



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### A True Knight Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each time I am in Assisi, I see how wonderful, and totally different this town of Saint Francis is from other cities in Italy. I wonder if Saint Francis didn't become an angel, and he is the guardian angel of Assisi now. Of course, I know that angels are angels and people are people, and Saint Francis is in heaven with his beloved Lord, so his dream is accomplished. And Assisi has its own angel. But still, there is something different about this town. You can feel it. So, that's the reason I love to visit Assisi. If I had to choose which place I should see on my trip to Italy and choose only one place, I would prefer Assisi to any other site: Rome, Naples, Florence, Milan, or Venice. Those places are beautiful but don't have this atmosphere I love. Assisi is a place where many prayers are heard. Whatever I prayed for in Assisi usually was answered.

It is incredible how one man's spirituality can change history and the whole perception of things. Assisi is different because of Saint Francis. It is now and always will be his town. He changed it. But, Saint Francis is the kind of person who has enormously influenced the history of this world. We can say that he didn't just change his town, his region of Umbria, and even all of Italy. Francis changed the whole Church, and history of people, and our perception and understanding of God. Paradoxically, after his conversion, he desired to be the least among people, the humblest one, the poorest one because he wanted to be free from all his earthly longings to serve Jesus freely. Of course, before his conversion, Francis dreamed about fame and splendor. We would say that he wanted to be some celebrity of those times. And at that time, it meant being a knight, fighting in many battles, and being brave and rich. He was already rich because of his father's wealth, but he wanted to be famous.

In his conversion, God showed him that there is no more excellent person than Jesus and that serving Him is the greatest fame a man can achieve. Francis had believed this. So, he became the poorest, the littlest, the simplest. He believed he had to become a child again, a totally faithful child to his God, and he wanted to live his life in this childlike simplicity, trust, and faith. It worked. In his life, God showed Francis that an invitation to immerse his life, soul, and heart in God's presence was accepted. Francis just humbled himself in front of God like a slave, and God embraced him in this simplicity like a father embraces his only child.

Many books have been written about Saint Francis and his spirituality; many people tried to describe what was the most critical and specific characteristics of him. Many people claimed that it was his poverty; others claimed that it was Francis' passion for freedom, that he was some kind of rebel in the Church who had been breaking the old rules, and that he was able to reform the Church. Others claimed that it was his humbleness. A little bit of everything of that and all of that together. But I think that Francis was really a born knight. He was brave to decide to believe Jesus blindly. True grit.

Peace and Goodness,  
Fr. Witold Adamczyk, OFM Conv.

Blessing of Animals  
**Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 pm**  
*on the rectory front lawn at St. Pius.*

"Transitus"  
**Monday, October 3 at 6:00 pm**  
*Franciscans all over the world celebrate the passing of Saint Francis of Assisi from this life to Heaven. You are invited to join us at St. Pius for this Liturgical Commemoration of Saint Francis.*

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi  
**Tuesday, October 4**

**Mass at 7:00 am at St. Pius**  
**Mass at 12:10 pm at St. Mary's**

Saint Francis' Prayer  
Before the Crucifix  
*Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart  
and give me true faith,  
certain hope and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge, Lord,  
that I may carry out Your holy  
and true command.  
Amen.*

## SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: Sept 24/25

*This data will be shared next week!*

**We welcome all first responders and their families** to Sacred Heart this weekend for our annual Blue Mass. It is our honor to recognize our local law enforcement, firefighters, deputies, EMT/Medics, and all first responders. Thank you for being here with us this morning to worship God and give thanks! Today would not have been possible without the planning and promotional work done by members of our parish. We thank everyone for all of their hard work making today's Blue Mass possible.

**Parish Picnic & Chili Cook-Off: October 16!** We are combining our annual Parish Picnic and Chili Cook-Off into one event this year! We will provide the main course, plates, and utensils and parishioners and friends are invited to bring a dish to share and their own drinks. The picnic will be on our greenspace behind the church from 12-3 p.m. **\*\*Please sign-up and let us know you're coming by using the sign-up forms in the Fr. Anthony Vestibule.**

**We need participants for the Sacred Heart Chili Cook-Off!** You are invited to bring a crock-pot size/amount of chili to be entered into the competition. Chili royalty will be crowned once again this year! Participating in the Chili Cook-Off portion of the picnic? Please contact Chris Mandle at (309) 738-5967 to let him know!

**If your son or daughter** has received their 1st Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server here at Sacred Heart, please contact Chris Mandle at (309) 738-5967 or chrismandle@gmail.com. Our annual Investiture Mass for new altar servers will be November 20 this year.

**Our last significant project** tied to our 125th Anniversary is the completion of the restoration and projection of our historic stained glass windows on our north side.

- West Tower Base Window (West): \$3,500
- West Tower Base Window (Atlas Servers Room): \$3,500
- West Tower Thin Window 1 (North): \$2,500
- West Tower Thin Window 2 (North): \$2,500
- East Tower Base Window (Reconciliation Room): \$3,500
- East Tower Thin Window (North): \$2,500
- Harp Window (Choir Loft): \$3,500
- Sheet Music Window (Choir Loft): \$3,500
- Alpha Window (Choir Loft): \$3,000
- Omega Window (Choir Loft): \$3,000
- Saint Cecilia/Rose Window (Choir Loft): \$15,000

## ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: Sept 24/25

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**Altar & Rosary Society** monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4, in Schroeder Hall after 12:10 p.m. Mass. Please join us at 11:40 a.m. in church to say the Rosary before Mass. Hostesses for this meeting are Woodi and Nancy Harlow.

**The month of October** has been chosen to honor the Holy Mother, Mary, in thanksgiving for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the rosary. The rosary will be said before each weekend Mass throughout the month of October. Come pray the rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother!

**Lectors for October** are Sharon Bowker at 4 p.m. Mass and Bob Braun at 9 a.m. Mass. Money counters are Craig Benisch and Mark Bowker.

**Don't miss St Mary's Chili Supper!** Please join us on Tuesday, November 1, as our Chili Supper returns! Serving times will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for supper. Location is Schroeder Hall. Tickets will go on sale the weekends of October 22nd and 29th in the Glass House after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. Tickets also will be available at the door. Adult tickets are \$10 and tickets for children ages 6-12 are \$5. Children 5 and under are free.

### MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

<b>Oct 3</b>	6:00 p.m. <i>Transitus at St. Pius</i>
<b>Oct 4</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - Dorothy Yotts <b>ST. MARY'S</b> Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!
<b>Oct 5</b>	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>In honor of Scott Schoonmaker's birthday</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>Oct 6</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Dorothy and Lee Harlow</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b> 6:00 p.m. Mass following by Healing Prayers <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>Oct 7</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Special Intention</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>Oct 8</b>	3:00 p.m. Confessions <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 4:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Thomas Milefchik</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass - <i>For the People of Sacred Heart &amp; St. Mary's Parishes</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>Oct 9</b>	8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Confessions <b>SACRED HEART</b> 9:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Kathy Zude</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b> 10:30 a.m. Mass - <i>Fred Orth</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>

## FLOCKNOTE FOR SACRED HEART AND ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS!

Get the latest news from Sacred Heart & St. Mary's with Flocknote! To sign up for FlockNote notifications of Mass times and interesting parish information:

Text to the number: 84576  
With the message: 123sh (for Sacred Heart)  
With the message: 123stm (for St. Mary's)

## LOCAL CATHOLIC NEWS & EVENTS

Get the latest news from our local Catholic parishes and groups at [www.catholicqc.com](http://www.catholicqc.com)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules including altar servers, EMHC's, lectors are now available to members of that ministry via Flocknote and/or email correspondence, and to Sacred Heart parishioners on our website.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISHES

Financial support for both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes can be accomplished several ways. If you wish to receive contribution envelopes are not currently doing so, please contact our parish office immediately.

Please also consider giving online. This allows you to keep track of your giving for the year (tax statements) and makes bookkeeping easier for the parishes. If you're interested in this route, please contact the parish offices for more information!

### REMEMBER US

Both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes have always been very appreciative of the generosity of their parishioners. We're often asked how you can remember Sacred Heart in your wills, trusts, or via other gifts. It's important that you reference the parish as Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois or St. Mary's Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois.

### SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Weekend is always the 2nd weekend of the month at both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. We appreciate your support of this vital ministry!

### DID YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGE?

Please let the church office know your new information as soon as possible so that we may update our records.

### WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

A wheelchair is available for any parishioner who needs a pick up or drop off at the parking lot. It's in Good Shepherd Vestibule at Sacred Heart and the vestibule at St. Mary's.

### SACRED HEART & ST. MARY'S CONTACTS

**Sacred Heart** 794-0660  
2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.  
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**Saint Mary's** 788-3322  
2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.  
stmarysrockisland@gmail.com [www.stmaryri.com](http://www.stmaryri.com)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Office Address for Both Parishes: at Sacred Heart:  
2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.  
Christine Coleman, Office Manager

### Fr. Witold Adamczyk, OFM Conv., Pastor

### Catholic Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery is our local Catholic Cemetery - 2901 12th St., Rock Island, IL 61201-5335. Please call them when making arrangements for loved one by contacting them at 309-788-6197 or via email at [info@calvarycemeteryri.com](mailto:info@calvarycemeteryri.com) or at [www.calvarycemeteryri.com](http://www.calvarycemeteryri.com).

### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

**BAPTISM:** Parents must be registered and doing what is within their means to support the parish and be faithful in sharing the Sunday Eucharist. A baptismal class is required. Godparents must be Confirmed and be practicing Catholics and if married, that their marriage is validly recognized by the Catholic Church. If you are a Sacred Heart parishioner, contact Chris Mandle. For St. Mary's parishioners please contact Christine in the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Diocesan Policy - Please notify the office at least 8 months prior to setting the date for your marriage. Requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

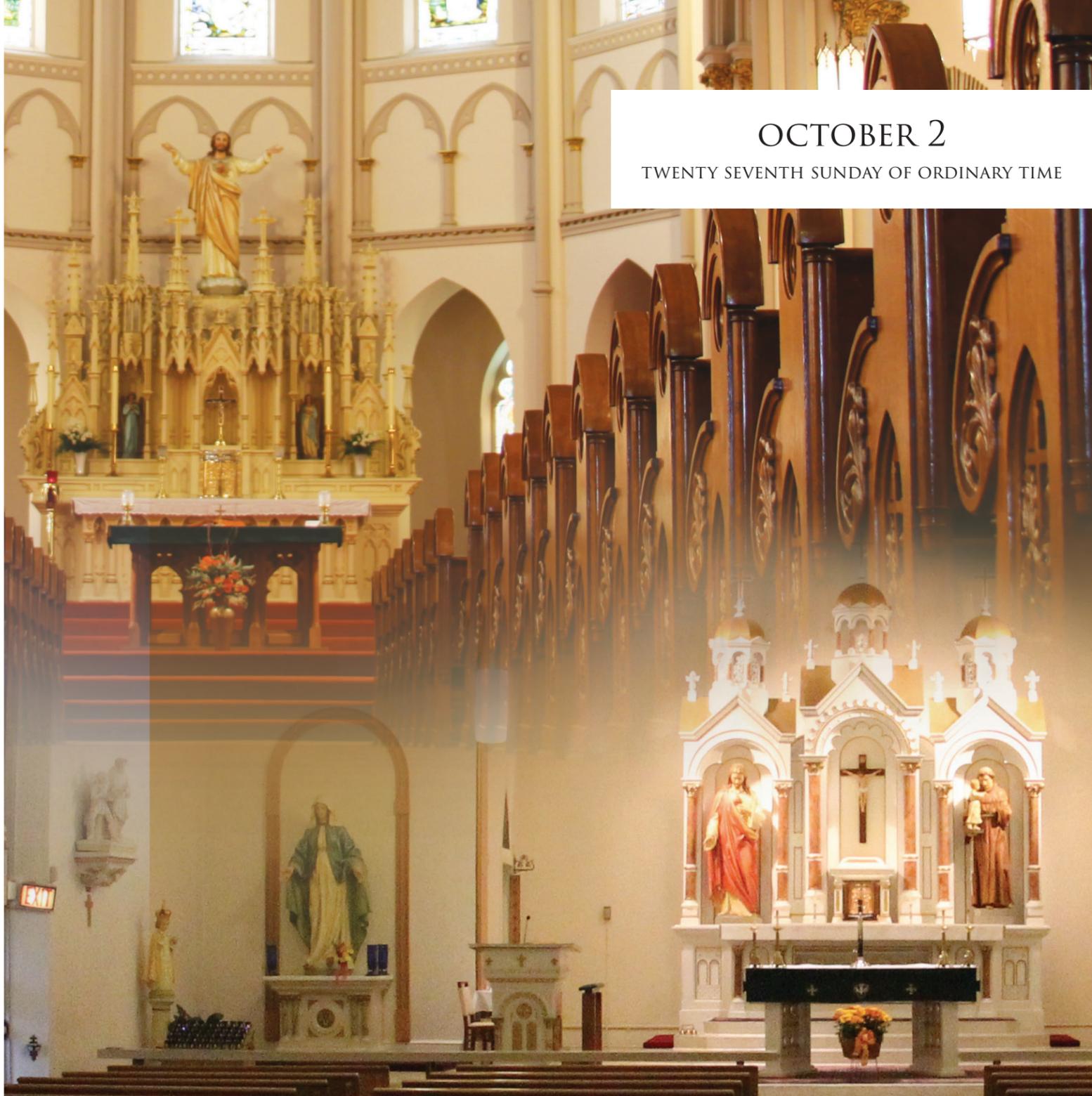
**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Whenever needed, please call the parish office. Please advise us of persons in the hospital, nursing facilities, or homebound.

**RECONCILIATION:** Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and Saturday: 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Mary's. Sunday: 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Also, by appointment.

### Thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**  
Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, or to join our Catholic community, please contact Christine in our parish office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 to set up a time with Fr. Witold.

OCTOBER 2  
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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## ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

### **The next monthly Mass followed for Prayers for Healing is this Thursday, October 6,**

at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Confessions will be available starting at 5:30 p.m. as well as after Mass. Also following Mass is Adoration, with prayer teams available for those who would like individual healing prayer opportunities.

### **Keep these parishioners, family members, and friends in your prayers:**

Joe Cervantes	Mike Clark	John Versluis
Stephanie Smith	Judy Clark	Jean Paggen
Rosa Steinbaugh	Nancy Harlow	
Brian Gutierrez	Rebecca Becker	

If you would like to have prayers offered for parishioners, family or friends, please contact Christine in the office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 or ricatholicoffice@gmail.com. We will publish these names from time to time as space allows. It'll also be important to alert Christine in the office if someone's name should later be removed from the list. Thank you in advance to all who will be praying for those in need!

### **Come walk with Jesus on the road to Emmaus!**

- What: Interstate 5 mile Eucharistic Procession reenacting the walk to Emmaus.
- When: October 8th. Opening Mass 8am, Procession immediately following, ending with Benediction and Mass of thanksgiving around 12pm.
- Where: Start at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport. End at St Mary, Moline.

This will be a beautiful first-time event with both dioceses adoring Jesus alongside our bishops, Bishop Zinkula and Bishop Tylka. There will be options for those needing a shorter route or who cannot walk. Celebrating will continue after Mass with delicious food made by St Mary's parishioners, for a donation. Visit EmmausQC.com for more information.

**Fall Bible study at St. Mary's:** Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Join us Thursdays from October 6th to November 3rd from 6:30-8pm at St. Mary's Schroeder Hall. For more information or to register for the study, call/text Eric Young at 309-553-1350 or via email: EricYoung@gmail.com. Cost will be covered, donations appreciated. Babysitting provided.

### **Come pray the Rosary!**

- What: Pray the Rosary for America
- When: October 15th at 12 noon
- Where: St. Ambrose church parking lot
- Rally Captain: Carrie Weihler

Be one group of 20,000 groups praying for our country all at the same time. Rain or shine so bring a raincoat, a lawn chair if needed, and of course your Rosary.

### **There will be a Mass celebrated at the Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel on Saturday, October 1st, at 9:00 a.m.**

A Mass will be celebrated on the first Saturday of the month from July through October at Calvary Cemetery. This year marks the 25th year of this program, and offers a unique opportunity to worship at the cemetery and to offer our prayers for our deceased family and friends.

### **Visiting a loved one at Calvary Catholic Cemetery?**

Even with on-going, yearly maintenance, our roads have simply reached a critical point that necessitates their replacement. To achieve this we need the help of the community. With your help, we hope to replace the roads within the cemetery beginning this year. If you can donate to this much needed project please call Jared Voegle or a member of our staff at (309) 788-6197, or make an online contribution at [www.calvarycemeteryri.com/roads](http://www.calvarycemeteryri.com/roads). We also have naming opportunities available for gifts of \$10,000 or more with new wayfinding signage in the cemetery. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

### **Need a Spiritual Up-grade?**

Up-coming Men's & Women's Cursillo weekends might be what you're looking for!

- Men's Weekend: Oct 20-23
- Women's Weekend: Nov. 10-13

Please contact Jeff DePorter with any questions: [deporterican@gmail.com](mailto:deporterican@gmail.com) or 309-236-8398

### **SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3: "Men's Night Out" An evening of spiritual inspiration for men of all ages:**

Faith and Security: Three men share how their Christian Faith has shaped their career and approach to law enforcement. Speakers:

- Tim Ott: Deputy, Rock Island Sheriff's Police and founder of the "Catholic Care Packs" program
- Andy Hughes: Moline Police Officer and coordinator of the "That Man Is You" program at St. Anne's.
- Ryan Tone: Former Illinois State Trooper, current Hampton Chief of Police

**Blood Drive:** Jordan Catholic Schools/St. Pius X Catholic Church. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Allouez Council #658. Monday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. St. Pius X Catholic Church Gym. To schedule, please visit:



[https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/113845](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/113845) QR code. MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

**Jordan Catholic School is holding a fundraiser in honor of Gavin Springsteen**, one of our kindergarten students who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. In support of Gavin and his fight against cancer, we are holding a Pjammin Day! Students will participate in 'Wear Your Pajamas to School' day and we encourage adults to fill out a pledge card to donate blood for our October 10th Blood

Drive. Gavin has received several blood transfusions as part of his treatment plan. 25% of the blood donations in our area go to treat childhood cancers and other cancers.



**Save the Date:** Jordan Catholic School Craft and Vendor Fair - Sunday, October 16th!

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