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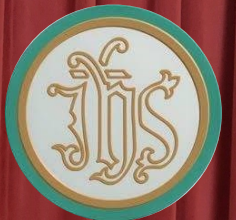
Holy Name Catholic Church
Iglesia del Nombre de Jesús
11000 W. 133rd Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303



October/Octubre 2021

Holy Name Newsletter

Iglesia del Nombre de Jesús Periódico Parroquial



COMING
SOON...

Baby Bottle Collection
October 1 - 31

Blessing of Pets
October 2, 10:00am

Transitus of St. Francis
October 3, 4:00pm

Chicken Dinner
October 10, 12:30
Great Oaks Banquets

Generations of Faith
October 17, 10:00am
October 18, 6:00pm

**What I Didn't Learn
in Sunday School**
October 28
Mass at 7:00pm followed by
talk at Malt Brother's Brewery

All Saints Day
Masses at 8:00am
and 7:00pm

October Events / *Eventos de octubre*

October is the month in which we celebrate St. Francis. His Feast Day is October 4, but we stretch out the celebration all month long. This makes sense because we are a Franciscan-led parish. We start off October with our annual Pet Blessing on October 2nd, followed by a Transitus service and social on October 3rd. You will hear Franciscan-themed songs at Masses all month long and, this year, there is even a “call-out” in November for anyone who would like to learn more about becoming a Secular Franciscan (see the last page for more details).



Speaking of feast days, our annual Chicken Dinner event is being held on October 10. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bonds of community through sharing a meal and enjoying each other’s company. Be sure to get your tickets before they sell out.

Octubre es el mes en el que celebramos a San Francisco. Su fiesta es el 4 de octubre, pero alargamos la celebración durante todo el mes. Esto tiene sentido porque somos una parroquia dirigida por franciscanos. Comenzamos octubre con nuestra Bendición anual de mascotas el 2 de octubre, seguida de un servicio de Transitus y social el 3 de octubre. Escucharás canciones con temas franciscanos en las misas durante todo el mes y, este año, incluso hay un "llamado" en noviembre para cualquiera que quiera aprender más sobre cómo convertirse en un franciscano seglar (ver la última página para más detalles) .

Hablando de días festivos, nuestro evento anual Chicken Dinner se llevará a cabo el 10 de octubre. Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa para fortalecer los lazos de la comunidad al compartir una comida y disfrutar de la compañía de los demás. Asegúrese de obtener sus boletos antes de que se agoten.

Our Mission Statement

Holy Name Parish is a thriving Roman Catholic community that strives to create a welcoming atmosphere for many people from diverse cultures and various backgrounds. Using our time, talent and treasures, we are committed to responsible stewardship and financial accountability. We nourish our Catholic Faith through our weekly sharing in the Eucharist, strengthened through intergenerational faith formation. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we dedicate ourselves to the service of those most in need by being Disciples of Christ in the World.

Parroquia de Santo Nombre es una próspera católica romana comunidad que se esfuerza por crear un ambiente para muchas personas de diversas culturas y diversos orígenes. Usando nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros, estamos comprometidos con la administración responsable y la responsabilidad financiera. Alimentamos nuestra fe católica a través de nuestra participación semanal en la Eucaristía, fortalecida a través de la formación intergeneracional de la fe. Con el poder del Espíritu Santo nos dedicamos al servicio de los más necesitados por ser Discípulos de Cristo en el mundo.

Our Parish has an App! *¡Nuestra parroquia tiene una app!*



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Descargue nuestra aplicación gratuita myParish y conéctese con la última parroquia Información y recordatorios.

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Electronic Giving / *Donaciones Electrónicas*

Parish Giving Tired of writing checks and stuffing envelopes? **Parish Giving** provides you with the opportunity to contribute electronically. Log on to our parish website and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

*¿Cansado de escribir cheques y rellenar sobres? **Parish Giving** le brinda la oportunidad de contribuir electrónicamente. Inicie sesión en nuestro sitio web de la parroquia y haga clic en el logotipo de la Parish Giving.*

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reuse, renew, and recycle? How do we care for the resources that have been entrusted to us? How do we use our resources to help the poor, homeless, hungry and marginalized? These are not easy questions to answer, but the fact that we are concerned about them is in keeping with the Franciscan spirit.

4) **We nourish our Catholic Faith through our weekly sharing in the Eucharist,**

St. Francis and St. Clare were, first and foremost, people of prayer and devotion to Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. Participating in Mass and sharing in the Eucharist on a weekly basis is a non-negotiable part of Christian life. Franciscans have a profound love for liturgy and this value has imbued our Sunday and daily Masses with a deeply spiritual quality.

4) **...strengthened through intergenerational faith formation.**

Although our Generations of Faith program pre-dates the inception of Franciscan leadership in our parish, it has been supported and encouraged by all of our Franciscan pastors - in part because it fosters unity among all walks of life. Parents, children, teens, grandparents, and people without children are welcome to attend. Generations of Faith is designed to teach the same topic in age-appropriate groups through ways that are relevant and understandable.

5) **Empowered by the Holy Spirit we dedicate ourselves to the service of those most in need by being Disciples of Christ in the World.**

What could be more Franciscan than living the Gospel and serving those most in need? To be a Disciple of Christ is to be in solidarity with those who are suffering in any way. Over the years, our parish has served the needy through participation in St Clare’s Kitchen, our annual Giving Tree event, food collections for our local food pantry, and a variety of other charitable efforts.

What About You?

Our Franciscan leadership is not just about Fr. Patrick or the other pastors we have had at Holy Name. A number of people in leadership positions in our parish are professed members of the Franciscan Order as well. If what you just read about the Franciscan spirit resonates with you, perhaps you are also being called to be a Franciscan.



“Francis, Rebuild My Church”

These words spoken by Jesus to Francis of Assisi over 800 years ago still call men and women to follow the Gospel in their own way and time. Did you know that, besides friars, nuns and sisters, there are lay people who are also Franciscans? YES! The “Secular Franciscans” were also begun by St. Francis so that anyone can respond to a deeper call to Gospel living.

The Secular Franciscans invite anyone interested in learning more about this way of Christian living to attend an open “Call Out” to be held Sunday, November 21 from 2:00 to 3:00pm at Holy Name Parish.

For more information, please call Tina Popiela, OFS, who is the Formation Director of Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan Fraternity at 219-365-5317.



What does it mean to be a Franciscan-led parish?



The Franciscans have been leading Holy Name parish since 2007. Our parish has grown and thrived during these years and it is in large part due to the values and vision that are part of the Franciscan spirit. There are many Christian values - and every religious Order emphasizes a particular set of these values that give them their unique “flavor”. Some of the Christian values that Franciscans emphasize are:

- Knowing and loving Christ in every person
- Affirming that the Gospel of Jesus is the road map to life
- Solidarity with the poor, the homeless, the hungry and the marginalized
- Promoting the care of Creation
- Building up of the Christian community and fostering unity
- Faithfulness to the Church’s teaching

These may seem to be rather general principles, but they manifest themselves in a concrete way in the daily life of our parish. In fact, the Franciscan spirit has shaped our mission and transformed our parish into the vibrant community that we are today. How can we tell? By simply looking at our parish’s mission statement...

1) Holy Name Parish is a thriving Roman Catholic community

The emphasis here is on “community”. Community is one of the basic necessities of the Christian life. In the Franciscan model, all are welcome and no one is to be excluded. Not only are all welcome - but all are invited to a deep, real, sharing in the communal life of the parish.

2) ...that strives to create a welcoming atmosphere for many people from diverse cultures and various backgrounds.

One of the first things people notice when they attend Mass at Holy Name is that we are an intercultural and intergenerational parish. We do not have separate Masses for various languages or age groups... we are ONE PARISH and all are welcome in every aspect of parish life.

3) Using our time, talent and treasures, we are committed to responsible stewardship and financial accountability.

At first glance, this statement might seem to be all about money, but that is far from the truth. Yes, financial accountability and transparency is extremely important, but responsible stewardship entails so much more. How do we, as a parish, practice responsible care for our resources and care for our common home? This is an enormous task, and one that does not come easily. Some of the questions that our parish staff grapples with are: how do we reduce our environmental impact? how do we



Our Annual Mexican Independence Day Mass and Fiesta was incredible!

A big thank you to Fr. Juan for being our guest presider and for everyone who helped make this memorable event a great success.



Thank you especially to the Spanish-speaking choir members, all those who prepared and served the scrumptious meal, our Mexican dancers, everyone who helped set up for the fiesta and those who helped clean up afterwards. Thank you to...

Eddie Garcia, Lucy & Alvero Silerio, Claudia Ortiz, Anabel, Marcos, Mariana, Marco, and America Vazquez, Olivia Garcia, Miguel Arriaga, Tomas Jaimes and Elsa Cortez.



Generations of Faith



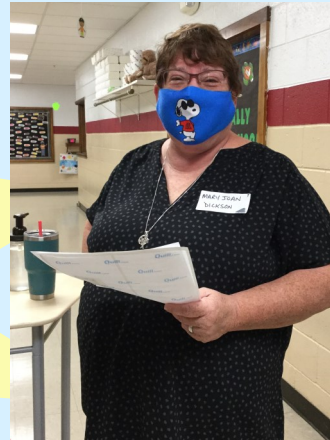
Our opening session was a huge



Join us for the next session on

October 17th & 18th

Únase a nosotros para la próxima session los días 17 y 18 de octubre



Partners in Christ's Work CSA 2021

To those who have made a pledge to the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal for the Diocese of Gary and have fulfilled it or in the process of doing so, **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your generosity.

If you have not made a pledge nor mailed in your donation, please consider doing so as soon as possible. The parish is in need of your response. No gift is too small or too large.

You may also donate online at dgary.org/csa.

Please pray for the success of this campaign. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Pet Blessing
Saturday, Oct 2
10:00am

Pets of every kind are welcome. The blessing will take place by the Marian shrine to the west of the parish office.

Donations for our local Humane Society will be collected. Check the weekly bulletin for more information.

Transitus
of
St. Francis

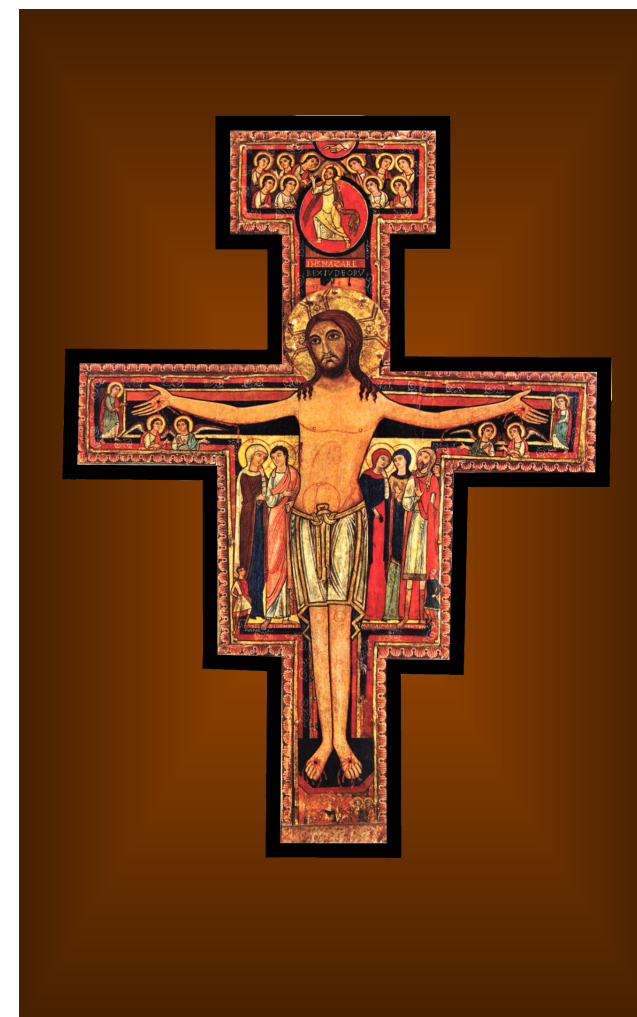
Sunday, October 3rd
4:00pm

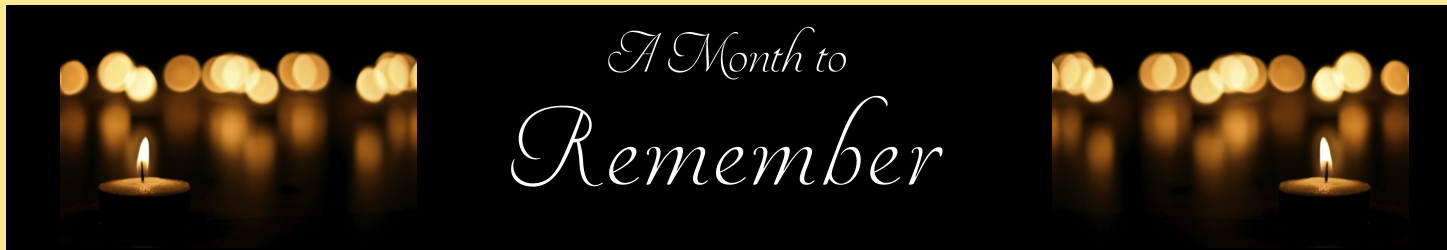
All are welcome to join with the Franciscan community in celebrating the life and passing on to eternal life of St. Francis.

A social will be held in the church hall immediately following the Transitus.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the book sale a success. A total of \$927.13 was raised to help send our high school students to NCYC.





A Month to Remember

Praying for the living and the dead is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Beginning October 23th

Bring photos of your deceased loved ones to church.

Please place your photos in the basket in the lobby. They will be displayed on our Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) tables during the month of November.



Candlelight Memorial Procession

Tuesday, November 2nd
All Souls Day
Dia de los Muertos

Masses at 12:00pm and 7:00pm
With candlelight procession to our cemetery immediately following the 7pm Mass.

Join together in praying for and remembering your dearly departed friends and loved ones.



Holy Name Church



Chicken Dinner

CASH BAR
Sunday, October 10, 2021
Dinner served at 12:30 PM
Great Oaks Banquets
13109 S. Wicker Avenue

\$15 Adults

Children 6-12 \$8, 5 & under are free

YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

Last Thursdays of the month

What I Didn't Learn in Sunday School

Hosted by Matt Kresich

Topics

October 28th - Who do you say that I am?
A look at the names we use for God

Date change due to holidays!

December 2nd - Salvation: All of It

And many more in 2022!

Mass at 7:00pm at Holy Name

Talk at 7:30pm at

St. John Malt Brothers

Event is free but seating reservations

are required. Visit holynamecl.org/event



BABY BOTTLE MINISTRY



Empty baby bottles will be available in the lobby throughout October.
Please take a bottle and fill it with your loose change.
(or a check made out to Holy Name)

When the bottle is full, return it to the parish and take another bottle.

How many empty baby bottles can you fill in one month?

The Baby Bottle Ministry is also seeking people who are willing to assist in distributing and collecting bottles before and after each Mass in October.

Please contact **Sandy Lewis** (219) 696-0140 to volunteer.
We promise you a rewarding, fulfilling experience as we assist young mothers and fathers in their time of need.



LATEST NEWS FROM THE VATICAN

A very important event is happening in the life of the Church this October.

We will be beginning a two-year long synod process.

Pope Francis is scheduled to formally open the synod process at the Vatican Oct. 9-10, and the bishop of every diocese is to open the process in his diocese Oct. 17.

The diocesan phase runs until April.

Vatican City, Sep 18, 2021 / 07:25 am

Pope Francis said on Saturday that the two-year process leading to the 2023 synod on synodality is not about “gathering opinions,” but “listening to the Holy Spirit.”

Addressing Catholics from the Diocese of Rome on Sept. 18, the pope noted that preparations for the synod would take place in three phases between October 2021 and October 2023.

He said that the process sought to create “a dynamism of mutual listening” at all levels of the Church. “This is not about gathering opinions, no. This is not an inquiry; but it is about listening to the Holy Spirit,” he said.

The first, diocesan phase, will last from October 2021 to April 2022. A second, continental phase will take place from September 2022 to March 2023. said. The third, universal phase will begin at the Vatican in October 2023 with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, dedicated to the theme “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.”

The pope outlined his vision and hopes for the synod, which some Vatican commentators have described as the most significant Catholic event since the Second Vatican Council in 1962-65.

The pope said that this wasn’t simply a “theological opinion” or merely a “personal thought,” but rather the blueprint for the Church contained in the Acts of the Apostles, which shows the early Christian community “walking together.”

He reflected on episodes from the New Testament book, which showed how the first Christians resolved their seemingly irreconcilable differences by gathering together to make decisions. He repeatedly emphasized the Holy Spirit’s leading role in decision-making.



He said: “There will always be discussions, thank God, but solutions are to be sought by giving the word to God and his voices in our midst; by praying and opening our eyes to all that surrounds us; by practicing a life faithful to the Gospel; examining Revelation according to a pilgrim hermeneutic that knows how to preserve the path begun in the Acts of the Apostles.” “And this is important: the way of understanding, of interpreting. A pilgrim hermeneutic, that is, one that is on the move. The journey that began after the Council? No. It began with the first Apostles and continues.”

Describing how the faith is passed on from one generation to the next, the pope quoted the composer Gustav Mahler as saying that fidelity to tradition does not consist of “the worship of ashes but the preservation of fire.” He said: “You see how our Tradition is a leavened dough, a reality in ferment where we can recognize growth, and in the dough, a communion that is implemented in movement: walking together realizes true communion.”

The pope stressed the importance of the diocesan phase of the synodal process. Earlier this month, the Vatican released a preparatory document and handbook to help dioceses worldwide to take part. The pope said the initial phase was critical because it sought to involve “the totality of the baptized.”

“There are many resistances to overcome the image of a Church rigidly distinguished between leaders and subordinates, between those who teach and those who must learn, forgetting that God likes to overturn positions,” he commented.

He continued: “The exercise of the *sensus fidei* [sense of the faith] cannot be reduced to the communication and comparison of opinions that we may have regarding this or that theme, that single aspect of doctrine, or that rule of discipline.”

“No, those are instruments, they are verbalizations, they are dogmatic or disciplinary expressions. But the idea of distinguishing majorities and minorities must not prevail: a parliament does that.”

The pope then meditated on the meaning of the phrase “people of God,” a major theme of Vatican II’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium*.

He said that belonging to the people of God was not a matter of “exclusivity” but of receiving a gift that comes with the responsibility to witness to God. “Why do I tell you these things?” he asked. “Because in the synodal journey, listening must take into account the *sensus fidei*, but it must not overlook all those ‘presentiments’ embodied where we would not expect them.”

The Holy Spirit, he said, knows no boundaries and parishes should therefore be open to all and not limit themselves “to considering only those who attend or think like you.” “Allow everyone to enter... Allow yourselves to go out to meet them and allow yourselves to be questioned, let their questions be your questions, allow yourselves to walk together: the Spirit will lead you, trust the Spirit. Do not be afraid to enter into dialogue and allow yourselves to be disturbed by the dialogue: it is the dialogue of salvation,” he said.

Concluding his address, Pope Francis urged members of Rome diocese to play an active role in the synod’s preparations.

“I have come here to encourage you to take this synodal process seriously and to tell you that the Holy Spirit needs you. And this is true: the Holy Spirit needs us. Listen to him by listening to each other. Don’t leave anyone out or behind,” he said.

“It will be good for the Diocese of Rome and for the whole Church, which is strengthened not just by reforming structures -- that is the great deception! -- by giving instructions, offering retreats and conferences, or through directives and programs -- this is good, but as part of something else -- but if it rediscovers that it is a people that wants to walk together, among ourselves and with humanity.”

He added: “But it is necessary to get out of the 3-4% that represents those closest to us, and go beyond that to listen to the others, who will sometimes insult you, they will chase you away, but it is necessary to hear what they think, without wanting to impose our things: let the Spirit speak to us.”

Excerpt adapted from:

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