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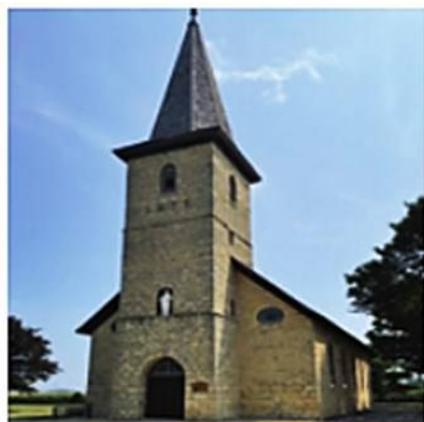
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Mendota, IL 61342
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www.mendotacatholic.org

Mailing Address
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Mendota, IL 61342

Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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

Adoration Chapel - Monday-Friday 9am - 10pm



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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

Mailing Address
1010 Jefferson Street
Mendota, IL 61342

Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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



St. Theresa Catholic Church

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

Mailing Address
1010 Jefferson Street
Mendota, IL 61342

Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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

Adoration - 1st Friday of each month

Homebound and Hospital Visits:

Please call the office and visits will be arranged.

Cemetery lot purchase:

Please call

Steve Schmitt at
Mendota Monument Company 815-538-5276

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

Pastor: Fr. Peter A. Pilon

Parochial

Vicar: Fr. Jeff Windy

Deacons: Deacon Ray Fischer
Deacon Jose Lopez
Deacon Hector Diaz

Music Director: Roy VanOpdorp

Director of Religious Education
Brian R. Corrigan

Business Manager

Lorraine Walter

Administrative Assistant

Mary Lou Flahive

Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care

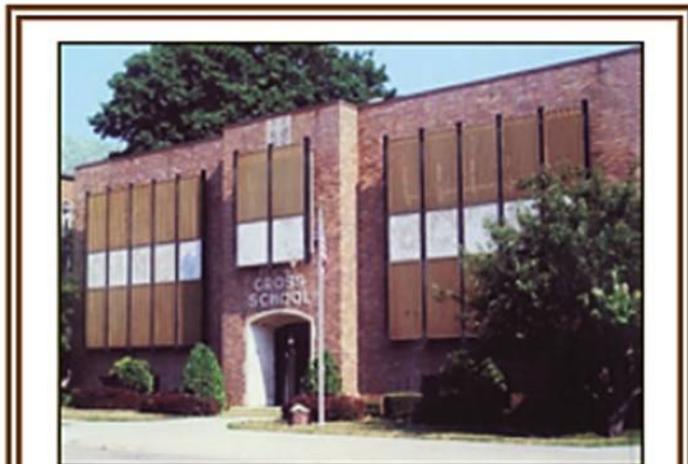
✠ Julie Winner - 815-538-7604

✠ 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, Oct 23rd 30th Sunday in O.T.
6:30 a.m. +James Hessenberger
by Joe & Alicia Hochstatter
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** Parishioners
9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Darlene Burke
by Altar Society
10:30 a.m. +Joseph McNally by Jim & Diane Flaherty
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Por la Alma de David Holguín

Monday, Oct 24th St. Anthony Mary Claret
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Kevin McConville
by Jacie Bend
7:00 p.m. Kevin Corrigan by Brian & Deb Corrigan

Tuesday, Oct 25th
7:00 a.m. +Jean Joerger by Norbert Weber
7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Milley Kreitinger
11:30 a.m. Mass at OSF St. Paul: Special Intention

Wednesday, Oct 26th
7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Mike Corrigan
by Marie Cantlin
8:00 a.m. +Clifford Sondgeroth by Herb & Sue Buchanan
12 p.m.—1 p.m. — Confessions

Thursday, Oct 27th
7:00 a.m. +Mary K. Sondgeroth by Mel Harth
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Kevin McConville
by Saint Theresa Altar & Rosary
5 p.m.—6 p.m. — Confessions

Friday, Oct 28th Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles
7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Mike Corrigan
by Wilma Stillwell
8:10 a.m. **School Mass** +Danny Arredondo by Grandpa
& Grandma Arredondo

Saturday, Oct 29th Blessed Virgin Mary
2:30 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. +Oneida Doran by Roger & Kathy Weitzel
5:00 p.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Virginia Johnson
by Joe & Beth Stillwell

Sunday, Oct 30th 31st Sunday in O.T.
6:30 a.m. Parishioners
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Wayne Wackerlin
by Russell & Beth Wackerlin
9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Jane Kuczek
by John & Pat Sondgeroth
10:30 a.m. +Joan Dennison by Holy Cross Choir
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Javier Espinoza por su
Hermana

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: frpilon@holycrossmendota.com



LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct 29..... B. Corrigan
6:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct 30..... R. Bergmark
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct 30..... N. Goble
4:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov 5..... T. Leffelman
6:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov 6..... R. Arteaga
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov 6..... M. Heitmann

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
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YOUR GENEROSITY!

SEEDS OF FAITH



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

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

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

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



Mass Intentions

**Sun. Oct 23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. +Darlene Burke by Altar Society**

**Sun. Oct 30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. +Jane Kuczek
by John & Pat Sondgeroth**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Lector
Sun. Oct 30 Tom Sondgeroth**

Collection for October 16, 2022

**Sunday Collection: \$907.00
Farm Collection: 150.00
Total: \$1,057.00**

**ADA Goal: \$13,758.00
Amount Received: \$3,680.00**

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.

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Tue. Oct.	18	2103	50.00	Collins & Brian Kleyke
Wed. Oct	19	3004	50.00	Eli Beetz
Thur. Oct	20	0043	50.00	Irene Fordham
Fri. Oct	21	0107	50.00	Audrey Marino

Discipleship Corner:

"If we place our hands into the hands of the divine Child, if we say 'Yes' to the 'Follow Me', then we are His, and the way is free for His divine life to flow into us." ~ St. Edith Stein

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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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Collection for October 16th

Sunday Collection:	\$0.00
Food Pantry:	0.00
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
Total:	\$0.00
Cemetery:	0.00

ADA Goal: \$19,920.00 — Amount Received: \$8,195.00

Lector & Extraordinary Minister
of Holy Communion Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 29th	Sunday, Oct 30th
Lector: Wally Cwikla	Lector: Carol McLachlan
EMHC: Joe Stralka	EMHC: Don McLachlan

The devil put before me that I could not endure the trials of the religious life, because of my delicate nurture. I defended myself against him by alleging the trials which Christ endured, and that it was not much for me to suffer something for His sake; besides, He would help me to bear it.

~ Saint Teresa of Avila




Tri-Parish Paint Night
At Peterstown
With Lucy Schmidt
Friday, November 18th
At 6:00pm
\$30 per person

To pay with PayPal: Irschmidt@yahoo.com
To Pay with Venmo: @LucySchmidt99
Pay with cash: Put in envelope with Suzie Fritz on it in the collection.

Questions Call: Lucy: 815-910-5221
Suzie: 708-305-7734

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Thanks to all who have been donating to the "Socksgiving" Drive. There is an increased need at shelters this year, so more is needed. We all like cozy toes during the winter, so let's help others stay warm too. Heavy men's, women's, and kid's socks are still needed. Our drive ends November 20th, in time for Thanksgiving.

The Parish Community Group will have a luncheon meeting October 27th at the Earlville Country Club, at noon. Lunch, dessert and coffee will be served. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Help us plan for 2023 (*Yes, it's right around the bend*). In January there will be our traditional Potluck Bingo to start the year right. What we'd like to hear from you is what you would like to have in the way of programs, trips and parish dinners during the rest of the year. Please come, and chime in with your thoughts. Sign up in the vestibule so that we may know how many are coming.

First Friday Holy Hour will be held on November 4th from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Benediction will be at 4:30

There were 3 slots uncovered by our parishioners last month. One hour of adoration is not much to ask. Please consider it and sign up on the list in the vestibule.



October is the month of the Rosary...we need people to lead the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother. See Fr. Jeff.

Holy Cross Youth Ministry (8th-12th grade) offering Faith, Fellowship and Fun! Join us on Sunday, October 23rd from 5:30-7:30 at Holy Cross parking lot for prayer, campfire with hot dogs and s'mores, and basketball with the new hoops!



Vision Team—We are beginning to form a larger team, which will eventually become parish councils for each of the parishes. If you were asked by Fr. Pilon or Fr. Jeff to be part of this new team, please strongly consider helping your parish in this way. The team will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the parish office. This month, we will meet on October 11th & 25th from 6 to 7pm.

October is Respect Life Month

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Padre Pio Prayer Group here in Central Illinois is approved by Bishop Louis Tylka and is officially recognized by and registered with the Padre Pio Prayer Groups International Headquarters in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. Padre Pio's life and spirituality are of great interest and inspiration to many. Join us on the second Monday evening of each month as we come together -- to pray as he instructed, to learn more about this gifted servant of God, and to seek his intercession. Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 10. We will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Granville, followed by Holy Hour and prayer as modeled by St. Pius of Pietrelcina. Confessions will be heard prior to Mass, beginning at 5:30. Youth are encouraged to attend, and will participate in a program, led by Angie Serafini, designed to help them practice quiet prayer in Adoration, pray the Rosary, and understand the importance of intercession.

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Your Opinion Matters

The Disciple Maker Index parish survey is available in English and Spanish online and on paper through the end of October. This survey provides you the opportunity to anonymously give your opinion on parish matters. Your input will be used to plan for discipleship, evangelization, hospitality, and parish activities. **Every person, 8th Grade or older**, who is associated with the Mendota-area Catholic parishes, Holy Cross School, and/or the Holy Cross CCD Program is invited to take the survey. Husbands and wives should take the survey separately.

Holy Cross, St. Peter & Paul, and St. Theresa parishes each have their own separate survey and set of results. So, it is important that you **take the survey that corresponds to your parish**. The online link for each parish's survey is accessible on the mendotacatholic.org homepage (via the QR code below). You can also pick up a paper copy of your parish's survey in your church vestibule or the Holy Cross Parish Office. **Be sure to return completed paper surveys** to those same locations.



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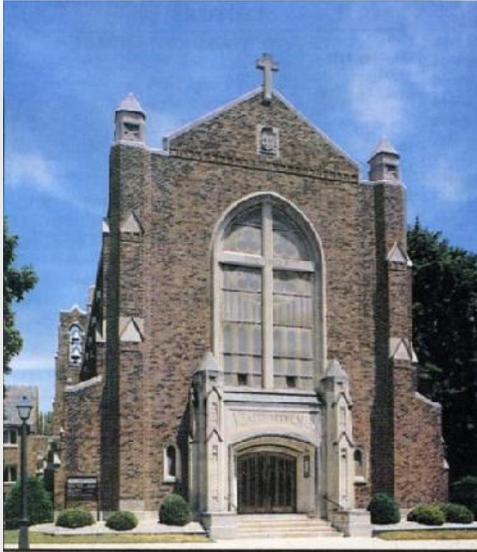
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Párroco: Padre Pedro Pilon **Diáconos: José López y Héctor Díaz**
23 de Octubre 2022
Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



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

*Te digo, este ultimo se
fue a su casa justificado,
no el primero;*

~ Lucas 18:14

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

10/23 Jorge y Carmen Mandujano

10/30 Trine y Lucy Arteaga

Intenciones para Misa

10/23: 12 p.m. +Por la Alma de David Olguín

10/30: 12 p.m. +Javier Espinoza

*'Oh Dios, te agradezco que no soy como el
resto de la humanidad...codicioso, deshonesto,
adúltero, o incluso como este recaudador de
impuestos... Pero el recaudador de impuestos
se mantuvo a distancia. y no quiso ni levantar
los ojos al cielo pero golpeó su pecho y oró, 'Oh
Dios, sé misericordioso conmigo, un pecador.'*

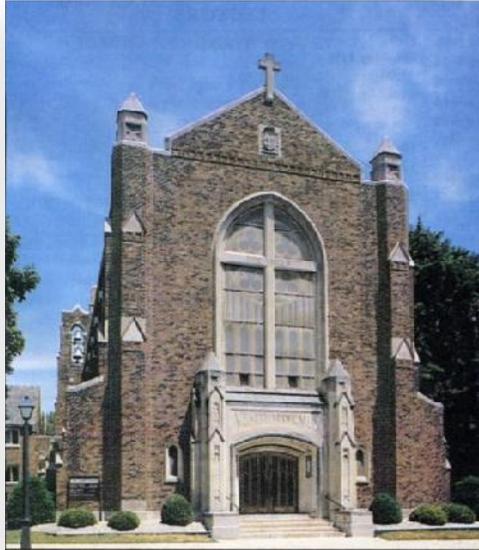
~ Lucas 18:9-11, 13



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Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY

TU OPINIÓN IMPORTA

La encuesta parroquial del Índice de Hacedores de Discípulos está disponible en inglés y español en línea y en papel hasta finales de octubre. Esta encuesta le brinda la oportunidad de dar su opinión de forma anónima sobre asuntos parroquiales. Su aporte se utilizará para planificar el discipulado, la evangelización, la hospitalidad y las actividades parroquiales. **Todas las personas, de 8º grado o mayores,** que estén asociadas con las parroquias católicas del área de Mendota, la escuela Holy Cross y/o el programa Holy Cross CCD están invitadas a participar en la encuesta. Los esposos y las esposas deben realizar la encuesta por separado.

Las parroquias de Holy Cross, St. Peter & Paul y St. Teresa tienen cada una su propia encuesta y conjunto de resultados por separado. Entonces, es importante **que responda la encuesta que corresponde a su parroquia.** Se puede acceder al enlace en línea para la encuesta de cada parroquia en la página de inicio de mendotacatholic.org (a través del código QR a continuación). También 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. **Asegúrese de devolver las encuestas en papel completadas a esos mismos lugares.**



San Jesús Méndez-Montoya

† El 5 de febrero de 1928, el párroco de Valtierilla, Michoacán, Padre Jesús Méndez, acababa de celebrar misa escondidas cuando escuchó peleas afuera de la casa donde se hospedaba. Salió por una ventana trasera, llevando el cáliz debajo de una tilma, pero fue detenido por un soldado que pensó que llevaba armas. Rápidamente admitió que era sacerdote. Llevando a su prisionero a la plaza del pueblo, el oficial al mando intentó matarlo tres veces. En el primer intento, la pistola del oficial falló. Así que ordenó a sus soldados que le dispararan al sacerdote, pero ni un solo tiro alcanzó al padre Méndez (posiblemente porque nadie quería matarlo). Finalmente, los soldados le quitaron las medallas y la cruz al sacerdote, y en un tercer intento lograron por lo menos herirlo; uno de los soldados le dio entonces el tiro de gracia. Su cuerpo fue arrojado a las vías del tren, pero las esposas de los funcionarios del pueblo lo rescataron y lo enterraron.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel

"The Eucharist is the link that binds the Christian family together. Take away the Eucharist and you have no brotherliness left."

~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

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

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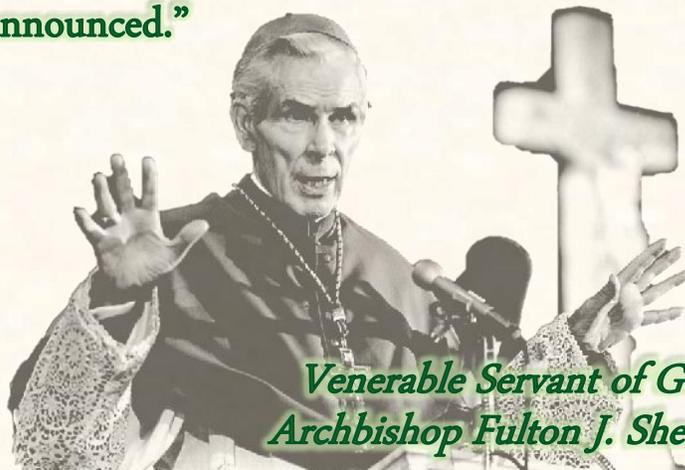
THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

	For the Week of	
Sunday	10/16/22	\$6,219.03
School		155.00
Food Pantry		35.00
Youth Ministry		30.00
Mission Sunday		32.00
Total		\$6,471.03

ADA Goal: \$45,313.00 \$24,339.00 Collected

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

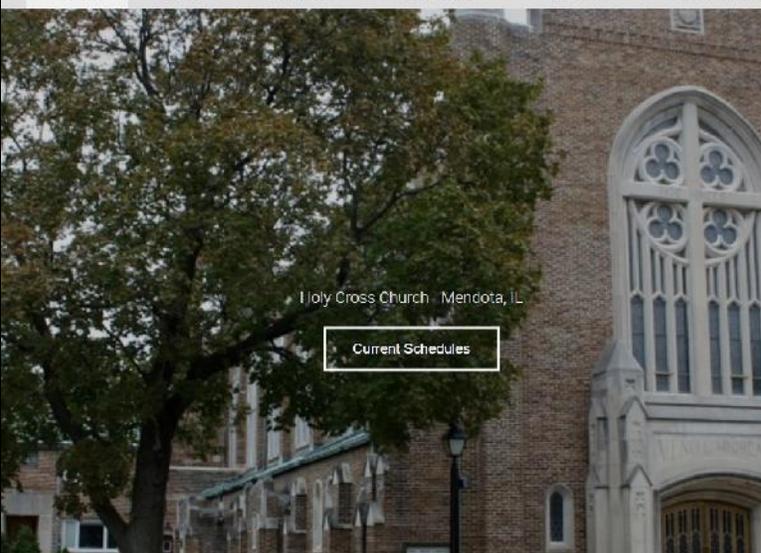
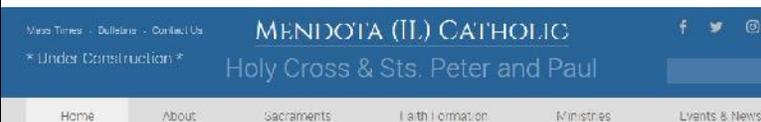
"It was to a virgin woman that the birth of the Son of God was announced. It was to a fallen woman that His Resurrection was announced."



*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

THE WORD OF GOD is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render and account.

Hebrews 4:12-13

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET

Anthony Mary Claret was born in Spain to poor parents. He preached in his native Catalonia, founding the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (the Claretians) to further the spread of the Gospel. In 1850, he was appointed Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, where in six years he enacted wide-ranging reforms amid harsh opposition. A knife attack on his life left him severely scarred, yet he forgave his attacker and worked to have the man's sentence remitted. Recalled to Spain by Queen Isabella II, he followed her into exile. Summarizing his life, he said, "I have fulfilled my mission, I have preached the Gospel, I have kept holy poverty."

"If your eyes are positive, you will love the world. But if your tongue is positive, the world will love you."

Saint Teresa of Kolkata



SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Went to the Margins

Saint John Vianney

Priest († 1859)

Feast: August 4

Jean-Marie Vianney, the great Curé of Ars, began life as farm boy in France. During the French Revolution, his generous family sheltered priests, as well as other needy souls, including the future Saint Benedict Joseph Labre (see "Saint Who" of October 20).

Filled with love for God, Jean-Marie managed to be ordained a priest despite a multitude of setbacks, including excruciating difficulty in study and a military draft by Napoleon. At first he was assigned to assist his beloved pastor, Father Balley, whose example and assistance had been an inspiration. When Father Balley died, the parishioners were eager to have Jean-Marie assume his place. However, he refused, feeling himself unworthy of the post.

Instead he was sent to the small village of Ars, where ignorance and apathy abounded. Here, although he worked wonders of conversion, he experienced discouragement and attacks on his reputation. "I thought a time would come when people would rout me out of Ars with sticks, when the bishop would suspend me, and I should end my days in prison." Nonetheless he labored on, finding strength to combat despair and temptation through constant recourse to Jesus in the Eucharist. He told his people, "Nothing but crosses will reassure us at the Day of Judgment. When that day shall come, we shall be happy in our misfortunes, proud of our humiliations, and rich in our sacrifices."

Good Father, through the prayers of the Curé of Ars, grant us confidence in you through life's darkest moments.

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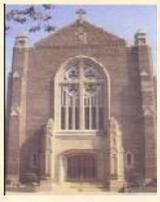
PRAY THE ROSARY!

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.

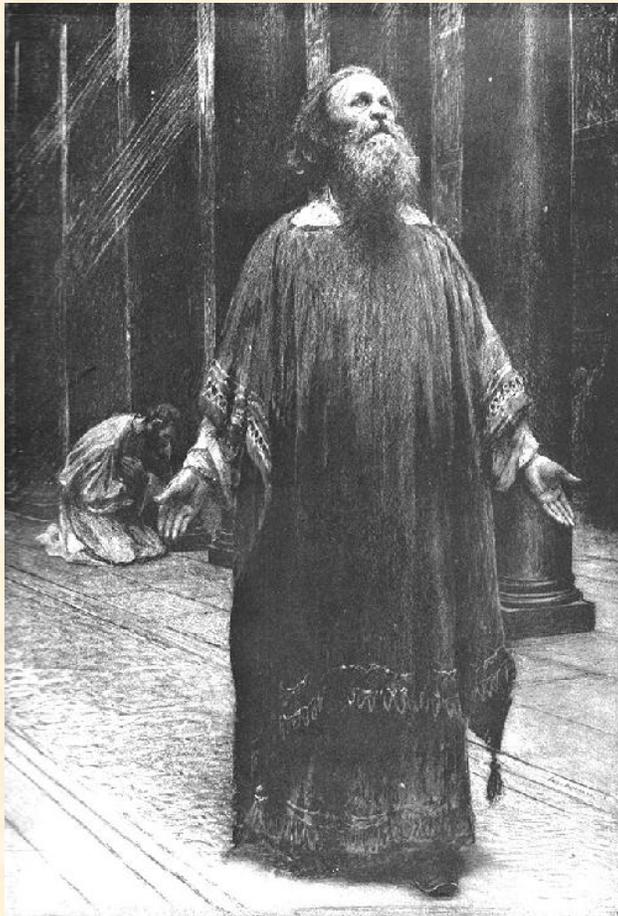




Ego to Pride to Arrogance:

A Parable of the Revered and the Despised

USUALLY WHEN WE HEAR OF A PHARISEE BEING HIGHLIGHTED IN THE GOSPELS, we have a tendency to view the Pharisees in a negative light. We often view them as adversaries and opposition to Jesus. But in order for us to understand well the parable Jesus gives today, we need to understand it in a way that is more closely aligned to how Jesus' first century audience would have taken it.



Josephus, the first-century historian, wrote of who the Pharisees were, and how they were viewed:

[The Pharisee] are, as a matter of fact, extremely influential among the townsfolk; and all prayers and sacred rites of divine worship are performed according to their exposition. This is the great tribute that the inhabitants of the cities, by practicing the highest ideals both in their way of living and in their discourse, have paid to the excellence of the Pharisees.¹

¹ Josephus, *Antiquities* 18.15; trans. L. H. Feldman, LCL

It follows, then, that those first-century listeners of Jesus would have understood the Pharisee in this parable to be the “Good Guy” and the tax collector the “Bad Guy.” Remember, there are many times throughout the Gospels where we see how the tax collectors are despised by the locals as being collaborators with the Romans while stealing from the Jews.

Look closely at the opening of the Gospel passage. We hear Jesus addressed this parable to *those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else*. This is a hint of what is to come. The parable unfolds with the Pharisee (the one who was viewed by the people as the well-respected and righteous man) took his place in the temple and prayed (the Gospel says “*spoke this prayer to himself*”) “O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector....”

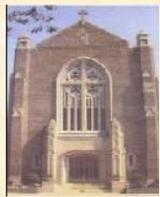
Meanwhile, the tax collector—the true hero of this parable— *stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’* At the conclusion of the parable, Jesus states, “**I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.**”

This ending is totally unexpected by the crowd. They fully expected the Pharisee to be the righteous one they understood him to be. They certainly did not expect the tax collector to be justified in any way, shape or form. What does this mean for us? It’s simple, really. We must avoid a conviction of our own righteousness, and avoid looking down our noses at anyone else. We must keep our heart set on being humble, especially before the Lord. Can we really expect that we, who are as small as ants in the grand scheme of things, can impress our God?

We know that God loves the lowly, the oppressed, the widow and the orphan (*First Reading from Sirach*). He hears the cry of the poor, and is close to the brokenhearted and those who are crushed in spirit (*Responsorial Psalm*).

In Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy, he writes that he is near the end of [very hard] road, and looks forward to his time of departure from this world. He writes this to Timothy as an instruction...**At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them!** He is instructing Timothy to follow in his steps and be forgiving, to place his trust in the Lord, and the Lord will rescue him from every evil threat.

Following on the heels of last week’s message to pray unceasingly, we should pray then, that we may be humble that all who are humble may be exalted by God. This is the essence of praying for our neighbor and for our enemy. The love of Christ impels us to love everyone as Jesus loves us; that we should will the good of the other.



EGO AL ORGULLO A LA ARROGANCIA: UNA PARÁBOLA DEL VENERADO Y EL DESPRECIADO

NORMALMENTE CUANDO ESCUCHAMOS DE UN FARISEO SIENDO DESTACADO EN LOS EVANGELIOS, tenemos una tendencia a ver a los fariseos en una luz negativa. A menudo los vemos como adversarios y oposición a Jesús. Pero para que entendamos bien la parábola que Jesús da hoy, debemos entenderla de una manera que esté más alineada con la forma en que la audiencia de Jesús del primer siglo la habría tomado.



Josefo, el historiador del primer siglo, escribió sobre qué-nes eran los fariseos y cómo eran vistos:

[Los fariseos] son, de hecho, extremadamente influyentes entre la gente del pueblo; y todas las oraciones y ritos sagrados del culto divino se realizan según su exposición. Este es el gran tributo que los habitantes de las ciudades, practicando los más altos ideales tanto en su modo de vivir como en su discurso, han rendido a la excelencia de los fariseos.¹

¹ Josefo, Antigüedades 18.15;

De ello se deduce, entonces, que aquellos oyentes de Jesús del primer siglo habrían entendido que el fariseo en esta parábola era el “buen chico” y el recaudador de impuestos el “malo chico”. Recuerde, hay muchas veces a lo largo de los Evangelios donde vemos cómo los recaudadores de impuestos son despreciados por los lugareños por ser colaboradores de los romanos mientras roban a los judíos.

Mire de cerca la apertura del pasaje del Evangelio. Escuchamos que Jesús dirigió esta parábola a aquellos que estaban convencidos de su propia justicia y despreciaban a todos los demás. Esta es una pista de lo que está por venir. La parábola se desarrolla con el fariseo (aquel que era visto por la gente como el hombre justo y respetado) tomó su lugar en el templo y oró (el Evangelio dice: ‘habló para sí mismo esta oración’): ‘Oh Dios, te doy gracias que no soy como el resto de la humanidad, codicioso, deshonesto, adúltero, ni siquiera como este recaudador de impuestos...’.

Mientras tanto, el recaudador de impuestos, —el verdadero héroe de esta parábola— *se mantuvo a distancia y ni siquiera levantó los ojos al cielo, sino que se golpeaba el pecho y oraba: ‘Oh Dios, ten misericordia de mí, pecador’.* la parábola, Jesús afirma: **“Os digo que éste se fue a su casa justificado, no aquél; porque el que se enaltece será humillado, y el que se humilla será enaltecido.”**

Este final es totalmente inesperado para la multitud. Esperaban plenamente que el fariseo fuera el justo que entendían que era. Ciertamente no esperaban que el recaudador de impuestos estuviera justificado de ninguna manera o forma. ¿Qué significa esto para nosotros? Es simple, de verdad. Debemos evitar una convicción de nuestra propia justicia, y evitar mirar por encima del hombro a cualquier otra persona. Debemos mantener nuestro corazón puesto en ser humildes, especialmente ante el Señor. ¿Podemos realmente esperar que nosotros, que somos tan pequeños como hormigas en el gran esquema de las cosas, podamos impresionar a nuestro Dios?

Sabemos que Dios ama a los humildes, a los oprimidos, a las viudas y a los huérfanos (Primera Lectura del Eclesiástico). Oye el clamor de los pobres, y está cerca de los quebrantados de corazón y de los abatidos de espíritu (Salmo responsorial).

En la Segunda Carta de Pablo a Timoteo, escribe que está cerca del final del camino [muy difícil] y espera con ansias el momento de su partida de este mundo. Le escribe esto a Timoteo como instrucción... **En mi primera defensa nadie apareció en mi favor, pero todos me abandonaron. ¡Que no se les reproche!** Él está instruyendo a Timoteo a seguir sus pasos y perdonar, a poner su confianza en el Señor, y el Señor lo rescatará de toda amenaza maligna.

Siguiendo los pasos del mensaje de la semana pasada de orar sin cesar, debemos orar entonces, para que podamos ser humildes para que todos los que son humildes sean exaltados por Dios. Esta es la esencia de orar por nuestro prójimo y por nuestro enemigo. El amor de Cristo nos impulsa a amar a todos como Jesús nos ama; que debemos querer el bien del otro.

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THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of October 23, 2022



With God in Russia

Well known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Ciszek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.



The Last Things

This film presents the reality of death and what will follow for every person: first the Particular Judgment before God, and second, Heaven or Hell as our destination for all eternity. The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is also explained.



What is Heaven?

Does heaven exist? Is heaven the eternal Church? Dr. Michael Barber and Chris Stefanick clear up common misunderstandings about heaven.

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Catechism Corner

» Why Did Jesus Need to Be Baptized? «

† *Why did Jesus allow John to baptize him, although he was without sin?*

To baptize means to immerse. In his baptism, Jesus descended into the sinful history of all mankind. By doing so he established a sign. In order to redeem us from our sins, he would one day be submerged in death but, through his Father's power, reawakened to life.

Sinners soldiers, prostitutes, tax collectors went out to the prophet John the Baptist because they were looking for the "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Lk 3:3). Strictly speaking, Jesus did not need this baptism, because he was sinless. The fact that he submitted to this baptism shows us two things: Jesus takes *our* sins upon himself. Jesus understands his baptism as an anticipation of his Passion and Resurrection. At this sign of his willingness to die for us, the heavens open: "You are my beloved Son" (Lk 3:22b). (YOUCAT question 86)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (535-537) and other references [here](#).



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JOHN F. KENNEDY
COUNCIL 2090

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3rd, starting with a meal at 6 p.m.

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The tax collector, completely aware of his unworthiness, beats his breast and prays, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." Where does he get the confidence to do this? His experience of limitation and failure has led him not to despair, but to depend. He remains certain that there is something beyond "every evil threat" and that the Lord will rescue him. Maybe he had in mind the promise of Sirach: "The Lord hears the cry of the oppressed. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." This is why the formerly anti-Christian Paul can say without boasting: "From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me." For "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

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Alleluia, alleluia God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, / and entrusting to us the message of salvation. **Alleluia, alleluia**

PARISH SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE!

Zoom web address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjJtNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09>

Zoom Meeting ID 913 805 0856

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Sun: 6:30 a.m. Mass

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

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

10:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 noon Mass in Spanish

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

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tues: 7:00 a.m. Mass

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

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!



October is the Month of the Rosary....we need people to lead the rosary before all the Masses if you are willing to volunteer to lead the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother see Fr. Jeff.

Holy Cross Youth Ministry (8th-12th grade) offering Faith, Fellowship and Fun! Join us on Sunday, October 23rd from 5:30-7:30 at Holy Cross parking lot for prayer, campfire with hot dogs and s'mores, and basketball with the new hoops!



Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY

Your Opinion Matters

The Disciple Maker Index parish survey is available in English and Spanish online and on paper through the end of October. This survey provides you the opportunity to anonymously give your opinion on parish matters. Your input will be used to plan for discipleship, evangelization, hospitality, and parish activities. **Every person, 8th Grade or older**, who is associated with the Mendota-area Catholic parishes, Holy Cross School, and/or the Holy Cross CCD Program is invited to take the survey. Husbands and wives should take the survey separately.

Holy Cross, St. Peter & Paul, and St. Theresa parishes each have their own separate survey and set of results. So, it is important that you **take the survey that corresponds to your parish**. The online link for each parish's survey is accessible on the mendotacatholic.org homepage (via the QR code below). You can also pick up a paper copy of your parish's survey in your church vestibule or the Holy Cross Parish Office. **Be sure to return completed paper surveys** to those same locations.



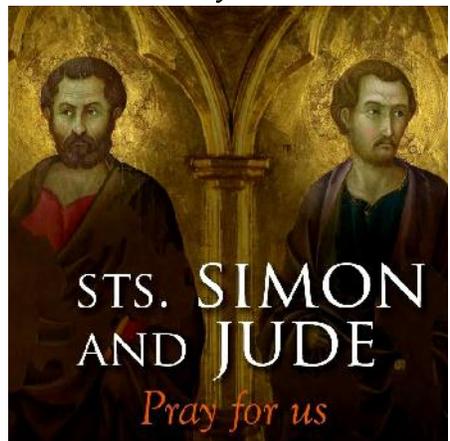
Vision Team—We are beginning to form a larger team which will eventually become parish councils for each of the parishes. If you were asked by Fr. Pilon or Fr. Jeff to be part of the new team, please strongly consider helping your parish in this way. The team will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the parish rectory basement. This month October 11 and 25th from 6-7pm.

October is Respect Life Month!

SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

Feast

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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.



GREAT CONVERSION STORIES

Kim Dae-jung

— John Janaro —

For over a thousand years, Koreans were a distinctive, united people with a proud heritage. The Catholic Church began to flourish on the Korean peninsula in the 18th century, while it also met with violent civil persecution. The Korean martyrs of this time sowed the seeds of a faith that continues to grow today.

Many in the West know very little about Korea prior to 1945, when it became the first “hot spot” of the emerging Cold War. Korea was a Japanese colony at the end of World War II, when the victorious Allies came with promises of restoring Korean independence. Unfortunately, one of the “Allies” was the Soviet Union, which swept down into the northern part of the Korean peninsula. United States forces moved into the south, and the arbitrary line of 38 degrees latitude became the marker of division between U.S. and Soviet sectors of occupation. The line hardened with the Soviet establishment of a communist North Korea while the U.S. sector became South Korea. The bloody Korean War (1950–1953) left the line further entrenched.

Today the Western world is keenly aware of the suffocating and secretive totalitarian regime that rules North Korea. Less widely known is that South Korea struggled for decades to develop the stable democratic institutions it has today. For years it labored under corrupt, repressive military dictatorships that used anti-communism as a pretext for unjustly persecuting political opponents and violating the basic human rights of many ordinary people. Courageous Catholic lay people (along with other Christians) did much to sustain opposition during the era of repressive dictatorship. Their courageous stand for human dignity and the suffering they endured because of it drew some of their compatriots to faith in Jesus Christ and to political activism in service of God’s will.

Among these Catholic converts was the remarkable pro-democracy statesman Kim Dae-jung, who survived years of imprisonment on false charges, torture, attempted assassinations, and even an imminent death sentence in 1980 (which occasioned the personal intervention of Pope John Paul II to save his life). Dae-jung persevered through all these challenges, and in 1998 he became the first opposition candidate to be elected president of South Korea. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2000 for his long-suffering dedication to human rights and his efforts to reach out to North Korea in the post-Soviet period, when inroads toward reconciliation appeared to be opening up.

Born in 1924, the young Kim Dae-jung established a successful shipping business after Japanese rule ended. He was arrested by communists during North Korea’s 1950 invasion, and this terrible experience solidified his opposition to communism. He married Cha Yong-ae, a Catholic woman of great devotion and self-sacrifice, and in the post-Korean War period he was first drawn into pro-democracy politics under the tutelage of the dynamic lay Catholic leader Chang Myon, who became his godfather when Dae-jung was baptized in 1956. The priest selected for Dae-jung the Christian name Thomas More. He did not at that time understand the significance of this name, but many years later—in a private audience with Pope John Paul II—he reflected that God must have foreseen how much he would have to suffer in fidelity to his conscience. John Paul II said, “I think your life is similar to his.” Kim Dae-jung spoke frequently and eloquently about the centrality of Jesus Christ in his life, and the need for people of all nations to seek God’s will in order to build a more just and fraternal society.

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Illinois Right To Life Action November 8, 2022, Illinois General Election Information

Candidates have been surveyed and rated by Illinois Right To Life Action (IRLA) with respect to pro-life issues (abortion, assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research and related issues). This was done through **websites, surveys, public statements, and/or previous and current voting records**. The ratings are to the left of the listing and represent the following:

- 1 = Fully Pro-Life
- 2 = Not in full support of all Pro-Life issues
- * = An asterisk indicates incumbent.
- 3 = Will not support most Pro-life issues
- 4 = Totally opposed to Pro-Life issues
- # = Rape and Incest Exception

U = Unknown (Did not complete a survey, or a current survey, or we do not have enough information to enable IRLA to rate properly.)

X = Does not have a Pro-Life position, but we do not have enough information to enable IRLA to give a number rating.

If you would like further information, call Illinois Right To Life Action at 312/392-0384. You may also send an email to: jerry@IllinoisRightToLife.org. This list does not constitute support or endorsement by Illinois Right To Life Action and cannot be used to advance the candidacy of any individual. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. We regret any errors.

In the following list an "(R)" indicates the Republican Party, a "(D)" indicates the Democrat Party, an "(L)" indicates the Libertarian Party, an "(I)" indicates the Independent Party, a "(WC)" indicates the Working Class Party, and a "(WT)" indicates the Working Taxpayers Party. We encourage copying this information for distribution. When formulating information for your own area please keep districts intact. IRLA cannot allow altering by adding or deleting an individual candidate or candidates or a change in rating without permission.

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order within rating groups without any preference to individual candidates or parties.

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Bureau/Grundy/LaSalle/Lee County Area

Governor/Lt. Governor

(Ratings apply to Governor/Lt. Governor Candidates)

Rating

- 1/1 - DARREN BAILEY / STEPHANIE TRUSSELL (R)
- 4/4 - JB PRITZKER (D) * / JULIANA STRATTON (D) *
- U/U - SCOTT SCHLUTER / JOHN PHILLIPS (L)

Attorney General

Rating

- 4 - KWAME RAOUL (D) *
- U - THOMAS G. DEVORE (R)
- U - DANIEL K. ROBIN (L)

Secretary of State

Rating

- 1 - DAN BRADY (R)
- 4 - ALEXI GIANNOULIAS (D)

Treasurer

Rating

- 1 - TOM DEMMER (R)
- 4 - MICHAEL W. FRERICHS (D) *
- U - PRESTON NELSON (L)

Comptroller

Rating

- 4 - SUSANA A. MENDOZA (D) *
- U - DEIRDRE McCLOSKEY (L)
- U - SHANNON L. TERESI (R)

U. S. Senate

Rating

- 1 - KATHY SALVI (R)
- 4 - TAMMY DUCKWORTH (D) *
- U - BILL REDPATH (L)

U. S. Congress

District - Rating

- 14th - 4 - LAUREN UNDERWOOD (D) *
- 14th - U - SCOTT R. GRYDER (R)
- 16th - 1 - DARIN LaHOOD (R) *
- 16th - U - ELIZABETH 'LISA' HADERLEIN (D)

State Senators

District - Rating

- 37th - 1# - WIN STOLLER (R) *
- 38th - 1# - SUE REZIN (R) *
- 40th - X - PATRICK J. JOYCE (D) *
- 40th - U - PHILIP NAGEL (R)
- 53rd - 2 - JASON BARICKMAN (R) *

State Representatives

District - Rating

- 73rd - 1# - RYAN SPAIN (R) *
- 74th - U - BRADLEY J. FRITTS (R)
- 75th - 1 - JED DAVIS (R)
- 75th - 4 - HEIDI HENRY (D)
- 76th - 2 - LANCE YEDNOCK (D) *
- 76th - U - JASON HASKELL (R)
- 79th - 4 - ERIN SLONE (D)
- 79th - U - JACKIE HAAS (R) *
- 105th - 1 - DENNIS TIPSWORD JR. (R)
- 106th - 1 - THOMAS M. BENNETT (R) *

County Candidates

(Only offices with pro-life candidates are listed.)

Bureau

- 3rd - Sandy Hoos (R)

County Board

LaSalle

County Board

- 2nd - Gary Small (R) *
- 3rd - Kindra Pottinger (R) *
- 4th - Beth Findley Smith (R)
- 14th - Joseph A. Savitch (D) *
- 18th - Lloyd Chapman (R)
- 22nd - Stephen Aubry (R)
- 23rd - Michael A. McEmery Sr. (R)

Judicial Candidates *(The following judicial candidates have been found qualified by Illinois Right To Life Action)*

3rd Supreme Court Judge (Bureau, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, and Will Counties.)

KILBRIDE VACANCY - MICHAEL J. BURKE (R)

3rd Appellate Court Judge (Same as 3rd Supreme Court District)

WRIGHT VACANCY - LIAM CHRISTOPHER BRENNAN (R)

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CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS!

What is the **sacrament of confirmation**? Confirmation is one of the seven Catholic sacraments. This means that it is one of the most important and sacred experiences that members of the Catholic religion can have. Catholic confirmation is usually the second or third sacrament that Catholics experience after baptism and sometimes communion. All Catholics must undergo confirmation, meaning that confirmation is actually the final step to becoming fully converted to Catholicism.

Becoming a 'Soldier for Christ'

What is confirmation for? The confirmation definition involves affirming the faith and devotion of an individual and fully bringing them into the church. It is thought to involve an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a mark on the soul. Unlike baptism, Catholics believe that those who have not been confirmed are able to reach Heaven when they die, but they believe that the journey to get there will be much more challenging. Some Catholics consider confirmation to be a way of making them into "Soldiers for Christ." This means that they are willingly devoting their lives to Jesus and fully embracing their faith.

Where is Confirmation found in the Bible?

There are several references in the Sacred Scriptures from which we can see the sacrament of confirmation being conferred on Christians. Here are just two of them:

Acts 19:5-6, the people of Ephesus were baptized in Christ, but Paul laid hands on them to seal them with the Holy Spirit. This sealing refers to the sacrament of confirmation.

Acts 8:14-17, Peter and John went to Samaria to pray for them (the Samaritans), that they might receive the Holy Spirit, "for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

On Sunday, October 16th there were 46 young people who received this final Sacrament of Initiation. Please offer congratulations to the following Holy Cross, Ss. Peter & Paul, and St. Theresa students for their preparation and accomplishment.

Jorge "*Cristóbal Magallanes*" Arteaga
Osvaldo "*Paul*" Arteaga
Maren "*Barbara*" Atherton
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~ 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, **Dec. 11th** 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



Please join us Sunday, November 6th, at noon for our Holiday Luncheon at the Mendota Civic Center. We will enjoy a lunch of hot beef on a roll, mashed potatoes, salad, brownie and coffee, lemonade, soda or water. Cost is \$20 per person including tax and tip. Spouses and guests are welcome to join us. Doors open at 11:30 with lunch served at noon. Reservations required by October 28th to Jeanne Fitzpatrick 815-343-0734. Hope to see you there!

SAINT MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

We invite you to join the St Mary's Altar Society. Please join us in our activities and projects. At this time we are collecting socks for homeless men, women and children. Dues are \$20 for the year. There are envelopes in the back of the church. You can deposit dues in the collection basket.



We have been asked to collect warm socks for the PADS homeless shelter. There will be a collection box in the back of the church during the month of October.

THANK YOU!!!

Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Altar Society President

CATHOLIC 101 Former Baptist Rod Bennett explains how his encounter with four of the Church Fathers convinced him that the Catholic Church is the one, true Church established by Jesus Christ. In the saintly and learned Fathers, Bennett discovered how Christ passed down his teaching before the Bible was compiled. [READ](#)

PRAYER CHAIN

† From Hope Life Center:

Update: Caileigh & Blanca are still pregnant! Please continue to pray for them as they are still at risk for abortion.

† Please pray for Connie & Charlotte, both plan to abort.

† Please pray for Lina. She is undecided about her pregnancy.

† Please pray for Joyce, she is planning to abort.

† Update: Jadora has chosen to have an abortion. Please pray in the little time there is left that her decision changes. Thank you.

† Praise! Torrey came in undecided about her pregnancy, but left choosing life! Please pray for her and her upcoming appointments.



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