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# Our Two Places of Worship

#### SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

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#### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

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### MASS TIMES

#### SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM - English

Sunday

8:30 AM - English 10:30 AM - English 12:30 PM - Spanish

#### **DAILY MASSES**

Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM - English

#### RECONCILIATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM Saturdays - 9:30 AM

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursdays - 7:00 PM

#### **PRIVATE PRAYER**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

#### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 6:00 PM - Spanish

Sunday

9:00 AM - English 11:00 AM - Spanish 1:30 PM - Spanish

#### **DAILY MASSES**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM - English

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - 5:15 PM

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

## A MESSAGE FROM Father Elvia



#### DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We start a new month, a month in which we are all going to experience change in nature. Autumn, in this part of the planet, does not go unnoticed. The change of color in the leaves and the decrease in temperature will demand from us a change in our habits; for example, bundle up a little more and meet inside the houses and not outside.

The changes are neither good nor bad in themselves, but they are unavoidable. Life, like nature, presents us with new situations. For some uncomfortable and for others opportunities to continue growing in personal and spiritual life.

Each new reality awakens in us questions that demand answers and that will produce a change in our lives. This is normal and is part of our personal and spiritual development and growth.

Each question contains an experiential load that needs to be addressed. Usually, by listening carefully to people's questions, we can discover in them a reality that does not satisfy, that bothers, oppresses or takes away peace and joy.

The upcoming Sunday celebrations present us with various characters with their respective questions: The Pharisee

who approaches Jesus and asks him: "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"; the man who runs and kneels before Jesus and asks him: "Good Teacher, what must I do to attain eternal life?"; James and John who approach Jesus and say: "Master, we want you to grant us what we are going to ask you"; Bartimaeus, the blind man, who, hearing that it was Jesus, began to cry out saying: "Son of David, have mercy on me!"; and finally, the scribe who approached Jesus and asked him: "What is the first of all the commandments?"

It seems that this month will be marked by many questions. Motivated by these characters, who sincerely seeking the truth approached Jesus, let us also draw near to the Lord and present our concerns to him. Some, perhaps, will be the same that we find in the Gospels and other questions that have to do with the present and with the reality that we are having to live at home, at work, or in our community.

May Jesus, our teacher and pastor, help us find light and truth in his answers so that we can experience his goodness and his company on our way through this world.

Fr. Elvio

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams:

POPE JOHN XXIII

# LITURGY & Prayer



### **SUNDAY READINGS**

### 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 10, 2021

#### **First Reading:**

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to

I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)

#### Psalm:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)

#### **Second Reading:**

No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him

to whom we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)

#### Gospel:

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Mk 10:21)

## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 17, 2021

#### **First Reading:**

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life. (Is 53:10)

#### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

#### **Second Reading:**

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace

to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

Gospel:

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served

but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mk 10:45)

### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 24, 2021

#### **First Reading:**

I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst. (Jer 31:8)

#### Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

#### **Second Reading:**

No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. (Heb 5:4)

#### Gospel:

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." (Mk 10:46-52)

### 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 31, 2021

#### **First Reading:**

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,

with all your heart,

and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

#### Psalm·

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

#### **Second Reading:**

But Jesus, because he remains forever,

has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him. (Heb 7:24-25)

#### Gospel:

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding,

he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God." (Mk 12:34)

### 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 7, 2021

#### **First Reading:**

She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well;

the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry,

as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kgs 17:15-16)

#### Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) or: Alleluia

#### **Second Reading:**

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages

to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26) Gospel:

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more

than all the other contributors to the treasury.

For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth,

but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had,

her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

## LITURGY & Prayer



#### LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

After having heard God's word proclaimed and then broken open in the homily, the faithful stand to make a profession of faith, and then raise our needs to God. "Lord, hear our pray," is a common response prayed after each petition is spoken; it maybe even shapes your personal prayer. I know I have used it in moments of crisis and need as a short prayer to ask God to be a part of the situation. As baptized members of the assembly, we collectively implore God hear us as we pray during the Universal Prayer, Prayers of the Faithful, or General Intercessions as they are called. This prayer concludes the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and lead us to the Eucharistic table.

The intercessions are among the oldest parts of the Eucharist. In his First Apology, St. Justin, Martyr (2nd cent.) bears witness to communal prayer after the homily on Sundays. Eventually these prayers were absorbed into the Kyrie and all but disappeared, except on Good Friday, until the Second Vatican Council restored them (see the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 53). After hearing the Word of God and being challenged by it, we are invited to open our hearts and minds to the needs of the whole world. Exercising our baptismal priesthood, we raise our voices in petition to our loving God through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit for the "salvation of the whole

world" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 69). It is important to note that the baptized have a priestly duty and responsibility to pray the General Intercessions as members of the liturgical assembly.

General Intercessions can be tricky. These prayers are called general for a reason; they are the prayers of the whole Body of Christ and are inclusive of the poor and broken, the sick and the outcast, the lost, and the rich and powerful. Unfortunately, many of us have heard prayers that exclude or are politically driven; these are not general and not rooted in the gospel. The prayers should not be a mini homily or a "moral appendix" to the homily.

The GIRM (70) provides four themes for the intercessions: "a). For the needs of the Church: b). For the public authorities and the salvation of the whole world; c). For those burdened by any kind of difficulty; [and] d). For the local community." For special occasions, such as Marriages or Funerals, intentions particular to the circumstances may be incorporated (these are prescribed in the ritual book). You'll notice the Church doesn't list a prayer for the deceased in the General Intercessions. Why? Because historically, and even today, we lift up and pray for the dead in the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass.

The minister(s) charged with preparing the intercessions should take great care to reflect on the Scriptures for the celebration and be attentive to the needs of the local parish family. Being intercessions that are general means that once the prayer is spoken aloud, there is a pause were the individual, in silence, can offer their personal prayer or intention. For example, when we pray for the sick a petition might read:

**MINISTER:** That the sick and suffering be healed (brief pause for silent prayer): let us pray to the Lord.

ASSEMBLY: Lord, hear our prayer.

Notice how simple the prayer can be and it's general enough to invite everyone to offer up their intercession. It is in the pause that I can pray for my aunt suffering from cancer, my friend who is hospitalized, or a neighbor who struggles with addiction.

After all the prayers have been announced, the presider collects the prayers we offered in the silent pause and lifts them to God in the Collect prayer that concludes our intercessory praying. I invite you to listen more attentively to these prayers and allow the Holy Spirit to pray in and through you. Consider the ways you enter into praying for the needs of the Church, the world, the parish, and our local neighborhood.

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## PARISH News & Events

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

on Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes events please visit www.saintmarys.org/events

#### **NAVIGATING DIVORCE**

The Navigating Divorce ministry is offered each Sunday from 8:45-9:45 AM on Zoom. This ministry consists of confidential discussion and sharing for any woman or man experiencing the various stages of grief which accompany the overall divorce process as it moves toward Roman Catholic healing objectives. The sessions are open and honest, expecting individual involvement only when and if the participant feels the need to comment. Each one hour session is facilitated by Dr. Milt Kobus with assistance from Deacon William Pyrek. For more information please contact Dr. Milt Kobus at grazynast@ sbcglobal.net

Beginning Sunday, November 7th this ministry will begin to meet IN-PERSON from 9-10am in the Monsignor Denison Room of the Parish Office.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

In October and November, the Book Group will meet every 2 weeks to discus the latest book by Ilia Delio, OSF, titled The Hours of the Universe: Reflections on God, Science, and the Human Journey. (Orbis Books 2021) Through a series of essays the author explores our understanding of God in light of a world in evolution, and our relation to God in such a world of new information and change.

October meetings will be held on Wednesdays October 13th and 27th. All meetings will be at 7pm in the Hagerty Center. The group will cover essays 1 through 8 at the meeting on October 13th.

Watch the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Weekly E-Newsletter for any updates.

All are welcome.

### JOIN US IN PRAYER IN THE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

We invite you to come to the Adoration Chapel which is known as the "Grotto" in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. It is located in the southwest corner of the Church, and the entrance is through the alley on the west side of the Church. This Grotto was designed to resemble the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in France and provide a peaceful space for prayer and reflection. The Grotto will be open to the public for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 AM-8PM. For more information, please contact the parish office at (773) 280-7700.

#### CELEBRATE ALL SOULS DAY "DIA DE LOS MUERTOS"

Join us on Tuesday, November 2nd for All Souls Day with a celebration of Mass at 6:30pm in English and 8:00pm in Spanish at Saint Mary of the Lake, and 6:30pm in Spanish at Our Lady of Lourdes.



### PHOTOS OF THE DECEASED

Throughout the month of November, there will an "ofrenda" or "altar of the dead" displayed in both Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes churches. All families are invited to bring photos of their loved ones to place on the altar of the dead.

#### REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

Beginning the weekend of October 30th, after all Masses "remembrance candles" will be available. A donation of \$5 is asked per candle. Parishioners are invited to purchase a candle in memory of a deceased relative or friend. You can place the candle on the altar of the dead at either one of the churches, or take it home with you for your personal altar.

#### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

#### STUDY AND SHARE

**Tuesday, October 5th and 19th** 

All are welcome to meet at 7pm in the St. Gabriel Chapel in the Hagerty Center at Saint Mary's and via Zoom.

Please contact Katie Arnold at karnold1419@gmail.com

## YOUNG ADULT MASS ON THE BEACH

**Sunday, October 17th** 

Join at 3pm on Sunday, October 17th for a Mass at Montrose Beach with Fr. Don! Afterwards a picnic will be had by the lake. Please bring your own picnic food, drinks, as well as chairs or blankets to sit on.

### FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS AND JESUS

October 22nd

All will gather in the church at Saint Mary's for 45 minutes of adoration starting at 6pm. Aftwerwards a social will be held with bonfire and s'mores.

# LET US PRAY Tagether

#### **MASS INTENTION REQUEST**

To request a Mass Intention in memory of a deceased loved one, for someone who is sick or for general prayers please call the parish office or visit www.saintmarys.org/mass-intention. Please note these requests will be mentioned in the Mass time you request and published in our monthly bulletin

The suggested donation is \$15 per intention

#### **SICK LIST**

If you would like to add a family member or friend to our general Prayer List for the Sick, please contact the parish office and provide the name. These names will be published in our monthly bulletin and weekly newsletters so that our community can pray for them.

There is no donation requested for these requests.

#### **Celebrations**

Lousa Barrita – Birthday Manuel Canedo – Birthday Emma Ramirez – Presentation Anniversary Grupo Letras Libres

#### Other

Rosie DeLoria Lopez Mantano Family

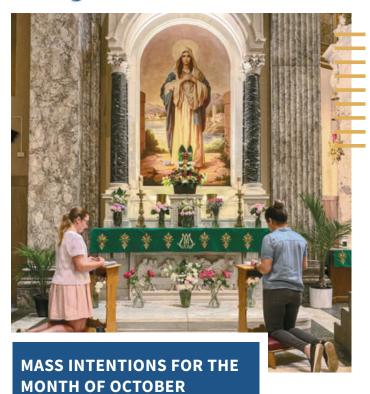
#### Weddings

Bryan Keehl & Megan Sullivan - October 2 Robert Gonzalez & Jacqueline Fernandez - October 9

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Michael Snyder, Osmar and Marcela Rodriguez, Héctor De León, Christine Finnerly, Griffin Marks, Rod Reyes, Maria Estela Alvarez, Drew Dunker, Austreberta Escobar, Adolfo Ruiz Baca, Melissa Velazquez, Molly Morris, Camila Hawel and our parishioners who are ill or in nursing homes.





The following are prayer requests we have received from the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes community. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### **Deceased**

- +Marie Bellington
- +Marjorie Carmody
- +Luz Castros
- +Esther Correa
- +Jesus Correa
- +Alex Delaria
- +Jan Dorociak
- +Philip A. Faro
- +Miriam Fernandez
- +Moises Fernando Diaz
- +Evangelina Flores
- +Albert Hawel
- +Roger & Helen Kennedy
- +Terry Kennedy
- +Enrique & Enriqueta Luna
- +Enrique & Enri +Luna Family
- +Jesus Martinez
- +Maria Martinez
- +Babsie Martin
- +Margaret McDade
- +Tom Wallick

- +Donna McMahon
- +Jose P. Mendoza
- +Cuverto Moctezuma
- +Guadalupe Perez
- +Natalia Perez
- +Jose Pilar Casas
- +Anna Plass
- +George Plass
- +Madeline Roche
- +Anacleto y Angel Sandoval
- +Jean Salamanski
- +Elizabeth Schardt
- +John Selep
- +Ana Sosa
- +Armando Suyosa
- +Catherine Sullivan
- +Pilar Trayvilla
- +Jorge Trujillo
- +Maria Herminia Velasco

#### Health

Luis Armenteros

Rudolph E. Escobar

Marcella Zuniga

#### SAINT MARY'S AT LAKEVIEW PANTRY

#### Sundays 1:00-3:00pm

Lakeview Pantry3945 N. Sheridan Rd. www.saintmarys.org/popuppantry

All who are in need can receive food every Sunday from 1-3pm located at Lakeview Pantry 3945 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60613. Each household can receive one box of fresh produce and one box of non-perishable dry goods.

### UPDATE OF SAINT MARY'S AT LAKEVIEW PANTRY

Happy Anniversary! Since we started our mission about one year ago, October 4th, 2020 through October 3rd, 2021, Saint Mary's at Lakeview Pantry has served 1,146 households which translates to 3,636 people. We have provided a box of fresh produce and a box of non-perishable dry goods to those who came on Sundays from 1-3pm with no personal questions asked. This ministry has been a wonderful way to offer relief to people from our parish and surrounding neighborhoods as we continue to build community among the volunteers rooted in a mission to live out our call to justice and service in action.

We are currently in dialogue with the leaders at Lakeview Pantry to transition from Lakeview Pantry on Sundays to offer a new option for people in need of food by using Lakeview Pantry's Online Market, still no personal questions asked. This evolving ministry will enable people to pre-order items like dairy, meats, and frozen foods in addition to produce and non-perishable dry goods. We hope that this will be a more tailored approach to individualize household needs. Individuals will need to order online at least two days prior to the distribution time. We are still working out the details of this developing mission and hope to begin soon, once arrangements are made with Lakeview Pantry. To this end, we will be transitioning away from St. Mary's at Lakeview Pantry after Sunday, October 24th, as we prepare to distribute food hopefully on Saturdays between 11:00-12:00pm from Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza.

More information will follow as the details are worked out. In the meantime, if you are interested in this ministry, we welcome you! We will need volunteers from the parish and neighborhood to not only get the word out about this new ministry, but also help pre-order food on the Online Market, receive food, and distribute the food. We will also graciously welcome any of your prayers and support.

We are discerning on calling our new ministry at Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes with a new name "Food for All: Come to the Table" as this will exemplify what we can offer now as well as in the future.

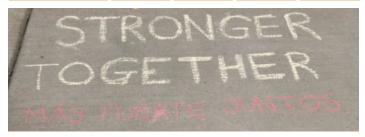
If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Storto at smstorto@gmail.com or Dave Prajka at davidprajka@gmail.com

#### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES SOUP KITCHEN**

Wednesdays - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

4641 N. Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60640 For more information please call 773-280-7700

	SEPT 8,	SEPT 15,	SEPT 22,	SEPT 29,
	2021	2021	2021	2021
Meals Served	41	46	62	48



#### LAUNDRY MINISTRY

#### Wednesdays 3:30-7:00pm

Locations: Center on Halsted or Our Lady of Lourdes Soup Kitchen To volunteer:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444aba723a4f49-laundry2



#### PANTRY NUMBERS - SEPTEMBER 2021

	SEPT 5, 2021	SEPT 12, 2021	SEPT 19, 2021	SEPT 26, 2021
Volunteers	No Distribution	5	5	5
Zip Codes Serviced		7	5	9
Households		18	11	15
Individuals		38	29	38



### **MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT** WITH JENNI DRESSLER **PARISH COUNSELOR**

#### WHAT IS GOOD MENTAL HEALTH?

I am so grateful for the warm welcome I received from the parish last month. I look forward to regularly connecting with you in this column as I share some thoughts on mental health. This month we ask the question, what is good mental health?

It is an interesting question but surprisingly one that we rarely consider. Instead, we spend our lives learning all kinds of other things: as children, we learn to walk and talk. We enter school and learn history, math, languages, and science. Through the Church we learn about our faith and our relationship with God. We go to work and learn our jobs. We go out into the world and learn how to get along with others. These are all very important things, but does it ever feel like something is missing? Perhaps it feels as if there is a little part inside that has been ignored and needs tending?

It could be that that little part is your own mental wellbeing, and it would like your attention. There are many ways to look after our mental wellbeing. We all know we should eat a healthy diet, exercise, and get enough sleep. As members of this congregation, we share in the transformational practices of prayer and worship. But what else can we do? I offer you three tips:

- 1. Be aware. Listen to the messages that you are getting from your heart or gut. Stay present with your emotions as they arise instead of ignoring them. Learn about yourself through quiet activities, such as prayer or meditation. So much wisdom is available to us if we take the time to pay attention to what is going on within ourselves.
- 2. Breathe. When things get stressful, it can be extremely helpful to engage in deep breathing from the diaphragm for 1-2 minutes. Breathing from the diaphragm helps relax and calm us. When we are stressed, we tend

to breathe from the chest. It is difficult to make good decisions and care for ourselves and others when we are stressed.

3. Connect with others. There are so many ways to do this: grab a cup of coffee with a friend. Join a volunteer or hobby group. Call someone! Isolation has a significant negative effect on our mental wellbeing.

Good mental health is the ability to meet life from a state of joy and peace. It is the ability to move past fear and address life's challenges with compassion and curiosity. It is an ongoing process of being present to ourselves and others, and the ability to be gentle with ourselves and tend to our own needs. It is a lifelong undertaking of learning about ourselves and others. Good mental health is the ability to love our neighbors as ourselves.

However, despite our best efforts and intentions, we sometimes get stuck. Life can be difficult, and it can be helpful to have some professional support along the journey. Counseling is not just for life-changing events, like a divorce or a death in the family. Counseling can also be helpful to cope with ongoing stresses, such as dealing with the pandemic or all the negative messages we receive every day through the news and social media. If your relationships, sleep, health, or work life are suffering for any reason (or even if you're not sure of the reason), please reach out. You do not have to do the difficult things alone. Let's work together to help you get to a place where you enjoy life and feel comfortable in the world.

> If you need to talk, please reach out today.

Jenni Dressler Parish Counselor Phone/Text: 872-228-1490 JDressler.Claret@gmail.com



#### **GRIEF THERAPY GROUP**

**Weekly on Wednesday Evenings** October 27 - December 15, 2021 7:00 - 8:30 pm St. Gabriel Chapel (Parish Office)

Are you trying to cope with the loss of a loved one? Consider joining the Saint Mary of the Lake Grief Therapy Group.

Grief is a normal human response to death. The Saint Mary of the Lake Grief Therapy Group will help you better understand the grieving process. Within the safe space of the group, you will begin to heal by sharing your unique experiences.

The group will be led by Jenni Dressler, Parish Counselor. It will meet for eight weeks (we will not meet the week of Thanksgiving). Each meeting will examine a different aspect of grief and healing. Discussions in the series will be in English and will help you begin to make meaning of your loss and adjust to life without your loved one. The group will require a minimum of three people. It is limited to a maximum of twelve people, all of whom must be 18 years or older.

For more information about this group and to inquire about joining, please contact Jenni at 872-228-1490.

## FAITH Formation



#### CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the 2021-2022 year is now closed. The dates below are for all registered families of the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education Program.

October 16 - Session 3 / RCIA / Teen FC (10-11:30am)

October 23 - Session 4 / Parent Session (10-11:30am)

October 30 - Session 5 (10-11:30am)

October 30 - Family Hour Hour/Adoration (11:30am-12:30pm)

October 31 - Family Mass @ Saint Mary of the Lake (10:30am English or 12:30pm Spanish)

November 6 - Session 6 (10-11:30am)

November 6 - Holy Fire Event (9am-1pm)

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Marc Vega or Sr. Claudia at 773-280-7700 x402 or mvega@saintmarys.org

### WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED CHILDREN

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, who were baptized during the month of September. Please pray for them and their families.

Aaliya Avila Leonardo Cardona Janica Cerda Perez Nataly Chavez Matthew Ayden Flores Jorge Cesar Hernandez Adeline Renezmee Medina Sanchez Jose Adair Molena Munoz Sebastian Monroy Zaraya Amari Ochoa Leon Sebastian Speer Theo Niccolo Tattini

### DO YOU FEEL A DESIRE TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA (Rite of Chrisitian Initiation of Adults) program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

#### This class is offered for adults in three situations:

- 1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
- 2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
- 3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is considered one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year!

The class meets every Wednesday evening (7pm-8:30pm) with our R.C.I.A. parish team led by Fr. Don Woznicki. Our program began September 15, but newcomers are welcome through the end of October.

The first two months is an inquiry period, called The Precatechumenate, which introduces the class to what Catholics believe.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact Fr. Don Woznicki at dwoznicki@ saintmarys.org for more information and to register, or call the parish office at 773-280-7700.



#### PARISH E-NEWSLETTER

Do you receive our weekly e-newsletter? If not, please visit www.saintmarys.org/bulletins or call our office to be added to the mailing list.

## PARISH Stewardship



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2021	SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2021	SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2021	SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2021
4:30 p.m.	\$812.00	\$815.00	\$1,105.00	\$502.00
8:30 a.m.	\$857.00	\$1,920.00	\$1,601.00	\$587.00
10:30 a.m.	\$886.00	\$633.00	\$1,651.00	\$1,973.00
12:00 p.m.	\$776.00	\$988.00	\$744.00	\$504.00
Online Giving	\$2,555.00	\$2,505.00	\$1,082.00	\$1,290.00
SML - TOTAL	\$5,886.00	\$6,861.00	\$6,183.00	\$4,856.00
6:00 p.m.	\$299.84	\$249.75	\$428.50	\$502.67
9:00 a.m.	\$797.00	\$1,037.00	\$786.74	\$991.75
11:00 a.m.	\$1,173.75	\$984.99	\$1,227.00	\$1,317.16
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