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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

How to Practice Lectio Divina:

Our passage from Pope St. John Paul II encourages the faithful to engage in Lectio Divina, which is the prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture and an excellent way to begin your own spiritual revival. You can find more information online, but here is something to get you started...

As with any serious attempt to progress in the spiritual life, the practice of Lectio Divina will require deliberate patience. We will need to commit to at least ten minutes every day. Schedule our prayer times at the *beginning* of each day. Trying to squeeze prayer into our schedules after they are full almost always results in our busy-ness squeezing prayer *out* of our schedules.

We should arrange a place to pray that is restful and devoid of distractions. Create an atmosphere that fosters calm and peace. The presence of candles and icons can be of benefit. It is best if the place chosen for prayer is comfortable and just for this activity.

We should then assume a bodily posture that is conducive to prayer and reading. Our posture should be the same as if we were with Christ in the flesh or before him in Eucharistic adoration.

We then turn our hearts to God, begin to breathe slowly and deeply, focusing on simple attentiveness to the Lord until we are relaxed and able to focus our attention on scripture.

Lectio – An attentive slow repetitious recitation of a short passage of scripture

It is always advisable to meditate on the scripture from the mass of the day, particularly the Gospel passage. However, any text of scripture will do. The key is not to rush. The goal is not to finish any particular portion of scripture but to purposefully delve into the depths of any passage that will lift our hearts to God. Just before we begin reading, we trace the sign of the cross on the scriptures, kiss the cross we traced, and then begin to read very *slowly*, vocally, and gently, coming to an understanding of the words themselves along with the related ideas and images that surface. When a particular passage or word strikes us, we pause to consider it more fully. At the first pause, we will then naturally move into *meditatio*. If you don't seem to progress in this way, simply stay at each phase until you do. Don't worry if you don't progress. The goal is not to fulfill the method, but to honor and seek God.

Meditatio – An effort to understand the passage and apply it to my life

Now we meditate on what we have read, visualizing it and listening for His prompting or His guiding. We seek the deeper spiritual meanings of the words as we place ourselves in a gospel scene as one of the participants or simply hear God speaking directly to us as we read the words. We don't strain or exert extreme effort here; we simply allow the words to penetrate our hearts and minds and follow where God leads us through the text. Sometimes it is helpful to slowly repeat the passage or word over and over again until the captivation and conversation with God on the passage subsides. It can also be helpful to read each word and to briefly pause before we read the next. As we do this, we allow for silence and careful listening. We break the normal frantic pace and cycle of life to be attentive to the Beloved. As we begin to respond or converse with God about our encounter with Him, we then move into *oratio*.

Oratio – Engaging or talking with God about the passage

As we are drawn into the passage, we begin to converse with God about what we are reading.

Oratio is simply the response of the heart to God. It is important here to remember that God has revealed Himself as a person. When we talk with Him, it is sometimes helpful to call this to mind. Our conversation should be as natural as with someone whom we deeply love and desire to know. In whatever manner we are led, we ask for forgiveness, we thank Him, we praise Him, we ask Him to help us more fully realize what He wants us to be and to help us apply His moral, spiritual, or practical guidance to our lives. As we engage with Him, He may choose to call us deeper, to become lost in this heavenly dialogue with Him. For those who tend to be very talkative in life and prayer, it might be important here to slow down our own words and to be attentive to Him rather than to what we desire to say. We will eventually find ourselves moving into *contemplatio*.

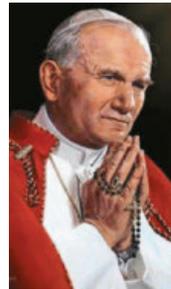
Contemplatio – Allowing oneself to become absorbed in the words of God and the presence of God as he calls us into deeper prayer

Here God satisfies our thirst and needs as the Holy Spirit prays with us, in us, through us. Sometimes we recognize this work in our hearts; sometimes it is merely a matter of faith that He is with us and imparting His life-changing grace to us. Always we can know that He is changing us because he has promised that the "word of God never returns void" and that as St. Paul says, "faith comes from hearing the word of God." It is important here to note that this phase of prayer is not always sensual. In fact, for those who are more advanced in the interior life, it may be a time of dryness and a dark silence. Regardless, we know by faith that he is true to His word. If we seek Him, we will find Him, even if He is found in ways that are difficult, or very different than we had anticipated.



LECTIO DIVINA

Reading the Scripture
Reflecting on the Meaning
Responding through Prayer
Resting in God
Responding in Action



ECCLESIA IN AMERICA

Pope Saint John Paul II

CH 3 - THE PATH OF CONVERSION

The universal call to holiness

30. "Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy". The Special Assembly for America has wished to offer a forceful reminder to all Christians of the importance of the doctrine of the universal call to holiness in the Church. This is one of the key points of the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic

Constitution on the Church. Conversion is directed to holiness, since conversion "is not an end in itself but a journey towards God who is holy. To be holy is to be like God and to glorify his name in the works which we accomplish in our lives". On the path of holiness, Jesus Christ is the point of reference and the model to be imitated: he is "the Holy One of God", and was recognized as such. It is he who teaches us that the heart of holiness is love, which leads even to giving our lives for others (*Jn 15:13*). Therefore, to imitate the holiness of God, as it was made manifest in Jesus Christ his Son, "is nothing other than to extend in history his love, especially towards the poor, the sick and the needy".

Jesus, the one way to holiness

31. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (*Jn 14:6*). With these words, Jesus presents himself as the one path which leads to holiness. But a specific knowledge of this way comes chiefly through the word of God which the Church proclaims in her preaching. Therefore, the Church in America "must give a clear priority to prayerful reflection on Sacred Scripture by all the faithful". This reading of the Bible, accompanied by prayer, is known in the tradition of the Church as *lectio divina*, and it is a practice to be encouraged among all Christians. For priests, the *lectio divina* must be a basic feature of the preparation of their homilies, especially the Sunday homily.

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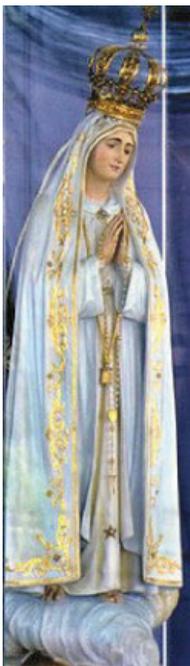
Collection 1/9/2022: Adults \$4087; children \$40.80; loose \$36; holy days \$53; candles \$243; Christmas \$310; initial \$37; rent \$300; utilities \$30; angel fund \$35; Catholic Charities \$5 **Total Deposit \$5176.80** Christmas Club \$22; Development \$54

2021 Financial Contributions: If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 financial contributions to St. Aloysius Church, call Ann at 814 886-2235 or e-mail staloyusscresson@dioceseaj.org.

Parish Council Meeting: The St. Aloysius Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, January 25. The meeting will be held in the Blessed Mother Room beginning at 7:00 pm.

Chair lift: There is a chair lift available for someone who has difficulty in climbing stairs. Please contact Maureen Delegram for details (814 312-6895).

March on the Mountain: As an alternative to the March for Life in Washington, DC, St. Francis University will host a "March on the Mountain" on Friday, January 21, 2022. There will be a rosary at 10:30 am in front of the chapel. The March begins at 11:00 am, with Mass at noon. Parking will be at the JFK Center Parking Lot, with the March taking place around the Mall. Feel free to contact Campus Ministry at 814 472-3172 with any additional questions.



The Message of Fatima on Prayer:

The Rosary is a simple form of prayer that can be prayed by the young or old, the learned or the uneducated, the saint or the sinner. Each can adapt it to his or her own capacity. It is so pleasing to Our Lady, because it brings us to review again and again the life of Christ, the mysteries of our redemption. As Pope Paul VI pointed out, it not only recalls to mind these mysteries, but stimulates the will to draw from them the norms of living. That is, it not only points out the way, but helps us to obtain the graces needed to follow in that way.

After repeatedly asking for the daily Rosary, and identifying herself as *The Lady of the Rosary*, the Blessed Mother terminated the final apparition by showing the children three separate tableaux symbolizing the entire message of the Rosary. The first was a vision of the Holy family - representing the joyful mysteries; the second a vision of Our Lady of Sorrows - representing the sorrowful mysteries; and the third a vision of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - representing the glorious mysteries. [The Luminous Mysteries were given us by Pope John Paul II in 2002.]

The Rosary may seem like an insignificant thing in the light of the magnitude of the evils of today's world, but it is the weapon given to us by Our Lady. She merely asks our cooperation, and she will do the rest. It is like the slingshot of David that killed the mighty enemy because the power of God was behind it. Thus, as the saying goes, he who prays the Rosary has the power of God in his hand.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Collection 1/9/2022: Adults \$3189; Loose \$79; youth \$48; Holy days \$85; Christmas \$70; Energy \$43; Initial Env. \$52; Development \$61; Angel Fund \$18; Candles \$21; Religious Retirement \$10; Ash Wednesday \$10; **Total Deposit \$3686.00;** Cemetery 28 Church Improvement \$5:

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Parish Council Meeting: The St. Francis Xavier Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, January 18. The meeting will be in Centennial Hall beginning at 7:00pm

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Admission \$21.00 **Doors Open 5:00pm**
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HELP NEEDED: Part of the spiritual renewal of Cresson Catholic Community must include more of my members stepping up to help with all the needs of our community. You

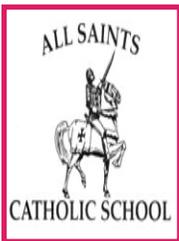
can be that person—even if all you can do is one little project. And all those who do not have the time or ability can always become part of our intercessors, that is, those who will purposely and actively pray for the needs of our community and our spiritual renewal.

We are asking again if any of the previous Liturgical Ministers wish to be placed on the schedule please call the parish office so that we can set the times that you are available to serve.

Bingo is in need of individuals to help with the cleaning of the hall Tuesday morning: Please contact the parish office for information.

There has been a delay in some families receiving there Church envelopes for Jan & Feb. It seems that the Post Office is slowly getting them processed and into the mail boxes. If by next week you have not received your envelopes please call FX parish office and we will see where they might be.

We will also be in need of a non-school parishioner to help with our SCRIP gift cards. All of our parents are swamped with so many other requirements that none are available to take on this responsibility. It would be nice if we can find a retired person perhaps who is laptop savvy to help with this important fundraising effort. More of a job description will appear in next week's bulletin or you can call the school for more details.



All Saints Catholic School

There is no school on Monday, January 17, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

We're playing basketball. Many of our ASCS students have finished fall seasons or are starting winter seasons with our local Prince Gallitzin quadrant schools. We are grateful for the opportunity to develop skills, learn teamwork, and gain experience. Thank you to our volunteer coaches who share their time and talent with our girls and boys.

Countless people have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools – and many want to pass on those same gifts to the next generation. With that in mind, All Saints Catholic School is excited to be participating in the Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools event. It gives those who believe in the power of Catholic education an opportunity to give back to local Catholic schools like ASCS. If you or someone you know wants to make a gift, share this link, which will open at noon on Feb.1, 2022 for this 24-hour event. <https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/tsGALhFun>



Religious Education
Sunday Morning
9:15 to 10:45am

- Jan 16 No Class, Martin Luther King Jr.
- Jan. 23,30 CCD
- Feb. 6,13,27 CCD
- Feb. 20 No Class, President's Day Weekend



The Cresson Knights: The Knights are holding a Corn Hole Tournament and social gathering on Sat Feb. 5 at the Cresson American Legion. All Knights and anyone interested in joining the Knights, are welcome to attend. To register, please contact Dan Yahner

814 270 7972, danoy419@gmail.com or Jim Cappelli 814 931 1961 rileycapelli09@aol.com.



The Eucharistic Elevation: After the host and chalice are consecrated, the priest elevates them for a moment of Adoration. You may have noticed that I have been pausing a bit longer than usual. I've

started doing that after concelebrating with a brother priest where he extended that moment during that Mass. We had a nice discussion about it afterwards and he enlightened me about the value of that moment to help the people learn and acknowledge that Transubstantiation just happened and that we are now in the very presence of our Lord. During that moment I say the following prayer: *Eternal Father I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement of our sins and of the whole world. For the sake of His most sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.*

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4:00pm Sr. Nancy
8:00am Sharon Sunseri
11:00am J Rabish
Extraordinary Minister
4:00pm H Polosky
8:00am R/B Trybus
11:00am D Spahr

MON - JANUARY 17
8:00am **FX** NO MASS

TUE - JANUARY 18
8:00am **SA** ROBERT & ELIZABETH BAKER
(family)

WED - JANUARY 19
8:00am **FX** MICHAEL LETURGEY
(Mom/Dad & family)
8:00pm **SA** 24HR. ADORATION

THUR - JANUARY 20
8:00am **SA** PATRICK BIANCONI
(Mom/family)
8:30am ADORATION
7:00pm Holy Hour
8:00pm Confessions

FRI - JANUARY 21
9:00am **FX** POLLYANNA PEPETTI (husband)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT JANUARY 22
11:00am Conf. & Adoration @ FX
3:30pm **FX** ROSARY
4:00pm **FX** PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES

SUN - JANUARY 23
7:30am **SA** ROSARY
8:00am **SA** RESPECT FOR LIFE
10:30am **FX** ROSARY
11:00am **FX** MICHAEL DIBOSKY
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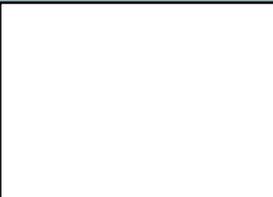
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