

Religious Education



CCD Family Newsletter October 2 - October 9, 2024



CCD Continues This Week

Next Monday Class:

October 7th

Lesson 3

Next Tuesday Class:

October 8th

Lesson 3

Attn Tuesday Families: CCD will meet in the lower church in St. Joseph's Hall next week so that we don't disrupt OLS' Rosary Congress taking place in the Church. Students will participate in Adoration for a few minutes during class.

Homeschooling Program:



Week of October 6th

Lesson 3

CCD Calendar

2024 Eucharistic Rosary Congress
October 7-8, 2024

To Jesus *through Mary*





<p>October 7, 7:00pm</p> <p>Opening Mass Followed by 24 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>Rosary prayed at the top of each hour, from 8:00pm, Oct. 7th - 7:00pm, Oct. 8th</p>	<p>October 8, 7:00pm</p> <p>Reflection by Brother Juan Francisco Larrazabal, C.F.R., Franciscan Friar of the Renewal</p> <p>Recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Rosary</p> <p>Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</p>
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Please consider leading the Rosary during one of the hours or committing to spending 1 hour before Our Eucharistic Lord in prayer.

Use the QR code to sign up or visit our parish website to sign-up:
www.ohschurch.com

Or visit table in back of Church when set up or at the picnic



 *Our Lady of Sorrows*
217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079

Eucharistic Rosary Congress **October 7 - 8, 2024** **24 Hours of Adoration**

Attn: Tuesday Families

Students attending CCD on Tuesday, October 8th will be attending Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with their class in the church during the Rosary Congress. Catechists will be asked to bring their class up for Adoration for the amount of minutes corresponding with the grade they teach. (4th graders will be attending for 4 minutes...8th graders will attend for 8 minutes...) After dropping your kids off for CCD on Tuesday, consider joining your fellow parishioners in prayer and praise in the church. It'll be an hour of peace and quiet with the Lord that you won't regret!



Homeschooling Connection

If you are having any problems accessing your child's account or with using our new *Christ in Us* student portal, please reach out to Jen Noll.

One system peculiarity that we've already discovered: If your child switched into the homeschooling program after CCD had already started, you will find that assignments may post on Monday versus Sunday. Either way, we hope you enjoy presenting the material in Lesson 3 to your children next week!



Gospel Reflection Stickers for the Week

Ask your child if they can tell you why Mrs. Noll gave out stickers with the Inside Out 2 character "Envy" on them at CCD yesterday. (Spoiler alert - In Sunday's Gospel the disciples were upset that someone who wasn't part of Jesus' group using Jesus' name to drive out demons. They were likely jealous of that man and his abilities. But Jesus tells us that whenever we do even the smallest thing for someone else in his name that we are helping to build up the Kingdom of God!)



Essential Question for Lesson 3: *Why Did God Make Us?*

Thanks to the structure of our new curriculum, students in ALL grades will be working with their classes to answer the SAME essential faith question. This week's essential question is "

After CCD, ask your kids what their class came up with as an answer to this week's essential question. Spoiler alert: God wants us to know, love, and serve him in this life and to be happy with him for all eternity. He created us to love one another. To help us believe in him, he gave us the gift of faith. When we walk by faith, we trust that God wants good things for us. Faith helps us say "yes" to God and make good choices. Reflect on the times you've said "yes" to God, even when you were faced with a difficult choice. Then discuss with your children the ways in which your faith sustains you?



Don't Forget Your First-Day Packet Forms

Please remember to send your child to CCD with a signed copy of our **Handbook Acknowledgement** by October 8th. You can also mail it back to us or photo and email us back a copy. (As a reminder, our handbook is always available on the OLS website.)

[2024-2025 Family Handbook](#)
[2024-2025 Homeschooling Handbook](#)

We also need you to return the Archdiocese of Newark Digital Communications Form. Once we have this form, your child will be able to access the *Christ in Us* workbook through the digital portal and submit make-up work online. Thank you!



Sacramental Preparation Program Reminder

Inscription Mass

Sunday, October 6th
10:00 am

All of the students in our Sacramental Preparation Program should be present at our First Reconciliation Inscription Mass is this Sunday: October 6th at the 10:00 am Family Mass.

Immediately following the Mass, families are asked to join us downstairs in St. Joseph's Hall for a short (about 30 minutes) program. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Noll will introduce the Parable of the Good Shepherd to the kids and then they'll do a quick and fun activity.

If you would like to view any of the slides from last week's First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, you may view the presentation here: [First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Slideshow Presentation](#).



The Time is Now for Middle Schoolers to Apply to a Catholic High School

Approximately 1/3 of our CCD 8th graders go on to attend a Catholic High School in the area. The application starts earlier than many public school parents realize though!

For families deciding on the right Catholic high school, the Archdiocese hosts a series of High School Expo Nights, where students and their parents can meet admissions representatives and learn more about various schools. The scheduled dates for the 2024 High School Expos are:

- Tuesday, Sept.17: St. Thomas the Apostle School, Bloomfield
- Wednesday, Sept.24: Visitation Academy, Paramus
- Thursday, Sept. 25: St. Theresa School, Kenilworth
- Monday, Sept. 26: Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City

Each expo will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m., allowing attendees to explore academic programs, extracurricular activities, and scholarship options. Financial aid information will also be available at these events.

For those planning to attend a Catholic school within the Archdiocese of Newark, one of the first steps in this process is registering for the High School Placement Test (HSPT®) as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program (COOP). The entrance examination helps streamline the admissions process for students and their families.

For more information about the entire Catholic high school application process, click [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about a particular Catholic High School, reach out and we can try to put you in contact with a parent whose child attends the school you are interested in. Mrs. McDonald and I are happy to speak to anyone about my family's experience at Union Catholic.



OLS Food Pantry Update

At its most recent Saturday distribution, the OLS Food Pantry served 237 families representing 906 individuals, 301 of them children. This is a sizable increase from recent months. Fortunately they were still able to meet this demand, providing each family with groceries including a bag of staple items plus fresh milk, produce and bread.

If your weekly shopping list includes the purchase of groceries for donation to our pantry, the complete list of needed items can be found on the pantry website here: <https://olschurch.com/foodpantry/> They are currently most in need of:

- Rinaldi Pasta Sauce in plastic jars (On sale in Shop-Rite Sept. 29-Oct. 5)
- 1 lb. bags of rice
- Pasta

Shelf stable grocery donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday in the lower church during business hours (9:30 am- 4:00 pm Monday-Friday) and in the church vestibule Saturday and Sunday mornings. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.



CYO Basketball Registration ends October 10th

Boys and Girls in Grades K – 8 who are registered students in the OLS CCD program are invited to play CYO Basketball as part of a shared parish ministry with St. Joseph's in Maplewood. Teams will practice and play games at St. Joseph's Parish Gym from October to March. Additional information and the registration form can be found on the St. Joseph's CYO Basketball web site at www.stjosephscyob.org.

Contact Gerry O'Connor, St. Joseph's Athletic Director, at stjosephcyobb@aol.com, with any questions or to volunteer.

Please note - Students participating in CYO, must be enrolled in a Catholic School or religious education program. They are also expected to attend classes regularly. Attendance for homeschooling program students is tracked through the submission of online lesson tests.

Opportunities and Reminders

Those in their 20s and 30s are invited to a:

Fall Hike on Saturday, October 12th

10am - 3pm
at the **Watching**
Reservation History Trail

Join us for a day hike and take a much-needed break! Details below:

- Meet by 10am in the parking lot at the Reservation **(452 New Providence Road, Mountainside NJ 07092)**
- If you'd like to carpool from *Our Lady of Sorrows* in South Orange, text Josh at 862-231-1620 (we will be leaving at 9:30am).
- Bring water and a packed lunch (we will eat on the trail).
- Closed-toed shoes only! We'll be on a trail, not pavement...

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OUR LADY OF SORROWS **FAMILY MASS**

Every Sunday at 10:00 am

What to expect: family-focused preaching, kid's bulletins, music led by our youth choirs, and family members of all ages serving in the liturgy as gift-bearers, ushers, greeters, and proclaimers.

Coffee & Donuts and Catholic kid's craft
downstairs after Mass on 2nd and 4th Sunday!

Serve at this Mass as a family:

For more information & to sign up to serve, contact a staff member below or scan here:

Colleen McDonald: sorrowschurch@gmail.com
Stephanie Sonnick: olschurchministries@gmail.com



GUARDIAN ANGELS

October 2nd

SAINT / FEAST OF THE WEEK

The Holy Guardian Angels

Feast Day: October 2nd

"For he hath given his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." - Psalm 90:11

The truth that each and every human soul has a Guardian Angel who protects us from both spiritual and physical evil has been shown throughout the Old Testament, and is made very clear in the New.

It is written that the Lord Jesus was strengthened by an angel in the Garden of Gethsemane, and that an angel delivered St. Peter from prison in the Acts of the Apostles.

But Jesus makes the existence and function of guardian angels explicit when he says, "See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 18:10).

In saying this Jesus points out that all people, even little children, have a guardian angel, and that the angels are always in Heaven, always looking at the face of God throughout their mission on earth, which is to guide and protect us throughout our pilgrimage to the house of our Father. As St. Paul says, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to minister for them, who shall receive the inheritance of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14).

However, they guide us to Heaven only if we desire it. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that angels cannot act directly upon our will or intellect, although they can do so on our senses and imaginations – thus encouraging us to make the right decisions. In Heaven our guardian angels, though no longer needing to guide us to salvation, will continually enlighten us.

Prayer to the guardian angels is encouraged, and the habit of remembering their presence and support leads to friendship with them. The prayer to the guardian angels has been present in the Church since at least the beginning of the 12th century:

*Angel of God,
my Guardian dear,
to whom His love
commits me here,
ever this day
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.*

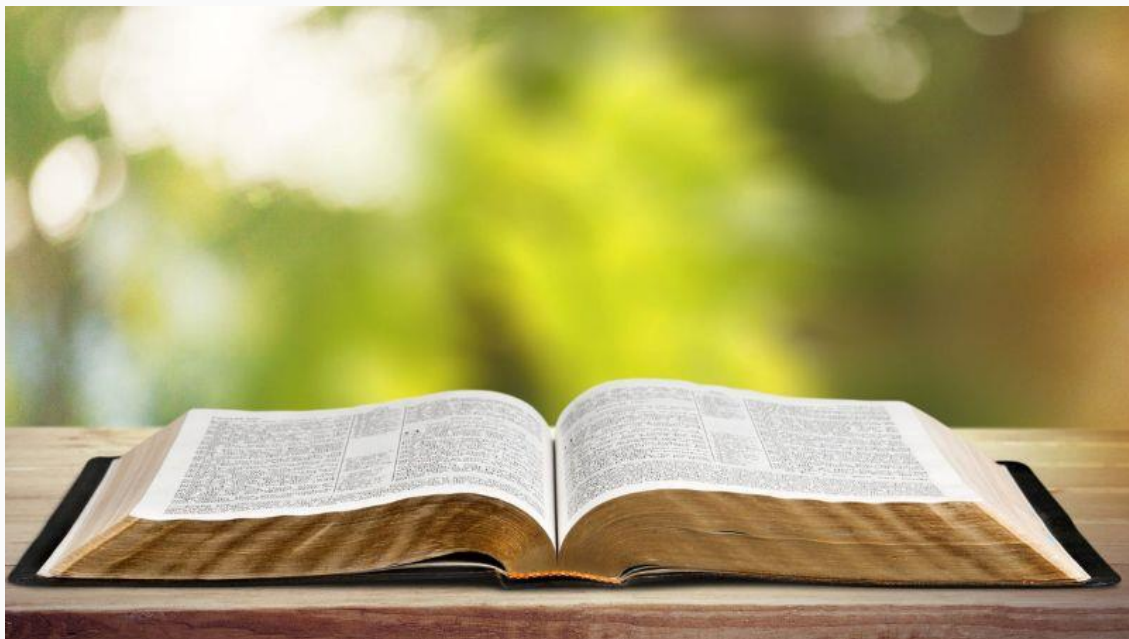
“Let us affectionately love His angels as counselors and defenders appointed by the Father and placed over us. They are faithful; they are prudent; they are powerful; Let us only follow them, let us remain close to them, and in the protection of the God of heaven let us abide.”

-St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Fun Ideas to Help Celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels

The guardian angel feast day happens each year on October 2. This is a super fun feast day to celebrate with your family! Catholic Icing has posts focused on [angel activities](#) for kids here, including 10 ways to celebrate the feast day of Guardian Angels with your family.



In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word. Previewing the readings before Mass then is then a bit like looking over the menu before you get to a restaurant: you have a better idea of what you can expect so that you can enter into

the experience more fully prepared. And like a good discussion during a meal, discussing the readings and how they can be applied to your family's daily life helps your family to truly go out and proclaim the gospel after leaving the church.

Here are a few resources to help your family delve deeper into the Liturgy of the Word:

[Readings for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)


[Loyola Press: Sunday Connection](#)

[Sadlier: This Week's Liturgy](#)

Living Faith Kids Pause + Pray + Play with Scripture Every Day

KIDSCALENDAR

OCTOBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Word of the month: ANOINT To bless someone with oil.		SAINT THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 1	THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS 2		SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI 3	SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELDS, PRIEST 4
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Q Who was testing Jesus with questions? (SEE OCTOBER 9) ● Mark 10:2-16 6	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 7	SAINT DENIS, BISHOP AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS SAINT JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST 8	A the Pharisees 9		SAINT JOHN XXIII, POPE 11	12
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Q Jesus said, "All things are possible." (SEE OCTOBER 18) ● Mark 10:17-30 13	SAINT CALLISTUS I, POPE AND MARTYR 14	SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 15	SAINT HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN 16	SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR 17	SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST A for God. 18	SAINTS JOHN DE BEREUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS 19
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Q Who can be first? (SEE OCTOBER 21) ● Mark 10:35-45 20	A The slave or servant 21	SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE 22	SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST 23	SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP 24	25	26
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Q Who was begging? (SEE OCTOBER 30) ● Mark 10:46-52 27	SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES 28	29	A Bartimaeus, a blind man. 30	HALLOWEEN 31		

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[Download the October Catechist Magazine Calendar](#)
[HERE](#)

Catholic Trivia

Question: When was the First Eucharistic Congress held?

- A) in 345
- B) in 1545
- C) in 1881
- D) in 1901

Answer: C

The first international congress grew out of the zeal of Marie-Marthe Tamisier (1834-1910) a French laywoman who from childhood had an extraordinary devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She called a day without Holy Communion her Good Friday. Having several times tried unsuccessfully to enter a religious community, she spent much of her life spreading devotion to the Real Presence. Inspired by the conferences of Peter Julian Eymard and directed by Abbe Chevier of Lyons, she first promoted pilgrimages to shrines where Eucharistic miracles were reported to have taken place. Finally, the first international Eucharistic Congress was held at Lille, France in 1881. At the fifth Congress at Toulouse in 1886, over fifteen-hundred bishops and priests, and thirty-thousand of the laity participated.



Joke of the Week

Question - *What is the best kind of tree joke?*

Answer - Acorny one!

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