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October 2010 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

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Tuesday, October 5: Bishop J. Peter Sartain speaks on [BREAD OF LIFE—COVENANT OF LOVE](#) @ St. Anne Parish in **Oswego** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thursday, October 7: Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP and Sr. Mary Ann Zuberbueler, OP speak on [EUCHARIST AND THE HEART OF CATECHESIS](#) @, St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center (Chapel) in **Romeoville** from 7:00 pm. to 9:30 pm. (registration required - [Parish registration form](#))

Friday, October 8: Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP and Sr. Mary Ann Zuberbueler, OP speak on [CATECHETICAL TEACHER INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS](#) @ Cathedral of St. Raymond in **Joliet** from 8:00 am to 12 pm. (registration required - [Parish registration form](#))



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Saturday, October 9: Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP and Sr. Mary Ann Zuberbueler, OP speak on [EUCCHARIST AND THE HEART OF CATECHESIS](#) St. James Parish in **Glen Ellyn** from 8:30am to 12 pm. (for Catechists, Parish DRE's and CRE's (registration required - [Parish registration form](#))

Sunday, October 10: Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP and Sr. Mary Ann Zuberbueler, OP speak on [EUCCHARIST AND THE HEART OF CATECHESIS](#) St. Martin of Tours Parish in **Kankakee** from 1:00 pm. to 3:30 pm. (registration required - [Parish registration form](#))

Tuesday, October 12: Fr. Burke Masters speaks on [THE EUCHARIST AND OUR VOCATION](#) @ St. Francis University (Presidents Room) in **Joliet** begins at 12:00 pm.

Friday, October 15: [A MIRACLE IN LANCIANO](#) @ Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in **Naperville** at 7:00pm. For tickets or more info, contact Mike at: 630-718-2154

Thursday, October 21: Fr. Thomas Loya from the Tabor Life Institute speaks on [THE PRIESTHOOD AND CELIBACY](#) @ St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center (Rm. 151) in **Romeoville** from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. [brochure](#)

Monday, October 25: Fr. Peter Jankowski speaks on [THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR THE EUCHARIST](#) @ St. Francis University (Turk Theater) in **Joliet** begins at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, October 30: Center for Family Ministry is conducting a seminar [MARRIAGE AND THE EUCHARIST](#) (Workshop and Mass) @ St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in **Romeoville** from 9:30am to 12:30 pm. (for married couples) for more information, or to pre-register, call 815-838-5334 or download [flyer](#)

Wednesday, November 10: Sr. Mary Elizabeth Imler speaks on [THE EUCHARIST IN THE FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL TRADITION](#) @ St. Francis University (Turk Theater) in **Joliet** at 7:00 pm.

October – Month of the Rosary

On October 7 the Catholic Church celebrates a memorial liturgy in honor of Mary as *Our Lady of the Rosary*. The recitation of the Rosary is a devotion based on Sacred Scripture. Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources—from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church—and since the proclamation of the Gospel remains the primary service that the Church owes to humanity, to offer the salvation of Christ to all, it is right that we pray the Gospel by praying the rosary!

The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Namely the middle ages, when literacy was rare and prayer books (breviaries) were handmade (and expensive!); the common people could pray "Mary's Psalter." The authentic Rosary is a happy combination of vocal and mental prayer, each of which is essential to the devotion. Meditation is the "soul," while vocal prayer is the "body." **Pope Benedict XVI** in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said:



“Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourishes for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each 'Hail Mary'.”

YE Saint of the Month

St. Therese (the Little Flower) and her Parents, Blesseds Louis and Zelig Martin

St Thérèse's “little way” seems to put the holiness of life within the reach of ordinary people. Through her teaching, we can live out our days with confidence in God's love. In the opening pages of her childhood memories Thérèse states: ‘God granted me the favor of opening my intelligence at an early age and of imprinting childhood recollections deeply on my memory. Jesus in His love willed perhaps, that I know the matchless mother He had given me, but whom His hand hastened to crown in Heaven.’



Louis (b. 1823) and Zelig (b. 1831) Martin are the first parents of a saint in the Catholic Church to be lifted up by the Church for beatification as a married couple. They demonstrate to us all the influence and love given to a child in a faith-filled home can lead a couple to sanctity. It is the duty of all Christian parents to impart the faith they have been given to their children, as promised at the child's baptism. Zelig and Louis lived that promise by providing their family with a deep love for God and his Church.

Their lives were not so different then our modern-day ones. They were both working outside of the home to provide for their daughters; Louis was a watchmaker and Zelig made lace. Prayer played an intimate role in their home and in their lives. They struggled with many challenges, balancing child care, work, and duties at home as well caring for aging parents. God was at the center of all their decisions.

The Martins' sanctity was not because they were parents of a saint, but that through their tender devotion to God and family and the covenant of marriage they became sanctified. They were beatified at the Basilica of St. Thérèse in Lisieux, France on October 19, 2008.

Zelie died in 1877 after struggling with breast cancer. This left Louis a single parent, raising four daughters, all of whom would eventually become Carmelite Sisters. This family endured the Franco-Prussian war, the loss of four infant children and the death of their mother—but they never lost their faith in God and his love for them in his Word and Sacrament.

St. Thérèse was only 4½ when her mother died, yet the example given by her parents, led Thérèse to give her self completely in what she called, “The Little Way.” Therese based “her little way” on two fundamental convictions: (1) God shows love by mercy and forgiveness, and (2) she could not be “perfect” in following the Lord. Her life sounds so routine and ordinary, but it was steeped in a loving commitment to persevere. For lesson plans and more information, go to <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ye/patrons.asp>

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