

C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter

Prayer to Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of America

Oh Immaculate Mother, Queen of our country, open our hearts, our homes, and our land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God’s light shining in and about you. Be our leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.

We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.

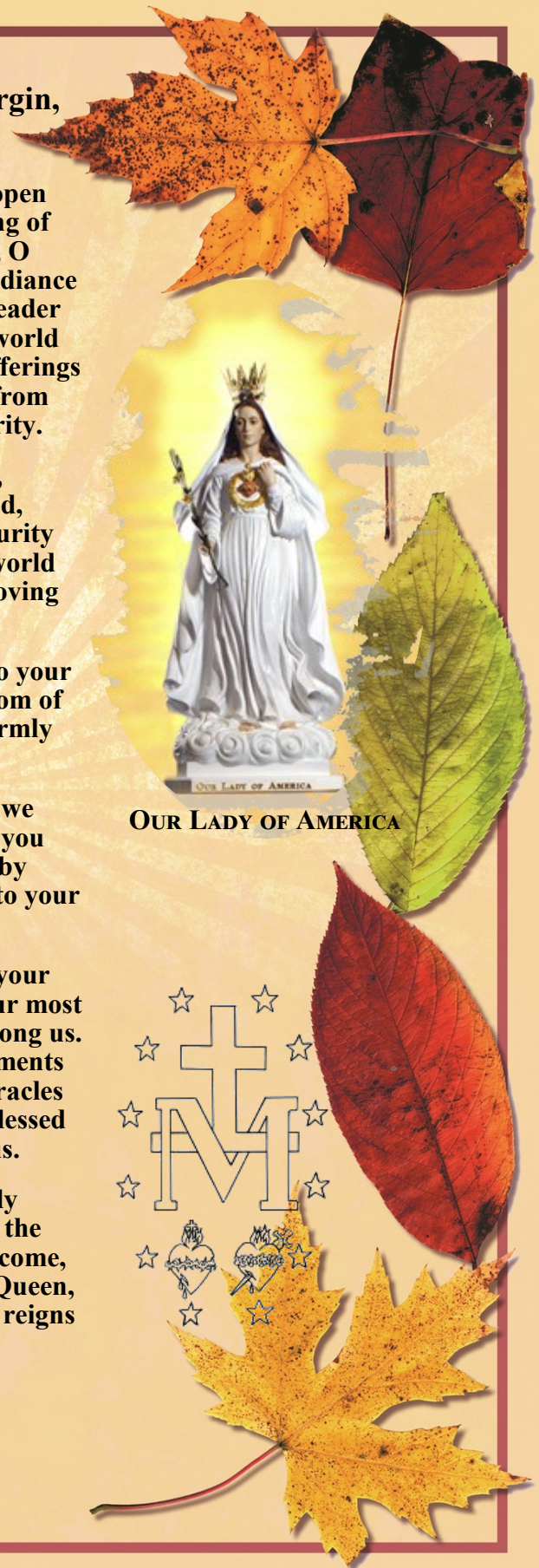
We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our land to your most pure Heart, O great Queen, that the Kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.

We ask no special sign of you, sweet Mother, for we believe in your great love for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.

Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son, Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments of peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us.

May your valiant spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy angels and saints, assist you and us in “renewing the face of the Earth.” Then when our work is over, come, holy Immaculate Mother, and as our victorious Queen, lead us to the Eternal Kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King. Amen

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OUR LADY OF AMERICA

Adoration At Church of Our Lady

October 4TH - First Friday

From 10:15^{AM} to Noon
with **Benediction**

All other Fridays

From 10:15 to 11:00^{AM}
with **Benediction**



Rosary Coast to Coast
Sunday, October 6; 4^{PM} Eastern Time - see
page 5 for details!

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

TIME: 12:00 NOON

**PLACE: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS
MEDAL - IN THE CHURCH.**

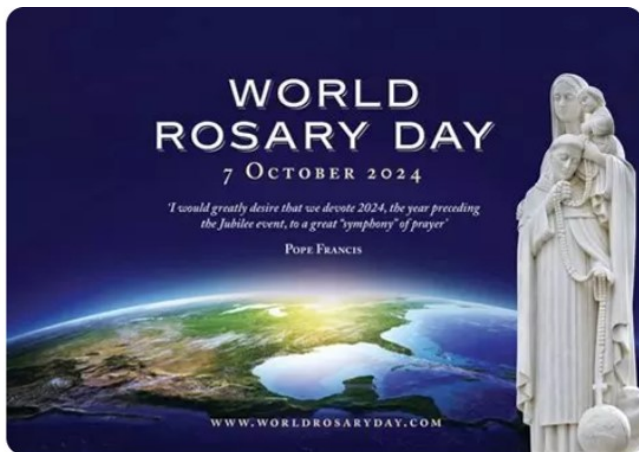
PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER. GOD THE
FATHER WANTS TO HEAR OUR
PRAYERS FOR MERCY AND GUIDANCE.



Help Us Defend Life

October 4th – Ohio's March for Life

<https://ohiolife.org/ohio-pro-life-events/>



World Rosary Day 2024 — Rosary Center & Confraternity

OCTOBER FEASTDAYS

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

October 1 - St. Therese of Liseux, *Virgin, Doctor of the Church*

October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

October 4 - **First Friday** & St. Francis of Assisi

October 5 - **First Saturday** & St. Faustina Kowalska &
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, *Priest*

October 6 - St. Bruno, *Priest* & Blessed Marie-Rose
Durocher, *Virgin*

October 7 - Feast of Our Lady of The Holy Rosary

October 9 - St. Denis, *Bishop, Martyr and Companions* & St.
John Leonardi, *priest*

October 11 - St. John XXIII, *Pope*

October 13 - Our Lady of Fatima - 6th Apparition - The
Miracle of the Sun (107th Anniversary)

October 14 - St. Callistus I, *Pope, Martyr* -~~COLUMBUS DAY~~
October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, *Virgin, Doctor of the
Church* (Teresa of Avila)

October 16 - St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque & St. Gerard Majella - *patron of expectant mothers*

October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, *Bishop & Martyr*

October 18 - St. Luke, *EVANGELIST*

October 19 - St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues,
Priests and Companions Martyrs

October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, *Priest*

October 22 - St. John Paul II, *Pope* & St. Salome, *mother
of Apostles James and John*

October 23 - St. John of Capistrano, *Priest*

October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret, *Bishop*

October 25 - St Hilary

October 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude, *Apostles*

DIVINE MERCY FOR EVERY DAY!

I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first – by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. (Diary 742)

Friday, November 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY!

Holy Day of Obligation

(Masses 9:30^{am} & 7:00^{pm}) & First Friday

Saturday, November 2 - ALL SOULS DAY!

(Mass at 9:30^{am}) & First Saturday

Note: the traditional Memorial Mass for the deceased of our parish will be on Monday, November 4th at 7:00^{PM}.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Beginning October 3, 2024, the weekly choir practice will move to Thursday evenings. Practice will be from 7^{pm} to 8:30^{pm}. Consider if this might be the year you join the choir; we are always hoping for new participants to join our singing at both Masses.

Contact Anne-Grossman Peters at coolmusicdirector@gmail.com to discuss.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC FAITH ALL ABOUT?

“COME AND SEE”

We are well into our new OCIA [Order of Christian Initiation for Adults] program for this fall.

Our “Come and See” sessions are allowing us to share and discuss aspects of the Catholic Faith that can be confusing to non-Catholics. By focusing on Old Testament and New Testament connections we hope to not only answer questions but also provide additional materials covering Church history and other aspects of our Catholic tradition.

The sessions are at 5:30^{pm} on Saturday evenings. We have two topics remaining: Prayer on October 5th and The Soul on October 12th.

Sign-up sheets are available in both lobbies. There is no cost for attending these sessions. These are stand alone sessions, you are not required to have attended any of the previous ones.

I am also looking for persons who would be interested in acting as support for our OCIA programs and to be sponsors for our catechumens/candidates when we get to this point. Email me at cool.sturm@gmail.com

Spanish, French and English speakers, please consider volunteering. It is such wonderful work! Thank you so much for your consideration, and may God bless you!

Elaine Sturm, Catechist

PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Classes began, Sunday, September 22nd. Welcome to our program! We have added new classrooms to accommodate our growing number of students.

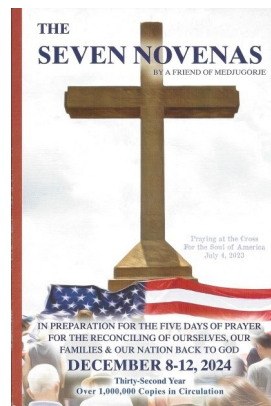
I want to welcome all our new participants and their families to Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

I want to thank all the volunteers who have come forward to support the religious education program and to care for the spiritual lives of our children.

I want to thank all our parents who have recognized the importance of religious education for their children.

I look forward to an exciting year of deepening knowledge and spiritual growth as we proclaim through our PSR program the Eucharistic Revival.

Thank you! Carolyn Mack



THE SEVEN NOVENAS 2024

THE SEVEN NOVENAS FOR RECONCILING OF OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES & OUR NATION BACK TO GOD, continue in October.

Here is the outline for the remaining

intentions:

5th Novena, October 25 - November 2, is for our Nation

6th, Nov 5-December 3, is for Love

7th, December 4-12, is for Spiritual Healing

If you have missed the first three months, it is not too late to join! The prayers are short to make it as easy as possible to participate.

FREE books are available on the tables in both lobbies



MARCH FOR LIFE

<https://marchforlife.org/ohio/>

October 4th - Ohio's March for Life

Join fellow Ohioans at the largest protest at the Ohio Statehouse on Friday, October 4—all in witness to the dignity of the unborn!

10:00 a.m. – Pre Rally Concert

11:00 a.m. – Rally

12:00 p.m. – March for Life

The Rally features several national and state speakers, followed by the March at noon, by those in attendance, through the downtown streets of Columbus. Yearly attendance is approximately 3,000.

The rally and march are organized by Center for Christian Virtue (CCV). For further information, visit www.ccv.org.

Preceding the rally and march is a Mass for Life at 9 am at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Submitted by Tom Crosby

Our Lady of America

Sister Mary Ephrem writes to her spiritual director Fr. Leibold concerning the composition of this prayer... "I was getting some things ready for the following morning. In the midst of it I was seized with an indescribable impulse. Thoughts of the Trinity and being conformed to the likeness of Christ filled my mind and my heart... My whole longing was to live a life of complete adoration, in union with Christ.



I was suffering a great deal for I was inconsolable at the thought of my own ingratitude and of the crimes which sinners commit against God." It is from this situation that Sister Mary presents the "Prayer to Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of America." See the prayer on the front page!

Here is a bit of the history from this website: <https://www.ourladyofamerica.org/wordpress/>

In Rome City, Indiana, on September 25, 1956, Our Lady appeared to Sister Mary Ephrem. As early as 1938 Sister began having mystical experiences but she did not put much into them as she thought all religious experienced this. As the visits progressed there was the nature of a specific program of devotion to Mary which Sister was asked to propagate. She went to Monsignor Paul F. Leibold, he was later Archbishop of the Cincinnati, Ohio Archdiocese; he would be her spiritual director until 1972, when he suddenly died of an aneurysm. Archbishop Leibold was convinced of the authenticity of the messages and he approved Sister's writings, also placing his imprimatur on the design of the medal Mary requested.

The medal was to bear the image of Our Lady of America on the front and the symbol of the Christian family and the Blessed Trinity on the back.



On the evening of October 7, 1957, Our Lady appeared again to Sister. Our Lady's look was serious. She had a rosary in her right hand, Sister was conscious that Mary was about to give her a very grave and very important warning:

"My beloved daughter, what I am about to tell you

concerns in a particular way my children in America. Unless they do penance by mortification and self-denial and thus reform their lives, God will visit them with punishments hitherto unknown to them.

My child, there will be peace, as has been promised, but not until my children are purified and cleansed from defilement, and clothed thus with the white garment of grace, are made ready to receive this peace, so long promised and so long held back because of the sins of men.

My dear children, either you will do as I desire and reform your lives, or God Himself will need to cleanse you in the fires of untold punishment. You must be prepared to receive His great gift of peace. If you will not prepare yourselves, God will Himself be forced to do so in His justice and mercy.

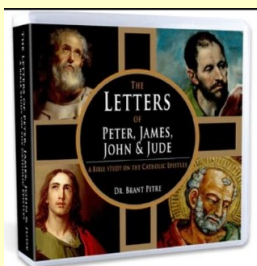
Making the Rosary a family prayer is very pleasing to me. I ask that all families strive to do so. But be careful to say it with great devotion, meditating on each mystery and striving to imitate in your daily lives the virtues depicted therein. Live the mysteries of the Rosary as I lived them, and it will become a chain binding you to me forever. They who are found in the circle of my Rosary will never be lost. I myself will lead them at death to the throne of my Son, to be eternally united to Him.

Write these words upon your hearts, my dear children, because of the compassion I have for you in my Immaculate Heart. Oh, if you knew the punishments I am holding back from you by my pleading and intercession on your behalf!

Will you do as I wish at last, my children?" (Messages)

Editors' Note: There is much more to this story. The Blessed Mother visited Sister Mary Ephrem many times. She gave warnings and she also gave answers to help America navigate the terrible cultural changes that were about to happen in the United States. Please click on the Messages link to access the historical content and learn the full story. Look for more in the November newsletter.

Adult Ed. October Update

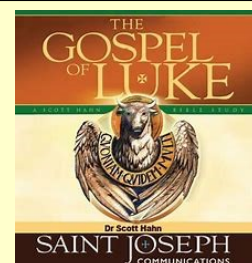


Our Sunday Bible Study's "Walk Through the Gospels." is moving on to the third in the series "The Gospel of Luke" presented by Scott Hahn, starting Sunday, October 20.

Monday evenings at 6:30 we are presenting the Gospel of Mark.

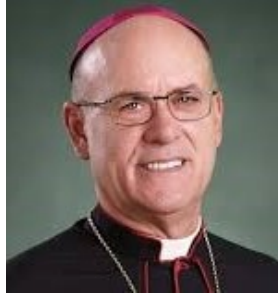
Wednesday mornings we are in our new series: The Catholic Letters (Epistles) by Dr. Brant Pitre.

Join us on ZOOM Meeting #: 226 966 6248 Passcode: 80V9a1



BISHOP'S DECREE GIVES OUR LADY, PATRONESS OF AMERICA A HOME!

His Excellency, Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne – South Bend issued a Singular Decree on November 3, 2020, which recognized the Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rome City, Indiana as a chapel of the lay faithful. And he further set forth that the Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Center is an allowed place of pilgrimage and is free to engage in public spiritual activities (Holy Mass, Rosary, Confessions, etc.) subject to the immediate vigilance of the pastor of Saint Gaspar Parish, Rome City.



Further, the decree went on to allow the devotion to Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of America to be practiced and promoted at the Mother of Mercy Center.

The devotion's path was first envisioned by the bishops having jurisdiction in their statement regarding the Devotion to Our Lady of America (May 7, 2020). In subsequent dialogue with Bishop Rhoades the content of the decree was prayerfully envisioned and discerned resulting in his issuance.

“When it was issued, we were still amid extensive renovations and repairs to the chapel. We have been operating under this decree since March 2020, when we offered the first Mass and now see it appropriate to make known its existence.”, said Al Langsenkamp, Mother of Mercy Center and foundation president.

Just recently, Bishop Rhoades responded to a request for two changes; he has approved a change in the center's name to Our Lady, Patroness of America Center; and has

approved a change in the name of the Prayer to the Immaculate Conception to Prayer to Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of America. Both are in line with his desire that the Center focus attention on her role as Patroness of America.

Al Langsenkamp added, “The bishops have given Our Lady, Patroness of America a home where she can welcome, console and bless pilgrims who seek her intercession. Further, they have pointed to her as Our Mother and Our Nation's Patroness who will intercede for us before the Holy Trinity. She is calling us to imitate the Holy Family in virtue and faith. More so, with the bishops' decrees her intercession is available to us personally and as a nation in a new and powerful way! We are most grateful to Bishop Rhoades for his discerning pastoral care and trust in our mission at the Our Lady, Patroness of America Center.”

“May the Lord continue to bless you and your work! May our Blessed Mother watch over and intercede for you and the pilgrims who come to the Center!” says Bishop Rhoades.

It is now official: devotion to Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of America is recognized by the Catholic Church as an allowed devotion of the lay faithful! Our Lady, Patroness of America now has a home and place of pilgrimage. It is the Our Lady, Patroness of America Center, Rome City Indiana. May her abundant graces flow upon us!

There is a new website for the Our Lady of America: <https://patronessofamerica.org/>



Rosary Coast to Coast – Tom Crosby

CV NEWS FEED // The Rosary Coast to Coast event, marking the conclusion of a 54-day [Novena for Our Nation](#) is set to take place on October 6, the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

According to the event's website, the [Rosary Coast to Coast](#) event will be held in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., with an invitation for people worldwide to join the rally from their own locations by organizing public or private Rosaries and registering them [here](#).

Participants in their respective time zones are encouraged to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary simultaneously at the following times: 4 p.m. Eastern, 3 p.m. Central, 2 p.m. Mountain, 1 p.m. Pacific, noon Alaska, and 10 a.m. Hawaii.

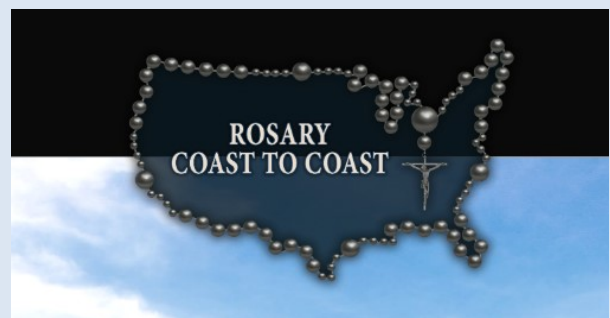
“In 2024,” the Rosary Coast to Coast website stated, “**Spiritual Battle** has intensified with the forces of evil becoming even more extreme in their positions against Life from conception to birth to natural death and the **Sanctity of Marriage and Family**.”

According to the organization, the 54-day Novena for Our

Nation drew 100,000 participants in 2023.

“It is in this environment that a [call to spiritual arms](#) is being issued again and with even greater urgency to prayer warriors across the country and the world,” the statement continued. The year 2024 is different. Mary is gathering her children together in a very special way.”

According to the website, Roman Catholic Man, Cardinal Raymond Burke endorsed the 54-day Novena for Our Nation and the Rosary Coast to Coast initiative in 2018, stating, “May God bless this Holy endeavor and may He inspire you to be fully part of it.”



The History of the Jubilee

continued from the September issue:

The jubilee of 1350

As we have seen, [Boniface VIII](#) had intended that the Jubilee should be celebrated only once in a hundred years, but some time before the middle of the fourteenth century, great instances, in which [St. Bridget of Sweden](#) and the poet [Petrarch](#) amongst others had some share, were made to [Pope Clement VI](#), then residing at Avignon [France], to anticipate this term, particularly on the ground that the average span of human life was so short as otherwise to render it impossible for many to hope to see any Jubilee in their own generation. Clement VI assented, and in 1350 accordingly, though the pope did not return to Rome himself. Gaetani Cardinal Ceccano was dispatched thither to represent His Holiness at the Jubilee. On this occasion daily visits to the church of [St. John Lateran](#) were enjoined, besides those to the basilicas of [St. Peter](#) and [St. Paul without the walls](#), while at the next Jubilee, St. Mary Major was added to the list. The visit to these four churches has remained unchanged ever since as one of the primary conditions for gaining the Roman Jubilee.

The Jubilees of 1390 and 1423

The celebration next following was held in 1390, and in virtue of an ordinance of [Urban VI](#), it was proposed to hold a Jubilee every thirty-three years as representing the period of the sojourn of Christ upon Earth and also the average span of human life.

Another Jubilee was accordingly proclaimed by Martin V in 1423, but [Nicholas V](#), in 1450, reverted to the quinquagesimal period [50 days before Easter], while [Paul II](#) decreed that the Jubilee should be celebrated every twenty-five years, and this has been the normal rule ever since.

Subsequent Jubilees

The Jubilees of 1450 and 1475 were attended by vast crowds of pilgrims, and that of 1450 was unfortunately made famous by a terrible accident in which nearly two hundred persons were trampled to death in a panic which occurred on the bridge of Sant' Angelo. But even this disaster had its good effects in the pains taken afterwards to widen the thoroughfares and to provide for the entertainment and comfort of the pilgrims by numerous charitable organizations, of which the Archconfraternity of the Holy Trinity, founded by [St. Philip Neri](#), was the most famous.

On the other hand, it is impossible to doubt the evidence of innumerable witnesses as to the great moral renovation produced by these celebrations. The testimony comes in many cases from the most unexceptionable sources, and it extends from the days of Boniface VIII to the striking account given by [Cardinal Wiseman](#) ("Last Four Popes", pp. 270, 271) of the only Jubilee held in the nineteenth century, that of 1825. The omission of the Jubilees of 1800, 1850, and 1875 was due to political disturbances, but with these exceptions the celebration has been uniformly maintained every twenty-five years from 1450 until the present time. The Jubilee of 1900, though shorn of much of its splendor

by the confinement of the Holy Father within the limits of the Vatican, was, nevertheless carried out by [Pope Leo XIII](#) with all the solemnity that was possible.

Ceremonial of the Jubilee

The most distinctive feature in the ceremonial of the Jubilee is the unwalling and the final walling up of the "holy door" in each of the four great basilicas which the pilgrims are required to visit. It was formerly supposed that this rite was instituted by [Alexander VI](#) in the Jubilee of 1500, but this is certainly a mistake. Not to speak of a supposed vision of [Clement VI](#) as early as 1350, who is said to have been supernaturally admonished to "open the door", we have several references to the "holy door" or the "golden gate" in connection with the Jubilee long before the year 1475. The earliest account seems to be that of the Spanish pilgrim, Pero Tafur, c. 1437. He connects the Jubilee indulgence with the right of sanctuary, which, he maintains, existed in pagan times for all who crossed the threshold of the *puerta tarpea* upon the site of the Lateran. He goes on to say that, at the request of Constantine, Pope Sylvester published a Bull proclaiming the same immunity from punishment for Christian sinners who took sanctuary there. The privilege, however, was grossly abused and the popes consequently ordered the door to be walled up at all seasons save certain times of special grace. Formerly the door was unwalling only once in a hundred years, this was afterwards reduced to fifty, and now it is said to be "opened at the will of the pope." However legendary all this may be, it is hardly possible that the story could have been quite recently fabricated at the time Tafur [*Pedro Tafur 1410-1484, traveler and historian and writer from Castile-Spain*] recorded it. Moreover, a number of witnesses allude to the unwalling of the holy door in connection with the Jubilee of 1450. One of these, the Florentine merchant Giovanni Rucellai, speaks of the five doors of the Lateran Basilica, one of which is always walled up except during the Jubilee Year, when it is broken down at Christmas when the Jubilee commences. The devotion which the populace has for the bricks and mortar of which it is composed is such that at the unwalling, the fragments are immediately carried off by the crowd, and the foreigners take them home as so many sacred relics. . . . Out of devotion every one who gains the indulgence passes through that door, which is walled up again as soon as the Jubilee is ended. (Archivio di Storia Patria, IV, 569-570)

All this describes a rite which has lasted unchanged to the present day, and which has nearly always supplied the principal subject depicted upon the long series of Jubilee medals issued by the various popes who have opened and closed the holy door at the beginning and end of each Jubilee year. Each of the four basilicas has its holy door. That of St. Peter's is opened on the Christmas Eve preceding the *anno santo* by the pontiff in person, and it is closed by him on the Christmas Eve following.

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Jubilee, continued

The pope knocks upon the door three times with a silver hammer, singing the versicle "Open unto me the gates of justice". The masonry, which has been loosened beforehand, is made to fall in at the third blow, and, after the threshold has been swept and washed by the Jubilee penitentiaries, the pope enters first. Each of the holy doors at the other basilicas is similarly opened by a cardinal specially deputed for the purpose. The symbolism of this ceremony is probably closely connected with the idea of the exclusion of Adam and Eve from Paradise, and the expulsion and reconciliation of penitents according to the ritual provided in the Pontifical [A liturgical book which contains the rites for the performance of episcopal functions]. But it may also have been influenced by the old idea of seeking sanctuary, as Tafur and Rucellai suggest. The sanctuary knocker of Durham Cathedral still remains to remind us of the important part which this institution played in the life of our forefathers.



The Jubilee Indulgence

This is a Plenary Indulgence which, as stated by Boniface VIII in Consistory [the assemblage of the cardinals in council around the pope], it is the intention of the Holy See to grant in the most ample manner possible. Of course, when first conceded, such an indulgence, and also the privilege annexed of choosing a confessor who had power to absolve from reserved cases, was a much rarer spiritual boon than it has since become. So preeminent was the favor then regarded that the custom arose of suspending all other indulgences during the Jubilee Year, a practice which, with certain modifications, still obtains at the present day. The precise conditions for gaining each Jubilee are determined by the Roman pontiff, and they are usually announced in a special Bull, distinct from that which it is customary to issue on the preceding Feast of the Ascension giving notice of the forthcoming celebration. **The main conditions, however, which do not usually vary, are three: Confession, Communion and visits to the four basilicas during a certain specified period.** The statement made by some, that the Jubilee Indulgence, being a *culpa et a peccan* [from

guilt and punishment], did not of old presuppose either Confession or repentance, is absolutely without foundation, and is contradicted by every official document preserved to us. Besides the Ordinary Jubilee Indulgence, to be gained only by pilgrims who pay a visit to Rome, or through special concession by certain cloistered religious confined within their monasteries, it has long been customary to extend this indulgence the following year to the faithful throughout the world. For this fresh conditions are appointed, usually including a certain number of visits to local churches and sometimes fasting or other works of charity. Further, the popes have constantly exercised their prerogative of conceding to all the faithful indulgences *ad instar jubilaei* (after the model of a jubilee) which are commonly known as "Extraordinary Jubilees". On these occasions, as at the Jubilee itself, special facilities are usually accorded for absolution from reserved cases, though on the other hand, the great indulgence is only to be gained by the performance of conditions much more onerous than those required for an Ordinary Plenary Indulgence. Such Extraordinary Jubilees are commonly granted by a newly elected pontiff at his accession or on occasions of some unwonted celebration, as was done, for example, at the convening of the Vatican Council, or again at times of great calamity.

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See the following page for (a portion) of the Bull from Pope Francis announcing the 2025 Holy Year.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MEN OF THE MEDAL

Saturday

October 12, 2024

9:00am - 11:00am

Continental Breakfast

Fellowship with like-minded men of Faith!

Do you know what this item is?

It is a Communion Paten.



As part of the Eucharistic Revival, Church of Our Lady is looking for ways to deepen our love and respect for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

You may have attended Mass at another church and seen a Mass server standing by the priest holding the paten under the chin of persons who are receiving the Holy Eucharist on the tongue. The purpose of the paten is catch any crumbs which may fall from the Host as Jesus is received.

We have acquired two patens and are working toward implementing use of the them here at Our Lady. The next step will be training for our servers.

SPES NON CONFUNDIT
BULL OF INDICTION
OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE
OF THE YEAR 2025
FRANCIS
BISHOP OF ROME
SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD
TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER
MAY HOPE FILL YOUR HEARTS

**1. *SPES NON CONFUNDIT*. “Hope does not disappoint”
(Rom 5:5).**

As Saint Augustine observes: “Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love”. [1]

The Holy Year of 2025 is itself in continuity with preceding celebrations of grace. In the last Ordinary Jubilee, we crossed the threshold of two millennia from the birth of Jesus Christ. Then, on 13 March 2015, I proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee for the sake of making known and encouraging an encounter with the “merciful face of God”, [3] the core message of the Gospel for every man and woman of every time and place. Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ. The Holy Year will also guide our steps towards yet another fundamental celebration for all Christians: 2033 will mark the two thousandth anniversary of the redemption won by the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We are about to make a pilgrimage marked by great events, in which the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope (cf. *1 Thess 1:3*).

Sustained by this great tradition, and certain that the Jubilee Year will be for the entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope, I hereby decree that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee. On the following Sunday, 29 December 2024, I will open the Holy Door of my cathedral, Saint

John Lateran, which on 9 November this year will celebrate the 1700th anniversary of its dedication. Then, on 1 January 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, 5 January 2025, will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. These last three Holy Doors will be closed on Sunday, 28 December 2025.

I further decree that on Sunday, 29 December 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year, using the ritual indications that will be provided for that occasion. For celebrations in co-cathedrals, the bishop’s place can be taken by a suitably designated delegate. A pilgrimage that sets out from a church chosen for the *collectio* and then proceeds to the cathedral can serve to symbolize the journey of hope that, illumined by the word of God, unites all the faithful. In the course of this pilgrimage, passages from the present Document can be read, along with the announcement of the Jubilee Indulgence to be gained in accordance with the prescriptions found in the ritual indications mentioned above. The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025; in the course of the year, every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God’s grace and in the signs that attest to its efficacy.

The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!

[1] *Serm.* 198 augm. 2.

[3] Cf. Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy *Misericordiae Vultus*, 1-3.

source: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html
<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

**Adoration at the Ohio Statehouse
Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

As part of the "Year of Mission" during the National Eucharistic Revival, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to spend time with Jesus and pray for our nation, state, and government leaders in the Ohio Capitol Building.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place:
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 10:00am to 2:00pm
Governor Thomas Worthington Center
(inside the Ohio Statehouse)
1 Capitol Square, Columbus, Ohio, 43215

Sign-up List

A minimum of two people need to be in the room from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please use the sign-up sheet to commit to a thirty-minute time slot. If you cannot commit to a specific time, or if all the times are filled, please come anytime between 10:00am - 2:00pm and sign in at the entryway into the room.

If you wish to sign up to help ensure at least 2 people are in the room, you can visit the Catholic Conference website at www.ohiocathconf.org/adoration.

Article adapted from information at www.ohiocathconf.org



Submitted by Tom Crosby



Walk With One



In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow Him. He also invites us to follow Him more deeply and, just like Him, to “walk with one” person to a new or renewed experience of God’s love.

“Bringing the Good News,” typically happens in one-on-one moments that are not planned or scripted. This can happen at the grocery store, the bus stop, or a sporting event.

You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith! Here is a simple four-stage process that focuses on a “heart-to-heart” approach:

1. **Identify someone in a spirit of humility**
2. **Intercede for that person in communication with the Holy Spirit (pray for them)**
3. **Connect in Eucharistic friendship**
4. **Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her**

Throughout each stage of your “Walk with One” journey, we encourage you to pray the Eucharistic Examen to help you discern the path the Lord is calling you to follow (you can find this Examen at www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one). If you can open your heart to speak about how Jesus has touched your life, your heart will touch the heart of whomever the Holy Spirit leads you to accompany.

STEP 1

Identify someone in a spirit of humility:

Prayerfully begin to discern whom God is calling you to accompany. Before you begin the process of inviting someone into a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church, spend time in prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide you in this process. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the person that He wants you to accompany. Consider going to Eucharistic Adoration or committing to a period of silent prayer in a church to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

STEP 2

Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit:

Pray for the grace to be able to accompany the person who the Lord has put on your heart.

Now that the Lord has identified a person whom you know, commit to pray for them for a specific period of time, asking God to open the opportunity for a conversation. Pray for any struggles the person might be facing with brokenness or sin and for any obstacles that might impede this person from drawing closer to Jesus and exploring the Catholic Faith more deeply.

Consider offering a holy hour or a novena of prayer for that person.

STEP 3

Connect in Eucharistic friendship:

Look for ways to accompany the person you have prayed for, to build a deeper relationship and to practice the art of empathetic listening.

Eucharistic friendship builds upon the dynamic that Jesus revealed in His relationships with the disciples and, above all, at the Last Supper - He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it. It is important to take or receive what the other person has to share, to bless or lift it up in prayer, to let the Holy Spirit help break open an area

To be a series of conversations and invitations, developing a real friendship with that person. Find an appropriate time to begin growing in your friendship, perhaps over coffee or lunch. Listen deeply for promptings from the Holy Spirit as you get to know your friend’s joys and struggles. Share with them some of your own.

Listen respectfully when the conversation turns to spiritual matters, including relationship with God and questions or concerns about the Church and reserve judgement about their opinions. Your conversations are confidential!

STEP 4

Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her:

Follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit to invite him or her to a concrete next step in fostering a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Church.

It may not be easy to invite a person to come to Mass, particularly someone who has been away from some time or someone who has no religious formation. It may be better to begin with an invitation to a parish small group experience, a service opportunity or a social event. For a lapsed Catholic in need of healing or of God’s merciful love, an invitation to accompany them to the Sacrament of Reconciliation could be appropriate.

If you discern that inviting the person to Mass is the next step, encourage them to come with you and your family or with a group of friends. It could be simply, “Our family/my friends and I always look forward to celebrating Sunday Mass. It is a source of strength and hope for us, and it reaffirms our trust in Jesus. We would love for you to come with us to Mass and to lunch after. If you need a ride let me know.”



Trick or Treat!

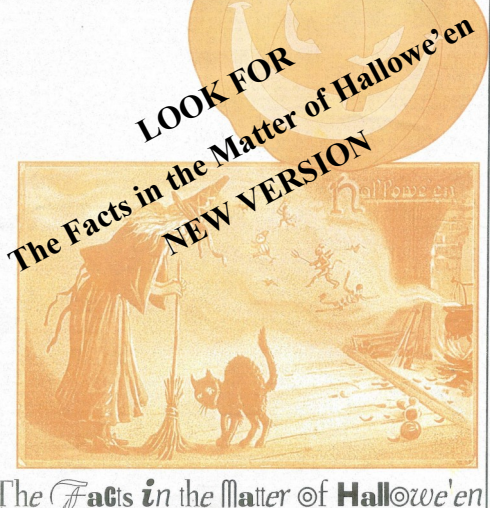
Want to know more about the history of Halloween and how it came to be adapted into our American culture?

Dcn. Steve has written a very informative overview that will help you place this day - October 31 - Halloween - in proper perspective.

Keeping our children out of harms way in today's culture can be very challenging. They need to have the opportunities to enjoy activities with their friends and they also need to understand how the world today puts a much different emphasis on some pastimes than we might want them to follow.

We hope that you and your family will have an enjoyable Halloween evening and that Dcn. Steve's article will help you celebrate with more confidence in our Catholic Faith.

There are copies of his writing on the tables in both lobbies.



The Facts in the Matter of Hallowe'en

Evangelization Project Update



C.O.O.L. Evangelization efforts continued in September with the mailing of 1,000 postcards AND 500 door-hangers to our local community.

Saturday morning September 7th, five teams went out, 2 by 2, to place door hangers in the neighborhood. Fr. Sunder took time to bless the door-hangers and the teams before we hit the neighborhood.

Since our evangelization efforts began in December we have had **over 50 NEW FAMILIES join our parish. WOW!** We know of six new families who have registered for PSR.

If you are interested, there are only 100 door hangers left, stop by the parish office and grab a handful to deliver in your area. It only takes a few minutes AND IT'S FUN!

A special thanks to those who have taken part in this effort: The

Cardamone's, Shroyer's, Paul Mitchell, Josie and Jeff Boston, Ann Carney, Chris McCollum, Rita Maille, Tom Crosby, Sandy DeJesus, David & Julie Diehl, Robert & Patricia Trufant, Cathy Tedder and Angela Ahiekor, A special thanks to Judge John Wallace, who walked with us, a parishioner at St John the Evangelist in Logan who is taking this program to his home parish.

Our goal by Easter is to have 200 NEW Families. If you haven't done so, PLEASE register your family here at Miraculous Medal. Don't forget the Adult Ed Bible Study Programs; also, OCIA's newest program to share what Catholics believe called, "Come & See" - Saturday's after the 4:00^{PM} Mass, October 5 and 12.

Get your children and grandchildren up to date on their Sacraments by enrolling in PSR.

Evangelization is Everyone's Mission

Submitted by Patrick Shroyer



Knight's News

The "FOOTBALL FUND CRAZR SWEEPSTAKES" program covers the last 10 weeks of pro football games played each NFL season.

Winners are determined by ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games.

The cost for each ticket is \$20.00 and that equates to 10 chances at only \$2.00 per week. Winners will be notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council.

- ◇ **23 chances to win per ticket for 10 weeks**
- ◇ **\$2,500.00 in weekly prizes; \$25,000 in total prizes**
- ◇ **Each ticket provides 4 random pro football teams per week**
- ◇ **Your score is the total number of points each game per week**
- ◇ **Prizes are determined by the highest/lowest 4-team total per week**
- ◇ **Weekly prizes are awarded as shown below:**

- Highest: \$400
- 2nd highest: \$250
- 3rd highest: \$225
- 4th highest: \$200
- 5th highest: \$175
- 6th highest: \$150
- 7th highest: \$125
- 8th highest: \$100
- 9th highest: \$90
- 10th highest: \$80
- 11th highest: \$70
- 12th highest: \$60
- 13th highest: \$50
- 14th highest: \$50
- 15th highest: \$50
- 16th highest: \$45
- 17th highest: \$45
- 18th highest: \$40
- 19th highest: \$30
- Lowest: \$100
- 2nd lowest: \$75
- 3rd lowest: \$50
- 4th lowest: \$40

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Check results at www.fundercrazr.com
For questions or concerns regarding the 2024 Ohio Knights of Columbus Football Crazr, please contact Gary directly at 614-670-4908 or gary@ohcol.org

All purchased tickets must be turned into the Council no later than October 27th!



HEADS UP!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
THE FIRST WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER!
November 3rd at 2:30^{AM}!

Vote 2024

Elections are just around the corner!

Here are some links to help you keep up to date with issues and candidates.

<https://catholicvote.org/>

<https://www.usccb.org/take-action>


<https://www.voterve.net/USCCB/home>

Don't forget to vote in this all-important election. It is our duty as Catholics to vote and participate as faithful citizens. Please remember to vote your Faith! Further information will be available in the church lobbies.

Deadline to register is October 7, 2024.

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