

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2023

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14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”
- Mt 11:28-30

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

JULY 1 & 2, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	760.00	1039.00
OTHER	30.00	80 00
PARISH TOTAL	790.00	1119.00

OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

July 8 (SH)	Christine Caffrey Katherine Downing	July 15 (SH)	Cathy Parry Kathy Avery
July 9 (SC)	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn	July 16 (SC)	James Wray Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

July 11 (SH)	Barbara Bilins Kathy Avery	July 19 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Katherine Downing
July 10 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne	July 17 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes

Food Pantry



July 26 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon
August 2 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



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 8, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) †In memory of Stanley DeJulius, requested by Janice DeJulius.

2.) †In memory of James O'Sullivan of County Cork, Ireland, requested by Tom & Margaret Snyder.

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

Mon. July 10 thru Sun. July 19, 2023

Mon. July 10, 8:00 am (SC) - †In memory of Bert & Verna Bicheler, John & Sheila Cranker.

Tue. July 11, 8:00 am (SC) - †In memory of Millie Healey, requested by Michele Furnare.

Fri. July 14, 8:00 am (SC) - †In memory of Horace & Ada Wray, requested by Jim Wray.

Sat. July 15, 4:00 pm (SH) - †In memory of Leo & Rosalie Morris, requested by John & Rosemary Rajter.

Sun. July 16, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) †In memory of David Keck, requested by Fred & Teresa Hastings.

2.) †In memory of Marie Cranker, requested by Sheila Cranker.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 9, 2023 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever feel restless? I certainly do. Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out.

Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity? No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity.

The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest.

~Father John Muir

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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha – July 14 – (1656 – April 17)

Patron Saint of Indigenous Americans



The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.

Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri—Catherine—on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal. For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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.

Step Up Men's Conference: The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The conference will be held on August 12, 2023 at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine - 136 Shrine Rd. Auriesville, NY. Registration is \$50 (college age and younger are free). To register, go to <https://bohmdesigns.com/StepUp/> Or questions contact Tom LaBruzzo at tlabco@gmail.com Or Tom Cronin at Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org

Upcoming Second Collections:
July 29/30—Peters Pence

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

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