



Holy Cross Catholic Church

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www.mendotacatholic.org

Mailing Address
1010 Jefferson Street
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Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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

Adoration Chapel - Monday-Friday 9am - 10pm



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

3888 First Road
Mendota, IL 60342
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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
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1010 Jefferson Street
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Mass Schedule - Check inside cover

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

Adoration - 1st Friday of each month

Homebound and Hospital Visits:

Please call the office and visits will be arranged.

Cemetery lot purchase:

Please call

Steve Schmitt at
Mendota Monument Company 815-538-5276

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

Pastor: Fr. Peter A. Pilon

Parochial

Vicar: Fr. Jeff Windy

Deacons: Deacon Ray Fischer
Deacon Jose Lopez
Deacon Hector Diaz

Music Director: Roy VanOpdorp

Director of Religious Education
Brian R. Corrigan

Business Manager
Lorraine Walter

Administrative Assistant
Mary Lou Flahive

Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care

† Julie Winner - 815-538-7604

† Offers Day Care for 3 year old to 12 year old.

Learning Lambs Pre-School

† 815-539-7003

† 3 yr old and 4 yr old sessions



Holy Cross School

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

815-539-7003

Principal - Michael Struna

Baptisms: Pre-Baptismal instruction is required.
Call the Parish office for information and scheduling.

Weddings: Before any other arrangements are made, contact the parish priest 6 to 8 months in advance.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Nov 6th 32nd Sunday in O.T.
6:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Tom & Mary Heitmann
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Mario Donato
by Dan & Joanna McConville
9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Ken Sondgeroth
by Ed Kuczek
10:30 a.m. Parishioners
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Sabino Mandujano y Librada Mandujano por Familia

Monday, Nov 7th
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Kevin McConville
by Marie Cantlin
7:00 p.m. +Don Full by Tim & Lori McConville
+Paul & Maryanne Klein by Rose Lewis Family

Tuesday, Nov 8th
7:00 a.m. +Captain Thomas Heitmann by Tom & Mary Heitmann and Family
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Bob McLaughlin
by Mr. & Mrs. John McConville
11:30 a.m. Mass at OSF St. Paul: Special Intention

Wednesday, Nov 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Milley Kreitinger
8:00 a.m. +Basilia Arredondo by Héctor & María Arredondo
12 p.m.—1 p.m. — Confessions

Thursday, Nov 10th Saint Leo the Great
7:00 a.m. +Brian Faber by Tim & Lori McConville
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Magdalena Rients
by Ted & Margaret Seed
5 p.m.—6 p.m. — Confessions

Friday, Nov 11th Saint Martin of Tours
7:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Virginia McLachlan
by Judy Konitzer
8:10 a.m. **School Mass** +Carl & Antoinette Vogel
by Deane & Phyllis Vogel

Saturday, Nov 12th Saint Josaphat
2:30 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Parishioners
5:00 p.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Kevin McConville
by Jack & Kathy Cantlin

Sunday, Nov 13th 33rd Sunday in O.T.
6:30 a.m. +Wes Doughty by Nancy Doughty & Family
8:00 a.m. **@St. Theresa:** +Virginia McLachlan
by Florence Quackenbush
9:00 a.m. **@Ss. Peter & Paul:** +Frank & Mary Catherine Wujek by Dar Wujek
10:30 a.m. +Joseph McNally by Frank & Anita Kobilsek
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - Fortunato & Bertha Correa's 50th Wedding Anniversary



PARTICIPATE VIA ZOOM!

The weekend Mass schedule:

At Holy Cross Saturday Vigil—4 p.m.
At St. Theresa Saturday Vigil—5 p.m.
At Holy Cross—6:30 a.m.
At St. Theresa—8 a.m.
At Ss. Peter & Paul—9 a.m.
At Holy Cross—10:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass in Spanish—12 p.m.

Fr. Pilon's Masses will continue to be live streamed via the Zoom connection we have been using.

Here is the link for the Zoom site:

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

Meeting ID: 913 805 0856

Password: 811195

Please help spread the word so all of our parishioners are aware of this new development. The link, ID, and Password are the same for all of the Masses. If there are any questions, Fr. Pilon may be reached by email at: frppilon@holycrossmendota.com



LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov 12.....	B. Corrigan
6:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov 13.....	R. Bergmark
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov 13.....	C. Fischer
4:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov 19.....	N. Goble
6:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov 20.....	R. Arteaga
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov 20.....	G. Krenz

If you would like to be a Lector for our weekend Masses, please contact the parish office, or email:

briancorriganhcdre@gmail.com or mlflahive53@comcast.net

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FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
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IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.
MAY THE LORD BLESS
YOUR GENEROSITY!**



STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH, PETERSTOWN
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA
NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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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

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9:00 a.m. +Ken Sondgeroth by Ed Kuczek

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9:00 a.m. +Frank & Mary Catherine Wujek
by Dar Wujek

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Lector

Sun. Nov 13 Tom Burke

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

Sat. Oct 29	2733	50.00	Karter Cassidy
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Thur. Nov 03	1504	50.00	Michelle Slusarek
Fri. Nov 04	3377	50.00	Doug Bailey

Collection for October 30th, 2022

Sunday Collection:	\$958.00
Farm Collection:	400.00
Mission Sunday:	50.00
All Saints:	5.00
Total:	\$1,413.00

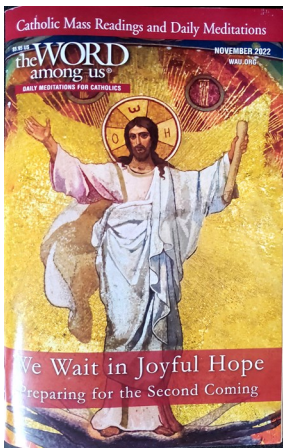


Discipleship Corner:

"Since, by the goodness of God, we who are called 'Christians' have been granted the honor of sharing this name—the greatest, the highest, the most sublime of all names—it follows that each of the titles that express its meaning should be clearly reflected in us. If we are not to lie when we call ourselves 'Christians,' we must bear witness to it by our way of living."

~ St. Gregory of Nyssa (4th century)

November Word Among Us.



There are copies of *The Word Among Us* in both, Spanish and English, for a donation of \$2.⁰⁰. It is a great tool to help in your daily prayer life, and it has all the Mass readings and reflections for November. We have also ordered the Advent/Christmas Edition which will be available in a few weeks.



ST THERESA, EARLVILLE
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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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Sunday Collection:	\$0.00
Food Pantry:	0.00
Candles:	0.00
Mission Sunday:	0.00
Total:	\$0.00
Cemetery:	0.00

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Lector & Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 12th

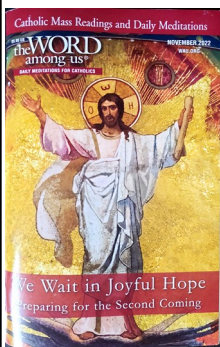
Lector: Wally Cwikla
EMHC: Joe Stralka

Sunday, Nov 13th

Lector: Gary Dau
EMHC: Paula Wold

The Vision Team will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school basement. If you are interested in serving in this vital parish ministry, let Fr. Jeff know. We still need some volunteers, and this is for all three parishes.

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Often the Lord allows a fall so that the soul will be more humble, and when it returns to the right way of acting and grows in self-knowledge, it advances further in the service of our Lord, as we see among many saints.

~ Saint Teresa of Avila



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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 next Ultreya for the Illinois Valley Cursillo is scheduled for **Saturday, November 12th, at Peterstown.** The Potluck begins at 6 p.m. and will be followed by Mass in the church at 7:30 p.m. Kim Santman will be the featured Rollista and will speak on the topic, *Communion of Saints*.

Also, there will be a diocesan-wide Ultreya on **Saturday, November 5th at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception at 607 NE Madison Avenue in Peoria.** The theme for this Ultreya will be "In God's Time" and the speaker will be Dcn Rick Miller. Bishop Lou Tylka will be the celebrant for the Ultreya Mass.

Guests and families are welcome at both of these Ultreyas.

You may contact Ray Aubry at rraubry@yahoo.com, or 815.443.4733 for more information.



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

To pay with cash: Put in envelope with Suzie Fritz on it in the collection.

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

Iglesia de la Santa Cruz

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Párroco: Padre Pedro Pilon Diáconos: José López y Héctor Díaz
6 de Noviembre 2022
Trigésimo Segundo 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

*El Rey del Mundo nos
resucitara para vivir para
siempre.*

~ 2 Macabeos 7:9

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

11/06 Sergio y Yolanda Mandujano

11/13 José Mandujano

Intenciones para Misa

11/06: 12 p.m. +Sabino Mandujano y Librada
Mandujano por Familia

11/13: 12 p.m. +50 Aniversario de Bodas de Fortunato
y Bertha Correa

***‘Ahora, en la resurrección, ¿de
quién será esposa esa mujer?’***

~ Lucas 20:33



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BEST. LOVE STORY. EVER.

Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel

"Lord, by the words of consecration the substance of the bread and wine is converted into the substance of your Body and Blood. All powerful Lord, say over me the word which will change me into You."

~ St. Anthony Mary Claret

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

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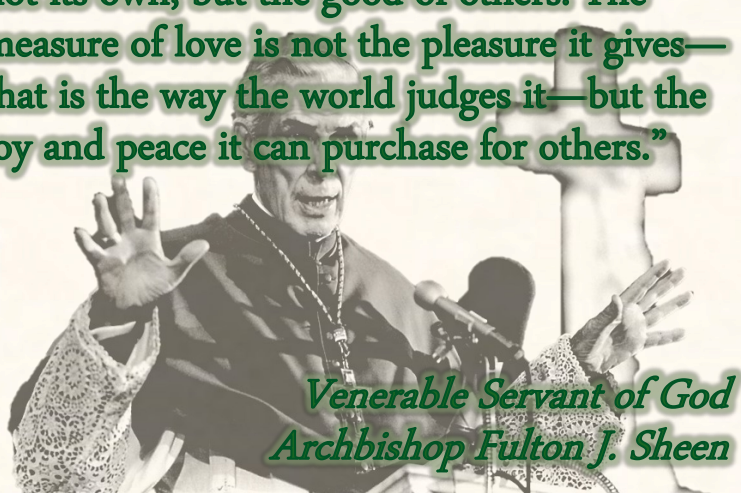
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THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

	For the Week of	
Sunday	10/30/22	\$4,848.00
School		0.00
Food Pantry		50.00
Youth Ministry		0.00
Mission Sunday		50.00
All Saints		68.00
Campaign - Human Development		10.00
Total		\$5,026.00

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

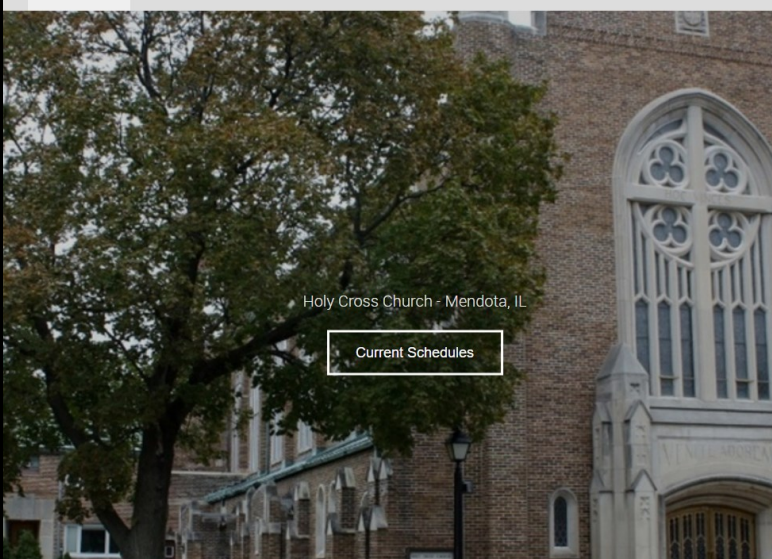
"Love is the key to mystery. Love by its very nature is not selfish, but generous. It seeks not its own, but the good of others. The measure of love is not the pleasure it gives—that is the way the world judges it—but the joy and peace it can purchase for others."



*Venerable Servant of God
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

Check out our website!

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



In-Person Grief Groups

The grief groups will be held at two OSF Hospitals:

OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, in Ottawa, IL, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month.

OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota, IL, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of every month.



We will continue to maintain a safe 6' distance and masks will be required to enter the hospital.

Anyone is allowed to come to any or all meetings they would like to.

If you have questions, contact Kathy Steinz, OSF HealthCare, Bereavement Coordinator/Grief Group Support, (815) 343-5891

Kathleen.Stein@osfhealthcare.org

If you are interested in Serving for Mass, Reading at Mass, or volunteering as an Usher or Greeter for Mass, please drop a note in the collection with your name, telephone number, the ministry in which you would like to take part, and your Mass time preference(s). *Even if you volunteered before, please let us know if you wish to continue.*

Thank you and God bless.

Fr. Peter Pilon

EVERYTHING that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise.

Ephesians 5:14-15

SAINT LEO THE GREAT

Leo the Great served as pope in Rome from September 29, 440 until his death on November 10, 461. He is the first pope to leave sermons for us to read. His 97 sermons communicate in exquisite Latin the mysteries of the faith, often delivered for the liturgical feasts and seasons. In Sermon 74, he preaches, "What was to be seen of our Redeemer has passed over into the sacraments." Much of his preaching was also dedicated to fostering care for the poor. In Sermon 9, he preaches, "Let no human being be thought worthless to a human being, nor should that nature which the Creator of things made his own be despised in anyone".

"God does not create poverty;
we do, because we do not share."

~ Saint Mother Teresa of



SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Teach about the Four Last Things

Blessed Julian of Norwich

Anchoress († 1416)

Feast Day: May 13

"True anchoresses are indeed birds of heaven which fly up high and sit singing merrily on the green boughs—that is, direct their thoughts upwards at the bliss of heaven" (from an ancient guide for anchoresses).

Dame Julian was born in 1342. Some think she was Julian Erpingham, sister of Sir Thomas Erpingham (mentioned in Shakespeare's *Henry V*). Others think her name is derived from the church where she spent much of her life.

What is certain is that around the age of thirty, Julian almost died from a serious illness. This near-death experience was an occasion of great grace, and it was around this same time that she experienced the visions that shaped her future life and work. Her *Revelations of Divine Love*, which recounts her visions and her reflections upon them, is the oldest extant book in English authored by a woman.

About two decades after her illness, Julian became an anchoress in a cell attached to the church of Saint Julian. Here she spent the rest of her life in prayer, study, and contemplation. In her cell, she wrestled with God over the problem of sin and suffering, and came to a deep recognition of divine providence in the world: "God made it. God loves it. God keeps it. In these truths stay and grow." Julian died around the age of seventy-three. Though never formally beatified, she has enjoyed popular devotion as a "blessed" for many years

*Beloved Father, your love is the foundation of our hope;
grant that we may prepare for eternity confident
that "all manner of things shall be well."*

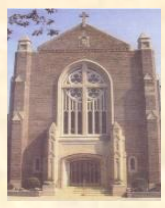
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PRAY THE ROSARY!

Our Evangelization team is on the move! Our meetings have gone from Thurs-day afternoons to Tuesday evenings to (now) Tuesday afternoons. We pray the rosary in community before our meetings and any/all parish-ioners 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.





WHAT IS MARRIAGE, REALLY?



LET'S BRIEFLY CONSIDER TODAY'S GOSPEL ACCOUNT, and then from there I would like to transition our meditation to a consideration of marriage in heaven.

First, we have the Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, putting Jesus to the test by asking him a rather unlikely and convoluted question. Seven brothers, after all having married the same women because of childlessness, and the Law of Moses, want to know to which of the seven brothers she would be married in heaven after the resurrection?

It always make me wonder if Jesus ever tired of the insipid questions put to him by men who were trying to trip him up? His answer tells us of the patience he exhibited in dealing with these lost children of Israel. I know my own answer may not have been quite so patient. Ultimately Jesus informs them that those who are "worthy" of the resurrection of will neither marry or be given in marriage in heaven. Why does he say that and what does he mean?

When a man and woman give of themselves in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, it is a self-giving that is total, free, faithful and fruitful. This an openness to God's will for each other for the rest of their lives—till death do us part. Now, emotionally speaking, a marriage may not be over when one spouse dies, but technically speaking the marriage has ended. And this is why:

Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church (CCC ¶1602).

If, at the time of our death, we are found "worthy" of the kingdom, then our marriage, our union, will be with Christ our Lord. We will be wedded to God. Dictionary.com defines the word "Wed" as a verb meaning 1.) to marry another person; 2.) to unite a couple in marriage; 3.) to bind by close or lasting ties; 4.) to blend together or unite inseparably; 5.) to contract marriage; and 6.) to become united or to blend.

Taking definitions 1, 2 and 5 as our most usual and consistent definitions, we're left with numbers 3, 4 and 6 to take into account. The idea of binding together, or blending or uniting in inseparability is really where I want to train our focus.

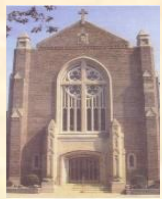
I've said it before and I'll say it again. We are here—we were put here—to become saints. We were given life by our Creator. He created us out of His pure and perfect LOVE. He created us because He desires to have us share in His pure and perfect love for all eternity, and to be *inseparably united* to Him forever. That is what the Wedding Feast in Heaven will be about. As we form one body as members of the Church, and Christ is the head of this body, so it will also be in eternity.

Christ is the center of all Christian life. The bond with him takes precedence over all other bonds, familial or social (CCC ¶1618).

And here's the thing. To be in front of God, to be face-to-face with God, to see the purest and most beautiful perfection of being embodied in our Creator is far beyond anything the human mind can imagine. In a strange way, we will be united with this being who is far above every other being, we will be a part of Him, while we will still have an autonomy that will allow us to recognize each other and join together with each other in the perfect praise and worship of our Lord.

This is the reason we marry in this life until the death of one or the other of the spouses. Our true intended, our true One and Only is God in heaven. Marriage in the here and now is to be but a foretaste of what is to come. When in the classroom, I always enjoy asking students to take a moment and consider the greatest love they have known in their lives. And so I will ask you, dear reader, here and now to consider the same thing. Who is the person whose love makes you feel the safest, or the warmest, or the most complete? Now multiply that sense of love by infinity, for that is the love that God has for you.

So when the Sadducees asked Jesus whose wife, or which brother she would be married to after the resurrection, it only makes sense for Jesus' response, **"...those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels."** The marriage there is between God and his human creation. Wedded bliss, indeed!



Holy Cross



Alimento para el Pensamiento ♦ Alimento para el Alma

6 de Noviembre 2022 Trigesimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿QUÉ ES EL MATRIMONIO, REALMENTE?



CONSIDEREMOS BREVEMENTE EL EVANGELIO DE HOY, y luego a partir de ahí me gustaría pasar nuestra meditación a una consideración del matrimonio en el cielo.

Primero, tenemos a los saduceos, que no creen en la resurrección de los muertos, poniendo a prueba a Jesús haciéndole una pregunta bastante inverosímil y enrevesada. Siete hermanos, después de haberse casado con las mismas mujeres por no tener hijos, y la Ley de Moisés, ¿quieres saber con cuál de los siete hermanos se casaría ella en el cielo después de la resurrección?

Siempre me pregunto si Jesús alguna vez se cansó de las preguntas insípidas que le hacían los hombres que intentaban hacerle tropezar. Su respuesta nos habla de la paciencia que mostró al tratar con estos hijos perdidos de Israel. Sé que mi propia respuesta puede no haber sido tan paciente. Finalmente, Jesús les informa que aquellos que son 'dignos' de la resurrección no se casarán ni serán dados en matrimonio en el cielo. ¿Por qué dice eso y qué quiere decir?

Cuando un hombre y una mujer se dan en el sacramento del Santo Matrimonio, es una entrega total, gratuita, fiel y fecunda. Esta es una apertura a la voluntad de Dios el uno para el otro por el resto de sus vidas, hasta que la muerte nos separe. Ahora, emocionalmente hablando, un matrimonio puede no terminar cuando uno de los cónyuges muere, pero técnicamente hablando, el matrimonio ha terminado. Y es por esto que:

La Sagrada Escritura comienza con la creación del hombre y la mujer a imagen y semejanza de Dios y concluye con una visión de 'las bodas del Cordero'. La Escritura habla a lo largo del matrimonio y de su 'misterio', de su institución y del sentido que Dios le ha dado, de su origen y de su fin, de sus diversas realizaciones a lo largo de la historia de la salvación, de las dificultades que nacen del pecado y de su renovación 'en el Señor' en el Nuevo Pacto de Cristo y la Iglesia (CCC ¶1602).

Si, en el momento de nuestra muerte, somos hallados "dignos" del reino, entonces nuestro matrimonio, nuestra unión, será con Cristo nuestro Señor. Estaremos casados con Dios. Dictionary.com define la palabra "Casar" como un verbo que significa 1.) casarse con otra persona; 2.) para unir a una pareja en matrimonio; 3.) obligar por lazos estrechos o duraderos; 4.) para mezclar o unir inseparablemente; 5.) para contraer matrimonio; y 6.) unirse o mezclarse.

Tomando las definiciones 1, 2 y 5 como nuestras definiciones más habituales y consistentes, nos quedan los números 3, 4 y 6 para tener en cuenta. La idea de unir, mezclar o unir en inseparabilidad es realmente donde quiero entrenar nuestro enfoque.

Lo he dicho antes y lo diré de nuevo. Estamos aquí, nos pusieron aquí, para convertirnos en santos. Nuestro Creador nos dio vida. Él nos creó a partir de Su AMOR puro y perfecto. Él nos creó porque desea que participemos de su amor puro y perfecto por toda la eternidad, y que estemos inseparablemente unidos a Él para siempre. De eso se tratará la Fiesta de Bodas en el Cielo. Así como formamos un solo cuerpo como miembros de la Iglesia, y Cristo es la cabeza de este cuerpo, así será también en la eternidad.

Cristo es el centro de toda vida cristiana. El vínculo con él tiene prioridad sobre todos los demás vínculos, familiares o sociales (CCC ¶1618).

Y aquí está la cosa. Estar frente a Dios, estar cara a cara con Dios, ver la perfección más pura y hermosa de estar encarnado en nuestro Creador está mucho más allá de cualquier cosa que la mente humana pueda imaginar. De una manera extraña, estaremos unidos a este ser que está muy por encima de todos los demás, seremos parte de Él, mientras tendremos todavía una autonomía que nos permitirá reconocernos y unirnos en la perfecta alabanza y adoración de nuestro Señor.

Por eso nos casamos en esta vida hasta la muerte de uno u otro de los cónyuges. Nuestro verdadero pretendido, nuestro verdadero Uno y Único es Dios en el cielo. El matrimonio en el aquí y ahora es solo un anticipo de lo que está por venir. Cuando estoy en el salón de clases, siempre disfruto pedirles a los estudiantes que tomen un momento y consideren el amor más grande que hayan conocido en sus vidas. Y entonces le pediré, querido lector, que considere lo mismo aquí y ahora. ¿Quién es la persona cuyo amor te hace sentir más seguro, cálido o completo? Ahora multiplica ese sentido de amor por el infinito, porque ese es el amor que Dios tiene por ti.

Entonces, cuando los saduceos le preguntaron a Jesús de quién era la esposa o con qué hermano se casaría después de la resurrección, solo tiene sentido la respuesta de Jesús: **"...aquellos que se consideren dignos de llegar a la era venidera y a la resurrección de los muertos ni se casan ni se dan en matrimonio. Ya no pueden morir, porque son como ángeles".** El matrimonio que existe entre Dios y su creación humana. ¡Felicidad conyugal, de hecho!

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Blessed Duns Scotus

A Franciscan priest and theologian, Bl. Duns Scotus debated against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, defending Mary's Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Bl. Duns Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.



Can God Heal Human Divisions?

A tragic consequence of sin is human division, something we all face in one way or another. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we can invite Christ into those situations of brokenness.



True Worship by Fr. Mike Schmitz

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Catechism Corner

» *Did Jesus Really Work Miracles?* «

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Jesus really worked miracles, and so did the apostles. The New Testament authors refer to real incidents.

Even the oldest sources tell of numerous miracles, even the raising of the dead, as a confirmation of Jesus' preaching: "But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Mt 12:28). The miracles took place in public; some of the persons involved were known by name, for instance, blind Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-52) or Peter's mother-in-law (Mt 8:14-15). There were also miracles that in those Jewish circles were considered shocking and outrageous (for example, the cure of a crippled man on the Sabbath, the cure of lepers). Nevertheless they were not disputed by contemporary Judaism. (YOUCAT question 90)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (547-548) and other references [here](#).



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The seven brothers who bravely approach their martyrdom in the second book of Maccabees have a better sense of life after death than the Sadducees with their absurd hypothesis about seven deceased brothers. One martyred brother, filled with conviction, declares, "The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever." Jesus verifies this: "Those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age no longer die; they are like angels." God is not the God of the dead "but of the living, for to him all are alive." And until we reach the place of eternal life, "May our Lord Jesus Christ encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022
The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

Martin was born of pagan parents in Pannonia, present day Hungary, and became a catechumen of his own initiative at the age of ten. He joined the Roman army and witnessed to his fellow soldiers by his charity until his resignation. "Hitherto I have served you as a soldier," he told Caesar. "Allow me now to become a soldier to God." Martin founded a monastic community in Ligugé, France on land given to him by Saint Hilary of Poitiers. In 372, he was elected Bishop of Tours. He preached tirelessly and with fervor. After his death in 397, Martin's Vita, the story of his life, spread throughout Europe.

*Martin's Feast Day falls on Veteran's Day here, in the U.S.



Alleluia, alleluia Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; / to him be glory and power, forever and ever. **Alleluia, alleluia**

PARISH SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE!

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Password 811195

Sun: 6:30 a.m. Mass

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

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

10:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 noon Mass in Spanish

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

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tues: 7:00 a.m. Mass

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

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

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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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.

SHE PONDERED THESE THINGS IN HER HEART (SEE LK 2:51)

Belonging to the Resurrected Man

Mary Beth Newkumet

Years ago, a priest friend said something that changed the way I looked at my destiny: Let's look again, he said, at what happened to that man who walked the earth in Israel over two thousand years ago; a man who said and did extraordinary things, died a horrible death, and then, "three days later, was seen by his friends again in the flesh." Expressing the deepest desire of his humanity, my friend said: "I want that for myself, too!"

So do I.

When my beloved father and brother died within eighteen months of each other, I shared my newfound hope in the resurrection of the body with our kids, encouraging them to look deep into their own hearts. Doesn't it make sense, I proposed, to draw near to that Man we have heard was resurrected and able to gather again with those he loved in the flesh?

Given that hope, my husband and I recently secured burial plots at our local Catholic cemetery. On the day we signed the paperwork, we sent a picture of the unmarked headstone to our kids on the family group text to show them where we'd be awaiting the resurrection of our bodies someday.

One of our sons jokingly asked if the vases attached on either side of the stone would require multiple bouquets every time they visited. Yes, of course, we laughed!

Where, O death, is your sting? (1 Cor 15:55). We belong to the Resurrected Man!

(Mary Beth Newkumet lives in Maryland with her family. She is Vice President of Lumen Catechetical Consultants, Inc.)

A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bishop Robert Barron

Why does the Roman Catholic Church insist upon celibacy for priests (at least in the vast majority of cases)? There is a pragmatic justification grounded in Saint Paul's observation that those who are married are concerned, appropriately, with pleasing their spouses, while those who are unmarried can be devoted exclusively to the things of the Lord (1 Cor 7:32-33). I can certainly testify that my celibacy has indeed made my pastoral work easier, increasing my availability to those that I serve. Secondly and relatedly, there is an argument based on the symbolic value of celibacy. Since the celibate priest is conformed to Christ, who is head of his body the Church, he can enter into a sort of nuptial relationship to the people to whom he ministers: they are the bride and he is the groom.

But I have always found the third and more eschatological explanation the most convincing. On this reading, the celibate priest witnesses to the way that all of us will love in heaven. Whereas here below, our most intense and life-giving love is naturally restricted to a particular spouse and family, in heaven we will be capable of loving everyone with equal intensity, all of us constituting the family of God in a fully realized way.

This rationale appears in the curious account in Luke's Gospel of a conversation that Jesus had with a group of Sadducees, those who denied the resurrection of the dead. These learned figures posed what seemed an intractable dilemma regarding a woman who had married seven men. In heaven, they asked which of the seven would be her husband? Jesus cuts the Gordian knot by responding, *The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage...for they are like angels.*

I am glad indeed that not everyone here below is a celibate; but at the same time I rejoice that there are some who do practice this way of life. For they anticipate even now what heavenly love will be like.

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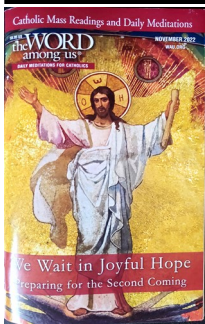
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FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



In the year 313 the Roman Emperor Constantine declared the Edict of Milan, granting religious freedom to Christians. Constantine himself donated the palace of the Lateran, a portion of his wife's dowry, to the Church for its first basilica. The Lateran is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and, as such, it ranks as the "mother and head of all the churches in the city and the world." From its dedication on this date in 324 until the 15th century, the Lateran was the residence of the popes. The pope celebrates the Holy Thursday evening liturgy at Saint John Lateran, surrounded by towering statues of the twelve Apostles bearing the instruments of their martyrdom.



There are copies of *The Word Among Us* in both, Spanish and English, for a donation of \$2.00. It is a great tool to help in your daily prayer life, and it has all the Mass readings and reflections for November. We have also ordered the Advent/Christmas Edition which will be available in a few weeks.

Preparing for a Happy Death...

The best preparation I can make for death is to live the reality of the Paschal mystery as fully and as deeply as possible in union with Christ, because Christ will re-live that mystery in me at the hour of my death. If I am following the spirituality of the Paschal mystery, I expect to die and rise again many times in the course of my monastic life, in my daily tasks and duties, in unexpected events and circumstances, and in my life of interior prayer. . . I expect to have to let go and give up again and again, discovering a new richness of life each time. I will learn to trust more and more this Father into whose hands I shall one day, freely and gladly, hand over my life. On that day my final act of dying will be inserted irrevocably into the saving death and resurrection of Christ my Lord.



– Father Charles Cummings O.C.S.O.

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Three-Parish Vision Team

The Vision Team will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Holy Cross School basement. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry, please let Fr. Jeff know. We still have room for additional volunteers.



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

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* = 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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Governor/Lt. Governor

(Ratings apply to Governor/Lt. Governor Candidates)

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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. FRERICH (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)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

~ 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



THANK YOU for so generously donating socks for PADS homeless shelter. Holy Cross Collected 250 new pairs of socks and some gently used, warm socks.

Please support the Altar Society's Mrs. Santa Bake Sale on December 3rd at the First State Bank!

We appreciate all who have joined our Altar Society. Your dues help to support the needs of the altar. St. Mary's Altar Society reupholstered 6 kneelers— your knees will thank us— and they look lovely. And, we purchased the beautiful new rug behind the altar.

Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Altar Society President



CATHOLIC 101 The midterm elections are in just a few days... and every Catholic has a moral obligation to participate. But voting is so much more than a moral duty. It's a privilege and one of the ways Catholics evangelize our American society. Here are three reasons every Catholic should plan on voting this November 8. [READ](#)



Signs of Grace Youth Group

Are collecting canned food for the Mendota Food Pantry. There is a box in the vestibule. Please only canned food.

CATHOLIC 101 The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. Here is an overview of the important feast days and other things of interest about the month of November.

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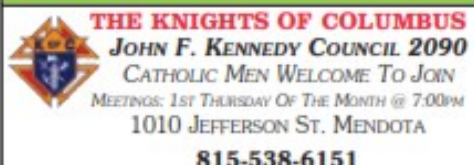
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