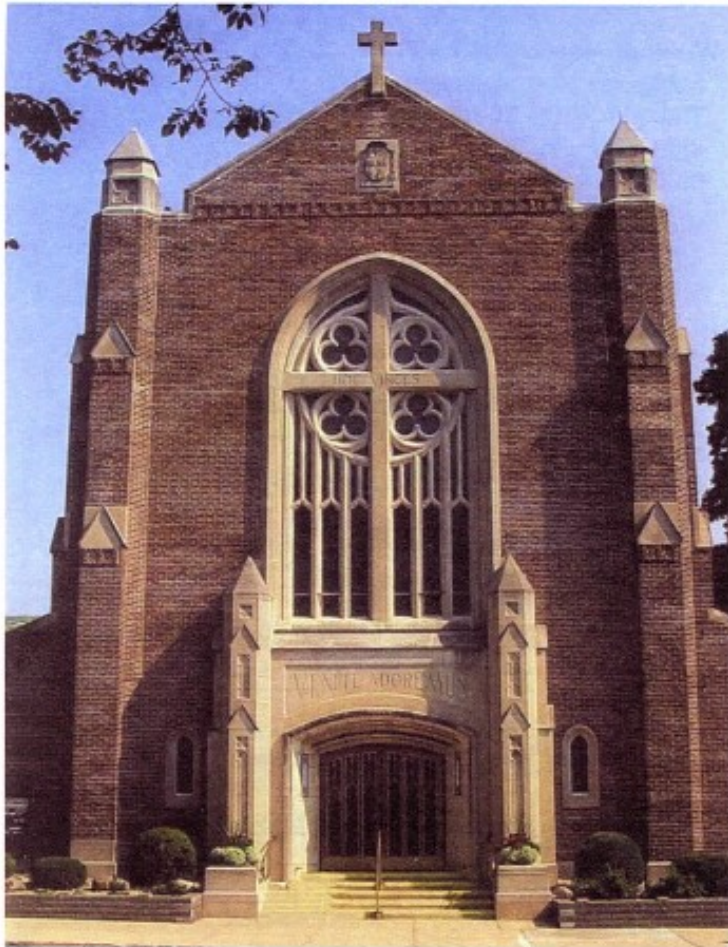


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Mass Schedule

Please check inside cover for all Mass times.

Confessions

Saturday - 7:00 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

Sunday - 30 minutes prior to 6:30 a.m. Mass

Adoration Chapel

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

(Closed on funeral days and holidays)

Baptism

Pre-baptismal instruction is required. Call the office for information and scheduling a date.

Weddings

Before any other wedding arrangements are made, please contact the parish priest 6-8 months in advance.

Homebound and Hospital Visits

Please call the office during times of illness and visits will be arranged.

Cemetery Lots Purchase

Please call Steve Schmitt 815-538-5276

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Fr. Peter A. Pilon

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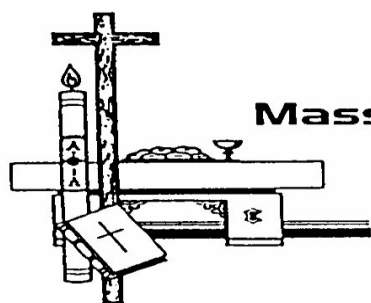


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1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

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Principal - Anita Kobilsek



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 13th

4:00 p.m. +Darlene Burke by Lee Burke

Sunday, June 14th

9:00 a.m. +Joseph McNally by Bruce & Jan Full

12:00 p.m. Angela Sánchez by Family

Monday, June 15th

8:00 a.m. +Karl Soliman by Family

Tuesday, June 16th

7:00 a.m. +Donna Hintermeister by Janice Siemers

Wednesday, June 17th

8:00 a.m. +Jean Joerger by Mike & Barb Bokus

Thursday, June 18th

7:00 a.m. +Cruz Galvan by Joe & Alicia Hochstatter

Friday, June 19th

8:00 a.m. +Isadore Lauer

Saturday, June 20th

4:00 p.m. +Mary Full & Margaret Donnelly by Family

Sunday, June 21st

9:00 a.m. +Jean Joerger by Mike & Barb Bokus

12:00 p.m. +Pedro & Hermelinda Arteaga
by Carmen Arteaga

MASS IN THE PARKING LOT

Please see the inside back cover of the bulletin for information regarding Mass in the parking lot. Father has received permission to begin celebrating Mass in the parking lot, which will begin next Sunday—Pentecost Sunday. There will be two Sunday Masses, one in English and one in Spanish.

Obviously, Mass in the parking lot is a kind of stop-gap measure and is being utilized until such time when we can resume Mass *in church* with fewer restrictions on the number of people in attendance. And before we can get to that point, Father must have a team of volunteers to help transition back to our full public worship. If you are under 60 years of age, and do not have any compromising health conditions, please get in touch with Father and let him know of your availability. In the case of inclement weather, Father will fall back to celebrating via live stream on Zoom.

Please Read Carefully:

There are a few instructions you will need to follow.

1. Once you have logged into the meeting, please be sure to mute your audio input (your mic). If everyone responds online it sounds horrible. There will be one household designated as "the people" who will be heard by everyone, especially me so that I know when to continue.
2. If you want to be a reader, just email me and let me know and I can schedule that to make it happen. You can go to the USCCB website and find the daily readings if you do not have a missalette and you want to follow along.
3. Remember to respond at home as you normally would, just be sure you are muted. What you will see most of the time is the Chapel inside the Rectory here at Holy Cross, where I am saying Mass.



We will use the same ID and Password, and the same Link, for each Mass. You can either click on the Link, or go to Zoom and enter the ID and Password. They are the same for every scheduled Mass (it will say meeting on Zoom). The first time you go to Zoom you will have to enter a new id and password for yourself. But it is free and you can attend any meeting you want. Or you can download the app for your smartphone or iPad/ tablet.

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

Meeting ID: 913 805 0856

Password: 811195

The scheduled daily Mass times are as indicated under the "Mass Intentions" section.

Feel free to share this, and as was said previously, 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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel Extended Eucharistic Adoration

*"Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing."
~ St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Pray that our Chapel may soon reopen so that we may once again fall down in Adoration of Our Blessed Lord exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Chapel Coordinator, Karen Brandner
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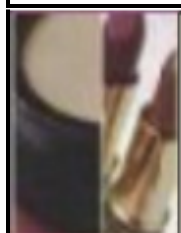
*"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference. And this happens although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise him to the greatest extent of our powers."
~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

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

Sat.	June 6	897	50.00	Wendy Hodge
Sun.	June 7	419	50.00	JoAnn Corrigan
Mon.	June 8	2627	100.00	Henry Kibilka
Tue.	June 9	2791	50.00	Joseph Foulk
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Ascension		30.00
Peter's Pence		60.00
Youth Ministry		30.00
Total		\$6,403.47

Give God what is just, not what is left!

Support Your Parish

Even though we are not able to attend Mass to worship together in community, our parish still needs our financial support.



You can make donations to the parish online through the diocesan website:

<https://cdop.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/parishes>

You can create recurring donations taken from your credit card, or make a one time donation.

Please know that you may also drop your parish donation envelope with your donation through the mail slot on the front door of the rectory. The money will still be counted and accounted for. The Business Manager is still going into the office briefly each day to take care of the mail and make sure all the bills are being paid, so any money supporting the parish will also be able to be deposited into the parish's bank account.

**** We are once again able to include the weekly offering tabulations in the bulletin. We will try to keep our bulletin up to date with the parish contributions going forward.**

Corpus Christi Sunday

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;/ whoever eats this bread will live forever. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

"My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire
to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.
Amen

Our Devotion for the Month of June is the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most popular Catholic devotions. Although it was beloved in previous centuries, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673, showing her a vision of the now-famous image of His Sacred Heart, surrounded by flames. He said to her: "My Heart is so full of love for men that It can no longer contain the flames of Its burning love. I must discover to men the treasures of My Heart and save them from perdition." She was given the special mission to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart throughout the Church. Jesus gave St. Margaret Mary many promises associated with this devotion, and requested that a feast day in honor of His Sacred Heart be instituted on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi. In 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart was spread to the Universal Church, and in 1899 Pope Leo XIII solemnly consecrated all mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, calling it "the great act" of his pontificate.



CONFESSION OFFERED

Confessions are held
on Wednesdays from
12 p.m.—1 p.m. and on
Thursday from 5 pm—6 pm
in front of Father's garage.

Please follow the signs as
they will direct you.



VIRTUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OFFERED

If you would like to spend some
time before the Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Pilon will livestream
this Exposition, using the
same site as is used for
streaming the Holy Sacrifice of
the Mass (*see inside front cover for instructions*).

**The Adoration will stream from
2:00—3:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

**Exposition will be visible from
Michigan Avenue, as well...*



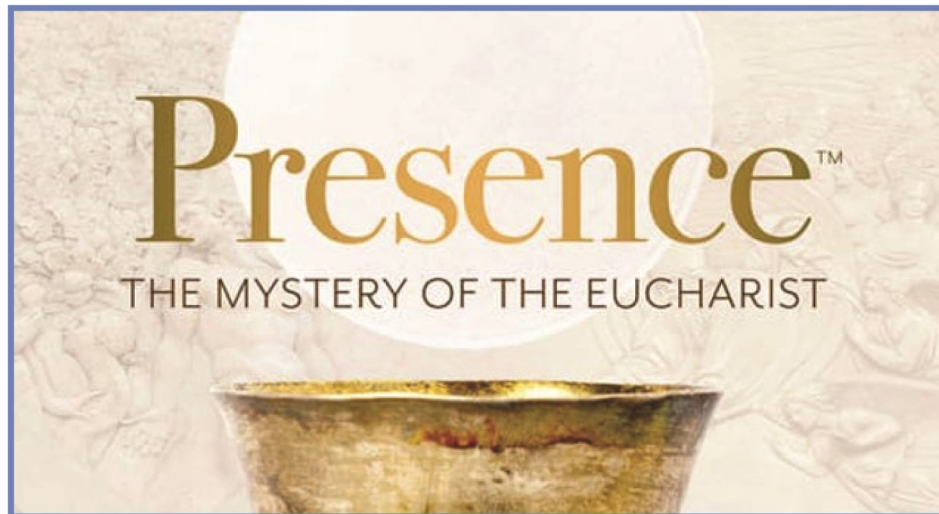
...AND DIVINE MERCY



Father will lead the
**Divine Mercy Chaplet at
3:00 p.m. on Sunday**, following the Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament.

These additional devotions will be every Sunday for the foreseeable future.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

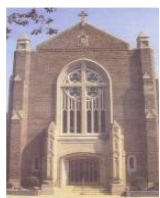


P R E S E N C E

The Story of the Eucharist

Jesus' teachings and actions throughout his ministry prepare for the moment he offers himself for, and to, each of us, fulfilling his promise that "My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed" (John 6:55).

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June 14, 2020

The Body and Blood of Christ

"...My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

(John 6:55.)

FATHER DITTMER was my Spiritual Director for a time, when he was Pastor of the LaSalle parish. I was struggling with my belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist when he posed the question to me: "Do you believe that Jesus could be the Son of God, born of Mary, who remained a virgin throughout?" When I replied that I had no trouble with that belief, he asked me if God could do that, why couldn't he also become the substance of the Eucharistic matter in the Blessed Sacrament? That stumped me, and just like that I was right back on board with believing in the Real Presence.



In the 8th century, a priest in Lanciano, Italy was experiencing doubts about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the middle of saying Mass, he said the words of consecration ("This is my body," "This is my blood") and saw the bread and wine transform into real human flesh and blood. The blood coagulated into five globules (see image on right, above; later believed to be representative of the five wounds of Christ). Word of the miracle quickly spread, the local archbishop launched an investigation, and the Church approved the miracle.

The flesh is still preserved to this day. Professor of anatomy, Odoardo Linoli, conducted a scientific analysis of the flesh in 1971 and concluded that the flesh (left, in the image above) was cardiac tissue, the blood appeared to be fresh blood (as opposed to blood that was 1200 years old), and there was no trace of preservatives.

Our readings today ask us to recall the Israelites being fed Manna in the desert; St. Paul reminding us of the unity we now share because of this miraculous bread and wine; and Jesus himself explaining very plainly to us that the bread that he breaks has really become his Body.

I would like to point out our participation in this Eucharistic banquet begins with someone bringing forward the gifts for the priest to consecrate. The person or persons who bring the gifts are representative of the entire congregation. Bringing forth the unconsecrated bread and wine are a clear symbol of what the words of the priest express when he says, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life" (emphasis added).

Even though we have not personally made the bread we present to the priest, nor have we crafted the wine, it is nonetheless "the work of human hands." Christ, through the faculties of ordination given to his priests is able to take our simple offering and transform it—or more precisely, transubstantiate it, into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity that is at once the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God, God incarnate, Jesus the Christ himself!

The child whom we honor with remembering his birth at Christmas, is the same person who freely embraced the cross of his crucifixion so that we might have life eternal. This is our belief in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. If you have not watched the video presentation Presence on FORMED.org, I strongly urge you to take the time to watch it this week—today would be even better. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

The Mass is the apex of our life as a Church. At the heart of our Divine Worship is the Eucharistic Feast. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says it—the Eucharist—is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

Today, on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, perhaps more commonly known as Corpus Christi Sunday, we recall how God foreshadowed this great Sacrament in many ways in the Old Testament scriptures, and the beliefs and teachings of the Early Church Fathers in the New Testament, and the teachings of Jesus himself, especially in the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel regarding this unifying meal we are called to share as often as possible. In union with one another and in union with Christ, we are One Body.

June 14, 2020

Holy Cross News of Note



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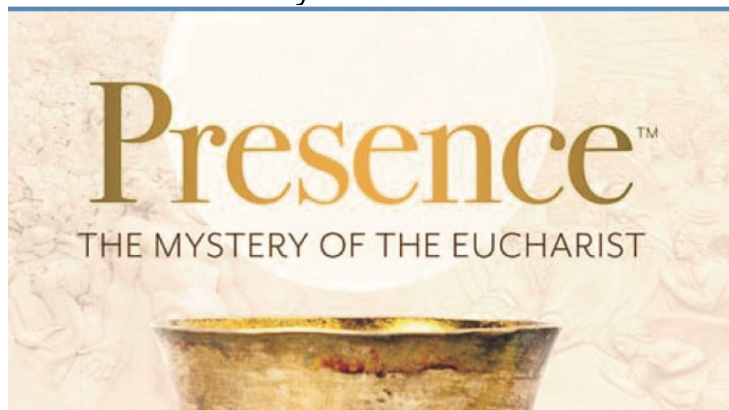
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What can we recommend for this week?

PRESENCE

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Catechism Corner

» What does the heart of Jesus exemplify? «

THESE Q & A ITEMS ARE ADDRESSING QUESTIONS

USING THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM:

† *Did Christ have a true human nature?*

Christ assumed a true human body by means of which the invisible God became visible. This is the reason Christ can be represented and venerated in sacred images.

† *What does the heart of Jesus exemplify?*

Jesus knew us and loved us with a human heart. His heart, pierced for our salvation, is the symbol of that infinite love with which he loves the Father and each one of us.

† *What is the meaning of the expression "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit..."?*

This expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without the cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that "the Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Luke 1:35).

Further reading CCC ¶[476– 486]

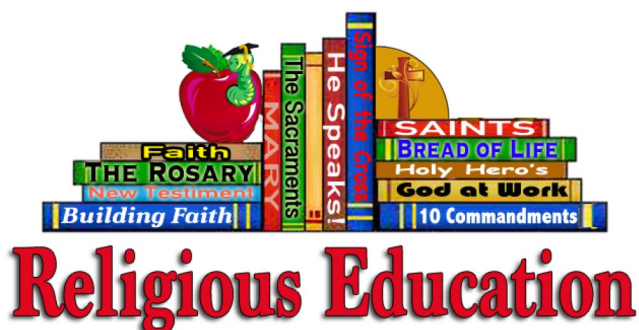
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

— Jennifer Hubbard —

I watched my brave one as he searched the sky for answers as to why his heart had been broken into a million pieces. My son had learned that sharing freely and without conditions might not always be received by all as a holy offering. I wondered if this would be the beginning of his drawing inward and constructing a fortification that would guard his heart. Is that not what seems logical when the searing pain of heartbreak pierces our soul? I lifted my face to the heavens and begged that he not shield his heart from and be hardened to that which was of this world; that he would somehow understand the strength and sanctity in a tender heart. For is that not what we are offered and what we are called to be?

(continued on next page)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



It's that time of year!

Even though our religious education school year finished with less than optimal conditions, it is time to look forward to the 2020-2021 school year. If you need to register your children [please fill out the Registration Form that came along with this bulletin.](#) Even if you have registered before, we need everyone to register again so we can be sure we have the most recent information for each family on file.



We are also looking for parents and any other qualified adults interested in passing on our faith to the children of our parish, to join our dedicated team of teachers and staff.

There are many ways to share your talents; whether you want to step into a classroom as a teacher-catechist, a teacher's assistant, office help, or as a volunteer before and after class to help ensure the safety of our students, please be assured there is a place for you!

We are specifically looking for someone to teach the 8th Grade Confirmation class to boys (preferably a male) and the 8th Grade Confirmation class to girls (preferably a female). We have an excellent program that is already organized with lesson plans, Teacher's Manual, workbooks for students, as well as small books for the parents and sponsors of the students. Volunteering is also an excellent way for families to

help out with the religious ed program if financial hardship would otherwise keep the child(ren) from being able to register and attend the classes.

I urge you to pray about it, and if you find yourself being called by our Lord to help in his vineyard in this way, please contact Mr. Corrigan, the Director of Religious Education by phone at 815.538.6151 or via email at briancorriganhcdre@gmail.com.

Be a volunteer—all that's missing is YOU!



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

He so loved the world, our God sent his lamb to save us. His Son took on human flesh and showed us the way. And, yet as he sat with the sinners, humanity mocked. And as he healed the sick, humanity ridiculed. And as he offered forgiveness, humanity scourged. And still, with a heart assaulted and broken for humanity's sake, he overcomes death, wins our salvation, and proves his uninhibited and burning love cannot be dimmed. And so it is here that I pray for my brave one, and for us all: that our hearts, albeit vulnerable to the taunts and torments of this world, are offered freely and burn fiercely with the love given to us. And that it is *this* love that provides the fortification that guards our hearts and keeps them tender, holy, and sacred.

Jennifer Hubbard resides in Newtown, Conn. The younger of her two children, Catherine Violet, was a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012.



He's a priest, former police officer's son and black: God created Josh Johnson for a time like 'this'

BY GEORGE MORRIS | STAFF WRITER



Amidst outrage over George Floyd, a black man who died after white Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes, the Rev. Josh Johnson has a unique voice.

He is black. As the son of former Baton Rouge Police Department Capt. Aaron Johnson Jr., he is not anti-police. His mom, Patricia, is white.

And, as a priest, he believes in forgiveness and restoration.

"I have a very unique perspective on everything," Johnson said. "I perceive that God created me for a time such as this."

Johnson, 32, has spoken about racial inequities since being ordained as a Catholic priest six years ago. His early messages didn't have much impact.

"I felt a lot of people would say, 'Oh, that's not that big of an issue, Father Josh,'" said Johnson.

No one is saying that now.

Johnson, the priest for the past three years at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Amant, can speak firsthand to the indignities black men must endure. He witnessed the abuse his parents received as a mixed-race couple. He encounters suspicion when not wearing his clerical collar.

"If I go the gym to work out and I'm in my workout clothes, I get followed still," he said. "It's crazy to me. I'm not sagging my pants. I'm just a black man, and I get followed. There was one time when a member of law enforcement, the second I walked in a grocery store, every single aisle I went down he went down with me and just had the most angry expression on his face. He made it very clear to me that I wasn't welcome in the store.

"Finally, I just walked out. I remember thinking what could have happened in that situation if I had asked him what's going on. I wonder if I would have been one of the people like a George Floyd, who was arrested and maybe videos and these images of people like George Floyd getting killed on tape, it's really traumatizing.

"That could have been me. That cop had no idea who my father was. When I get followed, they have no idea that I'm someone's pastor. They have no idea all the stuff I've done

for the poor in our community."

Two weeks before Floyd was killed, Johnson produced a podcast, "An Invitation to Pray: Rosary for Racial Reconciliation," inviting Christians to pray about the nation's racial divide with the intensity that Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion. A week after Floyd's death, a recording of his sermon, "The Litany of the Body of Christ," went viral.

Johnson believes Catholics and other Christians bear responsibility for the state of racial relations by not recognizing and opposing racism.

The reverse also is true, Johnson said.

"The church is the solution. If the church came together, if the church became one and unified, then the church can go out and transform society," he said.

How?

It begins by recognizing that every person, regardless of race, bears the image of God, Johnson said. If Christians recognize that, it will change how they act and react to those who are different from them, especially if those of another race share the same faith.

Johnson also asks Christians to seek out other voices and to listen instead of speaking. He urged people to read websites and social media with ideas that differ from their own; to shop in different parts of town; to meet and engage with people of other races; to watch documentaries on racial prejudice, such as "13th."

"Sometimes, I think what happens is we can live in echo chambers, so we just see and hear people who look like us, think like us and act like us, so everything seems like, 'What's the problem?'" he said. "When we break out of the echo chamber, we realize there is so much more."

If Christians listen to each other, they can find solutions to the policies and practices that divide.

Johnson recalls how New Orleans Archbishop Alfred Hughes learned from black Catholics that a country club that sometimes hosted church events did not allow black members. Hughes sent a pastoral letter throughout the archdiocese saying no Catholic event could be held at a place with exclusionary membership rules. The country club changed its rules, Johnson said.

To Johnson, one heartening sign is how members in his predominantly white parish have responded positively to his messages. He wants his black friends to be encouraged.

"So, it's a message of hope that I try to speak to my brothers and sisters of color," Johnson said. "You're not alone. I'm with you, but Christ is with us. He's very close to the brokenhearted right now. Our hearts are broken. They've been broken for a very long time. But the resurrection is right on the other side of the cross. It is. It's a message of hope — grieving and hope."

Article from online site The Advocate:

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/entertainment_life/faith/article_f132ca58-a9f0-11ea-91b7-b7ca56544615.html

Gestures and Postures of the Congregation at Mass

By our ritual gestures – this “body language” – we unite the physical and mental/spiritual aspects of our worship of the Lord, and express our unity with Him with our entire being. Recalling this may help remind each of us to make the effort to restore this ineffable and powerful “form of speech” in our own acts of worship. With our bodies and our minds united, we express our love for Christ and witness to others His love for all.

*From “Gestures for Worship – Relearning Our Ritual Language”
Adoremus Bulletin, February 2010*

Entrance Rites

- Make the *Sign of the Cross* with holy water (a sign of baptism) upon entering the church
- Genuflect toward the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar of Sacrifice before entering the pew. (If there is no tabernacle in the sanctuary, or it is not visible, bow deeply, from the waist, toward the altar before entering the pew.)
- Kneel upon entering the pew for private prayer before Mass begins.
- Stand for the entrance procession.
- Bow when the crucifix, a visible symbol of Christ’s sacrifice, passes you in the procession. (If there is a bishop, bow when he passes, as a sign of recognition that he represents the authority of the Church and of Christ as shepherd of the flock.)
- Remain standing for the introductory rites. Make the *Sign of the Cross* with the priest at the beginning of Mass.
- Strike your breast at the “*mea culpa(s)*” (“through my fault”) in the *Confiteor*.
- Bow your head when you say, “Lord, have mercy” during the Kyrie.
- If there is a Rite of Sprinkling (*Asperges*), make the *Sign of the Cross* when the priest sprinkles water from the aspergillum in your direction.
- Throughout the Mass, bow your head at every mention at the name of Jesus and every time the Doxology (Glory Be) is spoken or sung. Also, when asking the Lord to receive our prayer.
- Gloria: bow your head at the name of Jesus. (Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son..., “You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ...”)

Liturgy of the Word

- Sit for the Scripture readings
- Stand for the Gospel at the Alleluia verse.
- When the priest announces the Gospel, trace a cross with the thumb on the forehead, lips, and heart. This gesture is a form of prayer for the presence of the Word of God in one’s mind, upon one’s lips, and in one’s heart.
- Sit for the *homily*.
- Creed: Stand; bow your head at the name of Jesus; on most Sundays, bow during the *Incarnatus* (“by the power of the Holy Spirit ...and was made man”); on the solemnities of Christmas and the Annunciation, all genuflect at this moment.
- Make the *Sign of the Cross* at the conclusion of the Creed at the words “I believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Sit during the *offertory*.
- Stand as the priest says, “Pray brothers and sisters that our sacrifice...” and remain standing to respond, “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands...”
- If incense is used, the congregation bows toward the thurifer when he bows to the congregation, both before, and after he has incensed them.

- The congregation remains standing until the end of the *Sanctus* ("Holy, Holy, Holy"), when they kneel for the entire Eucharistic Prayer.
- At the moment of the Consecration of each element, bow the head and say silently, "My Lord and my God", acknowledging the Presence of Christ on the altar. These are the words of Saint Thomas when he realized that it was truly Christ who stood before him (John 20:28). Jesus responded, "Because you have seen me, you believed. Blessed are they that do not see and yet have believed" (John 20:29).
- Stand at the priest's invitation to recite the Lord's Prayer.
- Reverently fold your hands and bow your head as you pray the Lord's Prayer.
- Remain standing to exchange the Sign of Peace, if the invitation is made. (The sign of peace may be either a handshake or a bow of the head towards those nearest you, accompanied by the words, "Peace be with you.")
- In reciting (or singing) the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God..."), strike the breast at the words, "Have mercy on us."
- Kneel at the end of the *Agnus Dei*.
- Bow your head and strike your breast as you say, *Domini non sum dignus...* (Lord, I am not worthy...")

Reception of Communion

- Leave the pew (without genuflecting) and walk reverently toward the altar, with hands folded in prayer.
- Make a gesture of reverence as you approach the priest in procession to receive Communion. If you are kneeling at the Communion Rail, no additional gesture is made before receiving.
- You may receive the Host either on the tongue or in the hand.
- If the former, open your mouth and extend your tongue, so the priest can place the Host properly. If the latter, place the left hand over the right, with the palms up, forming a throne on which the priest can place the Host. With your right hand, take the Host from the left hand and reverently place it in your mouth. (*The Host should be consumed immediately upon receiving.*)
- If you are carrying a child, it is much less awkward to receive Communion on the tongue.
- If you also receive from the chalice, make the same gesture of reverence when you approach the minister to receive.
- Make the *Sign of the Cross* after you have received Communion.
- Kneel in prayer when you return to your pew after Communion, until the priest sits down, or until he says, "Let us pray."

Concluding Rites

- Stand for the concluding prayers.
- Make the *Sign of the Cross* at the final blessing, as the priest invokes the Trinity.
- Remain standing until all ministers have processed out. (If there is a *Recessional*, bow in reverence to the crucifix as it passes by.)
- If there is a hymn for the *Recessional*, remain standing in your pew until it concludes. If there is no concluding hymn, remain in your pew until all the ministers have gone out of the main body of the church.
- After the Mass has concluded, you may kneel for a private prayer of thanksgiving.
- Genuflect reverently toward the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar of Sacrifice as you leave the pew, and leave the nave (main body) of the church in silence.
- Make the *Sign of the Cross* with holy water as you leave the church, a reminder of our baptismal obligation to carry Christ's Gospel into the world.

How to make a Good Confession

Five Steps For a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins to a priest.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

Procedure in the Confessional

You say:

"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been - (state the length of time) – since my last confession. These are my sins."

Then tell your mortal sins and the number of times committed. If you have no mortal sin to confess, then confess the venial sins you have committed since your last confession. When you have finished telling your sins, you should say:

"For these and all the sins of my past, I am truly sorry."

The priest now gives the necessary advice, assigns your penance and asks you to say the Act of Contrition (in some form). Then wait and listen as the priest gives the absolution

Then say ***"Thank you, Father"***, then leave the confessional and then perform the penance assigned by the priest.

The Differences in sins

There are two kinds of actual sin, **mortal** and **venial**.

Mortal sin is a horrible offense against God, so horrible that it destroys the life of grace in the soul. Three simultaneous conditions must be fulfilled for a mortal sin: (1) the act must be something very serious; (2) the person must have sufficient understanding of what is being done; (3) the person must have sufficient freedom of the will. So I cannot commit a mortal sin if the matter is not serious (e.g., if I stole a small amount of money from my employer), or if I did not know what I was doing (e.g., if I were to hurt someone accidentally or unthinkingly), or if I did not act with full freedom (e.g., I was under physical or emotional pressure).

A Catholic should know well the difference between mortal and venial sins. Deliberately missing Sunday Mass without sufficient cause is to be considered a very serious mortal sin.

Examination of Conscience

- 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.**
Do I give God time every day in prayer?
Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
Have I been involved with superstitious practices (horoscopes or ouija boards) or have I been involved with the occult?
Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church?
Have I ever received Communion in the state of mortal sin?
Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
- 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**
Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
Have I been angry with God?
Have I wished evil upon any other person?
Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?
- 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.**
Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
Have I not kept Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
Do I do needless work on Sunday?
Do I make others work on Sunday?
- 4. Honor your father and your mother.**
Do I honor and obey my parents?
Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
Have I given my family good religious example?
Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?
Do I respect my elders?
Do I respect my pastor, bishop, and the Pope?
- 5. You shall not kill.**
Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?
Have I physically harmed anyone?
Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading them into sin?
Have I been angry or resentful?
Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
Have I been sterilized for reasons of birth control?
Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
Have I been faithful to my marriage vows
In thought and action?
Have I engaged in any sexual activity before marriage or outside of marriage?
Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control?
Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects?
Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
Do I seek to be pure in my thoughts, words and actions?
Am I careful to dress modestly, so as not to tempt others?
Have I been guilty of masturbation with myself.

7. You shall not steal.

Have I stolen what is not mine?
Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
Do I waste time at work, school or at home?
Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
Do I pay my debts promptly?
Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

8. You shall not bear false witness.

Have I lied?
Have I gossiped?
Have I harmed someone's reputation?
Have I spoken behind someone else's back?
Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by impure television, movies, books, magazines or internet?
Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
Do I listen to, or engage in, impure conversations or jokes?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

Am I jealous of what other people have?
Do I envy other people's families or possessions?
Am I greedy or selfish?
Are material possessions the purpose of my life?
Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs?

An Act of Contrition

"O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all My love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

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- 4pm: St. Mary Bloomington; St. Patrick Bloomington; Hancock County Catholic; LaSalle Catholic; Logan County
- 5pm: St. Joseph Pekin; St. Thomas Philo
- 5:15pm: St. Matthew Champaign
- 5:30pm: Immaculate Conception Monmouth

Sunday Masses:

- 7:30am: St. Mary Bloomington
- 8am: St. Theresa Earlville; LaSalle Catholic; St. Philomena Peoria; St. Thomas Philo
- 9am: St. Patrick Bloomington; St. Mary Metamora; St. Jude Peoria; St. Vincent Peoria; St. Pius X Rock Island; Nativity Spring Valley
- 9:30am: St. Matthew Champaign; Christ the King Moline; St. Mary Pontiac; Stark County Catholic
- 9:45am: Sacred Heart Rock Island
- 10am: Holy Trinity Bloomington; Galesburg Catholic; Hancock County Catholic; LaSalle Catholic; Blessed Sacrament Morton; St. Bede Peru
- 10:30: St. John Newman U of I; St. Edward Chillicothe; St. Patrick Colona; St. Paul Danville; St. Mary Lourdes; St. Mary Kickapoo
- 11am: Fulton County Catholic
- 12pm: Holy Trinity Bloomington

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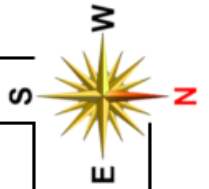
- 7am: St. Matthew Champaign; Nativity Spring Valley
- 7:30am: St. Edward Chillicothe
- 7:45am: St. Vincent Peoria; St. Bede Peru
- 8am: St. Theresa Earlville; Galesburg Catholic; Hancock County Catholic; St. Mary Kickapoo; LaSalle Catholic; Logan County; Immaculate Conception Monmouth; St. Philomena Peoria
- 8:30am: St. Jude Peoria
- 10:30am: Holy Trinity Bloomington (Mon-Sat)
- 11am: Fulton County Catholic
- 12pm: St. Mary Lourdes
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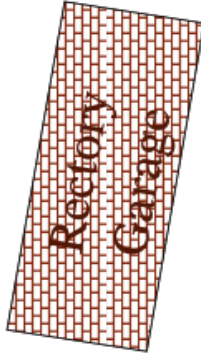
- 9am: Immaculate Conception Monmouth
- 11am: St. Mary Bloomington
- 12pm: LaSalle Catholic



Watching the Mass being celebrated on TV or online is surely not the same as being there in person, but it does offer us an opportunity to worship in community while at the same time being a shut-in. We can still hear God's word proclaimed and contemplate the Blessed Sacrament while we perform an act of Spiritual Communion.



Holy Cross Church



- * Parking Lot Mass ~ Weather permitting
- * All cars **MUST** enter the parking lot from Monroe Street and point south toward the school.
- * Everyone **MUST** remain in the car.
- * The speaker will be loud enough to carry the sound to the farthest corner of the parking lot.
- * Communion will be distributed at the conclusion of Mass to each car.
- * Those cars on the outside along the fence line and Pennsylvania Avenue will receive and be dismissed first.
- * There will be "Ushers" to help direct traffic so entry and exit will be done in an orderly manner.
- * When there are two clergy present for distribution of communion, it will be especially important to pay attention to the ushers.
- * When Father is the only one distributing communion, please note, he will begin distribution along Pennsylvania Avenue, so as not to have people drive across in front of him with their cars (SAFETY).

Mass Times:

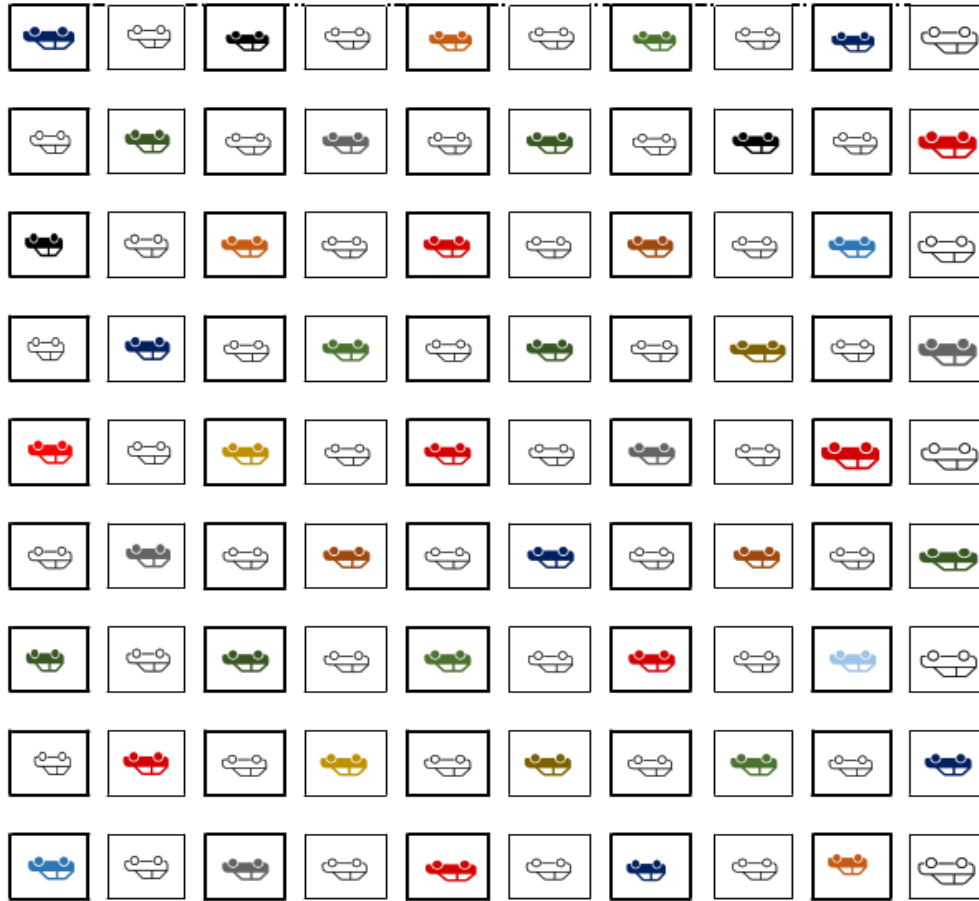
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - English 12:00 p.m. - Spanish
 Monday: 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday: 7:00 a.m.
 Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.
 Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
 Friday: 8:00 a.m.
 Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

**** These times are subject to change.**
 Please watch the bulletin for more information.

In inclement weather, Father will celebrate the Mass via Zoom, as he is currently doing now.

In addition, for the time being the Eucharist will continue to be distributed at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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MASS IN THE PARKING LOT

Beginning on Pentecost Sunday—May 31, 2020, Father Pilon will be celebrating the Sacrifice of the Mass (weather permitting) in the parking lot. (Please see the previous page for more specific instructions, as well as a schedule for Daily and Sunday Mass.)

It will be of utmost importance to follow the directions closely in order to maintain order. It should also be noted that the only way to attend Mass in the parking lot is in a car. No one will be allowed to walk up, or bring a lawn chair, or otherwise participate in the Mass; only those who are in vehicles will be permitted to participate.

In the event of inclement weather, Father will go back to celebrating the Mass in the rectory chapel and live stream via Zoom, as he has been doing for the past few weeks. It is Father's intent to live stream the parking lot Masses too, so that those who cannot attend in person may still participate using their streaming device.

It is also important to note that Father is planning to continue distribution of the Eucharist following the times initiated last week, i.e., 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mon—Sat, and 9 a.m., noon, and 3:15 p.m. on Sundays.

Jesus Christ, when you walked the earth, you travelled through the countryside through towns and villages: curing every disease and illness among the people." At your command, all who approached you in illness were made well, made whole.

Now Lord, we implore you to blanket out world with your love and your healing presence. Open the heart of all to turn back to you in their hearts and seek you in all things.

We pray that for all who have been infected and affected by the Coronavirus may find their strength in you. For those who have died, may they find their rest in you.

Guide the leaders of all nations to work together for the family of man, working to help all in need out of a love for all mankind. Give grace, courage and strength to all medical professionals who put their well-being in harms way for the sake of others.

We pray for your guidance through the waters of uncertainty and for a sense of your presence as we place our trust in you.

Gracious God and Father, may this crisis bring your healing presence to a wounded world, so that mentally, spiritually, and physically we may return to you in ALL things.

Amen.



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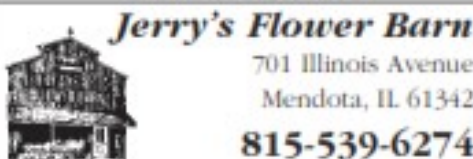
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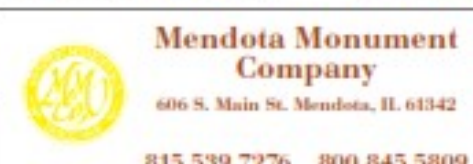
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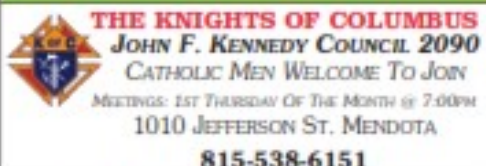


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