

Prayer as the Hurricane Approaches

God of the heavens,

We ask that as the hurricane approaches land and our brothers and sisters, that You shelter all who will be in its path.

Watch over everyone, their loved ones, and all who seek safety.

Give them strength, courage, and resolve to ride out this storm.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

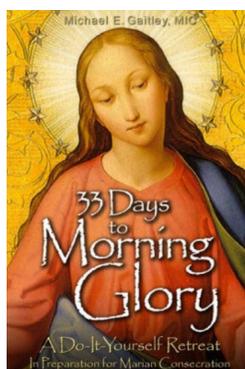
Greetings!

From the Pastor's Desk



Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 1, 11:30 am

Come join us in the church parking lot for a Blessing of the Animals in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring a pet treat to share if you like.



33 Days to Morning Glory

Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens invite you to join an Archdiocesan Marian Consecration. The Consecration will take place on Friday, October 13 at 5:15 pm when

Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. In preparation for the Consecration, it is recommended that you read Fr. Michael Gaitley's book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, beginning on September 10 and culminating on October 13. The book can be purchased at the following local Catholic bookstores:

- [Holy Cross Books and Gifts](#)
- [Leaflet Missal](#)
- [Saint Patrick's Guild](#)
- [St. George Books & Gifts](#)

You can also access a free digital Study Guide for the *33 Days to Morning Glory* do-it-yourself retreat through our parish on-line subscription to FORMED. Go to FORMED.org and enter our parish code VKQPF9.



Together In Faith Capital Campaign Update

We are now in Year 2 of our three-year capital campaign to address maintenance needs and eliminate parish debt. Back in 2016 when we set the original goals of our campaign, we established a “Celebration Goal” of \$1,100,000 and a “Challenge Goal” of \$1,400,000. We currently have campaign pledges of \$1,123,475. I would like to ask if new people who have joined our parish this past year, or people who did not pledge in Year 1, or people who have paid off their original pledge would consider making a campaign pledge for the next two years (September 2017 - June 2019) to help us raise more funds for necessary repairs and maintenance on our campus. We will have pledge cards available in the pews on the weekend of September 23 - 24, or you may contact me if you have questions or would like to make a new pledge. I can be reached at 763-788-9062, x 215 or jmitchell@immac-church.org. Thank you!



Bible Study, “Peter”, Starting September 25 and October 4

All are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall (church basement) for a 10-session Bible study on Saint Peter. Choose either the Monday sessions at 7:00-8:30 pm (led by Mary Nawrocki) or the Wednesday sessions at 1:00-2:30 pm (led by me). The Monday sessions will meet September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 20, 27, December 4. The Wednesday sessions will meet October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6, 13. The Participant Study Guide booklet for “Peter” is *free* to download from the FORMED.org website. To subscribe free to FORMED, go to FORMED.org and enter our parish code **VKQPF9** to register. If you choose to buy a printed copy of the booklet, the cost is \$25. To register for this Bible study, please contact Mary Scott at our Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062, x 208 or msscott@immac-church.org.

Bible Study, “Peter”, Through Online Discussion Group

Are you interested in doing the “Peter” Bible Study remotely online with me? If yes, please contact me at jmitchell@immac-church.org and join our Facebook Group of 5-10 people who will post our comments about the weekly video lesson that you will watch through FORMED.org. It will be a closed group so only the group members can see the comments and discussion. You watch the video lessons when/where you

want, and then join our online discussion! To subscribe free to FORMED, go to FORMED.org and enter our parish code **VKQPF9** to register.

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Saturday, October 7, 2017

6:00—8:30 pm

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w/Sauerkraut or Potato Salad \$10.00
- ◆ **Brat with Sauerkraut** \$5.00
- ◆ **Kid's Meal-Hot Dog & Chips** \$5.00
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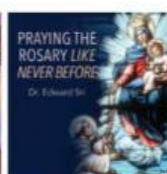
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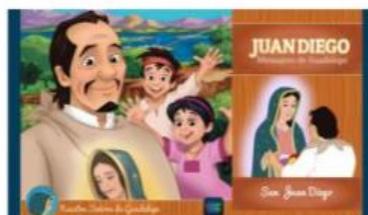


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Award-Winning Movies in English and Spanish



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

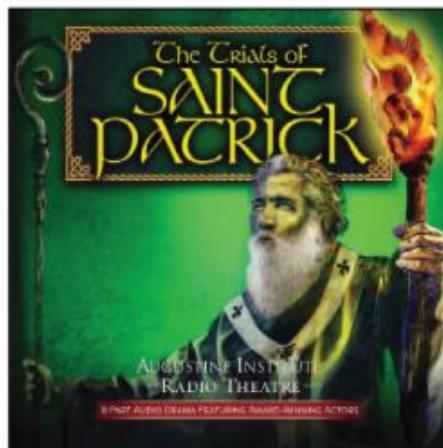
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Trivia Question of the Week

The feast day of St. John Chrysostom is next week on September 13. He lived from 349-407 and was an important Early Church Father known for his preaching and public speaking skills. His last name "Chrysostom" is a Greek word meaning what?

- a) golden words
- b) golden mouthed
- c) golden treasure
- d) golden skills

See the bottom of this newsletter for the answer.

Video of the Week

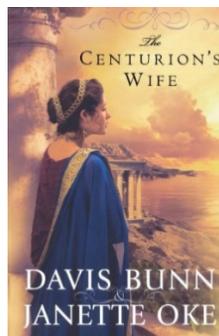
“Organ Recital Promotional Video”



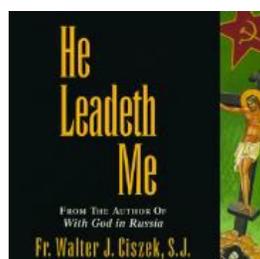
Books I Am Reading

“**Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith**”, by Father Robert Barron (Image Books, 2014).

“**The Centurion’s Wife, (Acts of Faith, Book 1)**”, by Davis Bunn and Janette Oke
For a free checkout of “The Centurion’s Wife” on a parish-owned Kindle, contact Mary Beth Pfeifer, Director of Discipleship and Advancement, at the parish office (763-788-9062, x 203, mbpfeifer@immac-church.org). (*Kindle, is a trademark of Amazon.com, Inc.*)



“**He Leadeth Me**” (Audiobook), by Father Walter Ciszek. During World War II, Father Ciszek was captured by the Russian army and then spent 23 agonizing years in Soviet prisons and labor camps. Only through an utter reliance on God's will did he manage to endure the extreme hardship. To access this free audiobook, sign up at FORMED.org. Your subscription has already been paid for – use the parish code **VKQPF9** to register.



Books I Have Read This Year

“My Sisters the Saints” by Colleen Carroll Campbell

“7 Secrets of the Eucharist” by Vinny Flynn

“Joan of Arc” by Mark Twain

Will You Pray for a Priest Each Day?

Prayer Suggestion: Dear Jesus, hear my prayer on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and a firm hope. Be his comfort, his joy, and his strength. Amen.

September 8 – Rev. Nathaniel Meyers

September 9 – Rev. Stanislaw Michalek

September 10 – Rev. Eugene Michel

September 11 – Rev. Michael Miller

September 12 – Rev. Marcus Milless

September 13 – Rev. Vincente Miranda

September 14 – Rev. John Mitchell

September 15 – Rev. Robert Monaghan

Answer to the Trivia Question of the Week

b) golden mouthed



God Bless You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. John Mitchell".

Father John Mitchell

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