

OCTOBER 2020



CTK & PJXXIII YOUTH GOOD NEWS



Christ The King/Pope John XXIII
This year the 5-8 Youth Group will alternate each
Month between CTK & PJXXIII
Saturday October 24, 2020 at Pope John XXIII
6:30-8:00 pm
Welcome Back Scavenger Hunt
Halloween Party

Youth Group at CTK will be after the 4:00pm mass
Youth Group at PJXXIII will be after the 5:30 mass

You must sign up to attend. Please contact Dc. Michael at
mruf@diosyr.org by October 19, 2020

Save the Date!

**Saturday November 14,
2020 at Christ The King
5:00-6:30 pm
Card Making
for
Thanksgiving &
Christmas
Baskets**



Options for the Poor and Vulnerable

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment ([Mt 25:31-46](#)) and instructs us to put the needs of the



What does our Church Teach?

God's word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us: "As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). The way we treat others has a transcendent dimension: "The measure you give will be the measure you get" (Mt 7:2). It corresponds to the mercy which God has shown us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you . . . For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk 6:36-38). What these passages make clear is the absolute priority of "going forth from ourselves toward our brothers and sisters" as one of the two great commandments which ground every moral norm and as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift. (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* (no. 179)

Matthew 25:34-40

What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus

"The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. . . . "Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation." ([Catechism of the Catholic Church](#), nos. 2444, 2448.

Isaiah 58:5-7

True worship is to work for justice and care for the poor and oppressed.

Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice. (St. John Paul II, *On the Hundredth Year* (no. 58)

Exodus 22:20-26

You shall not oppress the poor or vulnerable. God will hear their cry.

The obligation to provide justice for all means that the poor have the single most urgent economic claim on the conscience of the nation. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), no. 86)

Job 34:20-28

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.





All Hallows Eve???????

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2020 will occur on Saturday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated

November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and

Prayer Of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

~~Where there is injury, pardon;~~

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.



A Modern Day Saint?

Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was an Italian Roman Catholic teenager. He was best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them all onto a website that he himself created in the months before his death from leukemia. He was noted for his cheerfulness and for his computer skills as well as for his deep devotion to the Eucharist that became a core theme of his life. The calls for him to be beatified began not long after he died and gained significant momentum in 2013 after the cause commenced and he became titled as a Servant of God - the first stage on the path towards sainthood. Pope Francis declared him to be Venerable on 5 July 2018; the same pope approved a miracle attributed to him that enables Acutis to be beatified. The beatification is scheduled to take place in Assisi on 10 October 2020.



*What do you get
when you put
12 Dogs, 2 Cats, 3
Guinea Pigs and
1 Stuffed Animal in
a field?*

- A. Noise*
- B. Chaos*
- C. Fun*
- D. A Pet Blessing!*



A little humor: Benefits of wearing large, protective facemasks:

- *You do not have to wear make-up where the mask covers your face.
- *If you shave badly or forget to trim your nose hair, no one will know.
- *Kids are more adorable than ever with those tiny facemasks on.
- *You spend less on lipstick.
- *It's harder to smell other people's bad breath when they have a mask on.
- *Your boss/ teacher/ _____ can't see when you're smiling devilishly.
- *Masked animals are less likely to bite you.
- *It's easier to pretend that you did not hear someone and not answer, if you would prefer not to.
- *It feels so good when you take it off!

And, of course, there are all those good health protections, too.