. Oh, tal vez no todos nosotros todo el tiempo, pero me siento muy seguro al decir todos nosotros al menos parte del tiempo. Tenemos una tendencia a dar por sentada nuestra salvación. Eso es algo terrible y es algo contra lo que se nos advierte una y otra vez en nuestras Escrituras.

Debemos tomarnos un tiempo todos los días, no solo los domingos, y considerar exactamente quién es Jesús. Debemos considerar lo que Jesús dijo y lo que hizo. A menudo pienso en el castigo que soportó por la salvación de cada hombre, mujer y niño que alguna vez caminaría sobre la faz de la tierra. Aceptó pronta y voluntariamente la voluntad del Padre celestial de convertirse en "El Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo". Se puso de pie con los dientes apretados mientras el flagelo se clavaba en su carne cuando lo ataban a la columna; llevó su cruz con valor y determinación, incluso cuando la sangre vital parecía estar abandonando su cuerpo en ese sendero sangriento hacia el Gólgota. Trató de vivir incluso mientras colgaba de esa cruz, mientras su carne desgarrada se estiraba contra la madera áspera mientras se levantaba para tomar una bocanada de aire, y se hundía de nuevo bajo el dolor y la fatiga del castigo.

Cuando Jesús puso las palabras en los labios de Abraham: "Si no escuchan a Moisés y a los profetas, tampoco se persuadirán aunque alguno se levante de los muertos". ¿Estamos escuchando ahora a Jesús? ¿Escuchamos las palabras proféticas a la luz de un destino eterno? Nacimos para ser santos, así que comencemos hoy. En cuanto a mi amigo, tengo la intención de comenzar ese diálogo muy pronto...

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH THÉRÈSE

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Therese Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion – a spiritual path she calls her "Little Way."



LEARN

ANGELS: BISHOP FULTON SHEEN



In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.

LISTEN

THE CASE FOR JESUS BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the "case for Jesus" by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

THE CASE FOR JESUS

DR. BRANT PITRE



Catechism Corner

» Why is Mary a Virgin? «

† Why is Mary a Virgin?

God willed that Jesus Christ should have a true human mother but only God himself as his Father, because he wanted to make a new beginning that could be credited to him alone and not to earthly forces.

Mary's virginity is not some outdated mythological notion but rather fundamental to the life of Jesus. He was born of a woman but had no human father. Jesus Christ is a new beginning in the world that has been instituted from on high. In the Gospel of Luke, Mary asks the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" (= do not sleep with a man, Lk 1:34); the angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Lk 1:35). Although the Church from the earliest days was mocked on account of her belief in Mary's virginity, she has always believed that her virginity is real and not merely symbolic. (YOUCAT question 80)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (484-486) and other references [here](#).



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The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6th, starting with a meal at 6 p.m.

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One of the most shocking parts of today's parable is the way the rich man, even in the afterlife, still speaks of the poor man as a servant who is supposed to do his bidding: "Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue." "Woe to the complacent in Zion," the prophet says. That complacency is not only a refusal to share material goods—it is a self-obsession, a total ignoring of someone, a giving-up on another as unworthy to exist except if he or she is useful to us. We are called to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." "The King of kings and Lord of lords" loves us and suffered for us, so that we can in turn love and care for the poor, needy, and burdened in our life.

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL

Three archangels are named in Scripture: Michael, the defender of the Church; Gabriel, the herald of the Incarnation; and Raphael, whose name means "God heals." In chapters five through twelve of the book of Tobit, Raphael accompanies young Tobiah on the journey that ends in his marriage to Sara. With Raphael's aid, the evil spirits troubling Sara are defeated and Tobit's blindness is miraculously healed. Travelers, migrants, and those in search of a spouse seek Raphael's intercession. In Tuscany and elsewhere in Italy, parents pray to Raphael, the "defender of adolescent chastity," as young people leave home for the first time.



Alleluia, alleluia Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, / so that by his poverty you might become rich. **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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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

Parish Survey Begins October 1st

The Disciple Maker Index, a parishioner survey, will be available online and on paper during the month of October. This survey provides you the opportunity to anonymously give your opinion on parish matters. It also measures spiritual growth and parishioner involvement. Fr. Pilon, Fr. Jeff, and parish leaders will use your input to effectively plan for discipleship, evangelization, hospitality, and parish activities.

The survey results for the parishes of Holy Cross, Ss. Peter & Paul, and St. Theresa will be accumulated separately so planning can be customized to specific parish needs. This means there will be a separate survey and set of results for each parish for which Fr. Pilon is pastor. There will also be a separate online link for each parish's survey and separate paper copies of the survey labelled for each parish. It is important that you take only the survey that corresponds to your parish.

If you have previously submitted your current email address, you will be emailed an online link to your parish's survey. The online link to the survey for each parish will also be accessible on the mendotacatholic.org homepage. If you are unable to take the survey online, you can pickup a paper copy of your parish's survey in your church vestibule or the Holy Cross Parish Office. Once you have completed the paper survey, you can drop it off in the paper survey receptacle also located in your church vestibule or the Holy Cross Parish Office. To reduce manual data entry, taking the survey online wherever possible is encouraged.

The goal is 100% participation. **Every person, 8th Grade or older**, who is associated with the 3 parishes, Holy Cross School, and/or the Holy Cross CCD Program is requested 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.

The Grace to Know Our Littleness

What is humility? True humility is to know that, of my self, I am nothing. But with God, I am able to do anything. In the Prayer of Saint Francis we say: Lord, make me an instrument of your love.

God is a very warm-hearted and jealous lover. He loves us much more than to let us go astray. If we are foolish enough to deceive ourselves, he will shake us up once in a while to show us who we really are. He gives us an experience of our own littleness. I will see that I am not as great as I thought I was. We can have two kinds of reactions when we see our littleness. We can say, "Oh well, that's just how I am," or "Everybody is against me, nobody understands me!" Or we can realize that God is trying to show us how little we are and how much we need to depend on him.

We do not want to run on our own fuel-power. We want to live by faith, to look out for his will. Humbly tell our Lord: "Thank you, Lord. Thank you for showing me to me as I am. I beg your help because I need your help so badly." This is what humility is: to accept, to ask, to depend on him and on his help. God is very willing to give us his all: just think of the love of our Lord, of redemption, or the Mass!

Jesus died, he gave himself to the heavenly Father. But that was his sacrifice; how does this become my sacrifice? What can make it mine? He became man; he wanted to share the nature I have. He became our brother, looked like us, spoke our language. He established the Church, his Mystical Body, so that we are not only brothers but his members. When we are in the state of grace, Christ's Spirit is our own spirit! He established the Holy Eucharist. He wanted to be food for our body and soul. He hid himself in the bread. He invites us to Mass, which is going on every day and minute all over the world. And he made his sacrifice mine. Bow down before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank him very wholeheartedly for his all-giving love. Ask him sincerely to open your eyes to see the great reality that is himself, and yourself. Ask him to make your heart meek and humble according to his own heart.

SERVANT OF GOD IDA PETERFY

Sister Ida († 2000), originally from Hungary, founded the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart. She developed a dynamic teaching method that continues to influence religious education in the United States and other countries.



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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.

IN THE SACRAMENTS

WE ENCOUNTER CHRIST THE SAVIOR

-Pope Francis

Our Lady of Sorrows, and of Hope

Father Richard Veras

Years ago, I saw a Passion play by Father Peter John Cameron, o.p., called *The Living Silence*, and I think of that play each year when we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows.

In this depiction, the body of Jesus is taken from the cross and placed in the arms of his weeping mother. As she looks upon his body she cries, "How can this be?," a plausible cry from a sorrowing mother. What I will never forget is the phrase that followed: "...since I do not know man."

At the moment of the seeming victory of evil, Mary proclaims the indomitable greatness of the Lord. She firmly witnesses that, even in death, Jesus is a miracle. For she is a virgin, yet the body in her arms came from her womb. The powers of darkness can never vanquish the power of his Light.

Mary then repeats all her words recorded in Scripture, as she weeps and cradles the body of her son. For instance, as she weeps: "*Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.*" "*Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been seeking you.*" She then recites the entirety of the Magnificat.

On the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, pray and ponder the *Magnificat* before a *Pietà*, and listen as our Lady proclaims Jesus as the reason for hope in the midst of sorrow.

She is Our Lady of Sorrows, not of despair. And through every joy and sorrow of life, we can ponder her final, hopeful Scriptural utterance, *Do whatever he tells you.*

Father Richard Veras is director of pastoral formation at Saint Joseph's Seminary in New York. He is the author of The Word Made Flesh: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever (MAGNIFICAT).

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Emmaus Knights is a new program for the formation of young men and their fathers. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about this program and to watch the ADA videos.

"We have Emmaus Knights once a month and we are calling men from all around the diocese — not only the young men but also their fathers — to come here to be formed, to be trained, to realize what God is asking them to do in their lives." — Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck Vocations Director, Diocese of Peoria

"What kind of dad do you want to be? Do you want to be the dad who builds your children up from the culture of today, from the world of today that doesn't satisfy them in the depths of their soul? Or do you want to give them the love of God that will transform their lives and fill their lives with the peace and joy that this world cannot provide? That's the dad we want to be and that's why we are here." — Tim Olsen, father attending Emmaus Knights



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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.



GREAT LAKES CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, November 19, 2022

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The 27th annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the Holmes Student Center at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, on Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 8:50 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration includes lunch and parking. Cost is \$45 if registration is mailed or received by Oct. 25, \$50 after Oct. 25, \$55 AT THE DOOR; \$25 for college students or younger, \$10 for deacons. For tickets or more information contact your parish captain, [**Brian Corrigan or Andy Wujek**], or visit the **Conference website** at www.thetalk.org.



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Life Chain is an annual, nationwide event held in hundreds of locations throughout North America to demonstrate solidarity in ending abortion. This year, the Life Chain will be held in Mendota on Respect Life Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the corner of Routes 34 and 251. The Mendota Knights of Columbus, the sponsors of this event, invite you to attend.

Life Chain is legal, peaceful, and non-confrontational. It is NOT a celebration, political event, or noisy protest. Participants stand on a public street corner in prayerful silence holding signs with pro-life messages. The primary Life Chain sign/message is "Abortion Kills Children". The purpose of this witness is the changing of hearts, minds, and ultimately the law with regard to abortion.

You are welcome to attend the Life Chain for any part or all of the scheduled 60 minutes. You may bring a portable chair if you prefer not to stand. If you have questions, call Tom at (815) 538 – 1940.

~ A CHRISTMAS CAROL ~



We invite you to join us as we begin the Advent season with a performance of A Christmas Carol. It will be on Sunday, December 4th at the Metropolis Performing Arts Center Theater in Arlington Heights. The Green River Lines bus will take us to the theater and will stop for dinner on the way home. The bus will leave at 12 noon from the Holy Cross School parking lot.

The price of \$65.00 includes your ticket and bus transportation. Dinner will be on your own. Reservations can be made by calling Nancy at 815-414-1644. We hope that you can join us!

Trip coordinators, Father Jeff and Nancy Goble

SAINT MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

Our members and guests enjoyed a beautiful fall meeting held at the Mendota Golf Club. Following a delicious dinner, a business meeting was conducted and a new slate of officers was installed. They are as follows: Secretary, Jan Full; Treasurer, Jacie Bend; Vice-President, Deb Rogers; and President, Jeanne Fitzpatrick. Outgoing officers Mary Heitmann and Nancy Goble were presented with gifts from the society and the members. Best wishes to the new officers!

As I take leave from the office of President, I wish to offer my deepest thanks and gratitude for the honor and privilege that I have had serving St. Mary's Altar Society for the past five years. Our members are a very special group of women dedicated to providing for the needs of Holy Cross Church. I am proud to be involved in this vital organization. Thanks to all of you and may God bless you!

Nancy Goble, Past President



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!Ultreya!

Illinois Valley Cursillo will host an Ultreya, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at Peterstown. Potluck at 6pm followed Mass at 7:30pm. Speaker will be Karen Stremlau and the topic is "Blessings from around the Table". Also Diocesan Wide Ultreya, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, 5pm at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 607 NE Madison Ave., Peoria. Theme "In God's Time". Celebrant Bishop Lou Tylka. Guests and families are welcome. IV contact person is Ray Aubry, phone 815 433-4733, email rraubry@yahoo.com.

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!

PRAYER CHAIN

- † **From Hope Life Center:**
Tailynn is contemplating abortion; please pray for her.
- † Please pray for Jadora; she is planning to abort.
- † Blanca is at-risk for an abortion. Please pray for her too!

**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.*



A Prayer to Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger. Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth. Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver us back to the gift of recovery. Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.



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