

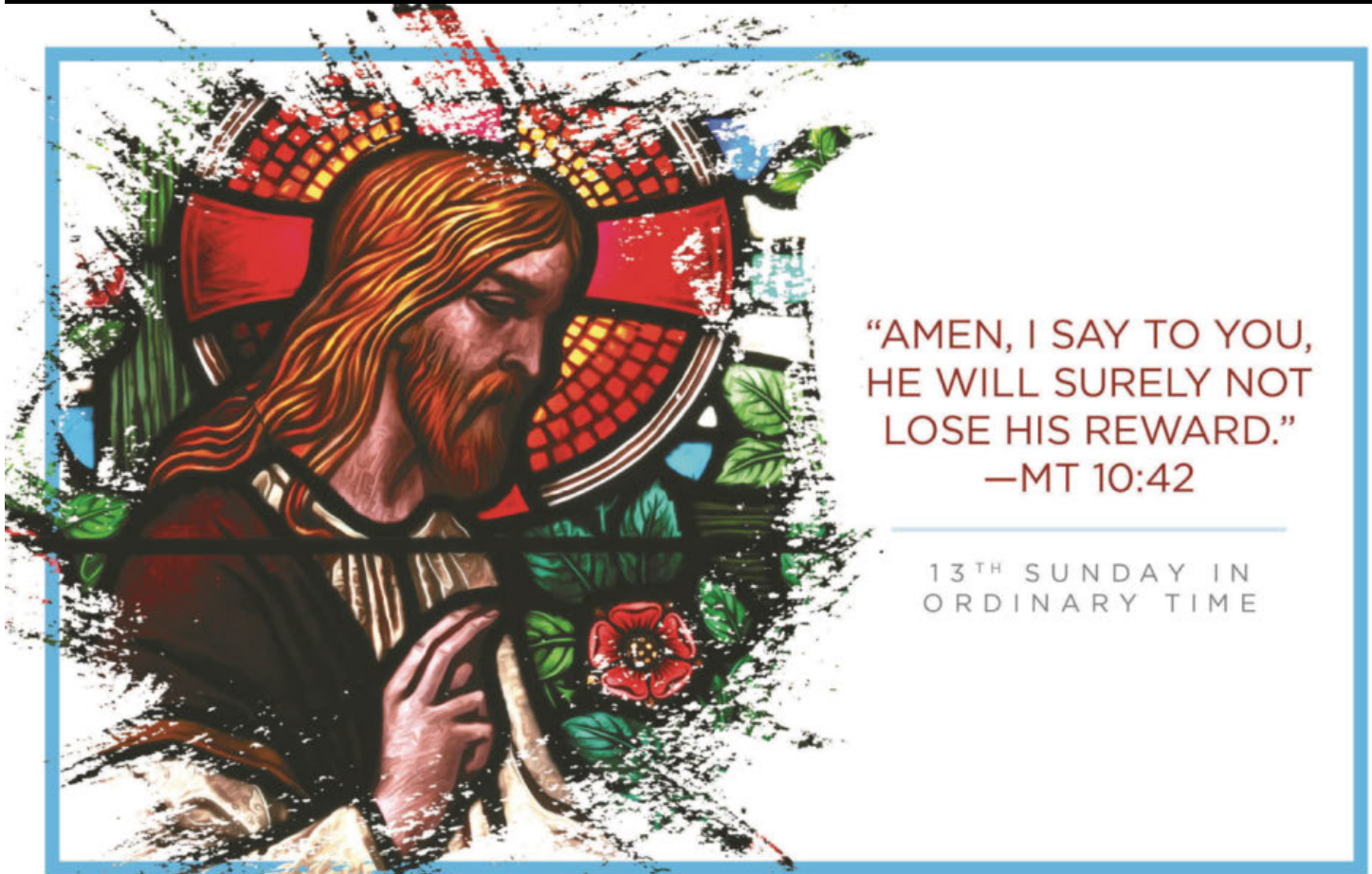
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 2023

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

JUNE 24 & 25, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	772.00	491.00
OTHER	30.00	105.00
PARISH TOTAL	802.00	596.00

OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

July 1 (SH)	Kathy Avery Theresa Kovian	July 8 (SH)	Christine Caffrey Katherine Downing
July 2 (SC)	James Wray Michele Furnare	July 9 (SC)	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

July 4 (SH)	Chris Caffrey Katherine Downing	July 11 (SH)	Barbara Bilins Kathy Avery
July 3 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	July 10 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne

Food Pantry



July 5 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
July 26 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon



Bless Our Offerings Prayer: Lord, my Rock and Redeemer, thank you that you are infinitely, consistently, and perfectly wise. You have said that whatever we give is acceptable if we give it eagerly. You have said that we should give according to what we have. Help us to bring our offerings with an eager heart, not as a comparison with others but as an act of worship to you. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. May your presence be with us every hour of the day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. July 1, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) Blessings for Jennifer & her family, requested by her mom Barbara.
2.) Birthday blessings for Lois Otis, requested by the Healy family.

Sun. July 2, 8:30 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Karen Ford, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

Mon. July 3 thru Sun. July 9, 2023

Mon. July 3, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tue. July 4, 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of Raymond Wray, requested by Jim Wray.

Fri. July 7, 8:00 am (SC) - No intention requested.

Sat. July 8, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In memory of Stanley DeJulius, requested by Janice DeJulius.

Sun. July 9, 8:30 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Karen Ford, requested by Michele Furnare.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 2, 2023 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

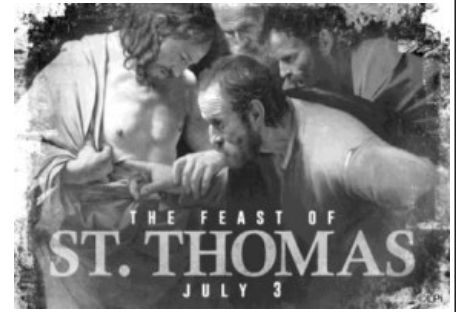
But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we “**surely will not lose our reward.**” The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders.

~Father John Muir

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Saint Thomas - (1st Century – December 21, 72)

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Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as “Doubting Thomas” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and My God!” and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29).

Thomas should be equally well-known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, “Let us also go to die with him” (John 11:16b).

Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the “sons of thunder,” Philip and his foolish request to see the Father—indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting, and loving one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Hours: Please note that the days have been changed for both parishes.

St. Cecilia –Tuesday & Thursday, 9am-2pm

Sacred Heart –Wednesday & Friday, 9am-2pm

Saint Cecilia Parish Council Meeting: Our next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Sunday, July 16th in the church basement following the 8:30 Mass.

Sacred Heart Daily Number: Congratulations to our winners and many thanks to all who contributed. Our community is certainly blessed.

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: Our parking fundraiser has begun. Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

Sunday, **July 2** - Saturday, **July 22** –Saturday, **Sept. 16**.

Please call or text Kelly Viscosi @ 518-774-7250

St. Stanislaus Church Polish –American Festival: Join the parish community in celebrating summer with live polka music, Polish & American foods, beers, Polish vendors, games, raffles & more. The festival will be held on July 8-9 on Cornell St. in Amsterdam.



Weekly Mass: We record the 4 pm Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart. Please join us virtually for weekly Mass on Sacred Heart’s YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs_FDzyfvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriber

Upcoming Second Collections:
July 8/9—Repair & Maintenance
July 29/30—Peters Pence

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