

Mass Intentions for the Week

- 9/8 Mon 9:00 AM In Honor Of Our Anniversary
By Nancy Ives
- 9/9 Tues 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 9/10 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 9/11 Thurs 9:00 AM Edna Ludwig
By Pat Elbrecht
- 9/12 Fri 9:00 AM Communion
- 9/13 Sat 4:00 PM Patricia Houghton
By Sharon Gunther
- 9/14 Sun 10:30 AM Health of Donald J. Trump Jr.
& Family
By Tom & Vicki Card

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 quiltedduck@gmail.com.

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 7th if you would like to attend. Please see the flyer in vestibule for more information.

Wisdom of the Saints

God did not tell us to follow Him because He needed our help, but because He knew that loving Him would make us whole.

St. Irenaeus

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Cost of Discipleship

Discipleship is not a casual choice but a deliberate and wholehearted commitment to follow Christ. It requires discernment, courage, and a willingness to embrace the cost of the journey.

This Sunday's readings invite us to examine the depth of our commitment to the Lord. They challenge us not only to consider what we are willing to surrender to Christ, but also what we are willing to become through Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus addressed the large crowd journeying with Him to Jerusalem. Many were drawn by His miracles, His healing touch, or simple curiosity. But Jesus offered no illusions or comfort. He turned to the great crowd and spoke plainly: *Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple* (Luke 14:27).

To follow Jesus, we must place Him above all else, even family, comfort, and material possessions. True discipleship calls us to renounce wealth and worldly securities, and embrace the Cross each day.

The Cross may come in the form of illness, strained relationships, or personal struggles or hidden sacrifices. We can resist it, or we can carry it with grace, as Jesus did. Discipleship does not promise ease or comfort. Rather, it invites us into a life sacrificial love, a path that leads to true freedom and peace.

In the second reading, St. Paul wrote from prison, urging Philemon to welcome Onesimus not as a slave, but as a beloved brother in Christ. Saint Paul's appeal challenged social norms and personal pride, reminding us that all are equal in the eyes of God. We are called to see others not through the lens of status, but through the eyes of Christ.

The first reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us that our human understanding is limited. Without God's guidance, our judgements falter. It is only divine wisdom that can lead us on the path of righteousness and truth.

The responsorial psalm echoes this trust in God's providence: "You have been our refuge from one generation to the next." It invites us to value our days and to place God first in all things. With the Psalmist, we pray that the Lord may teach us to value our days aright and to seek His wisdom, especially when the path is difficult.

Discipleship is demanding, but it is not a burden we carry alone. It is sustained by grace. Through prayer, Scripture, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened to follow Christ. May the Lord help us to carry our crosses with faith, grow in holiness, and serve others with compassion.

God bless, Fr. Dr. Ben

Rosary Society

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is September 9th. We will be having our meeting after the 9:00 AM Mass. Brunch will be potluck lunch at noon. We are always looking for new members. All are welcome to attend!

Phone Issues

There is a problem with the church phone, call to 607-563-1591 go straight to voicemail. Calling 607-563-7066 can be answered.

Weekend of September 13th & 14th

First Reading- Numbers 21:4b-9

Second Reading- Philippians 2:6-11

The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross

Gospel- John 3:13-17

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Ben
Lector: Chris Berkeley-Hartjen
Eucharistic Ministers Jane Artis, Bill Babbage, Gene Walsh
Altar Servers

Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben
Phyllis Blincoe
Paula Ciborowski, Josh Gronwall, Emelinda Gronwall
Ayla Gronwall & Gabriel Harris

Offerings from Aug 30th & 31st, 2025: Regular - \$2,263.00; Fuel - \$130.00; Repairs & Improvements - \$35.00; Assumption - \$20.00; Home Missions - \$95.00; Religious Ed./Textbooks - \$20.00

Religious Education 2025-2026

If you have not returned your registration for Faith Formation lessons please do so by September 15th. Instruction will begin on September 21st 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 10th & 11th! 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 3rd so the items can be priced. All donations must be brought in a week before the festival, donations brought in after the 3rd 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 27th and 28th.

September Bulletin Quotes

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity."
USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

Question of the Week

Discerning God's Will

For who can learn the counsel of god? Or who can discern what THE LORD WILLS? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail. (Wisdom 9:13-14)
Luke 14:25-33* Sayings on discipleship
Adults: How do you try to discover what god is asking of you?
Kids: When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do?
Who helps you know?

Remade For Mission

The Remade For Mission Support Team has scheduled another offering for the Remade for Mission Phase 1 Zoom Meetings previous held on July 29 and Aug 7.

This Meeting will take place on Sept 10, 6:30

If you have previously attended one of these meetings, you are welcome to join again but are not required to. Trustees will be emailed the link from our office, but feel free to forward to them directly especially if your trustee is a new appointment (2024-present.)

Please share the link with any staff members or council members whom you wish to attend.

RCDA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Remade for Mission Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 10, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206978529?pwd=TsyPYZ8oPaNRxbD9NxY10JmM0KgBo.1>

Meeting ID: 852 0697 8529

Passcode: 987714

Mass for Grieving Parents

September 15, 2025 at 9:00am

Prayer cards will be available in the vestibule.

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, Jazmiers 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 Mietzelfeld, 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