

August 27, 2023

Upon this Rock I will build My Church

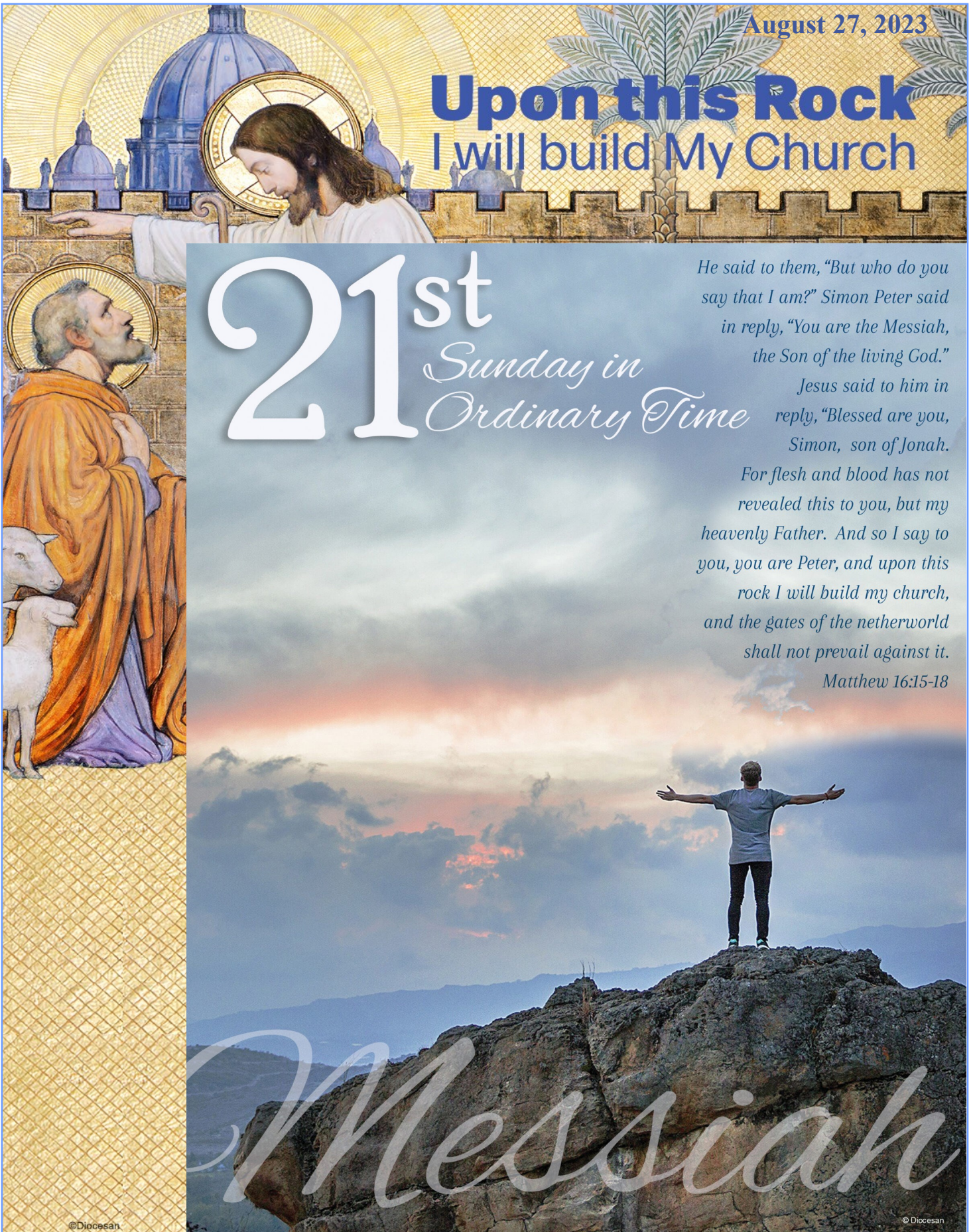
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:15-18



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

"O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, and our dear Mother! O all ye holy angels, who, by your adoration in our churches, make up for the little love which your God and our Saviour receives from men, obtain for us the grace to comprehend a little the love of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament."

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Dear Friends,

A couple of Sundays ago, I had the chance to make my first official "at-home" Eucharistic pilgrimage. It was a torrentially rainy day in Chicago—as a matter of fact, if you had a basement, there was a high chance you experienced significant flooding. Despite the intense rain, however, I felt deeply drawn to take a drive out to Des Plaines, Illinois, to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

As I approached the parking lot, I recognized that hundreds of people were there for one of the five Sunday Masses celebrated at the shrine. A little while later, I found myself at the outdoor grotto standing before the replica of St. Juan Diego's Tilma, which is enshrined in Mexico City and which bears the miraculous image of our Lady. I stood in the pouring rain (protected by my umbrella!) and meditated on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary as I offered my intentions to Jesus through Mary. I noticed so many individuals, couples, and families coming and going—most without protection from the rain—to pray there. One man even knelt in the pouring rain before the Tilma replica with bowed head for ten minutes.

After that, I went to the large, recently erected chapel. As I knelt at the back of the chapel silently uniting myself to Jesus, hidden yet present in the Tabernacle, I experienced a deep confidence that my intentions were of great importance to him. I felt united to Jesus in a new way, and rested in the inner silence of my heart, grateful for this time of pilgrimage.

Now, my mind is drawn to the words of Will Peterson, director of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which we shared on June 15: *"My favorite pilgrimage is the one I make each time I attend Mass."* At every Mass, we journey, surrounded by the Blessed Trinity and all the angels and saints, through the Paschal Mystery, encountering Jesus fully alive in the Eucharist. If our hearts are rightly disposed, every Mass takes us one step closer to heaven.

In my own pilgrimage adventure this month, I was especially grateful to have Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as my special companion. Her words to St. Juan Diego still echo in my heart, *"Am I not your Mother?"* And, what a good Mother she is! May Mary always lead you and me to her beloved Son, Jesus!

I hope you'll join me and make your own "at-home" Eucharistic pilgrimage...as soon as you are able. It is a simple, concrete way to experience the reality that our whole life is truly a Eucharistic pilgrimage toward our heavenly home, if only we desire it and remain open to the grace to live it well. Don't worry, we are never alone: Jesus is with us every step of the way!

-Sr. Alicia Torres, F.E.

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MASSSES

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Mon., Tue., & Thurs.
6:00 p.m. Wed.; 8:15 a.m. Fri.

DEVOTION 5:30-6:00 p.m. Wednesday

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ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction
at 2:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Mon, Tue, Thur, 6:30-6:45 a.m., Fri. 7:45-8:00 a.m.
Or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Second and fourth Sunday of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents must be registered members and attend baptismal preparation sessions, preferably before the birth of the child. Contact the Parish Office 3 months in advance to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should call the Office at least 8 months in advance. At least one partner must be a registered parishioner at Holy Cross and be actively practicing the faith. If you have had a previous marriage, set no marriage date until you have discussed this with your Pastor.

CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to make arrangements at any time for Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Two Wednesdays prior to the bulletin in which the information will be posted.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR PARISH

HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the Bishop of the Peoria Diocese.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sept. 2 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich Sharon Kristovich John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 3 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Sue Berndt No Ministers Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy Jessica McMahon, Bonita Higgerson Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers	Ed Seebauer Anthony Frasca Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 28 7:00 a.m.	In honor of Paul Hausladen Family
Tuesday, August 29 7:00 a.m.	Dominic Hieu Nguyen
Wednesday, August 30 6:00 p.m.	Ken Murphy
Thursday, August 31 7:00 a.m.	Teresa Kim Nguyen
Friday, September 1 8:15 a.m.	First Friday Memorial
Saturday, September 2 5:30 p.m.	Charles Leahy
Sunday, September 3 8:00 a.m.	Joyce Hogan Kaes
10:00 a.m.	James Leahy
4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners



AUGUST 26TH & 27TH MISSION APPEAL TO SUPPORT THE DIOCESE OF RULENGE-NGARA IN TANZANIA, EAST AFRICA



Holy Cross will be conducting its annual Mission Appeal to support the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara in Tanzania, East Africa. This diocese is located in the northwestern part of Tanzania; it serves a population of over a million people. This includes 334,000 Catholics and 30 parishes. Many of these people live on an income of under \$1 a day and survive on only one meal a day. The hardships they face include a lack of clean and safe water, lack of funds to train seminarians, and a lack of funds to support children in the Orphanage Centre. Any funds we can provide will help them drill and construct two wells and three water reservoirs (\$15,000 per well), contribute to the tuition of seminarians (\$2,000 per seminarian), and support the construction of the maternity ward for women and their babies. Bishop Severine NIWEMUGIZI of the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese extends his deepest gratitude for any spiritual or financial support you can provide.



DEVOTION AND MASS - Please join our parish family on Wednesday evenings for Devotion and Mass. The Devotion begins at 5:30 p.m. in the church, followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. **In August we are praying the rosary for our priests: Fr. Leo and Fr. Donton.**



Check out the new bookcase in the back of church!
Books are free – read, return or pass along to someone else.

Donations accepted but not necessary. Place any money in an envelope marked 'bookcase' and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES go with Jackson Stamper and Marguerite Hendrickson, who were married here on August 19th. May God's grace support them throughout their married lives!

FEAST WEEK

STARTS A WEEK FROM TODAY!

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 & 10 Legacy Fair - Find out about the different ministries and see what Holy Cross Parish has to offer to aid you in your spiritual life. Legacy Fair will take place in the Parish Hall after each Mass.

Wednesday, Sept. 13 - 6:00pm Mass, 6:30pm -7:30pm Eucharistic Encounter - As part of our year-long Parish Eucharistic Revival, join us in the Great Hall for "Responding to God" of Bishop Robert Barron's series *The Mass*, followed by small group discussions. Snacks are provided. Child care will be available. *Hosted by the Eucharistic Revival Committee

Celebrate our Feast Day
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross in our beautiful church.
Wednesday, Sept. 14
5:15 p.m. Living Rosary with candles in the church
6:00 p.m. Feast Day Mass.
7:00 p.m. Dinner - Homemade Chicken & Noodles, sides, kid options, desserts in the Parish Hall

Parish Homecoming Friday, Sept. 15
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Potluck Dinner, Live Music, Inflatables, Dunk Tank, and more...

FOR MORE INFO GO TO:
WWW.FEASTWEEK.WEBLY.COM

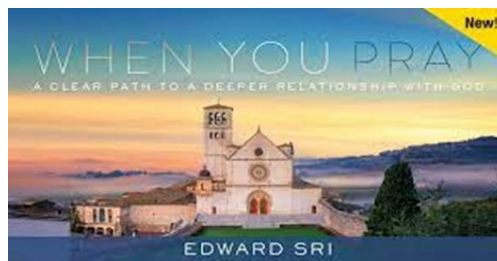


2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

In 2 weeks our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As disciples of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to be ready to bring the love of Jesus to others. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so help others encounter Christ in a personal way.

There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot: Recruitment and training of priests, vocation discernment program for young men, marriage preparation, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, Catholic Charities programs... These are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, makes it possible to provide these services.

Adult Formation



ADULT FORMATION / BIBLE STUDY 2023

Join us for the latest study by Dr. Edward Sri and Ascension Press

WHEN YOU PRAY -

A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

Mondays, 6:30—8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center
 September 18, 25 and October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 or

Tuesdays, 9:00—11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center
 September 19, 26 and October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Cost is \$27 and includes the book, workbook, and digital video access.

Contact Elizabeth Kelley at 217-352-8748
 or elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org
 to register or for more information!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is Adoration after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:30 p.m. Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED!

We are in great need of EMHC at all Masses. The Bishop declared that we are able to take of the Precious Blood, but we do not have enough Ministers to resume the offering of the cup at all Masses. Please consider doing God's work as you partake in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ to others.

If you are interested, please email the Parish Office at office@holycrosscatholic.org or call 217-352-8748. Thank you!

LECTORS NEEDED! If you are interested in becoming a lector, please contact the office. No real training involved; you read the 1st and 2nd readings for the Mass. We need lectors, especially at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. If interested, email the parish office at: office@holycrosscatholic.org, or call 217-352-8748. Thanks!



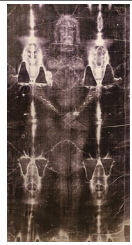
Collection Offering for August 19th/20th\$ 7,290.52 Thank you very much!



High School of St. Thomas More
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Save the Date. Mother Son Superhero Dance, Friday, Sept. 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at STM. \$30 per Mom. Boys up to 8th grade, free. Event Sponsor: STM Parent Association. Contact: Becky Leibach 217.202.0998 or leibach@gmail.com for questions go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w1ymfja1IPJeH5vW3lhBHLKuwVCbmF4hUh17NctZaXY/viewform?edit_requested=true to register.

Homecoming in October. Join us at the high school for Homecoming on Saturday, October 7th at 1:00 p.m. as STM takes on Metro East Lutheran. Bring your families with you and enjoy the game. We will have an alumni tent set up through halftime for check-in and for a meeting place. We will especially recognize the class of 2003 on their 20th anniversary. Questions? Email alumni@hs-stm.org.



THE MAN OF THE SHROUD

There is a replica of the shroud of Turin that is coming in September to Vandalia, IL.

You are invited to see a replica of the Shroud of Turin, which is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus, and to learn about the history and science behind it by experiencing *The Man of the Shroud* Exhibit, coming to

Mother of Dolours Parish in Vandalia for display **September 8-14.**

The Center for the Study of the Passion of the Christ and the Holy Shroud has developed a moving and informative mobile exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. The centerpiece is a full-length canvas replica of the Shroud made by the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc. In addition, the mobile exhibit contains a large, crucified corpus showing the wounds of Christ corresponding to the passion narrative in the Gospel accounts and the wounds shown on the Shroud. The exhibit contains over 31 pop-up display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud.

To check it out, visit Mother of Dolours Parish Center at 705 N. St. Clair St., Vandalia, IL 62471. There is no charge, and it's open to the public. (This is only about 2 hours, or less, south of Champaign-Urbana.)



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From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

The first week of school flew by! We've been very busy learning each other's names, making rules for our classroom, and learning our daily routines. Each and every student seems to be settling into their schedules. All the students seem to be happy and are making new friends. The halls once again resonate with the energy of eager students. It's remarkable how the classrooms have been transformed into vibrant spaces of learning, reflecting the commitment of our incredible teaching staff. I recognize the tireless work that our staff have put in, from orchestrating schedules to refining curriculum. Enrollment is up over 250 students and we have been blessed to have your support. It will truly be a great school year!

Thank you to our Holy Cross community!
 We could not do this without your support.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Save the Date!

Friday, November 3rd
 7:00pm to 9pm



Our 5th Annual Cabaret Night at
 Holy Cross Parish Center! All
 proceeds will benefit Holy Cross
 School. More details to come soon!

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!

It's been 7 years since our last Parish Directory and we have seen some changes and many new faces since then.



To celebrate our church family and to strengthen the bond within our parish, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory. We need you to make our directory complete! **The final days for taking pictures are August 28th—31st.** You can sign up online at www.ucdir.com, (Church code: il309 / Password: photos), after Mass, or contact the Parish Office.

You will receive a free 8x10 photo as well as a directory.

Volunteers Needed!

We **still need** volunteers to help make our parish photo directory a success! Here are some descriptions of what we need: Sign Up After Mass, Call to Schedule, Reminder Calls, Welcome Table at Photo Session.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in helping in one of these areas.

Email: office@holycrosscatholic.org Parish Office phone number: 217-352-8748 Thank you!

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GOD AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS | CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW

You might know someone who's looking for spiritual fulfillment, but not in the Church. Instead, they try to find it in nature. They say they don't need to go to a church to get close to God.

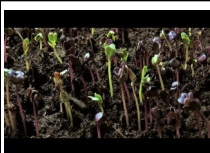
Well, they should meet Ashley Piche.

Ashley LOVES being outdoors (she's really into snow-boarding), and she's a recent convert to the Catholic faith. She runs Creatio, a travel ministry that guides young people to deepen their faith through outdoor adventures and mission trips.

Ashley has some great insights about:

- How to connect with someone who has a relationship with "the universe" instead of God.
- Her not-so-typical point of entry into the Catholic faith.
- Why getting out in nature is crucial to the New Evangelization.

Warning: you might get the urge to throw down your phone and get outside when you listen to this episode!



STORY OF CREATION

This dramatic reading of selected passages from the creation narrative in Genesis 1 underscores the poetic nature of the creation account and its affirmation of the goodness of God's creation.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup to sign up



Monthly Encounter Nights

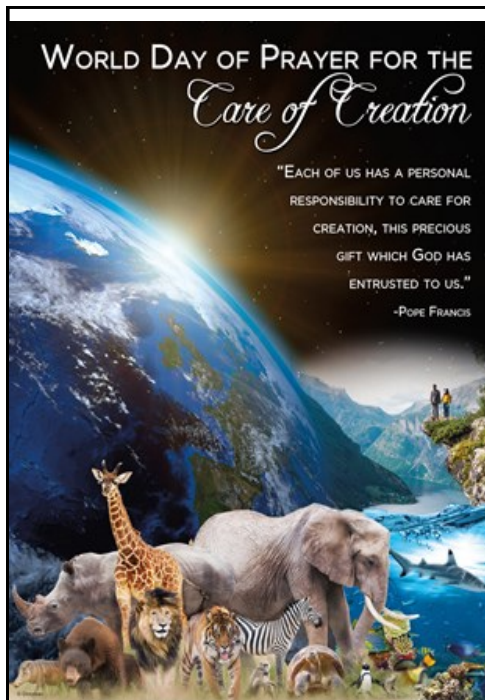
2nd Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass (approximately 6:30) in the parish center
Come and learn more about our faith!

4th Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass (approximately 6:30 - 7:30) in the church

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Come and spend time with Him!

Encounters With Jesus



"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from Sept. 1st, *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, to Oct. 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

"Care for the earth is a requirement of the Catholic faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation."

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Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Foltzler Families
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
Pellum & Gillis Families
Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families
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Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family

Living & Dec. members of Baum & Decker Families
Barham & Bosch Families
Tangora & Kovera Families
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Margaret Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Towner Family
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershberger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of David & Bernice Williams Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family
John E. Sullivan Family

Birdie & Edward Cronau
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Margaret B. Schwenk
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Bill Mooney
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.