

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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“WELL DONE,
MY GOOD AND
FAITHFUL SERVANT.”
— MT 25:21

33RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

OCT 11 & 12, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	932.00	1179.00
FUEL/HEAT	295.00	499.00
OTHER	3090.00	465.00

PARISH TOTAL **4317.00** **2143.00**
OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov 18, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) †In memory of Virginia Szyjkowski, requested by Deb Swarczewski.
 2.) †For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Louise Sherrell, requested by George Stanwick.

Sun. Nov 19, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) †In memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.
 2.) †In memory of Julia Wray, requested by Jim Wray.

Mon. Nov. 20 thru Sun. Nov. 27, 2023

Mon. Nov 20 - No Mass

Tue. Nov 21, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Nov 22, 8:00 am (SC) - †In memory of Mary Galeazza, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

Thurs. Nov 23, 8:00 am (SH) - †For the repose of the soul of Jack Boggie, requested by Tony & Lorrie Stellato.

Fri. Nov 24, 8:00 am (SC) - †In memory of George Spannbauer, requested by the Grandy family.

Sat. Nov 25, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) †In memory of Theresa Sweet, requested by Sandy & Gerry Fiesinger.
 2.) †For the repose of the soul of Lynn Goodspeed, requested by Barbara Krawiecki.

Sun. Nov 26, 8:30 am (SC) - †In memory of Ralph & Sadie Mancini, requested by their children.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 18 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Tony Stellato	Nov 25 (SH)	Cathy Parry Kathy Avery
Nov 19 (SC)	Kathy Marçais Michele Furnare	Nov 26 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Nov 20 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Nov 27 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery
Nov 20 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	Nov 27 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

Food Pantry

Nov 22 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare
Dec 6 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 19, 2023 –33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

~Father John Muir

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Saint Cecilia - November 22 - d.230? - Patron Saint of Musicians

Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honor being paid her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545.

According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.

Like any good Christian, Cecilia sang in her heart, and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the Church than any other art.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Please be generous in this week's special collection. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Learn more about the campaign at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Candle Lighting Service: On Sunday, Dec 10, 2023 at 6:45pm a World Wide Candle Lighting Service will be held at Our Lady of Hop Catholic Church, Reid St, Fort Plain. You are invited to join us in this beautiful, ecumenical tribute to our children, grandchildren or siblings who have died, at any age or for any reason. There will be a memorial table available to display pictures, poems and other mementos. Refreshments will be served following the service. To make a reservation, please call by Dec. 1. **Doris Dutcher @ 518-993-4612**

Diocesan Women's Conference: The conference will be held on Saturday, December 9th at St. Pius X Church at 23 Crumitie Rd. Loudonville. The Theme is "Awakening our hearts to share God's love". Check-in Time and Continental Breakfast is at 8:30 AM. The Event runs from 8:30 AM to 4 PM and will include great speakers like Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Mary DeTurris Poust; Anne Costa. The Conference includes: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration with worship music by the Sisters of Life, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharffenberger, box lunch, and beverages. Please Register at: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

Sacred Heart Sanctuary Light: Our candle burns this week for Virginia Szykowski, given by Teresa & Frank Jablonski.

Saint Cecilia Sanctuary Light: Our candle burns this week for David Kollar, given by Andrea Moran.

Blue Envelopes for Saint Mary's Institute: Please consider a contribution to continue to provide academic excellence with an emphasis on Catholic values. St. Mary's is the only Catholic school in Fulton & Montgomery Counties. St Mary's Blue Envelopes are located in the vestibule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: To acknowledge the need for the future as a network of parishes in the Amsterdam area, beginning Saturday, October 28, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated each Saturday at St. Mary's Church in Amsterdam with Fr. Juanito, Fr. Nate and Fr. Bob available to hear confessions. Confessions will be heard from 3:00pm to 3:30pm each Saturday and all the parishioners are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity. The network includes St. Cecilia's from Fonda, Sacred Heart from Tribes Hill, St. Stephen's from Haganan and St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Stanislaus' from Amsterdam. If you have any questions, please call your parish office for more information.

Silent Holy Night: You are cordially invited to attend "Silent Holy Night" a Program of Music & Readings for the Christmas Season presented by singers from the parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Mary's & St. Stanislaus under the direction of Rachele Cotugno on Sunday December 17, 2023 at 3:00PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 39 St. John Street, Amsterdam.

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