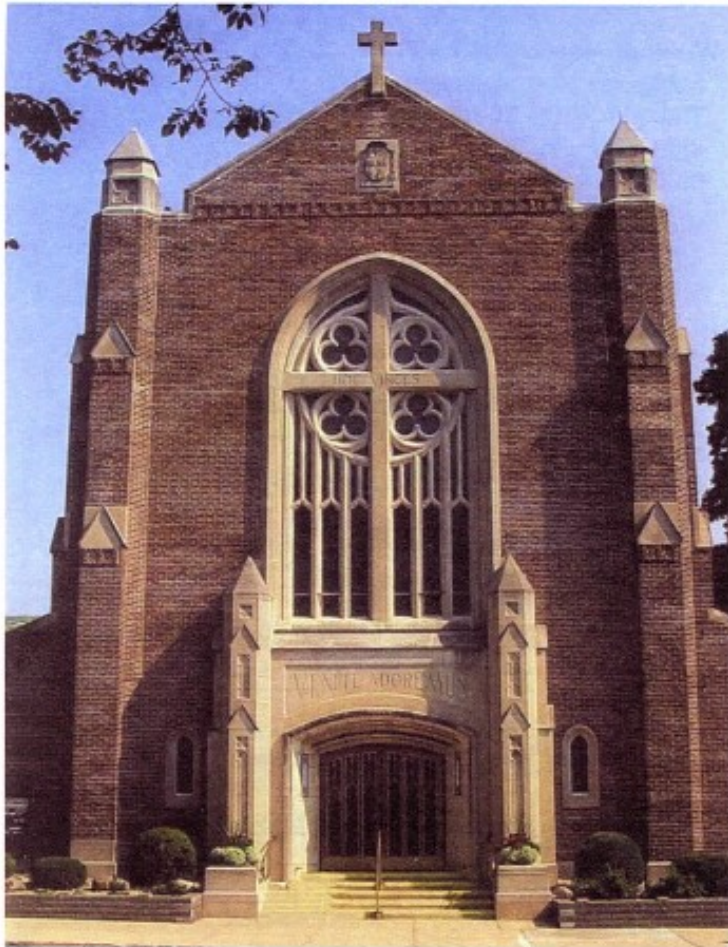


Holy Cross Church

Catholic Diocese of Peoria
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Phone 815-538-6151 • Fax 815-539-5014
www.holycrosscongregation.weebly.com



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

Pastor

Fr. Peter A. Pilon

Pastoral Work

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

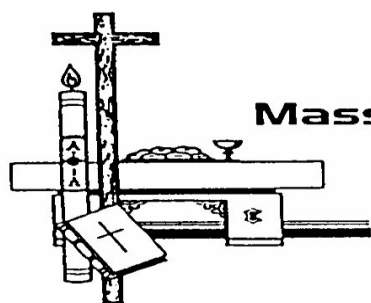


Holy Cross School

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

815-539-7003

Principal - Anita Kobilsek



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 27th

4:00 p.m. +Helen Shimek by Jan Kahl

Sunday, June 28th

9:00 a.m. +Danny Arredondo by His Grieving Family

12:00 p.m. +Rosario y Manuel Magallanes by Daughter

Monday, June 29th

8:00 a.m. +Tom Mahaffey by Tim & Lori McConville

Tuesday, June 30th

7:00 a.m. +Lawrence Amfahr

Wednesday, July 1st

8:00 a.m. +Captain Thomas J. Heitmann
by Tom & Mary Heitmann

Thursday, July 2nd

7:00 a.m. +Danny Arredondo by His Grieving Parents

Friday, July 3rd

8:00 a.m. +Robert Kahl by Jan Kahl

Saturday, July 4th

4:00 p.m. +Ben Bokus by George and Mary Kay Hodgson

Sunday, June 5th

9:00 a.m. +Captain Thomas J Heitmann
by Tom & Mary Heitmann

12:00 p.m. +Leopoldo, Perfecto, María de Jesús, Eligio
y Teresa Covarrubias su Familia

MASS IN THE PARKING LOT



In the event of inclement weather this weekend-Saturday or Sunday, Mass will still be celebrated, however, it will be via Zoom from Father's Chapel in the rectory. Distribution of the Eucharist will still take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday; for Sunday, if the weather is inclement and Mass needs to move indoors, Father will still distribute Communion at 9 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will follow with an approximate start time of 9:20 a.m.

To ACCESS MASS VIA 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.

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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: frppilon@holycrossmendota.com

*It should also be noted that ALL Masses will be live-streamed on the Zoom app until otherwise noted.

**Father would also like to let everyone know that he intends to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in parking lot—weather permitting—rather than from the window on the rectory's west side.

***Adoration is scheduled from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. every Sunday, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet to follow at 3 p.m.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel Extended Eucharistic Adoration

*"Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and
in this chalice what flowed from his side."
~ Saint Augustine of Hippo*

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
1-815-915-6635

*"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and
see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into
my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'
Thomas answered and said to him,
'My Lord and my God!'" (John 20:27-28)*

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

Sat. June 20	1493	50.00	Michael Kilmartin
Sun. June 21	2451	50.00	James Paul Nelson
Mon. June 22	2594	100.00	Rick Smaid
Tue. June 23	429	50.00	Pat Chaon
Wed. June 24	2251	50.00	Tim McConville
Thur. June 25	1544	50.00	Holly Phalen
Fri. June 26	311	50.00	Soliman Family

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	For the Week of	
Sunday	06/21/2020	\$3,582.47
School		125.00
Food Pantry		88.00
Holy Land		2.00
Easter		2.00
Peter's Pence		5.00
Total		\$3,804.47

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 dona-
tion 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 con-
tributions going forward.**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, alleluia. You are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation;/ announce the praises
of him who called you out of darkness into his
wonderful light. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

*We have been baptized as priests, prophets and
kings. Help us live up to our holy calling, Lord.*



Prayer Chain

- † Please pray for a full recovery for Mark, who underwent open heart surgery on Wednesday, June 24th.
- † Pray for a local Mendota man who has been battling cancer, and has just received another dire diagnosis.
- † Please pray for Keith who had his second leg amputated on Wednesday.
- † Please pray for Pam, who is fighting her way back after suffering a brain aneurysm.
- † Please pray for a 51 year-old that recently started chemotherapy for breast cancer.

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

Now that the weather has been consistently better, Father Pilon will be placing the monstrance outdoors—weather permitting—to be viewed from the parking lot, similar to the Mass. In the event of inclement weather, Adoration will be live streamed as was done originally via the Zoom application (*see inside front cover for instructions*).

The Adoration is scheduled from 2:00—3:00 p.m. every Sunday.



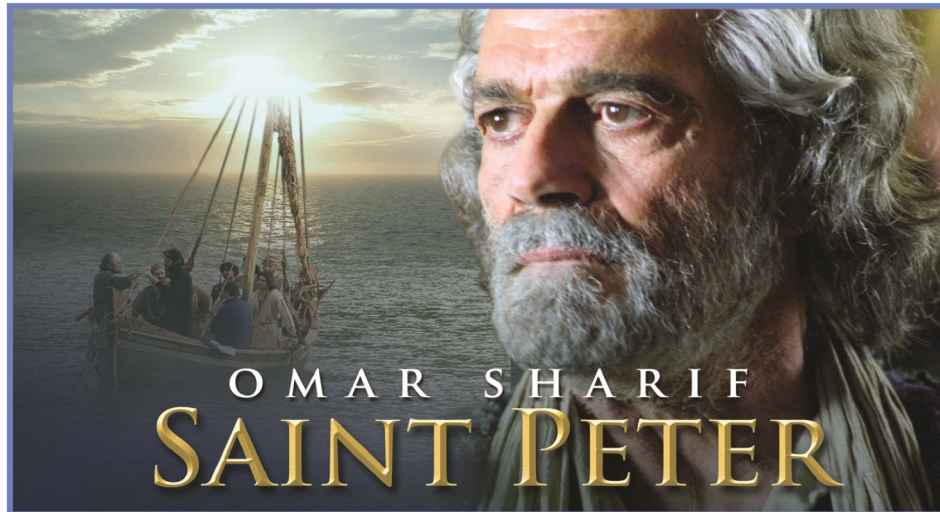
...AND DIVINE MERCY



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



SAINT PETER

(Parental Guidance Recommended)

As a dedicated follower of Christ, Peter spreads the message of the Gospel across the land. As the tension between Christians and Romans grows throughout the film, Peter and Paul meet and join together in preaching about Christ.

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IN THE SACRAMENTS WE ENCOUNTER CHRIST THE SAVIOR

—Pope Francis

The Scandal of the Eucharist

Father Richard Veras

Have you ever seen someone express shock when they learn that the Church believes that the “communion bread” is not bread at all, but has truly become the Body of Christ?

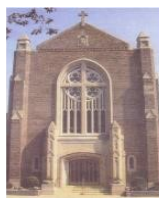
This shock hearkens back to the response to Jesus’ original prophecy of the Eucharist. John 6 recounts that after Jesus repeatedly proclaimed that his disciples would eat his flesh and drink his blood, many no longer followed him. They found his promise too difficult to accept; and Jesus did not force them to accept it, but allowed them to leave. He was interested in conversion, not compliance.

He even asked those who remained if they, too, wanted to leave, and Peter responded, “Master, to whom would we go? We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

Belief in the Eucharist is a gift. It is the fruit of a relationship of faith and trust in Jesus. Eucharistic faith also reveals that the unimagined love expressed on the cross is even further magnified by Jesus’ desire to be so closely and carnally united to us in the Eucharist. The love that would not be contained by death is a love that also refuses to be contained by time and space. It is a love that seeks to be present in all times and places where there are believing disciples. Present, not just spiritually, but through the Real Presence of the Word made flesh, the very Body of Christ.

Come, let us adore him. Amen.

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



DIVINE REVELATION



“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me...”

Matthew 10:37

THE PRAYER KNOWN AS the **Shema** in Hebrew is perhaps the premier prayer of the Jewish people. Prayed several times every day, it is part of Jesus’ teaching on what are the two greatest commandments: **“Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...”** (see Mark 12:29-30).

In today’s Gospel readings, we have a clear example of Jesus using implicit language to indicate that he is coequal with God the Father. His reference to Shema as the greatest command is meant to help his apostles recall that it is only God who demands the kind of love and devotion. He is not saying outright, “I Am God!” Rather, the message is implied.

There is a passage that is omitted from today’s reading that lies directly between last week’s Gospel and today’s. It is the passage that indicates Jesus is a cause for division, and reads as follows:

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace up on the earth. I have come to bring not peace, but the sword. For I have come to set a man ‘against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s enemies will be those of his household.’”

With the state of today’s world, it would have been nice to place a bit of focus on this passage. I only bring the pass-

age to light for context. It is right before today’s words of the Gospel are spoken that Jesus is telling the twelve about the coming division in the world.

And so it is that after that omitted passage that Jesus is talking about the conditions necessary to be his disciple and walk after him in the way he himself walks. To love father or mother, son or daughter more than Jesus is to be disqualified from following him.

To be clear, however, he is not saying that we must not love our father, mother, son, or daughter—only that we cannot love them more than we love him. And when Jesus talks about love, he is talking about an active love, not some emotional or sentimental construct. The love of Jesus is a love all the way to the Crucifix!

To truly be a disciple of Christ is to live a rightly-ordered life, a life that has love of God at its center, and then love of neighbor follows that. Every action we take is supposed to be deliberate, considering whether the action is according to the will of God. Every action we take is supposed to be done for love of God. It is out of our love for God that we are called to act for the good of “the other.” That’s the economy of love that Jesus teaches...God loves us first, we return God’s love to him by the way we love our fellow man.

I imagine at some point in life almost any child, thinking selfish and childly thoughts, and not getting his way, could express something along the lines of “I wish I was never even born! I didn’t ask to come into this world!!” And while it’s true that no one asked to come into the world, each and every one of us is here because of a willful desire.

God desired to share His Divine Love with each and every one of us for all eternity—if only we will honor and obey Him and His commandments. It’s why that from the time we were wee little ones that we were taught that we should try to see the face of Jesus in every person we see and meet. If we can achieve that, then the next step of loving our neighbors for the sake of the love of God will be easy. Seeing the face of Jesus in every person we encounter has turned out to be a very tall order though, hasn’t it?

The news today is full of division. There is division in the world, and division in the family. If we could but fix the family—that is, the domestic church—then many of society’s ills will begin to recede.

It is our job as Catholic Christians to willfully and decisively work to bring about that love of God first in the world, so that we can then also do the work of loving our neighbors. Understanding the teachings of Christ isn’t hard, but living out our call to discipleship is certainly a challenge!

June 28, 2020

Holy Cross News of Note



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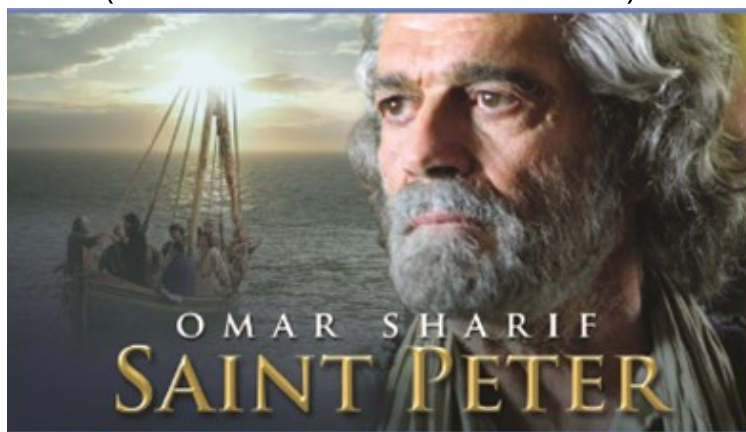
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What can we recommend for this week?

Saint Peter

(Parental Guidance Recommended)



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Catechism Corner

» How to get an indulgence? «

THESE Q & A ITEMS ARE ADDRESSING QUESTIONS
USING THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM:

† ***How does the Church by means of indulgences remit the temporal punishment due to sin?***

The Church, by means of indulgences remits the temporal punishment due to sin by applying to us from her spiritual treasury part of the infinite satisfaction of Jesus Christ and of the superabundant satisfaction of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints.

For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, bearing witness in his own time. (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

† ***What is the superabundant satisfaction of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints?***

The superabundant satisfaction of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints is that which they gained during their lifetime but did not need, and which the Church applies to their fellow members of the communion of saints.

† ***What must we do to gain an indulgence for ourselves?***

To gain an indulgence for ourselves we must be in the state of grace, have at least a general intention of gaining the indulgence, and perform the works required by the Church.

† ***Can we gain indulgences for others?***

We cannot gain indulgences for other living persons, but we can gain them for the souls in purgatory, since the Church makes most indulgences applicable to them.

It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sin. (II Maccabees 12:46)

Further reading CCC ¶[1471– 1479]



**MONDAY,
JUNE 29TH
IS THE
SOLEMN
FEAST
OF SAINTS
PETER
&
PAUL**





Religious Education

*Religious Education
is Changing!*

With the upheaval in routine that the Novel Coronavirus has caused, it has necessitated a change in how we approach the religious education of the children of our parish.

It is most unlikely that we will be using the school for our Wednesday night classes, and will most likely be changing our program to one that is focused on the family and utilizes remote, or an "eLearning" style of catechesis. All parish families will need to have access to the internet and a computer or tablet to participate in each lesson.

This will also necessarily bring about great change, but should also allow for much more flexibility as the lion's share of the catechesis will take place in the home rather than in the school classroom.

As this is a major change and will be a bigger expense up front, it will be critically important for families to register their children as soon as possible. There is a registration form included with this bulletin—please complete the form and turn it in to the parish office as soon as possible. It is vitally important that we know the number of families and students before the school year begins.

A final decision on the program we will use has not yet been made. We will be communicating more information as we continue to determine which program curriculum we will be using and what it will

mean for each family. We ask for your prayers and patience as we work through this difficult process.

I do anticipate that for this first year, we will continue using the same sacramental preparation curricula for First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation. It will just be of a more remote style of disseminating the lessons.

There will be more information to come in that regard as well.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Corrigan at:

briancorriganhcdre@gmail.com.

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.



**The Parishes of
Holy Cross, Mendota
and SS. Peter & Paul, Peterstown
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Religious Education—Registration Form

This information is held in confidence and is not shared without your permission.

Today's Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Grade School Level: _____ Name of School: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Church: _____

Has the child received First Communion? _____ Yes _____ No

Does your child have any food allergies? _____ Yes _____ No

Price Structure

1 Child	\$125
2 Children	\$200
3 or More Children	\$250

If a child was not baptized at either Holy Cross Parish, or SS. Peter & Paul Parish, please obtain a Baptismal Certificate from the parish in which they were baptized and provide to Holy Cross Parish Office.

Child resides with both parents? _____ Yes _____ Mother Only _____ Father Only

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Family Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

In Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Would you be interested in helping in the religious education program?

_____ Y _____ N

If "Yes," I would be interested in helping as a Teacher: _____ Teacher's Assistant: _____

Parent Patrol: _____

If filling out form outside of parish office, please complete and mail or drop off to:

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Attn: Brian Corrigan, DRE
1010 Jefferson Street
Mendota, IL. 61342



**Las Parroquias de
Holy Cross, Mendota
y SS. Peter & Paul, Peterstown
Cofradía de la Doctrina Cristiana**



Educación Religiosa—Forma de Registro

Esta información es retenida en confidencia y no es compartida sin su permiso.

Fecha de Hoy: _____

Nombre de Hijo(a): _____ Fecha de nacimiento: _____

Grado escolar: _____ Nombre de escuela: _____

Fecha de Bautismo: _____ Iglesia: _____

¿Recibió el niño(a) su Primera Comunión? _____ Sí _____ No

¿Su niño tiene alergias a los alimentos? _____ Sí _____ No

Precio

1 Niño/a	\$125
2 Niños	\$200
3 o más Niños	\$250

Si su hijo(a) no fue bautizado en las parroquias de Holy Cross o SS. Peter & Paul, por favor obtenga el certificado de bautizo de la parroquia en la cual fue bautizado y tráigala a la oficina de Holy Cross.

¿El niño(a) vive con los dos papás? _____ Sí _____ Vive con Mamá _____ Vive con Papá _____

Nombre de Padre: _____ Religión: _____

Nombre de Madre: _____ Religión: _____

Domicilio de Familia _____

Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Cód. Postal: _____

Teléfono de día: _____ Teléfono de tarde: _____

Celular: _____ Correo electrónico: _____

Contacto de Emergencia: _____

Teléfono de contacto de emergencia: _____ Parentesco: _____

¿Le interesa ayudar al programa de educación religiosa?

_____ Sí _____ No

Si "Sí" me gustaría ayudar en forma de Maestro(a): _____ Asistente de Maestro(a): _____

Patrulla de los Padres: _____

Si llena esta forma fuera de la oficina parroquial, por favor envíe o deje en la oficina de: Holy Cross Catholic Church
Attn: Brian Corrigan, DRE
1010 Jefferson Street
Mendota, IL. 61342

WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:

While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

OPEN WIDE THE DOORS ~ LET US ONCE AGAIN PRAY AS A COMMUNITY

If you are a registered member on Flocknote, you may have seen the request for volunteers to help get the parish closer to reopening so that we can once again celebrate the Mass inside our church building.

There is still a great need for many volunteers—and the more people on board, the less strain there will be on any one individual.

Father would also like to remind everyone that the faithful are still dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass. So if one is still a bit leery of returning to public spaces, you needn't worry about falling into mortal sin because of missing Sunday Mass. Father is also still intending to live-feed the Mass via the Zoom app, as he has been doing since the Mass has been made available to the faithful through that, and other means.

There are still some things that should be made known up front so potential volunteers can know more about what they will be signing up for. For example, a person *should* be under 60 years of age (generally speaking) and in good health.

We already have "Captains" identified who are willing to head up the important work of greeting, ushering, and cleaning. These are the main areas for which we are hoping to get lots more volunteers. We also will accept the help of high school age teens, with the permission of their parents or guardians. All precautions are being taken to ensure the health and safety of all parish staff and

volunteers. We will have plenty of hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies to keep our church in safe and healthy state for people to worship and pray without the worry of contracting the coronavirus.

The dates for the training sessions are as follows:

† Saturday, June 27th at 8:00 a.m.

† Wednesday, July 1st at 7:00 p.m.

† Saturday, July 4th at 8:00 a.m.

✦ All training sessions will take place in the church, starting at the front doors on Jefferson Street.

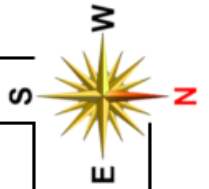
If you are able to volunteer and help us reopen, and can attend one (or more) of the training sessions, please contact:

- Andy Wujek at 815.739.0965 or andy.wujek@gmail.com
- Rudy Arteaga at 815.228.3426 or rudarteaga@yahoo.com
- Tom Heitmann at 630.918.9664 or heitmann@mtco.com

We would like to have a very good idea of the number of attendees to help us gauge how many handouts to have ready. For that reason it is vitally important that all potential volunteers get in touch with one of the Captains listed above. There are others, but for this initial phase of reopening it will be best to keep the number of points of contact to a minimum.

Please volunteer and help us get back into our beautiful church and sanctuary!





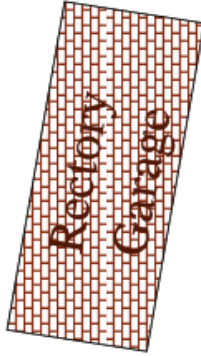
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Holy Cross School

Michigan Avenue

Pennsylvania Avenue

Monroe Street



- * 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.

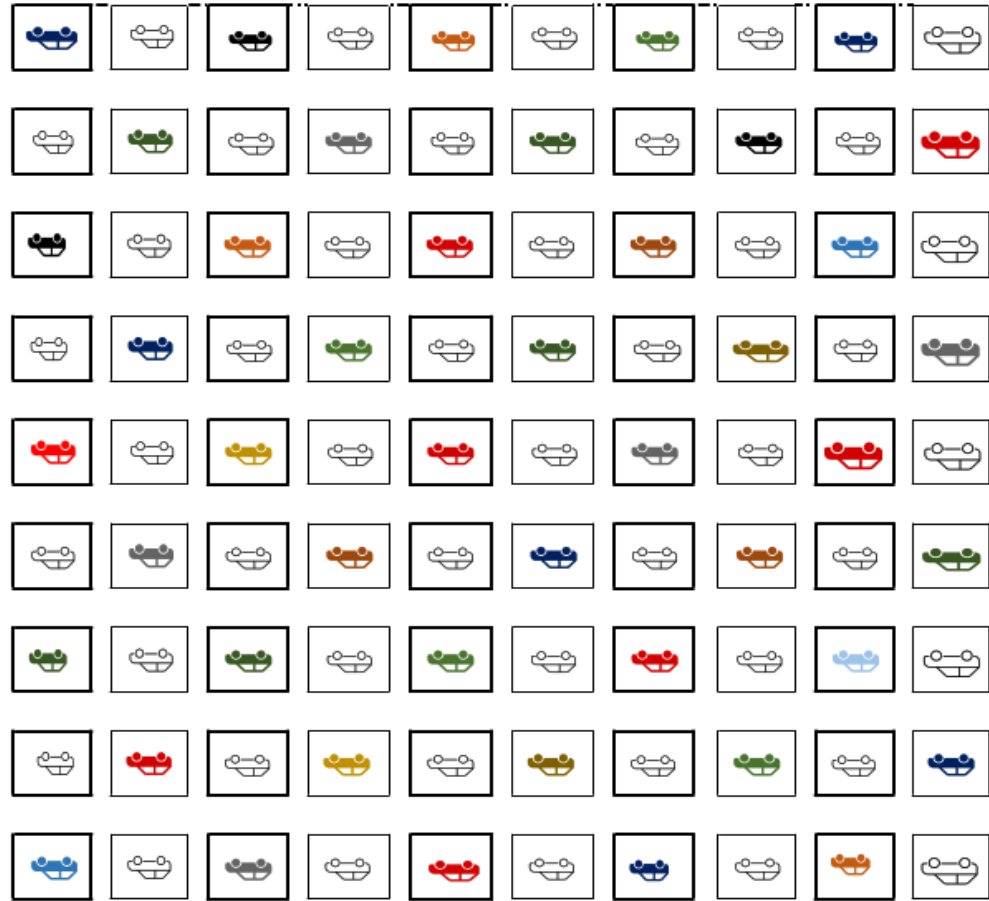
In inclement weather, Father will celebrate the Mass via Zoom, as he is currently doing now.

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

Fence Line

Speaker

Altar



MASS IN THE PARKING LOT

Mass continues to be celebrated in the parish parking lot for the time being. There is an allowance being made now for people who would like to sit outside of their cars; you may bring a lawn chair and sit off to the side in the grassy area, as long as social distancing is maintained.

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 began doing when the shelter-in-place order first came about. It is Father's intent to live stream all Masses whether in the parking lot or in the rectory chapel, so that those who cannot attend in person may still participate using their streaming device.

We are still dispensed from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass, so if a person is not able, there is no penalty of mortal sin attached.

It is also important to note that Father is planning to continue distribution of the Eucharist at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mon—Sat, and 9 a.m., noon, and 3:15 p.m. on Sundays.

ADDITIONAL NOTE ABOUT REOPENING THE CHURCH

To add to the information regarding reopening the church placed elsewhere in the bulletin, it is intended that we have all the pieces in place to reopen on Sunday,

July 5th. It is also hoped that Father will soon be able to add another Mass on the weekend to accommodate parishioners being inside, while still on a limited number basis. This would allow for people who might want to get into church for Mass, but cannot because of seating limitations to have another time option to attend Mass.

A Light Unto My Path

Bishop Robert Barron

Some biblical commentators and theologians—especially in the past hundred years or so—have argued that the divinity of Jesus is clearly presented only in the Gospel of John and that the synoptic Gospels present a purely human Christ, a teacher and miracle worker perhaps, but not the Son of God. Nothing could be further from the truth. Saint John indeed presents the divinity of the Lord in relatively straightforward language—*The Word became flesh; I and the Father are one; He who sees me sees the Father*, etc.—but the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are no less emphatic regarding Jesus' divine nature, though they employ a different symbol system and mode of expression than John.

Matthew 10:37 is a striking example: *Jesus said to his apostles, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."* If a merely human figure said this, we would legitimately laugh him to scorn. To their great credit, neither the Buddha nor Muhammad nor Confucius ever said any such thing. But Jesus effectively declares, "you must love me more than you love even those you treasure most in the entire world." And mind you, he doesn't say, "you must love my teaching or you must love the God I proclaim more than these"; he says, "you must love me more than all of them."

The only one who could legitimately make such a demand is the living God, the good that transcends anything in creation. Though he is stating his case a little more obliquely and indirectly than John, Saint Matthew is teaching here, just as clearly, that Jesus is divine.



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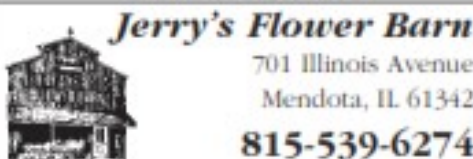
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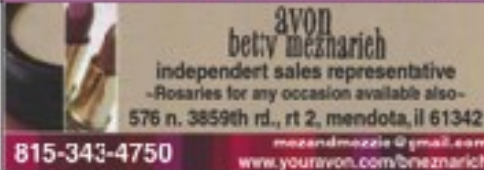
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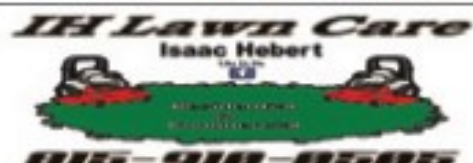
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