

Saint Mildred

The mission of Saint Mildred Parish is to foster spiritual growth and formation of the community through worship, educational endeavors, and cultural unity.

OCTOBER 4, 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.- Thurs 9:00-4:00
Fridays 9:00-Noon

OUTREACH HOURS

Assistance by Appointment Only
Mon, Tues, Thurs 11 - 4
Call 606-678-4617
Clothing Center Hours
Tues and Thurs 9:30 - ll:30

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Carlos Andres Martinez
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Flanagan
Deacons: Larry Cranfill | Gene Cheshire (ret.)
Director of Religious Education: Karen Rowe
Music Minister: Maria Jayme-Martin
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Outreach Director: Ginger Cyganiewicz

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patricia Avina, Chair 859-351-6770

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight Chris Mason 606-875-1588



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

- **Saturday 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday 10:15 AM**
- **Sunday 1:00 PM in Spanish**

CONFESSIONS

- **Saturday 4:00-4:45**
- **Wednesday: 5:30-6:15**
- **First Friday: 11:00-11:45**

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Contact the Parish Office

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
NO OCIA in the OBC
9:45 AM—ROSARY PRAYED (in church before Mass)
10:15 AM—HOLY MASS
For all int. and for Eileen Ehlman by Carol Papia
NO CCD CLASSES (FALL BREAK)
1:00 PM—HOLY MASS IN SPANISH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
NOON—HOLY MASS
For all int. and for Charles and Wilda Whitaker by Jeff and Jenny Bullock

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
9:15 AM—BIBLE STUDY
NOON—HOLY MASS
For all int. and for the deceased members of the Norman Martin family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
5:30--6:30 PM—HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM—YOUTH GROUP
6:30 PM—HOLY MASS
For all int. and for Joe Flynn by Jeff and Jenny Bullock

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
NOON—HOLY MASS
For all int. and for World Peace by Jeff and Jenny Bullock
6:00 PM— NO OCIA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 FIRST FRIDAY
10:15 AM—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM—HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS NOON—HOLY MASS
For all int. and for Elenor Crosby by Jeff and Jenny Bullock
NO TAI CHI with Fr. Flanagan this week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
4:30 PM—ROSARY PRAYED (in church before Mass)
5:00 PM—HOLY MASS (Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately after Mass)
For all int. and special int. for the family of Everett and Pauline Wiese by Tom and Martina Gilkey
6:30 PM—HISPANIC BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
9:45 AM—ROSARY PRAYED (in church before Mass)
9:00 AM—OCIA in the OBC
10:15 AM—HOLY MASS
For all int. and for Hugh Whitaker by Mary Alice Whitaker
11:45 AM— CCD CLASSES

PRAY FOR

Our Parishioners: Russell Pyles, Mario Pieroni, Louis and Dede Anderson, Connie Schultz, Jim Thomas, Mechelle Phillippi, Deacon Gene Cheshire, Robby & Ann Zelen, Pauline Pieroni, Betsy Perkins, Sandra Woodman, John Woodman, Dottie Brant, Roland Snauwaert, Mary Ann Vedder, Fanny Ball, Louise Broderick, Pat Paluzi, the Andrews Family, Judith Pfeiffer, Elizabeth Oelker, Marty Heath, Jean Bianchi, Katherine King, Judy Schosser, Scott McCluskey, Jean Young, Alex White

Remember these friends & family members in prayer: Christopher Vedder, Steve Ramsey, Sue Drennen Pogue, and Armindo Abrue

Remember the prayer requests in the Outreach Office.

Collection for Sept. 20, 2026:

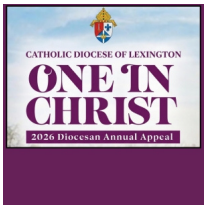
- Offertory: $5,173.00
- Online Offertory: $1,284.94
- The amount needed for weekly budget is $9,615.38
- Weekly Outreach: $50.00
- Online Outreach: $123.75

Donate Online



If you are interested in ONLINE GIVING, please contact Marchetta at the church office. (606) 678-5051, use the QR code below, or go to: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZGFP/home

Diocesan Annual Appeal



The Diocesan Annual Appeal has begun. This year, we are looking for higher participation. If you cannot give a gift, then please still fill out a card with your prayer intentions. This still counts toward our goal. Please be generous. This supports our mission churches as well as other ministries.

FROM FATHER CARLOS

Saint Francis: A Saint for Our Era:

Part II — Francis, the Peacemaker

Saint Francis was not only a lover of poverty and creation; he was also a man of peace. His approach to conflict offers a striking witness for our own divided age as we see horrible circumstances in regions such as Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and other torn places.

In an era dominated by brutal religious warfare, Saint Francis chose a completely unexpected path. Instead of picking up weapons, he famously crossed the bloody front lines of the Fifth Crusade in Egypt, completely unarmed, to meet and speak with Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil in 1219.

Francis did not travel to conquer or condemn; he traveled to listen and humanize the "enemy." The meeting did not end the Crusade or erase the profound religious differences between Francis and the Sultan. Yet Francis was willing to cross a boundary that many considered dangerous. He approached another human being not first as an adversary, but as someone worthy of dignity and conversation. This encounter can be seen as a historical example of modern diplomacy which often requires: the courage to lay aside defensive postures and engage in difficult, high-risk empathetic dialogue.

Francis reminds us that peace does not begin when everyone agrees. It begins when people are willing to encounter one another as human beings.

Francis's approach to peace was also rooted in his understanding of Christ. For him, peacemaking was not merely the absence of violence. It was a way of living the Gospel. His greeting was "May the Lord give you peace." Peace was something to be carried into homes, communities, churches, and even places of conflict.

This is especially meaningful in our own time. We live in an age of political divisions, religious tensions, wars, social hostility, and conversations that can quickly turn into accusations. Francis challenges us to ask a different question: How can I become an instrument of peace?

Sometimes "being an instrument of peace" begins with something very simple such as listening before responding, refusing to repeat hatred, forgiving an injury, speaking respectfully about someone with whom we disagree, reaching out to a person who feels forgotten, or choosing compassion when anger would be easier. Additionally, we can say no to wars that are senseless and do not follow the rules of keeping compassion with those who have fallen.

Francis also teaches us that peace and care for creation belong together. His love for creation flowed from his belief that all creatures ultimately belong to God. In the Canticle of the Creatures, he called the sun, moon, water, fire, and earth "brother" and "sister."

His vision invites us to recover a sense of wonder and responsibility toward the world entrusted to us.

Eight hundred years after his death, Saint Francis does not belong only to the past. His witness continues to ask us who we are becoming. Are we people who build walls or bridges? Do we approach strangers with suspicion or with openness? Do we answer hostility with hostility, or can we become instruments of peace?

The world does not need another Francis in the sense of simply repeating the past. It needs Christians willing to live the spirit of Francis today: humble before God, compassionate toward the poor, respectful toward those who are different, faithful to Christ, and courageous enough to make peace.

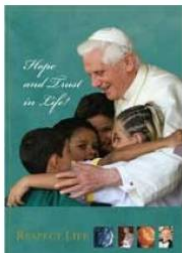
Perhaps that is why Saint Francis remains a saint for our era. His life reminds us that holiness is not measured by power, wealth, or influence. It is measured by love, and love has the courage to cross the battlefield, meet the other, listen, forgive, and say with Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace".



Mass at the Neighborhood (Assisted Living Facility): the second Tuesday of each month. Next Mass is on October 13th at 3:00 PM. Call office for more info.

October is Respect Life Month!



- AIM fundraising banquet: Tuesday October 20th. We would love to fill a few tables with St. Mildred parishioners! Call Gretchen before October 8th at 305-1326 if you would like to attend!



Teaching Mass with Fr. Flanagan Has Been Reshcheduled!

October 29th 6 PM to 8 PM. We encourage everyone to attend and learn more about the Mass. Father will explain each part as he says Mass.



Rosary Rally

The Rosary will be prayed on October 10th at the Fountain. We will begin at noon. Please come and pray with us!

Adult Education Classes

Adult Education Classes start this Sunday! English speakers will meet with Charlie Shenk in the room above the kitchen in the OBC. The theme is: Investigate the Early Church : What were the Apostles and St. Paul Doing?

Spanish speakers will meet in the church chapel with Victorio and Jackie.

Class times are the same as CCD. (11:45-12:45)