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*Feed your Faith - and your
fears will starve to death.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sep 4—Parish Office Closed—Labor Day
Sep 9— KC's & St. Anne's Meeting at
5:30pm
Sep 10— Spanish Mass -2:00pm
Sep 14—Finance Council Meeting at
6:00pm
Sep 17—Faith Formation Kick-off—Class at
9:00am and Pizza Potluck after
Mass.
Sep 20—Encounter Youth Group 6:30-8pm
Sep 23-24—Barn Sale 8am-4pm
Oct 3 —No Weekday Mass—Clergy
Congress



August 2023. The youth had a great week learning about Mary & Jesus with "Totally Yours." Totus Tuus is a weeklong "parish mission" for youth in grades 1-12. They all had a blast growing in faith through Daily Mass, prayer, games, teachings, witness talks, worship, skits, music, and more! Fr Kris challenged the students to learn the 10 commandments.

"Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it." The Good News: If you teach your children the ways of the Lord when they are young, they will keep their faith when they grow older.

Proverbs 22:6

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ, September marks the beginning of another school year and the start of another year of our Faith Formation program. Let us offer our prayers for a safe and fruitful year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to raise your children in the Catholic Faith. As parents you are called to be the primary teachers of the Faith to your children. God instructs us to place value on teaching children to know and love Him. The gift of friendship with God can inspire and give meaning to their whole lives. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and

do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." What a wonderful privilege it is, as parents and guardians, to introduce your son or daughter to our friend, Jesus; to teach them about how unique and special they are in God's eyes, and how much He loves them. You are the first and best teachers of your children in the ways of faith, but you are not alone in this role; you have the support of the parish. I invite you to enroll your children in the Faith Formation Program here at St. Peter and St. Paul by enrolling them in the Faith Formation Program you are taking the next step in furthering your child's relationship with God through the completion of the Blessed Sacraments. We will also be reinstating children's liturgy on each Sundays when we have classes. I encourage all parents and guardians to bring their children to weekly Mass. Kindly register your child as early as possible before the first class on September

17.

On behalf of the parish, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our team of catechists who volunteered their time and talents to administer the Faith Formation Programs last year and who have graciously agreed to continue with this ministry again this year.

I wish every blessing to our parents, grandparents, stepparents, guardians and all who are entrusted with the care of our children as we move together in care and concern for one another, in the light of our Faith to learn more about God!

God Bless

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Kris



KC'S NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will hold their next meeting on Saturday, September 9, 2023 after the 4:30pm Mass.

On Wednesday, September 27th, the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fraternal Benefits night in the church hall. The Knights of Columbus look to serve families in our church and community. At the Fraternal Benefits night, anyone who is interested can learn about the benefits to joining the Knights of Columbus. Please watch for more information about this event in the bulletin.



ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Join in simultaneously praying a Rosary with a multitude of prayer warriors worldwide!



When: Saturday Oct. 7th

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Bring your rosary and a lawn chair if you'd like to sit.

Also, you may bring signs or banners to let the public know what we are praying for.

This year the Oct 7th Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on a Saturday, which is also the First Saturday! With the opportunity to gather in prayer on the actual feast day as well as help fulfill Our Lady of Fatima's request to offer our prayer in reparation on first Saturdays, the National Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 7th. Rosary Coast to Coast rallies are encouraged to also take place on Saturday this year instead of Sunday.

Diocesan Holy Hour

Thursday, Sept 21st
after the 9:00am Mass.
A great opportunity for
adoration & confession!

La Misa en Español

10 de septiembre de 2022



St Teresa of Calcutta—Sept 5th

"We need to find God and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is a friend of silence."



Faith FORMATION

Begins
Sept 17th

The 2023-2024 Faith Formation year begins on September 17th. Registration material should have arrived to you in the mail. If you are new or haven't received any yet, please contact Steph at 920-277-8844 or hansensteph@yahoo.com and she will send you information. You may also register ONLINE from our website—you'll need to complete both the Online Registration and the Online Liability Form found under Youth Faith Formation.

SSPeterPaulChurch.org/Youth-Faith-Formation/

Encounter

Youth Group

We will be meeting **Wednesday, September 20** at 6:30pm. All 6th -12th grade students are invited for a fun and inspirational evening of games, snacks, connecting with others, a talk, discussion and prayers.

We are in the process of updating our files. Please let the church know if you have an email address that we could send you updates, and if you don't have your landline phone anymore please give us your cell number so we can contact you.

Update
your
Information



If you know of someone in need of prayers, or you would like to be a Prayer Warrior (on the prayer chain) Call the church office at 920.867.2179

To have someone (or yourself) remembered in prayer during General Mass Petitions, sign the book on the narthex stand.

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina |
September 23**

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

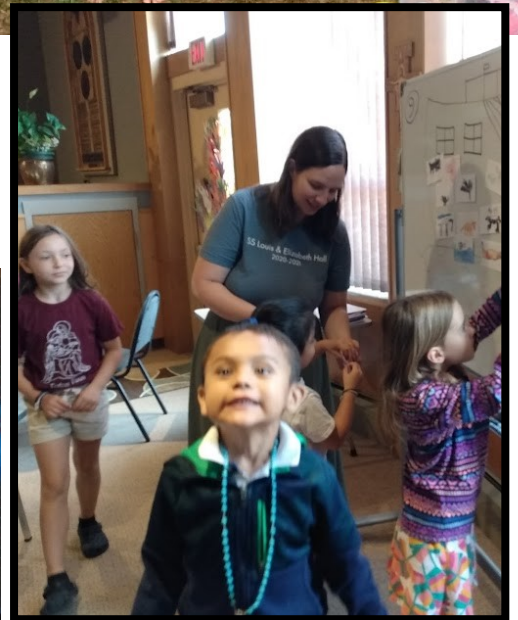
Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."



Totus Tuus—August 2023

One of the activities to end the fun week of Totus Tuus was building a human sundae. It was a fun faith-filled week. The older students (grades 7-12) ended the week with a fun & messy game of shaving cream wiffle ball!



STEBENVILLE

31 youth and chaperones from our area traveled over to St. Paul, MN to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference the last weekend of July.



The theme this year was "Refuge," based on Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Thank you for your support of the spiritual growth of the youth of our area!



Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

Fiscal Year-End 3 year History

	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
	Actual	Actual	Actual

Statement of Financial Position

Bank Accounts
Property and Equipment
SFX Investment
Total Assets
Designated Funds (Door Fund)
Spiritual Growth Fund
Other Liabilities
Total Liabilities
Total Fund Balance
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance

Statement of Activity

Revenue

Church Support
Liturgy and Worship
Other Revenue
Faith Formation
Fundraising
Investment Income - SFX
Total Revenue

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Wages
Payroll Taxes, Ins, Benefits
General Office
Faith Formation
Pastoral Care and Outreach
Liturgy and Worship
Buildings and Grounds
Diocesan Assessment
Other Payments
Total Payments

Restricted Donation Income
Restricted Donation Expense

Restricted Inc for Cap Outlay
Restricted Exp for Cap Outlay

Net Excess(Deficit)	51,786	39,484	26,721
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Parish Rummage Sale

Our youth in the Squires and St. Lucy groups will be having a huge barn sale to raise money for local charities and parish youth activities.

When: Friday and Saturday, September 22 -23, 8 am - 4 pm. (The days of the city Rummage-O-Ramma)

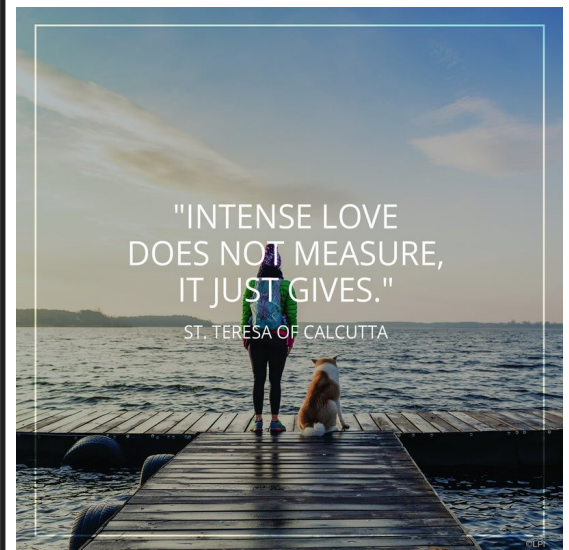
Where: N1548 Anklam Rd. Weyauwega (Just 1-2 miles out of town near the zoo)

What: There is something for everyone (tools, toys, kitchen supplies, furniture, holiday decorations, home décor, and much more that you must have!) and the youth will be selling refreshments/goodies too!

Donations: If you are willing to donate any items, you can bring them right to the barn the days of the sale. If you need any large items to be picked up please call Richard

Wagner at
715-281-7032.

THANK YOU!!





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TAYLOR FOLK MEMORIAL FUN RUN/WALK



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 @ 11 AM

**A fundraiser for the Taylor Kennedy Folk Scholarship Foundation
Wolf River Crossing Park - Fremont, WI**



Event registration includes T-shirt and Walk.

- Adult Registration - \$30
- Youth Registration - \$25
(10 and under)

Registration fees will increase to \$35 for Adult Registration
and \$30 for Youth Registration after 9/1/2023.
Last day to register will be 9/5/2023.



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**Basket Raffles | Auction Items | Merchandise Sale |
Selfie Station | A&W Food Truck**

**Scan QR Code or Register at
www.4ever25strong.org**

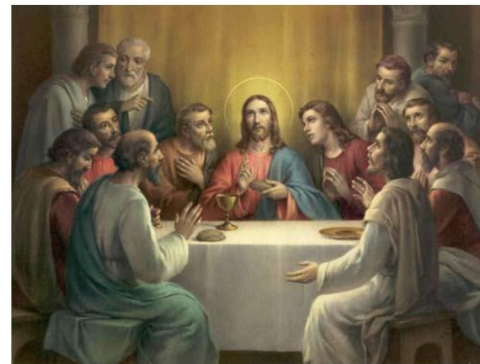


Event will be held rain or shine.



Weekly Mass – Gift and Obligation

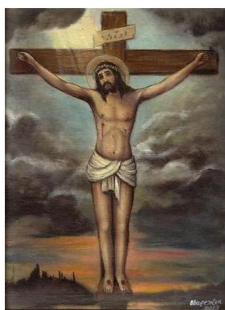
Jesus once lamented to St. Faustina how so many people don't seem to understand the Sacrament of Holy Communion and His Real Presence in the Eucharist. He said...



"When I come to a human heart in Holy Communion," He said, "My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. ... They treat Me as a dead object" (Diary of St. Faustina, 1385)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1413: By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. **Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner:** his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1640; 1651).

"The greatest prayer of all is Mass...we rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist, which is the food for our journey." - Bishop Ricken



"For even as our bodily food is changed into our substance, so the Holy Eucharist transforms us into Jesus Christ." -St. John the Baptist de la Salle

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now," - Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta

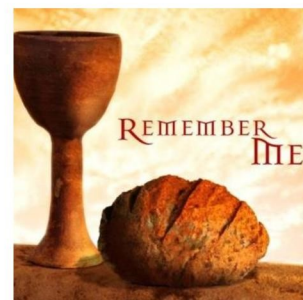
"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others," - Pope Saint John Paul II

"Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54).

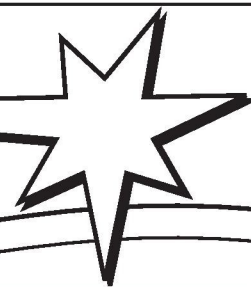
"Jesus Christ instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist so that he might stay with us and be the Food of our soul; that he might stay with us and be our Companion." - St. John Vianney

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart." - St. Therese of Lisieux

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
Luke 22:19



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

September 2023

S.S. Peter & Paul and Sacred Heart Parishes



Thoughtful Moments

St. Padre Pio

Born to farmers in 1887 in Italy, Francesco Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars. In 1918, Fr. "Pio" received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands sought him for Confession and spiritual guidance. His famous advice, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," consoles and inspires many today. Even in his sufferings, he cared for others' spiritual and physical well-being, founding a hospital that continues to operate today.



Raising good stewards

Stewardship means demonstrating that all we have and all we are belong to God. Children can be given opportunities to practice stewardship by participating in service projects, giving away excess possessions, and especially by giving to the Church. Our offerings enable our parishes to provide ministry to us and our communities.

"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you" (Psalm 32:8).



Four healthy habits for a new school year

As people of faith, we know that our lasting happiness is found in a relationship with God. Help children develop these four soul-healthy habits in the new school year as a key to finding lifelong joy and lasting fulfillment in God-filled lives:

Prudence is a virtue that helps us consider decisions from a practical and Catholic viewpoint – choosing friendships, activities, and entertainment that flow from our Catholic values.

Justice encourages us to give others what they're owed. Attending Sunday Mass is just because we owe God our worship. Others deserve respect because all are made in God's image. Treat everyone with respect, honor, and charity, and children will follow your example.



Fortitude strengthens us to follow Christ faithfully. Model fortitude for your children by offering many saints as role models, helping children spot how God works in your lives, praying aloud together in good times and bad, consulting Scripture prior to acting.

Temperance properly prioritizes our desires. Good food, fashionable clothes, the latest technology are all blessings, but can't be a focus. As an antidote, reserve a day each week for penance – Fridays, from tradition – to help increase appreciation for those blessings. Spend extra time in family prayer, set limits for screens, abstain from meat or favorite foods. We deny ourselves small pleasures so we can appreciate the greatest Gift.

Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Blessing ourselves with holy water before entering a Catholic church recalls the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews who cleansed themselves by bathing before entering the holy temple.

In addition, when we bless

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?



ourselves with holy water, we recall our baptism and renew our promises to God to live our faith. Because holy water is a sacramental, we receive graces when we use it with the right disposition, such as strengthening us against temptation and removing venial (small) sins.

Good sports – big and small

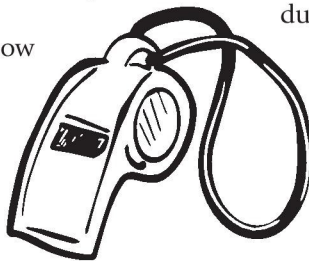
Children learn the basics of sportsmanship from adults, especially parents and coaches. By learning to develop good sportsmanship, children also learn that success in sports comes to those who know how to persevere and respect others – win or lose.

Focus on lessons learned. Winning is just one lesson learned from playing sports. Youngsters also learn to take pride in their efforts, their improving skills, and in their accomplishments, even if the ending score doesn't favor them. Encourage young athletes to play fair, to have fun, and to concentrate on helping

the team while improving their own skills.

Remember, you are the parent. How you behave during practices and games will teach your children more than what you say. Unless you are coaching your child's team, stay on the sidelines. Shout only encouragement – not directions or criticism – to the players. Praise sincere effort and congratulate winners, even if they're on the other team.

Stay positive. Express only support for coaches, officials, or other players. Any concern you have should be addressed privately.



Scripture LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16a, God's ways are not our ways

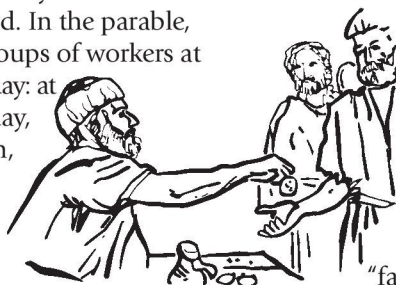
In this Gospel reading, Jesus compared God's kingdom to a vineyard and God to a generous landlord. In the parable, the landlord hired groups of workers at different times of the day: at the start of the workday, at midmorning, noon, midafternoon, and finally, at five o'clock in the evening. All the workers agreed on a "fair wage."

Jesus' listeners must have been shocked to hear the landlord paid all the workers equally, regardless of how long they worked. In fact, he paid the workers who came the latest, first. Understandably, the full-day workers

were frustrated. They complained to the landowner, who reminded them that he paid them the agreed-upon sum; the rest was sheer generosity.

What can a parent do? The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard shows that God judges "fairness" differently from

us. The last people we expect to see in Heaven might be the first people to greet us in Paradise. This parable reminds us not to assume we know the state of someone's soul. We may judge actions, but only God can judge hearts.



Feasts & Celebrations

September 12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary. We honor Mary's name out of respect for her relationship to Jesus. One of Mary's titles is "Help of Christians." We can always look to Mary to lead us back to her Son.

September 13 - St. John Chrysostom (407). Born in Antioch around AD 349, St. John was called "Golden-mouthed" for his eloquent homilies. As Bishop of Constantinople, his concern for the poor led to criticizing the opulence of the royal courts. He died in exile.

September 22 – St. Thomas of Villanova (1555). Born in Spain, St.

Thomas studied theology at the University of Alcalá, before becoming a priest. Named Bishop of Valencia by Emperor Charles V, he fostered Catholic spirituality in his diocese, and provided for the poor.

September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael. Today, we remember the three archangels named in the Bible,

who were entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother at the Annunciation.



Parent TALK

When my daughter was invited to a professional soccer match by a friend, she was thrilled. She had been

playing soccer for few years and was excited to see how the professionals play it.

Before she left, I

reminded her of the behavior I expected from her. I stressed the importance of saying, "thank you," and I urged her to be polite and use her manners.

Anne came home beaming. It had been a great game and her team had won. Later, she told me that only one thing had marred the experience for her. She said that a man who was sitting in front of her yelled insults at the opposing team through the entire game and even used bad language. Anne was shocked to see an adult behave that way and remembered my lecture about manners. She said someone should have reminded the man to use his manners.



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Misa Semanal – Don y Obligación

Jesús una vez lamentó a Santa Faustina cómo tanta gente parece no entender el Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión y Su Presencia Real en la Eucaristía. Él dijo...

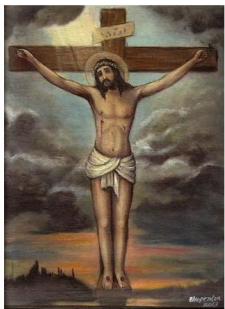
"Cuando llego a un corazón humano en la Sagrada Comunión", dijo, "Mis manos están llenas de toda clase de gracias que quiero dar al alma. Pero las almas ni siquiera Me hacen caso, Me dejan sola. y se ocupan de otras cosas... Me tratan como a un objeto muerto" (Diario de Santa Faustina, 1385)



Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica 1413: Por la consagración se realiza la transubstanciación del pan y del vino en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Bajo las especies consagradas del pan y del vino, Cristo mismo, vivo y glorioso, está presente de manera verdadera, real y sustancial: su Cuerpo y su Sangre, con su alma y su divinidad (cf. Concilio de Trento: DS 1640; 1651).).

"La oración más grande de todas es la Misa... nos regocijamos en el don de la Eucaristía, que es el alimento para nuestro camino". - Obispo Ricken

"Porque así como nuestro alimento corporal se cambia en nuestra sustancia, así la Sagrada Eucaristía nos transforma en Jesucristo". -Calle. Juan Bautista de la Salle



"Cuando miras el Crucifijo, entiendes cuánto te amaba Jesús entonces. Cuando miras la Sagrada Hostia, entiendes cuánto te ama Jesús ahora", - Beata Madre Teresa de Calcuta

"De la Eucaristía viene la fuerza para vivir la vida cristiana y el celo para compartir esa vida con los demás", - Papa San Juan Pablo II

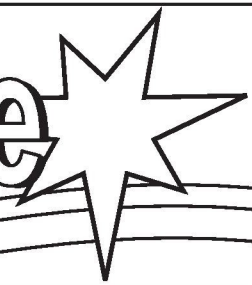
"De cierto, de cierto os digo, que a menos que comáis la carne del Hijo del hombre y bebáis su sangre, no tenéis vida en vosotros; el que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene vida eterna, y yo le resucitaré en el último día" (Juan 6:53-54).

"Jesucristo instituyó el Sacramento de la Eucaristía para quedarse con nosotros y ser el Alimento de nuestra alma; para que se quede con nosotros y sea nuestro Compañero." – San Juan Vianney

"¿Te das cuenta de que Jesús está allí en el tabernáculo expresamente para ti, solo para ti? Arde con el deseo de entrar en tu corazón". – Santa Teresa de Lisieux

Y tomó el pan, dio gracias, lo partió y se lo dio, diciendo: "Este es mi cuerpo que por vosotros es entregado; haced esto en memoria mía". Lucas 22:19

Compañeros en la fe



Ayudando a nuestros hijos a crecer en la fe católica

Septiembre de 2023

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Momentos para pensar

El padre Pío, santo

Nacido en una familia de campesinos en 1887 en Italia, Francesco Forgione ingresó en los frailes capuchinos. En 1918 el padre "Pío" recibió en su cuerpo las cinco heridas de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor (los estigmas). Conocido por su predicación, su santidad y su caridad, miles de personas lo buscaban para confesarse con él y recibir guía espiritual. Su famoso consejo "Reza, ten esperanza y no te preocupes" consuela e inspira a muchas personas hoy día. A pesar de sus sufrimientos se ocupaba del bienestar espiritual y físico de los demás y fundó un hospital que continúa en activo en la actualidad.



Educar en el sentido de custodia

La buena custodia implica demostrar que todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos pertenece a Dios. A los niños se les pueden dar oportunidades de que practiquen la custodia participando en proyectos de servicio, donando el exceso de posesiones y especialmente donando a la iglesia. Nuestras ofrendas permiten a las parroquias servirnos a nosotros y a nuestras comunidades.

"Yo te instruiré, te enseñaré el camino que debes seguir; con los ojos puestos en ti, seré tu consejero.
(Salmo 32:8)



Cuatro sanos hábitos para el nuevo curso escolar

Como gente de fe sabemos que nuestra felicidad duradera se encuentra en la relación con Dios. Ayuden a los niños a que desarrollen estos cuatro sanos hábitos para el alma en el nuevo curso escolar, una clave para encontrar gozo para toda la vida y plenitud duradera en vidas colmadas de Dios:

La prudencia es una virtud que nos ayuda a considerar las decisiones desde un punto de vista práctico y católico: la elección de amistades, las actividades y las diversiones que derivan de nuestros valores católicos.

La justicia nos anima a dar a los demás lo que les es debido. Ir a la misa dominical es justo porque le debemos adoración a Dios. Otras personas se merecen respeto porque todos estamos hechos a imagen de Dios. Traten a todo el mundo con respeto, honor y caridad y sus hijos seguirán su ejemplo.

La fortaleza nos proporciona la entereza de seguir a Dios con fe. Den ejemplo de fortaleza a sus hijos ofreciéndoles a muchos santos como modelos, ayudando a sus hijos a observar cómo opera Dios en nuestras vidas, rezando en voz alta juntos en los buenos y los malos momentos, consultando la Sagrada Escritura antes de actuar.

La templanza prioriza correctamente nuestros deseos. La buena comida, la ropa de moda, la tecnología más reciente son bendiciones, pero no pueden ser el foco de nuestras vidas. Como antídoto, reserven un día a la semana para la penitencia – los viernes, por tradición – para aumentar la gratitud por esas bendiciones. Pasen algo más de tiempo rezando en familia, pongan límites al tiempo frente a la pantalla, absténganse de comer carne o sus platos favoritos. Nos negamos pequeños placeres para apreciar el mayor don.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

Santiguarnos con agua bendita antes de entrar en un templo católico hace referencia a los lavados rituales de los judíos del Antiguo Testamento que se limpiaban bañándose antes de entrar al templo.

Además, cuando nos santiguamos con agua

¿Por qué se santiguan los católicos con agua bendita?



bendita, recordamos nuestro bautismo y renovamos las promesas que hicimos a Dios para vivir nuestra fe. Como el agua bendita es sacramental, cuando la usamos con la disposición adecuada, recibimos gracias como la fuerza para resistir la tentación y el perdón de pecados veniales (pequeños).

Buenos deportes, grandes y pequeños

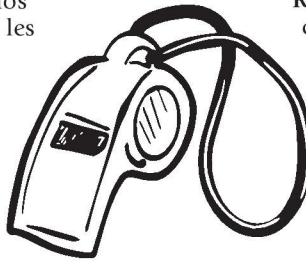
Los niños aprenden nociones básicas de deportividad de los adultos, especialmente de sus padres y entrenadores. Al aprender a desarrollar la deportividad, los niños aprenden también que el triunfo en los deportes les llega a quienes saben perseverar y respetar a los demás, ganen o pierdan.

Concéntrense en las lecciones aprendidas. Ganar es sólo una lección que se aprende con la práctica deportiva. Los niños también aprenden a enorgullecerse de su esfuerzo, de la mejora de sus habilidades y de sus logros, aunque el puntaje final no les sea favorable. Anime a sus jóvenes atletas a que jueguen limpio,

se diviertan y se concentren en ayudar a su equipo al tiempo que mejoran sus propias destrezas.

Recuerden, ustedes son los padres. Su comportamiento durante los entrenamientos y los partidos enseñará a sus hijos más que lo que les digan. Salvo que entrenen al equipo de sus hijos, permanezcan fuera del campo de juego. Profieran sólo gritos de ánimo, nada de instrucciones o críticas a los jugadores. Alaben el esfuerzo y feliciten a los ganadores, aunque sean el equipo contrario.

Sean positivos. Expresen únicamente apoyo a los entrenadores, técnicos u otros jugadores. Comenten en privado lo que les preocupe.



Lecciones de las Escrituras

Mateo 20:1-16a, Dios lo hace a su manera

En este pasaje evangélico, Jesús comparó el reino de Dios con una viña y a Dios con un dueño generoso. En la parábola, el dueño contrató a grupos de trabajadores a distintas horas del día: al comienzo de la jornada, a media mañana, a mediodía, a primera hora de la tarde y, finalmente, a las cinco de la tarde. Todos los trabajadores estuvieron de acuerdo en un "salario justo".

Los que escuchaban a Jesús probablemente se sorprendieron al oír que el dueño de la viña pagó a todos los trabajadores lo mismo, independientemente del tiempo que trabajaron. Además pagó primero a los trabajadores que empezaron los últimos. Es comprensible que los trabajadores que

trabajaron toda la jornada estuvieran disgustados. Se quejaron al dueño que les recordó que él les había pagado la suma acordada; el resto era pura generosidad.

¿Qué pueden hacer los padres? La parábola de los trabajadores de la viña muestra que Dios juzga la "justicia" de modo distinto al nuestro. Quizá nos den la bienvenida al Paraíso las personas que menos esperaríamos encontrarnos en el Cielo. Esta parábola nos recuerda que no demos por sentado que conocemos el estado del alma de las personas. Quizá juzguemos sus actos, pero sólo Dios puede juzgar los corazones.



Fiestas y celebraciones

12 de septiembre – El Santísimo Nombre de María. Honramos el nombre de María por respeto a su relación con Jesús. Una de las advocaciones marianas es "Auxilio de los Cristianos". Siempre podemos dirigirnos a María para que nos encamine a su hijo.

13 de septiembre – San Juan Crisóstomo (407). Nacido en Antioquía alrededor del año 349 d.C., recibió el apodo de "boca de oro" por sus elocuentes homilías. Obispo de Constantinopla, su preocupación por los pobres le llevó a criticar la opulencia de la corte real. Murió en el exilio.

22 de septiembre – Santo Tomás de Villanueva (1599). Nacido en España, santo Tomás estudió teología en la universidad de Alcalá antes de hacerse sacerdote. Nombrado obispo de Valencia por el emperador Carlos V, fomentó la espiritualidad en su diócesis y ayudó a los pobres.

29 de septiembre – Santos Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael. Recordamos hoy a los tres arcángeles nombrados en la Biblia a quienes se les confiaron misiones importantes para la humanidad, como la visita a la Santísima Virgen en la Anunciación.



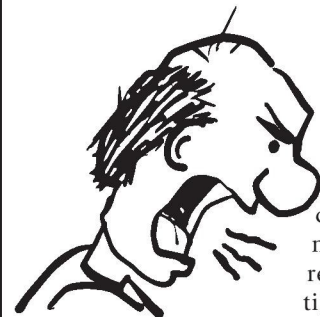
Hablan los padres

Cuando una amiga invitó a mi hija a un partido de fútbol profesional, estaba entusiasmada. Llevaba varios años

jugando al fútbol y le emocionaba ver cómo lo jugaban las profesionales. Antes de que se marchara le recordé el tipo de

comportamiento que me esperaba de ella. Le insistí en la importancia de decir "gracias" y le insté a que fuera cortés y usara buenos modales.

Anne regresó a casa rebosante de alegría. Había sido un partido estupendo y su equipo había ganado. Luego me comentó lo único que había enturbiado la experiencia. Me dijo que un hombre sentado delante de ella había insultado al equipo durante todo el partido e incluso había usado lenguaje ordinario. A Anne le sorprendió ver que un adulto se comportara así y recordó mi advertencia sobre los modales. Me dijo que alguien debería haberle recordado a ese hombre que usara buenos modales.



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