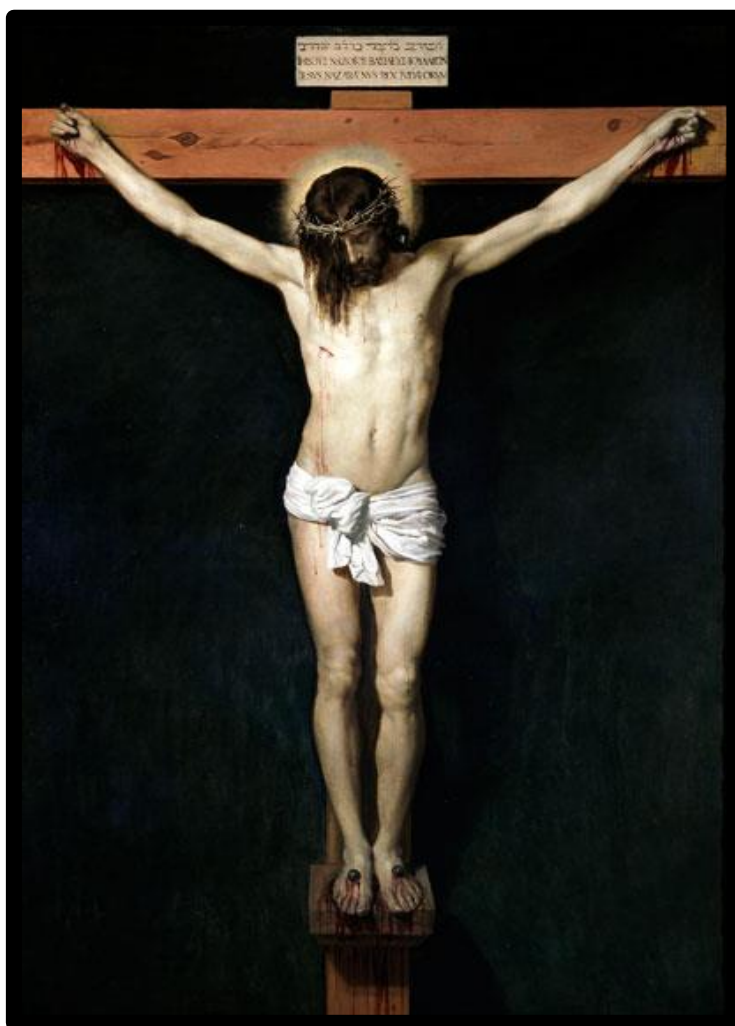


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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



Wonder and Gratitude

Lifting our gaze to Jesus on the Cross should not enkindle fear, but gratitude,
because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves us.

It is the Mercy of God that illuminates the darkness of our lives
and allows us to continue on our journey.

And so we pray ...

Most High glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart.

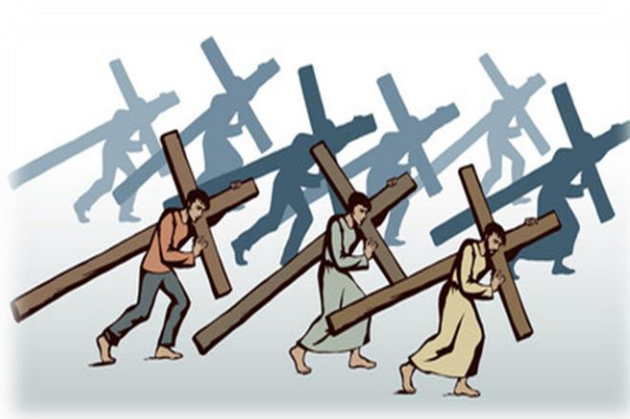
Grant me an upright faith, secure hope, and perfect charity.

Fill me with understanding and knowledge that I may fulfill your command. Amen.

(prayer of Saint Francis before the Crucifix of San Damiano)

Vatican Website

We ourselves have been marked
with the sign of the Cross
as people saved by a serving Lord.
And, on account of the Cross,
we have to learn to forgive ...
to bear one another's burdens ...
and to accept the realities of life
as people of hope and trust,
with the blessing of almighty God,
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Amen. *Liturgy Alive*



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Reflection REFLECTION

- ♦ Why does the exaltation (or triumph) of the cross seem like such a contradiction?
- ♦ What images come to my mind when I think of the cross of Jesus?
- ♦ How can I lift the cross of the Lord as a sign of my belief in the salvation that he brought through his death and resurrection?
- ♦ In what way can I carry *my* cross as a sign of wanting to be united with Jesus?

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Sunday, September 7, 2025

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Amy Schneider

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Bishop Hicks' Column
September 2025
The Leo Effect: Reflecting After 100 Days



In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflect. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed?

In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of shepherd God has given us. The “Leo Effect,” as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world.

At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, one of our [Augustinian](#) priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in [Dolton](#), grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, “He listens more than he talks.” That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, [he celebrated Mass with the homeless](#) and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the “[fire of love](#)” that [must burn within us](#), not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridge-building across cultures. Born in the United States, [formed as a missionary in Peru](#), and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, Pope Leo embodies the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition, and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the [moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence](#), reminding us not to allow technology, money, or power to displace God. [He has called for peace in conflict zones](#), urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new [Mass for the Care of Creation](#), highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God’s earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter’s, [he reclaimed the use](#)

of the mozzetta, a traditional papal vestment symbolizing continuity with history. He also revived the ancient practice of personally bestowing the pallium on new archbishops. These gestures remind us that while Pope Leo leads the Church into new challenges, he remains anchored in her history and symbols. His leadership balances continuity with creativity.

Many have also noted his warmth and relatability. He is approachable, enjoys simple pastimes like baseball, tennis, and word games, and speaks plainly from the heart. These touches of humanity remind us

that the pope is not a distant figure but a pastor walking with his flock.

The Leo Effect is nothing less than the Holy Spirit reminding us that God is alive and active in His Church. And just as the world pauses after one hundred days to reflect on a leader, let us pause to recognize the Spirit's work through Pope Leo XIV. As we pray for our new Holy Father, let us also commit ourselves to being open to the impact the Leo Effect can have on our own lives, to become people of unity, compassion, and love that set the world aflame.

*This letter from Bshop Hicks will be printed in Spanish next weekend.
Esta carta del obispo Hicks se imprimirá en español el próximo fin de semana.*



Year of Hope Parish Pilgrimage ~

Join us as we go on a one-day pilgrimage on October 13th to celebrate this Holy Year of Hope! We will visit St. Raymond Nonnatus (Diocese of Joliet Cathedral), which is a designated jubilee site. Our visit will include Mass, opportunity for confession, time for personal prayer, a tour of the Cathedral, and lunch together.

Año Jubilar de la Esperanza ¡Únase a nosotros mientras hacemos una peregrinación de un día el 13 de octubre para celebrar este Año Santo de la Esperanza! Visitaremos San Raymundo Nonnatus (Catedral de la Diócesis de Joliet), que es un sitio de jubileo designado. Nuestra visita incluirá Misa, la oportunidad de confesión, tiempo para oración personal, un recorrido del Catedral, y almuerzo juntos.

Pilgrimage Registration is Here! La Inscripción a la Peregrinación está Aquí!

Join your fellow parishioners on October 13th for a one-day pilgrimage to celebrate this Holy Year of Hope! **Registration is open until Tuesday, September 30th.** Registration forms are available in the back of the Church and in the parish office. Don't miss out!!

¡Únase a sus compañeros feligreses el 13 de octubre para una peregrinación de un día para celebrar este Año Santo de la Esperanza! La inscripción está abierta hasta el martes 30 de septiembre. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la parte trasera del iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. ¡No se lo pierde!



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And while you are there, look at **VIATORIAN VOICES: CONVERSATIONS ALONG THE WAY**. One of the most recent editions is a conversation with Bishop Christopher Glancy, CSV, our Pastor, about the Viatorian Community's newest area of ministry. Scroll through and find many other interesting conversations with people you know or should get to know!



Religious Education Program (REP) News and Important Dates

- ♦ **Wednesday September 17: Parent Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria We will discuss Registration, REP rules for attendance, the Parent / Student Handbook and any other questions or concerns parents may have.
- ♦ **Wednesday, September 24 REP sessions for children** will begin at 6 p.m. Parents can bring their children to the school parking lot door only- not the door on Indiana Avenue.

Please contact Eileen Kregor, Director of Religious Education,
at (815) 932-6716, or email her at stpatsrepek@gmail.com

Programa de Educación Religiosa (REP) Noticias y Fechas Importantes

- ♦ **Miércoles 17 de septiembre:** Reunión de padres a las 18:00 h en la cafetería de la escuela. Se hablará sobre la inscripción, las normas de asistencia del REP, el Manual para Padres/Estudiantes y cualquier otra pregunta o inquietud que puedan tener los padres.
- ♦ **Miércoles 24 de septiembre:** Las sesiones del REP para niños comenzarán a las 18:00 h. Los padres pueden traer a sus hijos solo a la puerta del estacionamiento de la escuela, no a la de la Avenida Indiana.



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WEEKDAY LECTOR	M. Suprenant			
SACRISTANS for September 19	J. Conway	K. Kingsnorth		

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Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound, those in nursing homes or hospitals,
and those who have asked for our prayers! Envelope Number 563*

Prayer Line ... please call (815) 932-9423.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:15 Gladys Goreham (Birth. Ann.)
(by Gary and Suzanne Polonis)

Tuesday, September 16 ***St. Cornelius***

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors

Wednesday, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine

St. Hildegard of Bingen

7:15 Fr. George Auger, CSV (Birth. Ann.)
(by Linda Born)

Thursday, September 18

7:15 Vivian Danca (by Danca Family)

Friday, September 19 ***St. Januarius***

7:15 Elaine Ziemer (by Ziemer Family)

Saturday, September 20

St. Andrew Kim and Companions

4:00 Richard "Dick" Bergeron
(by George and Suzette Flageole) /
Allen "Butch" LaRoche
(by Sharon Draude)

Sunday, September 21 ***St. Matthew the Apostle***
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Sharon Stanley (by Stanley Family)

10:00 Louis John Galassi
(by Antonietta Nicklaus) /
Mose Arseneau (by Dolores Arseneau) /
Michael Harman, Jr.
(by Harman Family)

4:00 (Spanish) Antonio Dominquez
(by Enedina Dominquez)

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at 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.**

**Confesiones en la Iglesia
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St. Andrew Kim



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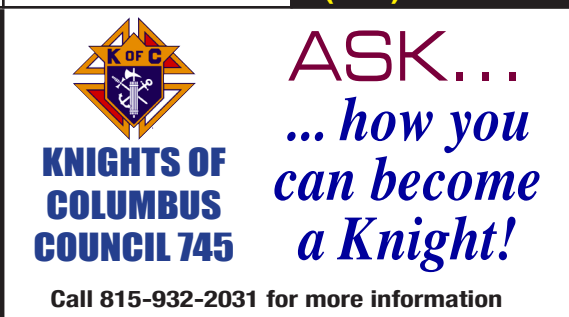
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