

Mass Intentions for the Week

9/15 Mon 9:00 AM Mass For Grieving Parents
 9/16 Tues 9:00 AM Frank Thurnton
 By Nancy Kahane
 9/17 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
 9/18 Thurs 9:00 AM Donald Jensen
 By Carol Jensen
 9/19 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
 9/20 Sat 4:00 PM Lance Jensen
 By Carol Jensen
 9/21 Sun 10:30 AM Patricia Houghton
 By Paula Ciborowski

Diocesan Appeal 2026

If you have not received your Diocesan Appeal mailing at home, there are envelopes at each of the exits for you to use to make your pledge/donation. Our assessment increased \$8,658.00 this year to \$19,152.00. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart in meeting our assessment. We will provide updates on pledges/donations in the coming weeks.

Avoid Polarization in Church Mass Intentions and Our Communion in Christ

As Christians, our identity in Christ transcends political, cultural, and ideological divisions. We are one Body, called to love in communion with one another.

Mass intentions are sacred acts of intercession-offered in the spirit of prayer, love, and solidarity. Whether requested for a family member, public figure, someone in need, or the faithful departed, these intentions are not endorsements or ideological statements. They are heartfelt prayers, lifting others before the Lord.

At Mass and around God's Altar, we are united at the foot of His Cross, where He gave Himself for all. In this sacred moment, our prayers-especially those offered in the Mass-are sign of our shared journey toward the Kingdom of God.

Let us remain united in mind and heart, walking together in faith, hope, and love. May our worship always reflect the mercy and inclusiveness of Christ, who welcomes all to His table.

Fr. Dr. Ben

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Cross stands at the heart of Christian faith; a sign of salvation, hope, and new life through Christ's ultimate triumph over sin and death. Once an instrument of shame and punishment, it has become, through Jesus, a symbol of divine love and glory. Displayed in our home, churches, and institutions, the Cross reminds us of God's unfailing love and victory over death.

On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the liturgy invites us to contemplate Christ's humility, how He emptied Himself in love for us and was raised up in glory. The readings call us to see the Cross not as a burden, but as the path to eternal life. They urge us to embrace its meaning in our daily lives and to view our hardships through the lens of faith, healing, and redemptive hope.

In the first reading, the Israelites, afflicted by deadly serpents, found healing by gazing upon the bronze serpent which Moses lifted in the desert. This powerful image prefigures Christ on the Cross, through whom we receive healing, salvation, and eternal life.

The responsorial psalm calls us to remember God's saving deeds, especially the supreme act of love and mercy revealed on the Cross.

In the second reading, Saint Paul proclaims Christ's self-emptying love. Though Christ was divine, He humbled Himself, taking the form of a servant, and accepted death on a Cross. Because of this, God exalted Him above all, and at His name, every knee shall bend in heaven and on earth.

The Gospel presents Jesus as the One lifted like the bronze serpent, bringing eternal life to all who believe. Just as the Israelites found healing by gazing upon the serpent raised by Moses, so we find salvation by turning our hearts to Christ crucified.

The Cross is not a symbol of defeat, but the throne of divine love and self-giving. To exalt the Cross is to live its meaning: to stand in solidarity with the poor, the vulnerable, and the afflicted. It is to go to the margins, to the wounded and forgotten, bearing the healing power of Christ. In lifting high the Cross, open the way for others to encounter the life and love of God.

We become signs of hope, instruments of peace, and channels of grace in a world longing for redemption. Let us unite ourselves with the Crucified Lord, and share in His Cross through lives marked by humility, obedience, and love. And may we, like Jesus, offer ourselves fully to God and one another, so that through us, the light of the Cross may shine in every corner of the world.

God bless,

Fr. Dr. Ben

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.

Weekend of September 20th & 21st, 2025

First Reading- Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading- 1 Timothy 2:1-8

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Luke 16:1-13

Celebrant:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Father Ben

Lector:

Ginni Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers

Ginni Brandt, Pat Tartaglia, Mary Early

Altar Servers

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Nancy Kahane, Ada Rice, Terry Maggio

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings from September 6th & 7th, 2025: Regular, \$1,758.00; Fuel, \$100.00; Religious Education, \$100.00

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

Exaltation of the Cross

For god so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Adults: What is something you can give up this week to make more time for prayer or service?

Youth: Have you ever had to give something up (sacrifice)? Why was it hard?

Mass for Grieving Parents

September 15, 2025 at 9:00am

Prayer cards are available in the vestibule.

Share the Bounty Dinner

September 26, 2025, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

All are welcome!!

Parish Center

Beginning Monday September 22nd the Parish Center will be closed in order for the Harvest Festival committees to begin setup.

Appreciation

Many thanks to the Gronwall and Houghton Families for their gift of the original artwork "Mother Theresa and Child" drawn by Emilinda's dad, Carl Houghton. This heartwarming treasure is displayed in the vestibule for all to enjoy.

Virtual Book Club

The book club continues on Thursdays: September 18th and 25th from Noon to 1:30PM in the Parish Center.

Parish Coffee Hour

Due to Golden Age Party on Sunday, September 21, there will not be a parish coffee. The next parish coffee will be October 19th.

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 Keckeisen, 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 Soldering, 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