



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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“Catholic Connection” - October 2026

October is a beautiful month in the life of the Church!

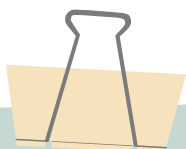
A time filled with saints, celebrations, and reminders of what it means to live our faith with love and hope. We begin with the Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, whose “little way” teaches us that holiness can be found in the smallest acts of love. We celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary, remembering the power of prayer and Mary’s example of trusting God. Later in the month, St. Luke reminds us to share the Good News, while St. Teresa of Ávila teaches us to seek God through prayer. And as we celebrate St. John Paul II, we are reminded again of the call to live courageously as disciples of Christ.

Each feast day gives us an opportunity to learn from a saint. Their lives teach us that holiness is not reserved for a select few. It grows through prayer, sacrifice, service, courage, and above all, love!

October also prayerfully leads us toward November, when the Church turns our hearts toward the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. The joyful colors and celebrations of October gradually give way to a more reflective season of remembering those who have gone before us and placing our hope in Christ’s promise of eternal life.

As one month flows into the next, we are reminded that our faith holds both joy and sorrow, remembrance and hope. Through every season, Christ remains with us.

May October teach us to love more deeply, pray more faithfully, and hope more fully as we journey together toward November.



St. Anne's News

Next Meeting: October 11th at 9am

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who signed up for our Holy Hill Pilgrimage! We are grateful for each person joining us and look forward to a beautiful day of prayer, fellowship, and growing closer to God together. *May this journey be filled with grace and blessings!*

Pick up @ Manawa Sacred Heart 7:30 a.m.

Pick up @ SSPP parking lot 7:55 a.m.

Plan on returning home around 5:00 p.m.

Watch for a sign-up coming soon for our Soup Luncheon fundraiser after the November 1 Mass!
More details to come!

Knights of Columbus

Men of faith, come join us!

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 11 at 9am

A chance to grow in faith, fellowship, and service while sharing in the brotherhood of men who want to make a difference. Your presence matters!

Squires

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30pm

Young men, ages 10-17 are encouraged to attend!

Blessed!

Lord Jesus, bring Your healing touch to those who are hurting. Grant them strength, peace, comfort, and renewed hope. Surround them with Your love and grace. Amen.



OCTOBER DATES TO NOTE!

4 FF Parents Class 9am
4 Blessing of Animals after 10:30am Mass
4 Rosary Coast to Coast 3pm
6 NO Weekday Mass
7 Squires Meeting 6:30pm
11 St. Anne's & KC's Meetings 9am – NO FF Classes
12-15 Office Closed

13 Holy Hill Bus Pilgrimage/NO Weekday Mass
14 Encounter Youth Group
18 Adoration 9:30am
18 Missionaries of the Word/Pumpkin Carving
24 HS Youth Conference
25 Living Rosary 9:10am
29 NO Weekday Mass

Holy Spirit Series for Parents

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." — St. Augustine

WHAT: A three-part series exploring the Holy Spirit and growing in our relationship with Him. Each morning includes snacks, fellowship, a 20-25 minute video from The Wild Goose Is Loose, prayer, and discussion. Sharing is always optional.

WHY: To encounter—or renew our encounter with—the Holy Spirit, allowing His love to deepen our faith, bring Scripture alive, and help us live out the fruits of the Spirit in our homes and daily lives.

As parents, we are the first and best teachers of the faith to our children. Let's grow in our own faith so that our joy and love for Christ can shine through to them!

WHEN: 9:00-10:30am

October 4 • November 1 • November 15

WHERE: Church Hall by the Kitchen

*Gather with us for faith, fellowship, prayer,
and a little Holy Spirit renewal! 😊*

St. Francis Blessing of Animals Oct. 4

Bring your pets (or a picture of them) for Fr. Kris to bless them in memory of the patron saint of animals, St. Francis, whose feast day is Oct. 4.

When: Sunday Oct. 4 after mass

Where: In front of church

Why: To thank God for the gift of our pets and pray for their health & safety



*Living
Rosary*

October 25 at 9:10 parents & all parishioners are invited to join the faith formation classes (gr. 3-10) for praying the rosary together in church.

Students will be seated in the shape of a rosary. They will each be a "bead" and light their candle as their prayer is prayed.

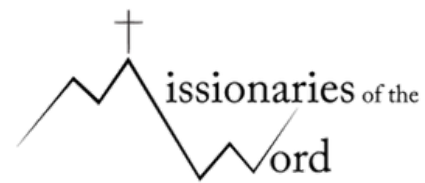
ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY!

When: Sunday, November 1 after Mass

What: Saint trivia & "Name that Saint" game (Dress up like a saint and give us 3 clues about who you are!)

Why: Learn about and be inspired by our heavenly friends who pray for us!

Ideas for Costumes: mycatholickids.com/all-the-saints/or catholic.org to learn about some amazing saints.



Presentation and Guided Prayer

Who: Teens and Adults

(childcare provided – Pumpkin carving party)

What: The Sisters from Missionaries of the Word will share about what prayer is and then lead us in a powerful prayer experience with the Scriptures. Our Faith Formation students will be able to have time with them during class that morning.

When: Sunday, October 18 after Mass
(11:30 lunch provided, 12-1:00ish program)



Kids Pumpkin Carving Party Oct. 18

After Mass we will have a lunch and fall treats! Parents are invited to attend the Missionaries of the Word Presentation with Guided Prayer & Scripture while kids enjoy carving pumpkins, playing games, and other activities. St. Lucy Group members and some adults will care for the kids (ages 3 and up) and help them carve pumpkins!

St. Carlo Acutis Youth Day

WHO: High School Students
(IN PLACE OF CLASS OCT. 25)

WHAT: Explore the shrine, inspiring speakers, Chick-fil-A lunch, meet new friends, praise and worship, mass, confession, out to eat on the way home

WHEN: Oct. 24 (leave church at 7:15 am, back around 7:30 pm)

WHERE: The Shrine of Our Lady of Champion

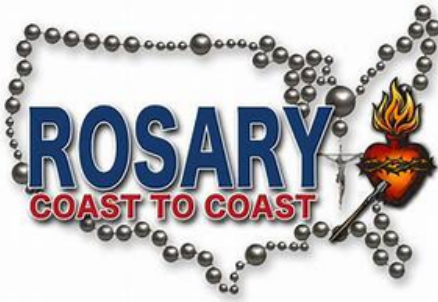
COST: FREE – the parish pays the \$20
(just bring money for supper on the way home)



All souls day

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Watch for details on our
All Souls Day Candle Mass.



Join us on October 4 at 3:00pm as Catholics across the nation unite in prayer through the Holy Rosary. All are welcome to gather with us! Bring a lawn chair and your rosary & let us lift our prayers together for our families, our parish, our nation, and the world.
One Rosary. One faith. One beautiful prayer.



All are welcome to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. In the quiet presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we have a beautiful opportunity to pray, listen & simply rest with our Lord.



October 1 & 15 – Adoration at 9:30am, following the 9:00am weekday Mass



October 18 – Adoration at 9:30am, before the 10:30am Sunday Mass

Come as you are, stay for a moment or longer, and let Christ meet you in the stillness.

Weymont Food Pantry October Collection!



This month, our parish family is collecting canned soups and canned pasta. When many hands come together, small gifts become a blessing to our neighbors. Thank you for helping us live our faith through generosity, compassion, and care for our community. Together, we can help fill a pantry and nourish a neighbor in need.

Faith Formation is Underway!



What a blessing to begin another year of Faith Formation! We are grateful for our students, parents, catechists, and everyone who helps make these days of learning and growing in faith possible. We're looking forward to all that God has in store for this year as we grow together in faith, friendship, and love of Christ!



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



October is filled with the lives of men and women who followed Christ through very different journeys.

St. Francis of Assisi left behind wealth and embraced a life of poverty and service. St. Teresa of Ávila, a Spanish Carmelite, became a great mystic, reformer, and Doctor of the Church. St. Luke, the physician and evangelist, preserved the story of Christ and the early Church through his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. St. Thérèse of Lisieux lived only 24 years, yet her simple life of prayer and love became known throughout the Church as the "Little Way."

And then we come to November 1... All Saints' Day. This is more than a day to remember famous saints. The Church celebrates all the saints in heaven, including the countless holy men and women whose names may never be known to us. Some were martyrs. Some were religious. Some were parents, children, workers, neighbors, and ordinary people who lived faithfully and are now with God.

The very next day, November 2, All Souls' Day, turns our hearts toward those who have died and are not quite ready for their journey to heaven. This is why we pray for the dead. Our prayers, Masses, and acts of charity can be offered for the souls in Purgatory, entrusting them to God's mercy.

And one day, we hope to be reunited with them in the presence of God.

October's saints lead us toward these beautiful November celebrations... not simply to remember the past, but to remember that the Communion of Saints connects the Church on earth, the souls being purified, and the saints already rejoicing in heaven. We are never alone in our journey toward Christ.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH : EVERY LIFE IS A GIFT

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." — Jeremiah 1:5

October is Respect Life Month, a time to pause and reflect on something at the very heart of our faith: every human life is sacred because every person is created by God and loved by Him.

This belief does not begin with politics, opinions, or circumstances. It begins with Genesis: "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them." (Genesis 1:27) Our dignity comes from our Creator. It is not something we earn through success, health, independence, age, or ability—and it is not something that can be taken away when life becomes difficult.

Scripture continually reminds us of the preciousness of life. Psalm 139 speaks of God knowing us before we were born. Jesus welcomed children, reached out to those society overlooked, healed the suffering, forgave sinners, and showed compassion to those who were hurting. His command to "love your neighbor as yourself" calls us to recognize the dignity of the person standing beside us.

What does respecting life look like today?

It can begin in remarkably ordinary places.

We can welcome the unborn child and support mothers who are facing difficult circumstances. We can stand beside families caring for someone who is elderly, disabled, seriously ill, or dependent upon others. We can visit the lonely, encourage someone who feels forgotten, protect children, defend the vulnerable, forgive rather than tear down, and offer practical help when a neighbor is struggling.

Respect for life also means looking at the way we speak about one another. Words can either affirm someone's God-given dignity or diminish it. In a world where people can be dismissed, mocked, judged, or reduced to an argument in a matter of seconds, Christians are called to something different: to see the person before the problem.

And respecting life does not mean pretending that difficult situations are simple. Our faith calls us to accompany people through complicated pregnancies, illness, grief, poverty, disability, loneliness, and the end of life with truth, compassion, prayer, and tangible love.

At the heart of Catholic teaching is the conviction that life is a gift, not a possession. We receive it from God, care for it, and are called to help others flourish.

Perhaps one of the most beautiful ways to live Respect Life Month is simply to ask ourselves:

Who around me needs to be reminded that their life matters?

Maybe it is a child who needs encouragement.

Maybe it is a new mother who needs support.

Maybe it is an elderly neighbor who needs a visit.

Maybe it is someone grieving who needs companionship.

Maybe it is a person who feels alone, forgotten, or burdensome who needs to hear, through our words and actions, "You are loved. You matter. You are not alone."

Every person we encounter bears the image of God.

So this October, let us do more than talk about respecting life. Let us become people who protect it, cherish it, accompany it, and celebrate it. Let our homes, our parish, our community, and our everyday choices reflect the truth Scripture has proclaimed from the beginning:

Every human life is known by God, created in His image, and worthy of love.

May our lives become a living answer to Christ's call to love our neighbor as ourselves.

*you
are
loved*

