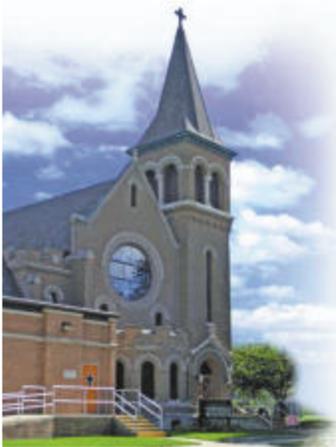


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Parish Trustees ..... Francis Jackson  
Becky Wisher  
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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am

### Baptism

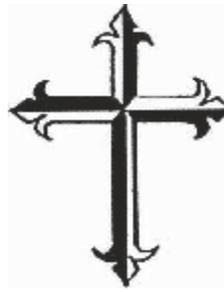
Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

### Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.



Cross of St. Benedict



Cross of St. Dominic



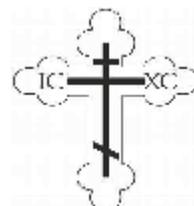
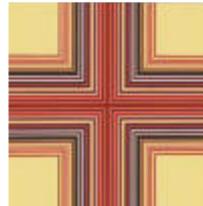
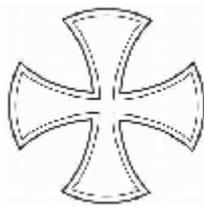
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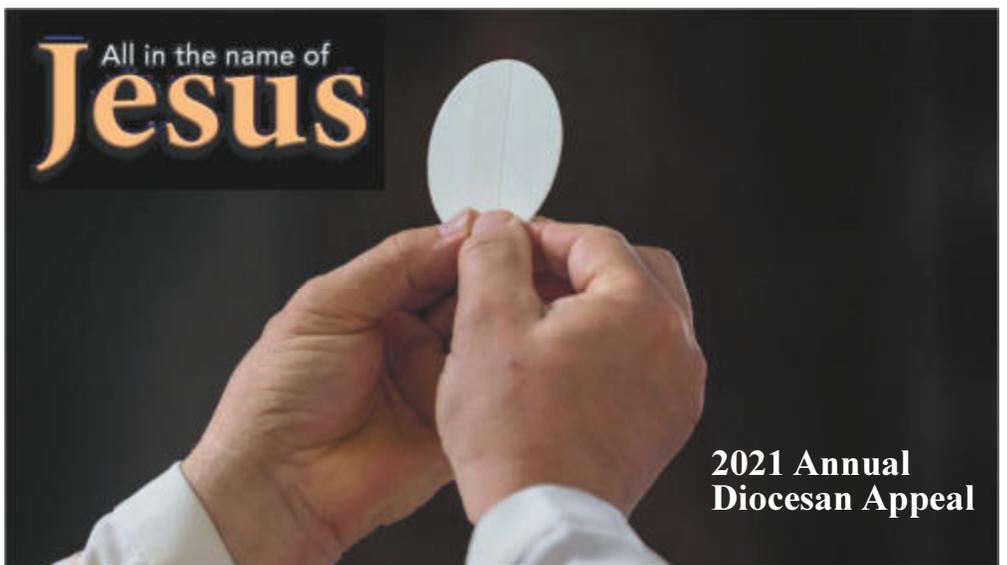
Cross of St. Brigid

*At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." — Mk 8:33-34*

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2021 Annual  
Diocesan Appeal



# Mass INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 13th**

**8:00 am + Deceased Members of the Madix Family**

*Tuesday, September 14th*

*8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Wednesday, September 15th**

**8:00 am + Lloyd Mollet**

*Thursday, September 16th*

*8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Saturday, September 18th, 25th Sunday in Ord. Time**

**4:00 pm + Doris Schlotter**

**Sunday, September 19th, 25th Sunday in Ord. Time**

**8:30 am + Wilma Buraglio**

*10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale**

Reminder ... The Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls today for their annual drive. Francis Jackson will be in back of church following both Masses. Please stop and purchase some Tootsie Rolls and support the Knights fundraising efforts.



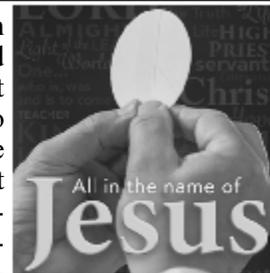
**Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes**  
Sue Thompson

**Prayers for the Sick**

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarrieff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Today, the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Peoria. It is time for us to do what we can to support not only our Diocese but the programs and ministries that benefit our parish and our Catholic community. The ADA supports the education of our future priests and deacons as well as the Office of Catholic Schools. It supports ministries that change lives for the better. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others. Please keep in mind that any funds raised above our goal will be used to fund our own parish projects (i.e. Hall Elevator, replace Hall Air Conditioner, etc).



If you wish to make a pledge or pay your contribution in full, **please make your check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.** Reminder statements will be sent monthly from December-July. Donations may also be made by signing up for automatic deduction by credit or debit card, by direct debit or online. May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by the ADA.



**CCD Registration and First Day of Classes**



**Pre-K thru 8th grade CCD registration** will be held following the 8:30 Mass on **Sunday,**

**September 19th** in the Parish Hall followed by Coffee, Juice & Donuts. Afterward, classes will meet downstairs in the basement classrooms. Students and their parents are requested to both attend this first day of classes. Parents and their child will have an opportunity to meet his or her teacher and see the new book series we will be using. Please make every effort to attend this most important first day of classes and registration.

Collection Counters this week are **Mary Lou Barnett and Pat Sartie.** Thank you for serving in this way.

**Mark Your Calendar!** The weekend of September 25th & 26th is the Clinton Annual Apple 'n Pork Festival. One of our fundraisers is to rent vendor space in our Parish Hall. We encourage you to stop by the Hall and support these vendors as they support our fundraiser.



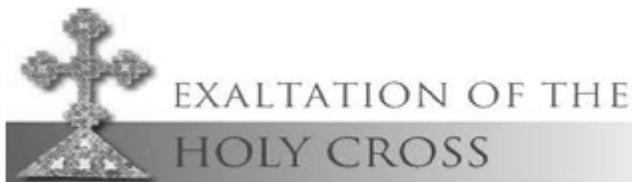
In addition to our Parish Hall, our parking lot is "rented" to vendors and visitors. This also acts as a fundraiser for the Parish. The Catholic Men's Group will operate parking on Saturday and the Sacred Heart CLAY group will operate Sunday parking. Thank you for your support of these two fundraisers.



# STEWARDSHIP

**Saturday, September 4th 4:00pm  
and  
Sunday, September 5th 8:30am**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes .....        | \$2,789.00        |
| Loose .....                   | \$424.00          |
| <b>Total Collection .....</b> | <b>\$3,213.00</b> |



Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

## Stigmata of St. Francis

Two years before the great Saint Francis of Assisi died, and when he was forty-two years old – one year after he had built the first crib in honor of Our Lord – he went off to a lonely mountain called Mount Alvernia, to prepare himself by forty days of fasting and prayer for the feast of Saint Michael, the greatest of God's angels, whose feast day is September 29. On the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, Saint Francis received in his hands, feet and side the Sacred Wounds from Our Lord's own body. Never was a saint more beautifully loved by Jesus than Saint Francis of Assisi. The wounds Jesus gave him stayed in his hands, feet and side, and continually bled for two more years, until he died in 1226. The day on which Saint Francis received the Five Wounds of Our Lord was September 14, but so that this beautiful event might have a feast day for itself, the Stigmata of Saint Francis are commemorated on September 17. The simple liturgy of this holy saint's life might be put this way: the crib in 1223, and the Cross in 1224.



## Two Questions, Two Rebukes

On the road to Jerusalem Jesus asks his disciples two questions. The first is a general question. "**Who do people say that I am?**" The disciples respond with what people were saying about him. The popular notion was that Jesus was someone like John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the great prophets. Then He asks, "**but who do you say that I am?**" Only Peter has the courage to answer.

The answers to these questions go beyond mere excitement and enthusiasm. **They touch the very makeup of the call to discipleship.** Popular opinion is one thing. That's not what Jesus was looking for. He wanted a more personal response, one that would not only come from the mind, but also from the heart -- an answer that would include total commitment to him and his ways.

Peter answered "You are the Christ," and he speaks for all of the disciples. **It is the right answer.** But their notion of a Messiah was a victorious ruler. It certainly did not include any notion of suffering. So, Jesus tells them not to tell anyone until they understand and learn what kind of Messiah he will reveal himself to be.

We can't be too hard on the disciples. Jesus did not want to become a celebrity simply known only for his miraculous powers. It was too early in the formation of his disciples to have them spread word of his messiahship. They would have gotten the message all wrong. They would have missed what Jesus meant when he invited us to "**take up your cross and follow me.**"

It is encouraging to know that, though Peter completely misunderstood who Jesus was and what his mission to the world was, Jesus didn't give up on him and the others and go looking for better candidates. The Gospel is suggesting that becoming a disciple is a process of growing in understanding. Peter's quick answer seems correct, at first, but we learn the real answer is much more complex. Peter and the disciples will have to keep quiet for a while; they have more to learn. It is also obvious from what Jesus says to them at this stage of instruction: he is not going to be a quick fix for people's problems.

Do you know who I am? Do you know me? Jesus' question is addressed to us now. And we, His followers answer readily, "You are the Christ. You are the Messiah. You are the Son of the Living God."

"Who do you say I am?" is not a question that we need only to answer once in our lives. Our responses will vary, depending upon how we experience God's presence in our lives, and upon our own level of maturity and faith. The Gospel challenges us: Who is Jesus for us now and what is the meaning of Jesus for our lives now? It is important for us to take Jesus' question seriously each day of our lives.

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