

## Mass Intentions for the Week

- 9/1 Mon 9:00 AM Soddy & Carmie Mirabito  
By the family
- 9/2 Tues 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 9/3 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 9/4 Thurs 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 9/5 Fri 9:00 AM Communion
- 9/6 Sat 4:00 PM Bartolo Liberatore  
By the Liberatore family
- 9/7 Sun 10:30 AM Patricia Houghton  
By Marge Suriano

### 2025 Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we collected \$561.00 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### Diocesan Appeal 2026

The 2026 Diocesan Appeal has begun! If you have not received your mailing at home there are envelopes at each of the exits for you to use to make your pledge/donation. Our assessment this year is \$19,152.00. This is an increase of \$8,658.00 from last year. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart in meeting our assessment. We will provide updates on pledges/donations made when the information is available from the Diocese.

### Golden Age Party

The Golden Age Party will be held for parishioners 75 years of age and up after the Anointing of the Sick Mass on Sunday, September 21, 2025. Please note that this Mass will be at 2:00 pm, and we will be serving cake and beverages following the Mass. If you have questions or need more information you may contact Pat Smith at 607-563-3118 or email her at [quiltedduduck@gmail.com](mailto:quiltedduduck@gmail.com).

### Rosary Society

We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our meeting and brunch after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to attend!

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Embrace the Values of Humility and Generosity

Humility and generosity are virtues that reveal our true identity in Christ. They shape who we are and mark the path of authentic discipleship. Humility opens our hearts to God. It helps us recognize our complete dependence on the Lord and our deep need for one another. From this humble posture flows generosity: a virtue expressed through selfless giving, compassionate presence, and genuine hospitality. As it is often said, a generous heart does not seek its own gain, but the good of others. It truly reflects the life of Christ, who gave Himself completely for our salvation and sought always the well-being of all.

This Sunday's readings call us to embody these essential virtues; to be humble in spirit, generous in action, and caring toward all people, especially those who cannot repay us.

In the first reading, Ben Sirach exhorts us to walk humbly, seek divine wisdom, and give alms. Sirach reminds us that true greatness is found not in self-promotion, but in lowering ourselves before the Lord. Humility, he teaches, is the path to divine favor.

The responsorial psalm proclaims God's care for the poor and marginalized. It invites us to reflect the Lord's mercy by welcoming those who are often overlooked, and making them feel valued and loved.

In the second reading, the letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant, drawing us into deeper communion with God, a relationship marked by humility, reverence, and gratitude.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges the pursuit of status and recognition. While dining at the home of a leading Pharisee, He observed guests vying for places of honor. In response, He offered a radical teaching: *Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.* (LK 14: 11).

In our lives, we often seek recognition, status, and approval. Yet Jesus invites us to a different path, the way of humility and generous service. His life was a perfect example. He poured Himself out for others, especially the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized. He invites us to do the same: to welcome the less fortunate, treat them with dignity, and expect nothing in return.

As a community of faith, we must ask ourselves:

Do we reflect Christ's humility and generosity?

Do we stand with the poor, the hungry, and the lonely?

Do we make space for the marginalized at our table?

God has given each of us a place at His table. He calls us to open our hearts to His Word and live as humble and generous servants, showing compassion to all, especially those who cannot repay us. This week, let us strive to embody the spirit of humility and generosity in word, deed, and action. May our lives reflect the love of Christ, who humbled Himself for our sake and calls us to do likewise.

God bless,

Fr. Dr. Ben

### First Saturday Rosary

Please join us after the 4:00 PM Mass Saturday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to pray the rosary. All are welcome to join us in the church. If you do not have a rosary there are ones available in the vestibule for your use.

### Weekend of September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

First Reading-Wisdom 9:13-18

Second Reading- Philemon 9-10, 12-17

### Saturday 4:00 PM

**Celebrant:**

Father Ben

**Lector:**

Dorothy Yaiser

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Mary Early, Dorothy Yaiser, Carole Ostrander

**Altar Servers**

Ayla Gronwall & Gabriel Harris

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Luke 14:25-33

### Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben

Lorraine Keckeisen

Lorraine Keckeisen, Kathy Saludo, Kristin Reuter

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Regular; \$2,334.00



If you have not returned your registration for faith Formation lessons please do so by September 8<sup>th</sup>. Instruction will begin on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center. This year we invite parents to join us for the first five classes.

### Harvest Festival 2025



The Harvest Festival this year is on October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>! We need crafts for the Craft Booth, items for the Farmer's Market, Treasure Chest, soups and baked goods. Please bring your donations for the Treasure Chest and Craft booth to the Parish Center before October 3<sup>rd</sup> so the items can be priced. All donations must be brought in a week before the festival, donations brought in after the 3<sup>rd</sup> will not be accepted.

- **NO CD's, DVD's, and VHS** (donate to the Nex-to-New)
- **Paperback books only, no cookbooks**
- **No stuffed animals** (donate to local ambulance squads)
- **No clothing** (donate to Nex-to-New)
- **No electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)**
- Donations of glassware, ceramics, and dishes must be **CLEAN** and should be chip free.
- Small kitchen appliances and all electrical items must be clean and in working order.
- Holiday decorations especially; Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter would be most appreciated.
- Donations of uniquely crafted handmade items are needed for the Craft Booth.
- Treasure Chest and Craft Booth **donations should be brought inside** the Parish Center during office hours. Please contact the Parish Office, 563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations.
- **Donations left outside the Parish Center cannot be accepted per Catholic Mutual guidelines. Please do not leave items outside the doorways or inside the hallways.**  
*This is so we are in compliance with fire and safety codes.*

**Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival will be in the vestibule of the church on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### August Bulletin Quotes

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

### Question of the Week

#### Seeking Humility

Jesus said, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14:13-14)

**Adults:** Has the hunger for status and influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?

**Youth:** Does it make you a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honor? Why or why not?

### Statement from Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger on the School Shooting in Minneapolis

"There are no words to offer any peace to those who lost children gunned down as they were praying, except that they are in the loving hands of Jesus. This tragedy took place in what should be the safest and most sacred place. We can only take some solace in the fact that they were at prayer. Now we add our prayers to theirs. I urge all to join in prayer for their families, friends, teachers. Let us pray for those injured, some who may now be fighting for life, and for all impacted by this tragic act. May we also join our prayers with all in need throughout the world, especially those suffering from violent acts. Evil exists but we serve a God who overcame even death. May God guide each of us to be sharers of His love, His healing grace, His hope. Moments like this can leave many of us feeling hopeless. Pray then for the grace to BE hope in the world, in even the smallest way. A simple act of kindness can be a great healing force."

### Virtual Book Club

Featuring: Between Heaven & Mirth a Zoom presentation on Thursdays: Sept. 11, 18, 25 from Noon to 1:30PM in the Parish Center. Please register with the Paula at the Faith Formation Office by September 7<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend. Please see the flyer in vestibule for more information.

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckseisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Michael and Christopher Doi, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Joan Barnes, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Patricia Houghton, Gloria Parsons

**Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual**