

Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Patrick's Parishes

Spreading the Gospel on the South Side of Milwaukee

October Newsletter



Message from Pastor Tim Manatt, S.J.



Invariably, at this time of year, at least one parent asks me: “Father, what’s the deal with Halloween? Is it sinful to let our kids participate?”

Halloween has its roots in Ireland before St Patrick arrived. At that time, 1600 years ago, there was a pagan (druid) festival called “Samhain” which celebrated the harvest and endeavored to scare away evil spirits from families homes with the approach of winter. It was so popular and deeply rooted in Irish culture that the English-speaking Church responded by establishing “All Hallow’s Eve,” a Mass to honor the memory of the dead in late October (All Saints and All Souls). Subsequently, the massive Irish immigration to America in the 1840s and 1850s brought certain traditions surrounding Halloween to the U.S. For instance, social gatherings such as dances, costume parties, and children asking neighbors for candy treats at sundown.

As for part two of the question— Is it sinful to allow your child to dress up as a pirate or princess or sports star and knock on neighbor’s doors and say, “trick or treat”?— no, it is not. However, it would be naive not to recognize the fact that, since the 1980s, movies and other forms of popular entertainment have fixated some people’s minds on Halloween as a time for witchcraft, devil-worship, and other forms of evil.

So, I appeal to every parent, and to every young adult, to use good discretion and to follow the dictates of your conscience surrounding this distinctly American custom, one that understandably confuses immigrants.

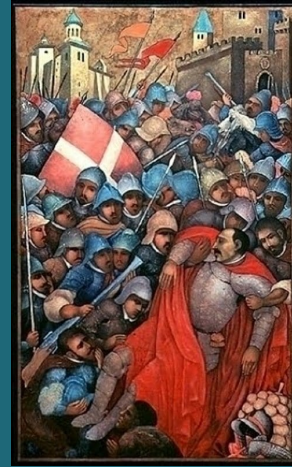
Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Tim Manatt, S.J.

For more on All Hallow’s Eve/Halloween, see Mary Reed Newline’s article at www.catholicculture.org.

Ignatian Year 2021-2022

Iñigo López de Loyola, aka, St Ignatius of Loyola, suffered a near-fatal injury as a Spanish soldier at the Battle of Pamplona on May 21, 1521. The long process of physical healing also led to a spiritual conversion,

with the long-term effect of bringing a new religious order into existence, the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). The superior general of the Jesuit Order, Father Arturo Sosa S.J., encourages everyone who attends a Jesuit-sponsored school or parish to reflect on pivotal experiences in your own life, similar to Ignatius's "cannonball experience." Click on the video to hear Fr. Sosa speak about the Ignatian Year.



Aftermath of Hurricane Ida in Louisiana.



Aftermath of earthquake in Haiti.

The Corporal Acts of Mercy

When I was hungry, thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, without electricity, you came to my aid.
(in accord with *The Gospel of Matthew*, chapter 25)

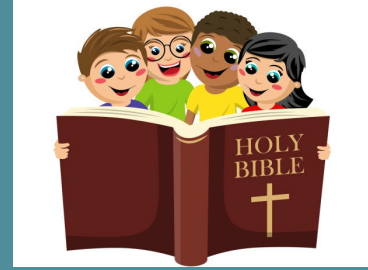
The combined special collection taken up at the Sister Parishes on Sunday, September 11, yielded \$1550, of which \$775 will be sent to Catholic Charities USA for Hurricane Ida Relief in Louisiana, and \$775 for Haiti Earthquake Relief through the U.S. Bishop's Conference with the assistance of our own archdiocese.

THANK YOU for your solidarity and generosity.

For more information about the two relief organizations, visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org > link to "Stories"; and www.archmil.org > link to "Ministries + Offices" > link to "Social Justice."

Message from Parish Life Coordinator (Silvia Jimenez)

Faith formation programs for children, teenagers, and adults have successfully begun and the registrations are complete. The next opportunity to register for 1st Communion and Confirmation preparation will be in August 2022.



Eucharistic Adoration and 1st Friday Mass (bilingual) at St. Patrick's on Oct. 1st at 5:00 pm



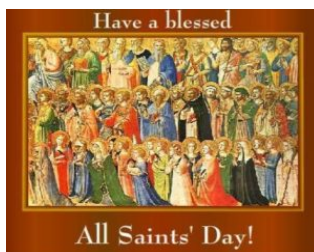
The tradition of First Fridays is connected to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the intentions of the Pope.

[Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#)



Job Offering

The parishes are looking to hire a person to be in charge of maintenance for both churches. This is a part-time job, 20-25 hours per week. Duties include lawn care, snow removal, boiler maintenance, painting projects, some cleaning and other odd jobs. A valid driver's license and access to a vehicle are required. Click on the [link](#) for the full job description.



Special Masses on the horizon...

All Saints Day is Monday, November 1.

Bilingual Mass at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

All Souls Day is Tuesday, November 2.

Bilingual Mass at 6 p.m. at St Patrick's Church.



RESOURCES

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