

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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**OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE**

“Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for one
of the least brothers
of mine, you did for me.”
- Mt 25:38-40

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

OCT 18 & 19, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1185.00	875.00
CCHD	126.00	215.00
FUNDRAISING	106.30	
OTHER	218.00	150.00

PARISH TOTAL 1509.30 1025.00
 OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

Mon. Nov. 27 thru Sun. Dec. 3, 2023

Mon. Nov 27 - No Mass

Tue. Nov 28, 8:00 am (SH) - For the repose of the soul of John Boggie, requested by Tony & Lorrie Stellato.

Wed. Nov 29, 8:00 am (SC) - A Mass of thanksgiving, requested by Michele Furnare.

Thurs. Nov 30, 8:00 am (SH) - Well wishes for our friend and fellow parishioner Barbara Latza.

Fri. Dec 1, 8:00 am (SC) - Health and well wishes for Eileen Show, requested by the parish of Saint Cecilia.

Sat. Dec 2, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) †In memory of Rich Pawloski, requested by Gary & Noreen Brownell and family.
 2.) †For the repose of the soul of Lynn Roy Goodspeed, requested by the Healy family.

Sun. Dec 3, 8:30 am (SC) - †For the repose of the soul of Jean Friers Palmateer, requested by Michele Furnare.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 25 (SH)	Cathy Parry Kathy Avery	Dec 2 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Theresa Kovan
Nov 26 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn	Dec 3 (SC)	James Wray Dave Marcais

Counters Schedule

Nov 27 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery	Dec 4 (SH)	Katherine Downing Noreen Brownell
Nov 27 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	Dec 4 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes

Food Pantry

Nov 29 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki Sandi McCaslin
Dec 6 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall

Liturgical Calendar of Celebration for November to December 2023

Sunday, Nov 19 : Advance Celebration for St. Cecilia's Feast
 Holy Mass at St. Cecilia's Church - 830AM followed by a Potluck Breakfast and Fun Entertainment

Wednesday, Nov 22 : Memorial Feast of St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr (Canonized)
 Wednesday Holy Mass at St. Cecilia's Church - 8AM

Thursday, Nov 23 : Thanksgiving Day Holy Mass at Sacred Heart's Church -830AM

Friday, Dec 1 : Advent Season Church's Decoration (St. Cecilia's & Sacred Heart) - Time ???
 We Need VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DECORATE

Saturday/Sunday, Dec 2/3: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Blessing of the Advent Wreath & Candles

WE NEED A FAMILY FOR EACH ADVENT WEEK-END

(Dec 9/10(2nd Advent Sunday);
 (Dec 16/17(3rd Advent Sunday);
 (Dec 23/24(4th Advent Sunday);
 (Dec 24/25(Christmas Vigil & Christmas Day)

*TO LEAD THE PRAYER FOR THE LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE.

List of Families:

Names _____

Thursday, Dec 7 : Vigil Holy Mass for the Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Sacred Heart's Church - 630PM

Friday, Dec 8 : Feastday for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Cecilia's Church 630PM

Thursday/Friday, Dec 22/23 : Christmas Season Church Decoration (St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart): Thursday/Friday: Time ???

Sunday, Dec 24 : Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus
 Holy Mass at Sacred Heart's Church : Time: 4PM
 Holy Mass at St. Cecilia's Church : Time:6:00 PM

Monday, Dec 25 : Christmas Day - Nativity of the Lord Jesus
 Christmas Day Holy Mass at St. Cecilia's Church: Time: 830AM
 Christmas Day Holy Mass at Sacred Heart's Church: Time: 10AM



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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs - FDzyfvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriberg



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart. The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." — Matthew 25:32

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Angel Ornaments: Purchase an Angel Ornament in Memory of a Loved One. Ornaments will be displayed on our Memory Tree in the church during Advent. Your loved one's name will be added to our prayer list and a Mass will be offered for those on the Memory Tree. Personalized Ornaments are \$10. each. Please include payment with form (checks made payable to your parish) and drop them off in the designated box in your parish vestibule.

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>

Giving Trees: Our Giving Trees will be up this weekend, sponsored by the Secular Franciscan Fraternity, will benefit families served by Catholic Charities. Please make your selections from tags on the tree and bring the unwrapped gifts (including your tag) to church by Sunday, December 10. Thank you for your generosity at this holy season

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, 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 Hagaman 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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