



## Italian Catholic Federation Branch 191 NEWSLETTER September 2020

### Dates to Remember

September 22, 2020	First Day of Autumn
October 2, 2020	Holy Guardian Angels Day
October 5, 2020	St. Frances Cabrini Day
October 12, 2020	Columbus Day
October 31, 2020	Halloween
November 1, 2020	All Saints Day
November 2, 2020	All Souls Day
November 3, 2020	Election Day - VOTE

### September President's Message

As we start into the new school year, maybe not you personally but grandchildren, we start out with fresh new clothes, backpacks, lunch boxes, markers and pencils. For me it was always new shoes, socks and underwear (Oops! Too much TMI?) because I went to a Catholic school. Anyway, this school year started a little differently for most of your grandchildren. It started with distance learning. It started with parents learning to juggle working from home and teaching or at least supervising the learning. I know for most parents this has been a very challenging time, but I feel that if we look deeper into this chaos we will find that the extra time spent with their children will positively impact their lives forever. Your children may not see it now, but your grandchildren sure do! They are not being shuffled back and forth to school and daycare. They are home with their parents doing their school learning, but also probably making cookies, reading, looking up that math problem or history lesson together. Maybe with the younger ones they are making play dough or doing art projects. What it comes down to is you look for the positive and that is they are doing all this together!!!

I hope that most of you were able to tune into the Virtual Convention. I know that Vince is my brother, but I really think he and his team members did an awesome job. Fr. Chris comments that this Covid virus is a Covid Season and will pass gave us hope. Nick Jordan, the gentleman who won the Pope XXX111 award for the "Wells of Life" was so inspiring. So go back and check out the workshops and the people who won the awards interviews because they give us all HOPE!!!

We all got this!

Your President  
Debbie

*You got this*



### DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

40 Days for Life starts September 25  
Across the country, the Fall 40 Days  
for Life campaign runs

**September 25 through November 3.**  
In this campaign, our active campaign  
site is [Planned Parenthood, 1641 The  
Alameda, San Jose, 95126.](https://www.plannedparenthood.org/locations/ca/san-jose)



We are grateful for your past participation, and hope you will join us there in peaceful prayer. We are operating a prayer vigil there from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, every day of the campaign.

Please visit [www.40daysforlife.com/sanjose2](https://www.40daysforlife.com/sanjose2) to agree to the statement of peace and find helpful suggestions for parking and more.

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## HERITAGE

Were there Jewish prison camps in Italy during WW2?

YES!!!!

To find out more Google this:

“Ferramonti”

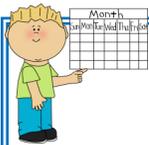
## Cactus Sale

Thank You everyone who supported the cactus sale fundraiser. A special Thanks to Julie Midwin for creating all those beautiful succulent arrangements. A total of \$455 was raised.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK MEMBERS

May God comfort all ICF members who are ill.

Thank you,  
Julie Midwin



## THE ICF 2021 CALENDARS WILL SOON BE HERE!

The ICF 2021 calendar will be mailed soon. Purchasing a calendar helps the ICF organization, our branch and gives members the opportunity to win cash. Daily drawings for \$30, \$40, \$50, or \$100. Tickets drawn go back into the bin which means participants can win more than once. What other drawing gives participants 365 chances to win?

**Congratulations to Tony Spagnola who won on July 28th and June Sohn who won on August 1st.**

## Fun Facts of Italy:



[Colosseum](#)

Amphitheatre in Rome

The Colosseum or Coliseum, also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, is an oval amphitheatre in the centre of the city of Rome, Italy.

1. The Colosseum is the largest amphitheater in the world.
2. It has 80 entrances and can hold up to 50,000 spectators.
3. The Colosseum is egg shaped
4. It took 10 years to build and ten thousand slaves to build the Colosseum.
5. It got it's name from a huge statue of Emperor Nero called the" Colossus of Nero"

## 2020 CONVENTION UPDATE

The convention was a huge success. If you haven't already watched it, please do so. It is very inspiring.

<https://www.icf.org/about/convention/>

**St. Pope John XXXIII Award: Nick Jordan** Nick Jordan, founder of Wells of Life, with the Pope St. John XXIII Award for 2020.



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## GIFTS OF LOVE

The Gifts of Love program is accepting applications from disabled individual that require special or specific aids or “tools” in order to complete their education, training or assist in their daily lives. An application form is available on the ICF Website ([www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)). This service is open to all.

## PHONE COMMITTEE

The Phone Committee is up and running. Please send me your emails so that I can reach each of you.

Thanks,  
Debbie



## A Prayer for Peace of Mind

Fortify me with the grace of Your Holy Spirit and give Your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that Your will may be my will.

*You got this*