

# MIDD SOUTH CATHOLIC

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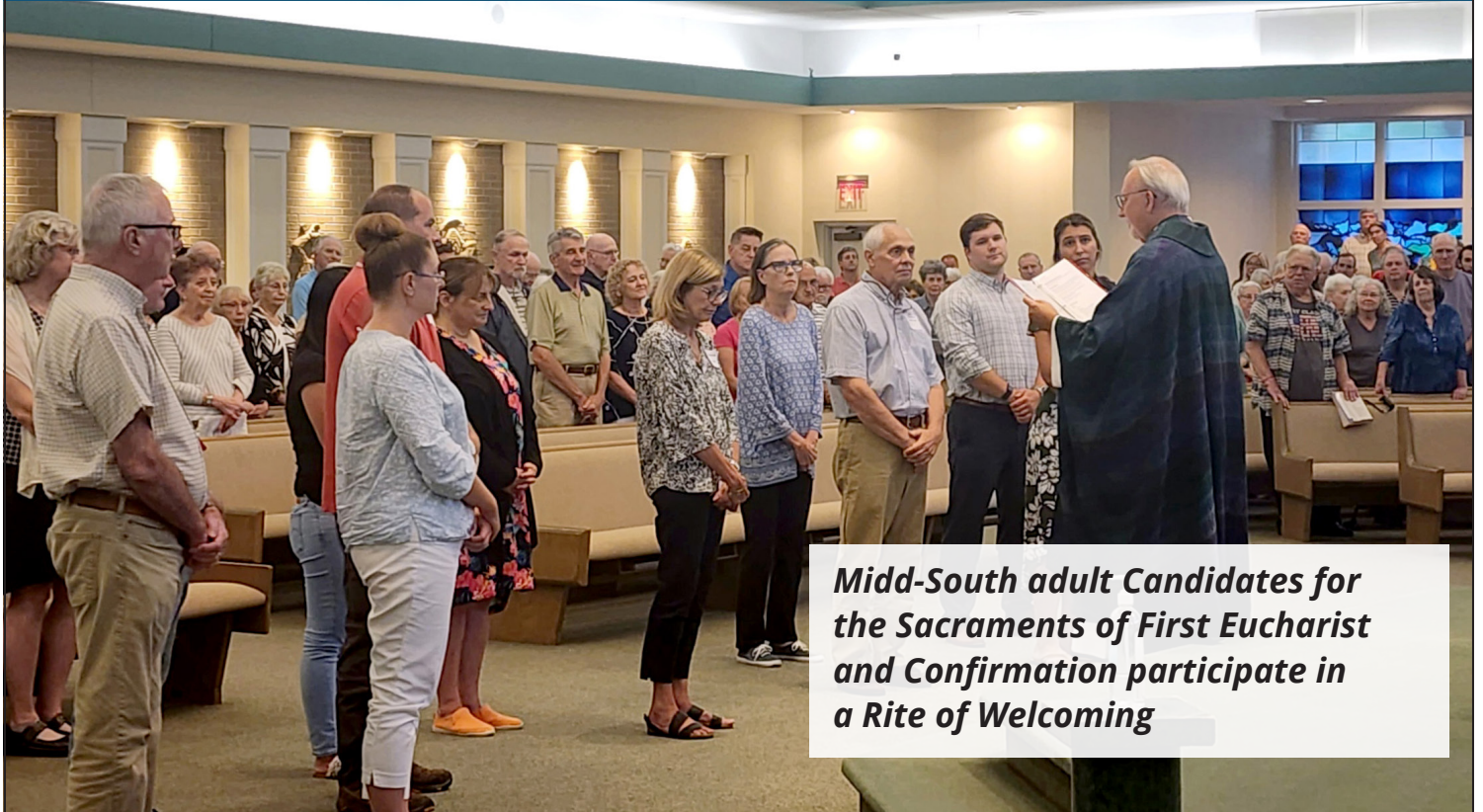
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**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



***Mid-South adult Candidates for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation participate in a Rite of Welcoming***

## **Welcome!**

*Midd-South Catholic is a welcoming and accepting Catholic community that fosters a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and lives that faith through love and service.*

### **JESUS CALLING**

*What questions do you have about Jesus?  
How is He calling you to learn more about him?*

### **Today is CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

*"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened."  
(Matthew 11:28)*

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday Vigil - 5PM**

*Sacred Heart Campus*

**Sunday Mass**

**7:30AM, 9AM**

*Sacred Heart Campus*

**11AM**

*St. John of the Cross Campus*

### **DAILY MASS**

**Mon, Thurs, Fri - 8AM**  
*St. John of the Cross Campus*

**Tues & Wed - 8AM**  
*Sacred Heart Campus*

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## THIS IS US



*“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened”*

*(Matthew 11:28)*

Each year, Catechetical Sunday has a unique theme. The 2023 Catechetical Sunday theme is: “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened” (Matthew 11:28). This year we are reminded that the goal and object of catechesis is Jesus Christ.

Today we begin the first of six Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) sessions. G.I.F.T. is both a program of catechesis in the process of evangelization – the sharing and witnessing of our faith. Our goal is to provide informational, formational and transformational sessions to accompany members as they grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our learning theme this year is Catholic Social Teaching “Acting for Justice” in which participants consider how to live the Gospel personally and communally in our world today.

As we begin this catechetical year we ask for your prayer and support for our leaders, Faith Formation Staff, teachers, guest presenters, volunteers and vendors in our program and for all catechists and programs in our neighboring towns, country and world. And please pray for all our life-long learners starting with children at age 6 through adults in their 90’s who will participate in G.I.F.T. and Sacrament preparation this year. This official lay ministry of the Church welcomes all and we are grateful to grow in faith in this vibrant community.

**Loving God, Creator of this beautiful day.**

**We celebrate another new beginning in this catechetical year; another new beginning in the lives of our children, youth, teens, and adults and we ask your blessing upon us.**

**Lord, bless our teaching ministers. Give them the gifts of patience and wisdom as they guide all who seek you entrusted to their care.**

**Bless all parents, grandparents and guardians who pass on the mysteries of faith and the love they have for you. Give all who seek you through our program the gift of your grace and help them know the incredible love you have for each one of them.**

**Amen.**

*-Ami*

## FAITH FORMATION



**The first session of G.I.F.T.  
begins today**

**Sunday, September 17th!**

*Any questions? Please contact:*  
**ffo@mscatholic.org, 203.264.5065**



### SEPTEMBER SESSIONS:

**Sunday 1:**

Sept. 17th, 4-6:30 PM

**Wednesday:**

Sept. 20th, 5-7:30 PM

**Friday:**

Sept. 22nd, 6-8:30 PM

**Sunday 2:**

Sept. 24th, 4-6:30 PM

This month's meal will be catered by **Nardelli's**.  
Sandwich, chips & dessert will be served.

*If you haven't already,  
please register today!*

### Attention ALL Attendees:

**Please wear your  
"play clothes!"**  
**Paint is used in a project!**

**Scan the QR Code  
to register!**

-or-

go to our homepage:  
**www.midsouthcatholic.org**



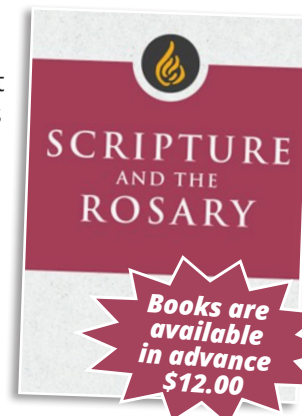
Aside from our Sacred Liturgy in which our entire community is joined in worship, the Rosary, and what is called its "Mysteries," is possibly the most familiar choice of prayer for people of faith. It has been so in the western church for centuries. It can be enlightening, then, to learn what it is that underlies this popular private devotion, what is the significance of "mystery" in each of the four divisions of the Rosary? At its heart, the word isn't meant to suggest something hidden or impossible to understand, but the marvelous working of a loving God in his creation. Whether or not saying the Rosary is part of your prayer-life, our first program this year, **Scripture and the Rosary**, will enrich your understanding of the significance of each of these mysteries, and engage your own prayer efforts. This **four-session program** will be given on both campuses, in St. John of the Cross on alternate Thursday evenings at 7 PM, beginning on September 14, and in Sacred Heart on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM, beginning on September 27, both live and in Zoom. The book is available in the Faith Formation Office, so that participants can begin their reading and be prepared for the first session. We suggest that you leave us your e-mail address, particularly if you are interested in Zoom accommodation.



For additional information, please contact:

**Mary Ann Kelly (SJCC)** at [mk2006ab@gmail.com](mailto:mk2006ab@gmail.com) -or- **Maureen McDermott (SHC)** at [mfmcderr@netscape.net](mailto:mfmcderr@netscape.net)

You may also contact the **Faith Formation Office** at 203-264-5065 or [ffo@mscatholic.org](mailto:ffo@mscatholic.org)



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**An information meeting  
will be held in early October.**

## PASTORAL CARE

**New Day Support Group** The Bereavement Ministry will begin this fall, afternoon session, of the 9-week New Day program. The group, which is led by trained facilitators, in a caring and supportive setting, takes you through the tasks of grieving that will eventually help you move forward in a very positive direction. The afternoon group begins on **Thursday, September 21st** in the **Hospitality Room** from **1:30 to 3:00 PM**. For registration or questions, please call [Catherine Hughes](mailto:Catherine.Hughes@mscatholic.org) at 203-758-5421.

**Would You or a Loved One Benefit from Stephen Ministry?** Whenever we are going through life challenges, big or small, it is often helpful to talk to a Christian listener. Our parish Stephen Ministers have gone through rigorous training to accompany neighbors who just need someone to listen to them as they sort things out. Contact BJ to talk about this important ministry in our parish: 203-264-5071, ext. 203 or [bj@mscatholic.org](mailto:bj@mscatholic.org)

**Join The Holy Cross High School Family!** Campus tours will be held on September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 11 at 6:30 PM. The placement exam is October 21 and November 18 at 8:30 AM. To register, please visit [www.HolyCrossHS-ct.com](http://www.HolyCrossHS-ct.com) or call Terri Ann Parks, Director of Enrollment Management at 203-757-9248 x 269.

**Altar Servers Wanted** Contact BJ in the parish office to let us know you're interested and to get introductory materials. Training dates:

**Sacred Heart Campus:** October 1st, 1:00 PM

**Saint John of the Cross Campus:** *Training postponed.*

**Mini-Retreat for Adult Liturgical Ministers: Being and Becoming Eucharist for the World** Jesus used four simple motions to *illustrate and embody the meaning of Eucharist*: Gathering, Blessing, Breaking, Sharing. Liturgical Ministry involves a spirituality based on Word and Sacrament that mirrors the meaning of these four movements. *All adult* liturgical ministers (Yes, that includes you, singers, and ushers!) are called to gather at Sacred Heart campus on Saturday, September 30, from 1:30-4:30 PM to explore and expand your commitment to living as Christ's presence in our church. Snacks will be provided. *If you have not yet RSVP'd*, the deadline to do so is Friday, September 22nd. Email BJ at [bj@mscatholic.org](mailto:bj@mscatholic.org) or call the parish office to let us know whether you'll be attending.

### Please pray for our sick at home, in hospitals and convalescent homes, especially:

Mary Frances J.C. Corr	Joseph Martino	Don & Jeanne Gray	Christopher Yonka	Kelli Leanden	Mary Wanag
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## SPIRITUALITY & SMALL GROUPS

Are you searching for something more? Have you noticed a restlessness, an emptiness within? Do you desire to connect your faith to life, life to faith

**Are you ready? Do you have your ticket?** It's only a few weeks until **Saturday, September 23rd** and the next CT Catholic Men's Conference. Why? To bring together Catholic men, renewing their faith in Christ in an inspiring, motivational, prayerful atmosphere. And to have the result of bringing about stronger men fulfilling their mission as husbands, fathers, and brothers in Christ who help renew their parishes through apostolic works. Get tickets at <https://ctcatholicmen.org>. Need more information? Need a ride? Contact parishioner **Wes Wensek** at 203-828-6737 or [wwensek@att.net](mailto:wwensek@att.net).



**Building Bridges** Saturday, October 7th, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

In an atmosphere of welcome and friendship, this retreat day for LGBTQ+ communities and their families includes presentation, prayer and reflection, conversation, and quiet time to enjoy the beauty of Holy Family. At the center of Holy Family's ministry is its dynamic retreat team which leads nearly thirty weekend retreats each year. Our team brings a wealth of experience, theological education, and inspiration to your spiritual journey. Whether we are greeting you at our door for the first time, eating a meal with you, or sharing a spiritual teaching, each member of the team embodies a spirit of hospitality, welcome, and unconditional acceptance. **Offering:** Through generous sponsorships from our constituents, we are able to offer this retreat at no cost to you.

**Women's Group to meet at St. John of the Cross** The first meeting will be on **Wed, September 20th at 7 PM** in Father Fanning Hall at the St. John of the Cross Campus. Please contact Arlene Sullivan at 203-758-9962 for more details or if you would like to join the group.

### Centering Prayer Group:

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, online 7:00 PM

To join the online group, please contact:

**Esther Rada:** [erada@outlook.com](mailto:erada@outlook.com)

**Dawn Fleming:** [dfleming@holylfamilyretreat.org](mailto:dfleming@holylfamilyretreat.org)

### LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together):

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM, SHC, Jerusalem Room

to pray, study, share, and provide service.

All women of Mid-South Catholic are invited to attend. For further information or to obtain schedules for future meetings, contact one of the following members:

**Pat Kugeman:** 203-417-9930, [pmkugeman@aol.com](mailto:pmkugeman@aol.com)

**Hilda Henriques:** 203-233-0242, [hildahenriques@yahoo.com](mailto:hildahenriques@yahoo.com),

**Nancy Pisani:** 203-525-7260 [nsvlp4@gmail.com](mailto:nsvlp4@gmail.com)

### Little Rock Bible Study:

**STARTS Sept 14th, 7pm at SJCC & Sept 27th, 9:30am at SHC and on Zoom.**

For further information or to obtain schedules for future meetings, please contact one of the following facilitators: **Mary Ann Kelly (SJCC)** **Maureen McDermott (SHC) (Zoom)** 203-264-5065, [ffo@mscatholic.org](mailto:ffo@mscatholic.org)

**Hospitality "Host" Ministry** "Mid-South Catholic is a welcoming and accepting Catholic community." To further this mission, we are hoping to extend our Hospitality Ministry and are looking for volunteers to provide additional assistance to our wonderful congregation before and after weekend masses. If you would like to become a Host Minister, contact BJ in the parish office to let us know.

### Men's Ministry:

**In-person and Zoom, Every Saturday, 6:30 to 8:00 AM, SHC, Jerusalem Room**

For further information, please contact:

**Dave Kania:** [dkania08@gmail.com](mailto:dkania08@gmail.com)

**Patrick Fellin:** [pfellin21@gmail.com](mailto:pfellin21@gmail.com)

### Mom's Bible Study (MBS):

**STARTS Sept 6th. Every Wed, 7:30pm-9pm**

**Hospitality Room at SHC or on zoom**

For information, please contact: **Trista DiDonato:** 203-313-1556, [trista\\_didonato@yahoo.com](mailto:trista_didonato@yahoo.com)

### Prayer Shawl Ministry:

**First Wed every month, 9:30 AM, SHC, Jerusalem Room,** For information or requests, contact: **(Shawls) Peggy:** 203-888-4298 or **Cookie:** 203-837-0164 (*Lap blankets*) **Mary** 203-264-9497

### The Women's Group at SJCC:

**STARTS Sept 20th,** For further info, contact:

**Arlene Sullivan** 203-758-9962, [arlene.sullivan2018@gmail.com](mailto:arlene.sullivan2018@gmail.com)

### Women Sharing Wisdom (WSW):

**Will resume October 2nd.**

All women parishioners are welcome to attend. For further information, contact: **Deb McGrath** at 203-733-4239

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

**Respect Life** The Apostles were filled with awe when Jesus stilled the waves on the Sea of Galilee. Anyone who is able to control the forces of nature could surely free the Jewish people from their Roman oppressors. At long last, the search was over. Their Messiah had arrived. The gift that Jesus offered, freedom from the wages of sin, was far greater than anything the Israelites had hoped for. The search for Jesus continues today, and once again our Lord reveals himself in ways that surprise us. He can be found among the marginalized, the powerless and the oppressed, inviting his followers to seek justice and protection for the very least of our brothers and sisters, and to restore sanctity and dignity to every human life from beginning to end.

-Deacon Mike

### Please help The Knights Support Our Food Banks this September!

Once again, the Knights of Columbus, in concert with our Middlebury Brothers, will sponsor a food drive for the Southbury and Middlebury Food Banks. Persistently high food prices are putting an extraordinary strain on our food banks. Therefore, we are asking for donations of grocery store gift cards for both food banks to purchase their critical food needs and provide support now and for the forthcoming holiday season. Additionally, gift cards provide Food Banks the flexibility to precisely target the greatest need. The Knights will place blue collection boxes for gift cards throughout September, one in St John of The Cross and one in Sacred Heart.

### Colombian Award winner

Grand Knight Tom Gormley received the Colombian Award on behalf of Father Loftus Council 3992 that meets at St. John of the Cross church. The award recognized the council for completing at least four projects in each of four Faith in Action categories in 2022-2023. Presenting the award on September 6th was fellow Mid-South parishioner Art Zbrozek, Connecticut State Council District 24 Deputy.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
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**Summer Parish Office Hours:**

All offices are located at Sacred Heart campus  
**9am-4:30pm (Mon-Thur); 9am-12pm (Fri)**

**Church Sanctuary Hours:**

St. John of the Cross Campus: **7am-12pm (7 days/wk)**  
Sacred Heart Campus: **9am-4:30pm (Mon-Thur), 9-12 (Fri)  
4-6pm (Saturdays) and 7am-10am (Sundays)**

**Confessions/Reconciliation:**

**Saturdays 3-3:30pm**

St. John of the Cross Campus: **1st & 2nd Saturday each Month**  
Sacred Heart Campus: **3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday each Month**

**Online Platforms**

**BROADCAST LIVE: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:30, 9 or 11am**

- **shcsouthbury.online.church:** An innovative space where our community can gather and experience Mass in real time! We strongly encourage you to gather together on Sundays on the [shcsouthbury.online.church](https://www.shcsouthbury.online.church) platform at 7:30am, 9am, 11am or 5pm Saturday Vigil. Chat with others from our community, offer your prayer intentions during the Prayer of the Faithful and be uniquely connected when it is not easy to be together physically. If you can't be at Mass onsite- this is the place to be!
- **www.midsouthcatholic.org:** See post on homepage for easy connection to *live* masses.
- **YouTube** Our Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartSouthbury> has a library of our previous broadcasts of Masses and reflections and can be watched live.

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\* **Deadline** for all bulletin articles is **Monday, 12 pm.**  
Send articles to: [mkorsu@mscatholic.org](mailto:mkorsu@mscatholic.org)



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**Mass and Prayer intentions**

**Saturday, September 16**

**Philip March**

Requested by Dorothy Tweedie

**Edward J. & Claire I. McCormack**

Requested by Wayne & Betty McCormack

**Sunday, September 17**

**7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**9:00 AM Rita Rafferty**

Requested by her son, Chris

**Deanna Rose Tucker**

Requested by George Tucker

**11:00 AM David Beck**

Requested by his wife, Lorelene

**Meghan Dowling**

Requested by her family

**Monday, September 18**

**8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**Tuesday, September 19**

**8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**Wednesday, September 20**

**8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**Thursday, September 21**

**8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**Friday, September 22**

**8:00 AM Meghan Kyla Tateo Beebe**

Requested by her father, Rich

**Saturday, September 23**

**Peter Doherty**

Requested by Lisa Mayer

**Carmela Fitzpatrick**

Requested by Joseph & Josephine Novak

**Sunday, September 24**

**7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**9:00 AM Julius Szakolczay**

Requested by Jack Wohlhieter

**Jake Nichols**

Requested by his parents & family

**11:00 AM Mary Melchior**

Requested by The Beltran Family

**Gene Slason**

Requested by The Slason Children



**Presentation of the Gifts** Those who have requested prayer intentions will be invited first to offer the gifts at your mass. Thank you in advance as we begin to celebrate again more fully together.



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**For those who are serving in our Military, please keep the following in your prayers**  
God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe: Jay C.; Alicia C., Scott D.; Miles G.; Jeremy Gibbons (Staff Sergeant); Michael I.; Patrick P.; Brandon S.; Julian S.; Matthew Wynne; Andrew P.; Gordie Fry-Coast Guard; Gill Rosario, Special Forces -US Army; Jack S., Ryan Mercede, Major Sarah Mobilio-USMC, Captain Andrew Perrella, USAF; SWCC Kevin Howe, SGT. Jay DeZinno, The 142nd Medical Company, Danbury, CT.



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