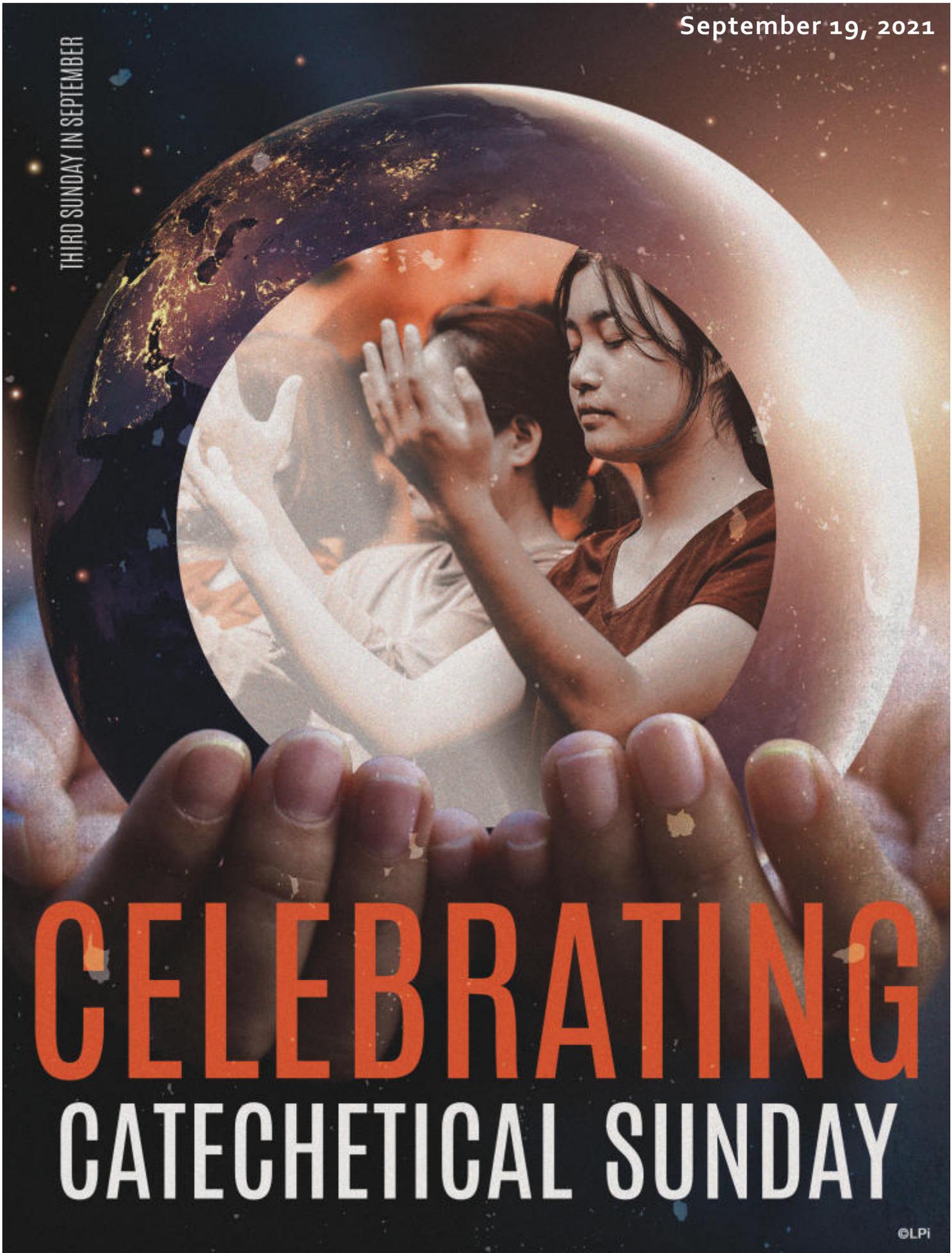


September 19, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER



# CELEBRATING CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Tues.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. Mass • Sat. 3-4 p.m. Confessions & 4:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

### September 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Virginia & Marvin Modl†  
Greg & Jeanette Schuellert  
10:30 a.m. Marguerite Baker Figeroid†

### September 20, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions

### September 21, St. Matthew

7:30 a.m. Parents  
Single people

### September 22

7:30 a.m. Aunt Shirly† & Charlotte

### September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:30 a.m. Victims of Hurricane Ida  
8:30 a.m. Scott Wild† & Sarah Wild

*(Students only)*

### September 24

7:30 a.m. Bill Lynch (birthday)†

### September 25

4:30 p.m. Mary Lee Marshall  
Margene Mistelsket

## WORK IN EXTENDED DAY

We are looking for high school workers for our Extended Day program! Extended Day provides after school care to students in grades K-5. Workers will supervise age-appropriate activities and maintain a safe environment. Shifts are 3–5:30 p.m. on school days. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. Email Jan at [extendeddays@holy-spirit.org](mailto:extendeddays@holy-spirit.org) if interested.

## NOW HIRING:

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are seeking candidates for the Parish Administrator position. The position description and application directions can be found at [archspm.org/careers](http://archspm.org/careers). Applications will be accepted through Sept. 30. Questions can be directed to [jobs@holy-spirit.org](mailto:jobs@holy-spirit.org).

Thank you to the selection committee working with Fr. Dan:

- Jennifer Barrett, chair
- Ryan Burke
- Kay Craighead
- Vincent Chevrier
- John Barrett, trustee

## ADORATION RETURNS

*“Come to me, all you who are weary,  
and I will give you rest.”*



Beginning Sunday, Sept. 26, Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 11:45 a.m.–4 p.m. on Sundays. The Eucharist will be exposed in the east side chapel (Cretin-Derham side).

Please note that baptisms will occasionally take place in the west chapel following 10:30 Mass. Thank you for your patience!

Joe McLeod has offered to coordinate a schedule to ensure attendance throughout adoration. If you are interested in scheduling a consistent adoration hour, please contact Joe at [mcleod.joe@dorsey.com](mailto:mcleod.joe@dorsey.com) or (612) 492-5237. You do not need a scheduled time to spend time with the Lord. At this time, adoration will **not** be offered on Wednesdays after morning Mass.

## "THE CHURCH SHOULD..."

Do you have ideas for the Church? We want to hear them! Join Synod small groups at Holy Spirit! Groups will reflect on three areas: 1) forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization; 2) forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call; and 3) forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young. Small groups will meet at the following times at Holy Spirit:



### Thursdays - 7 p.m.

- Sept. 30
- Oct. 7
- Oct. 14
- Oct. 28
- Nov. 4
- Nov. 11

### Saturdays - 10 a.m.

- Oct. 2
- Oct. 9
- Oct. 16
- Oct. 30
- Nov. 6
- Nov. 13

Visit [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod) for more information. If you have questions about Holy Spirit's program, email Christopher Menzhuber at [menzhuberc@holy-spirit.org](mailto:menzhuberc@holy-spirit.org). Sign up at [holy-spirit.org/archdiocesan-synod](http://holy-spirit.org/archdiocesan-synod).



## Celebrating Our School

Holy Spirit Catholic School's Marathon Day is just a few short weeks away! Help our students reach their fundraising goal by Marathon Day on Friday, Oct. 1.

Our school's 2021 goal is \$42,000. Families with one child at Holy Spirit are encouraged to raise \$150. Families with multiple children are encouraged to raise \$250. Donations can be made at

[bit.ly/hsmarathon-2021](https://bit.ly/hsmarathon-2021)

## A Fall Tradition

One of our favorite traditions is participating in the Marathon for Non-Public Education. Marathon provides students, families, and community members the opportunity to demonstrate their support for and commitment to Holy Spirit Catholic School. Since 1974, Marathon events have been used to raise donations for various school programs.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



## THE VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE LINE

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Padre Pio Relics Display**  
Sept. 25-26

**Saint John the Evangelist, Little Canada**

Come and experience the first-class relics of Saint Padre Pio! Join us for this display anytime noon–8 p.m. on Saturday, then come and hear all about this great saint and his stigmata at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, where there will be free food and childcare for kids ages 0-5, and a service project for vets for older kids. Learn more at [sjolc.org/discipleship-sunday](http://sjolc.org/discipleship-sunday).

**Mass of Solidarity and World Day of Migrants and Refugees**  
Sept. 26, 3 p.m.

**Cathedral of Saint Paul**

This year the Mass of Solidarity will be held on Immigration Sunday Minnesota and the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme is, Toward an Ever Wider "We." Visit [MNCatholic.org/ImmigrationSunday](http://MNCatholic.org/ImmigrationSunday) to learn more.

**Night of Light**  
Oct. 8, 6-9 p.m.

**InterContinental Hotel, St. Paul**

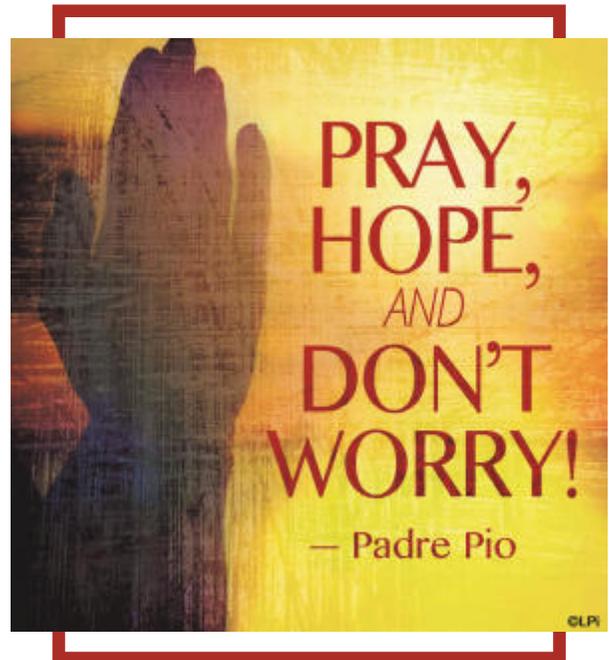
The Night of Light is the metro area's premier fundraising event providing K-8 children a chance to reach their full potential through the life-changing benefits of a Catholic education. The gala will help support the Aim Higher Foundation's tuition-assistance, scholarships. Visit [nightoflight.info](http://nightoflight.info) for more info.

## DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

Men (ages 25–59) are welcome to attend the Deacon Discernment Day on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 8:15 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Saint Paul Seminary. The day will cover the following questions:

- What is a deacon?
- How are Holy Orders integrated with marriage and family?
- How does one discern and respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders?
- What is the application, discernment, and formation process?

Email Michael Lane at [michael.lane2560@gmail.com](mailto:michael.lane2560@gmail.com) with questions.



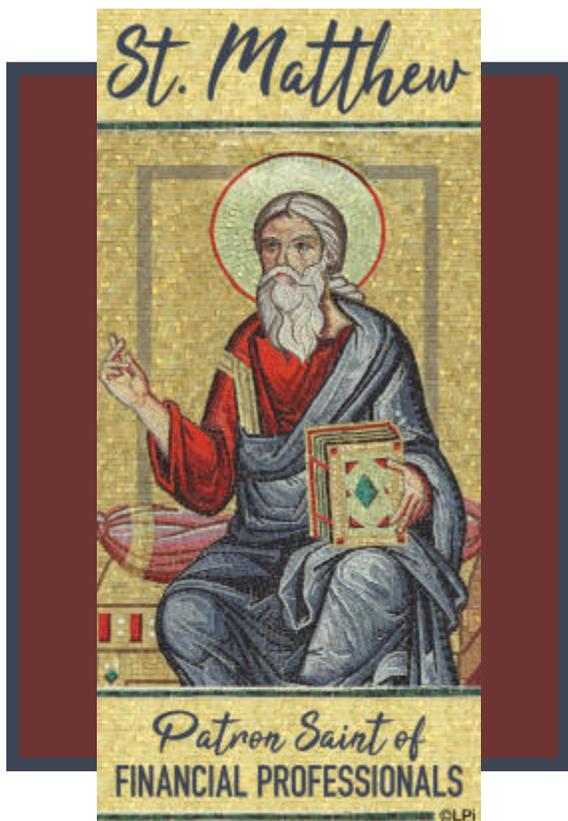
## COMMUNION FASTING

**Question:** Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

**Answer:** The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.



## Living the Faith

### Forming Faith as a Family

Register now for Family Formation! Through engaging, down-to-earth, and easy to understand lessons and activities, Family Formation brings parishes and families together to grow their faith with excitement. The first session is on Saturday, Oct. 9. Register today at [holy-spirit.org/ktfb](http://holy-spirit.org/ktfb).

### RCIA

Do you know someone who is interested in taking the next step to become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed to help anyone discover the riches of the faith. If interested, contact Christopher at [menzhuberc@holy-spirit.org](mailto:menzhuberc@holy-spirit.org).

### First Reconciliation & Communion

First Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9.  
First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 1.  
Register at [holy-spirit.org/reconciliation](http://holy-spirit.org/reconciliation) or [holy-spirit.org/communion](http://holy-spirit.org/communion).

### Confirmation

Register at [holy-spirit.org/confirmation](http://holy-spirit.org/confirmation). Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.





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