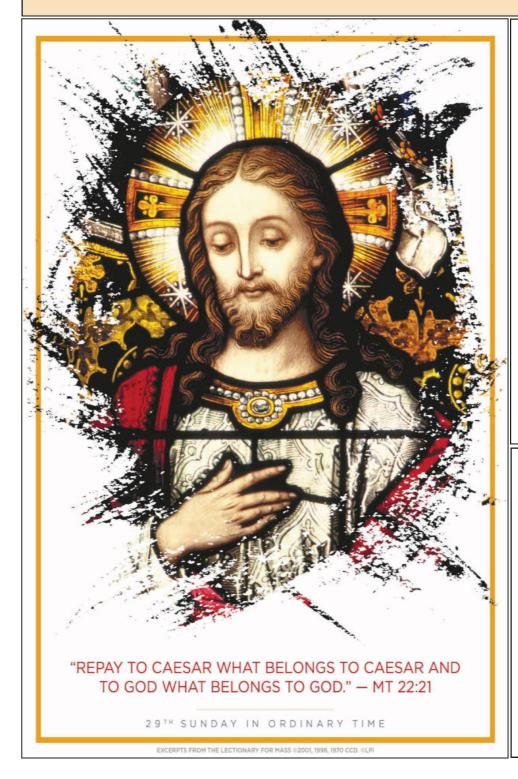
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Monday, October 23

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

8:30am: †Fr. Pat Henry A Special Intention

Tuesday, October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:30am: †All Fathers (living and deceased)

Wednesday, October 25

8:30am: Marlon and Rhodora Salacsacan

Thursday, October 26

8:30am: †Jack and Joan Morrissey

Friday, October 27

8:30am: †Kathleen Hanrahan

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Saturday, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

4:00pm: †Jack Simon

Farrell Grandchildren

Sunday, October 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: †Fred Gonzalez

9:30am: †Betty Kubis

11:30am: †Patrick J. Corcoran

6:00pm: †Frank Parrish

†St. Catherine of Alexandria Parishioners

(living and deceased)



#### The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this coming week for Fr. Pat Henry & Jack Simon requested by the Ready family and Cathie Simon.



#### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Joseph Maloney and Fred Gonzalez Please keep the Maloney and Gonzalez families in your prayers.

2024 Mass Book is open. The 2024 Mass Intention Form is on our parish website. Extra copies are in the back of Church.
2024 Mass Book and Sanctuary Candle

There is a \$10 donation for each Mass Intention (Memorial or Healing) and a \$15 donation for each Sanctuary Candle week. The 2024 Mass Intention Form is posted on the parish website. All Sanctuary Candle dates are scheduled through the rectory during office hours: 708-425-2850



# Intentional Offertory Initiative

As we embark upon our 5-week Intentional Offertory Initiative, I invite you to reflect upon the blessings you have received from God as well as the hopes you have for our parish. Prayerfully consider how your generosity of time, talent, and treasure- can strengthen our mission, ministries and operations. At the conclusion of this 5-week journey, I will ask you to specifically re-evaluate your financial commitment to St. Catherine of Alexandria so that, together, we have the needed resources to reach more people with the Gospel, bring them into a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ and support one another on our shared journey as His disciples.

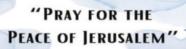
We are embarking on this journey to reflect, in gratitude, on all of God's blessings and our hopes for St. Catherine of Alexandria. Please take these next few weeks to pray and consider how you, as a disciple of Jesus and a vital member of this faith community, can support the mission of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Come, Holy Spirit!

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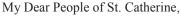
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I have been following with sadness and horror and with prayer the unfolding war in the Holy Land: The Hamas terrorist attack and taking of innocent hostages and the ongoing retaliation of Israel. PBS News Hours reports on October 16 that 1,400

Israelis and 2,750 Palestinians have been killed, with at least 199 hostages, including children, captured by Hamas.

On October 7, Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace, has called for prayers for peace in the Holy Land:

"On October 7, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, the world watched the operation launched from Gaza and the rapid call to arms from Israel that ensued. Almost 50 years to the day of the launch of the 1973 Arab—Israeli War, once again war is spilling out in the Holy Land. With it brings the mounting casualties and hostilities unfolding on all sides, and increased threats to the Status Quo of the Holy Places among Jews, Muslims, and Christians further dimming any hope for peace.

"The world is once again shocked and horrified by the outbreak of ferocious violence in the Holy Land. Reports have surfaced indicating large numbers of wounded and dead, including many civilians.

"I join with Pope Francis in his call for peace and his condemnation of this widespread outbreak of violence. As he stated in his Sunday audience, "May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people."

"May all who love the Holy Land seek to bring about among all the parties engaged in the fighting a cessation of violence, respect for civilian populations and the release of hostages."

"As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events. We call on the faithful, and all people of good will to not grow weary and to continue to pray for peace in the land Our Lord, the Prince of Peace, called home."

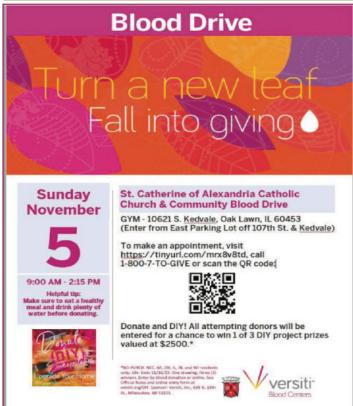
This past week, a mailing went out to all parishioners, containing a special letter from me, your pastor. This letter was also inserted in the bulletin last weekend. In that letter, I am inviting you to embark on a 5 week journey of discipleship and what stewardship means; a follower of Jesus Christ. Walking with the Lord as His disciples, He asks us to be good and faithful stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. Throughout these weeks, you will hear information about our Enhanced Sunday Offertory Initiative. At the end of these weeks, you will be asked to re-assess your financial commitment your parish, St. Catherine, so that together we can continue to reach more people and share the Good News of the Gospel. So stay tuned.

This is the third weekend for our annual October Count. Our count for Week 1 & 2 is 628 & 773 for an average of 700. In 2019, Pre-COVID, the first two week average was 1006. Please continue to invite others you know to Mass next weekend.

This weekend we welcome our grandparents and grandfriends, who play a special role of passing on the faith to their adult children and to their grandchildren. I offer up this prayer from the USCCB for all grandparents. Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

Yours in Christ, - Fr. Dennis ZI







November 11: Alpha will be on

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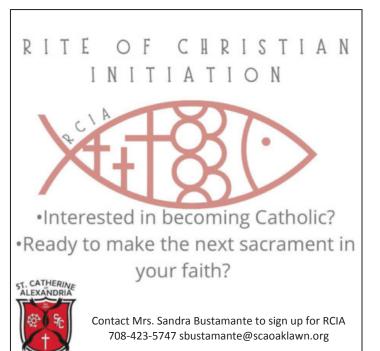
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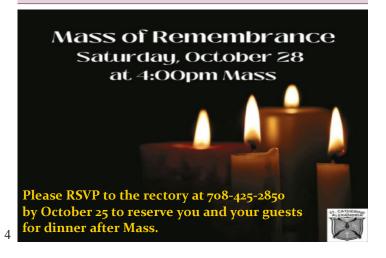
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## 55+ Club Pie Night Meeting November 9 in Kane Hall at 6:30pm Non-members \$10 No charge to members



Historian, Jim Gibbons, will discuss the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, Thomas Edison's New Inventions, F. Frank Baum's book, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" and the book, "The Devil in the White City," based on the murders by H.H. Holmes.

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## Spare Change Saves Babies





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- Pick up a baby bottle this weekend
- Take it home and drop in your spare change
   & say a prayer for the babies
- Return the baby bottles on October 28 & 29

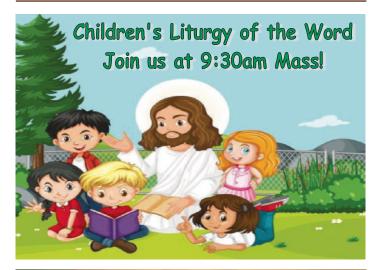


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### October - The Month of Mary

Besides October being Respect Life month, it is also the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful meditative and contemplative prayer where we meditate on the mysteries of our salvation, mainly the life of Jesus, with Mary, our Blessed Mother and ask for her intercession. At the entrance of Church, we have handouts explaining a little more about the Rosary is and how to pray it. There are plenty of good resources to learn more about the Rosary. If the Rosary is not a part of your regular prayer life right now, it's easy to get hands on with this devotion. Here are some suggestions that can help you to get started.

First, we don't have to pray the rosary all at once. Sure, some people might sit down and quietly pray a whole Rosary in one sitting. But we can also choose to divide it up, saying just a decade or two at a time at different points throughout the day: on the way to work, in between errands, in between meetings, while folding laundry or doing dishes.

Second, we can pray it anywhere! The Rosary is like a portable chapel we can keep in our pocket and pull out anytime, anyplace.

We may pray it in Church, in our room, in our office. We also may pray it in the car, on the exercise machine, in the grocery store line, or while cutting the grass or going for a walk. Bringing our hearts into the rhythm of the Rosary is something we can do intermittently throughout the day.

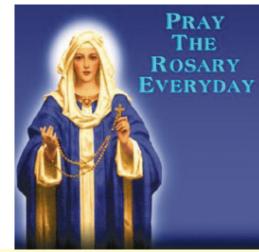
Third, we can pray the Rosary in different ways, customizing it to fit the needs of the moment.

During our St. Catherine of Alexandria Faith Formation classes, we led our students in prayer of the Rosary. It was a wonderful experience, and I encourage you to take time in your daily activities to pray the Rosary. This weekend, I specially ask for prayers for all our Confirmation Candidates, who will have a special Enrollment Mass at 9:30 a.m. Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us!

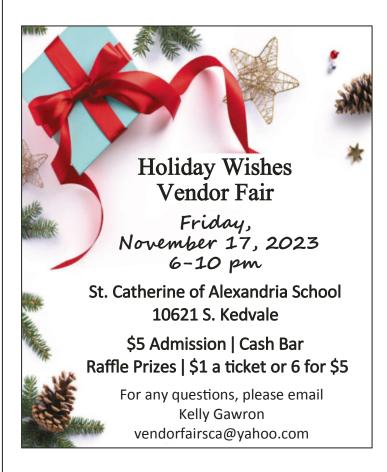
Your Sister in Christ, Sandra Bustamante Faith Formation Coordinator

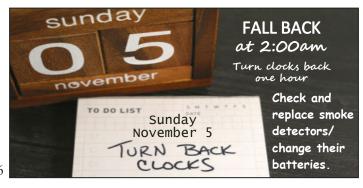






Join us in church after the 8:30am Mass, Monday through Friday to pray the Rosary.





## SCA SCHOOL NEWS









Area Catholic High Schools joined us for our annual High School Fair. Brother Rice, De La Salle, Marist, Mother McAuley, Mount Carmel, St. Ignatius, St. Lawrence, and St. Rita were present. Mr. Laskaridis created a question guide for students to complete as they investigated what each of the high schools had to offer.















The weather did not cooperate with our annual Walk-a-Thon. However, we did not let the rain ruin our day. We made aisles in the gym and asked students to do different walking activities to make it more interesting. We walked, skipped, cherry picked, and bunny-hopped and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the School Board for planning the day, serving the hot dogs and popsicles, and help manage the excitement of the walk-a-thon.

55+ Club had fun dancing to the Twist, YMCA and Polka at their Ice-Cream Social.





























There were beautiful scenic views during the Lake Geneva boat tour as the 55+ Club & friends enjoyed a day of relaxation.











## Second Collection: October 21 & 22

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October 28 4:00pm: TBD October 29

8:00am: Olivia R/Maggie G/Kate G

9:30am: Nicole K 11:30am: John N 6:00pm: TBD



## $\underline{\text{Music Schedule}}$

October 28

4:00pm: Hallelujah Choir

October 29

8:00am: No Music

9:30am: Children's Choir/Bell Chimers 11:30am: Contemporary Praise Ensemble

6:00pm: 8th Grade/High School Youth Ensemble



#### Eucharistic Minister Schedule

October 28

4:00pm: Kelly Blizzard/TBD

October 29

8:00am: Peggy Faust/Sue Salmon 9:30am: Liz Davis/Jill Pertchi

11:30am: Mitch Ciesla/Lynn Hartman

6:00pm: Joanne Ryan



#### Lector Schedule

October 28

4:00pm: Mary Aleman

October 29 8:00am: Nora G

9:30am: Samantha O'Connor 11:30am: Susan LiFonti 6:00pm: Linda Atkins



Embrace the Universal Church with "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" this World Mission Sunday! Today, Pope Francis encourages us to reignite the fire of our faith, and to go forth sharing that faith with others. As we gather on World Mission Sunday, like Catholics around the globe, we are reminded that everyone has a right to receive the Gospel. Our prayers this day and our contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith foster global cooperation, enabling:

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#### Weekly Financial Summary

Week of October 15, 2023

Regular Sunday Collections: \$6,177\*

\*GiveCentral will be included in the monthly summary.

Thank you for your continued support!

 $\underline{\text{Weekly Activities}}\text{: The Adoration Chapel is open Monday - Friday}$ 

from 3:15pm to 6:15pm in the FLC.

Monday, October 23

7:00pm: Finance Council Meeting-Kane Hall

7:30pm: Online Prayer Service & Rosary for the Peace of Jerusalem

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Tuesday, October 24

7:00pm: Evangelization Team Meeting-Kane Hall

Wednesday, October 25

2:30pm-3:30pm: Children's Choir & Bell Choir Practice-Church 4:15pm-4:45pm: Children's Choir & Bell Choir Practice-Church

6:30pm: Catechist Meeting/Prayer Service-Chapel

6:45pm: Alpha-Kane Hall

7:00pm: Night of Eucharistic Praise and Worship-Church

Thursday, October 26

6:30pm-8:00pm: TRIP Sales-Church Vestibule

7:00pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-Rectory

7:00pm-8:30pm: Adult Faith Formation-The Bible Timeline-Library

Friday, October 27

9:15am-10:45am: Adult Faith Formation-The Bible Timeline-FLC

Saturday, October 28

4:00pm: Mass of Remembrance/Hospitality after Mass

4:00pm: Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

and Ministers of Care

Sunday, October 29

All Masses: Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

and Ministers of Care

Religious Education: 9:30am Mass/10:30am Class

9:30am: 2nd Grade Mass of Enrollment

9:30am: Preschool Family Mass/No Hospitality after Mass

11:30am: Girl's Basketball Mass

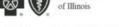


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#### Past Pastors of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

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May they rest peacefully in the arms of Christ.

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Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday at 8:30am.

**6:30am Communion Service:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; enter into the North lot wooden doors.

**Adoration Chapel:** Monday - Friday, 3:15pm to 6:15pm; 10600 S. Karlov Ave.

**Confessions**: Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1:00pm.

Schedule subject to change.

Weddings: Please call the rectory office at least six months in

advance of the date you plan to marry.

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## **Live Stream Mass**

The 9:30am Mass on Sunday is live streamed. Live streams are always accessible on the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/stcatherinesoaklawn.

You do not need a Facebook account to access the Facebook link.

Additionally, they are accessible in the late afternoon at: http://www.parish.scaoaklawn.org/streamed\_masses.

## **St. Catherine's YouTube Channel:**





## **SCA Parish Instagram Page**

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