



## Mass Intentions for the Week

11-20	Mon	9:00 AM	For those who have no one to pray for them By Charles & Jean McKilligan
11-21	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
11-22	Wed	9:00 AM	For the holy souls who have been forgotten By Charles & Jean McKilligan
11-23	Thurs	9:00 AM	Ann Muscatell By Marge LaFave
11-24	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
11-25	Sat	4:00 PM	James Householder By Mom
11-26	Sun	10:30 AM	Mark Granan By Joe & Terry Maggio

## Giving Tree

Gift tags for the Giving Tree are in the vestibule and the Parish Center. You can pick up your tag in the Parish Center Monday –Thursday between 9:00am and 1:00pm or after weekend Masses. **Gifts should be placed in a gift bag or shopping bag with the tag attached. Please DO NOT wrap your gifts.** Monetary gifts can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office. All gifts must be returned to the Parish Center no later than Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> by 4:00pm. If you would like your gift picked up or you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 607-563-1591.

## 2024 Calendars



Calendars are available to be picked up at each of the exits after Mass. Thank you to C.H. Landers and Mirabito Energy Products for generously sponsoring our 2024 calendars.

## Parish Offices Closed



**The Parish Offices will be closed Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Thanksgiving Day.**

Weekend of November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

First Reading- Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

## Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Carole Ostrander

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Elbrecht

Altar Servers

Brock &amp; Easton Porter

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Harnessing our God-given gifts and talents

God has blessed each one of us with special gifts, talents, and abilities. As recipients, we are expected to harness these gifts and talents and use them to serve other people and to glorify God.

This Sunday's gospel text reminds us that someday we will be held accountable for our God-given gifts and talents. We find this truth in the parable of the talents. Jesus tells us that a master entrusted his possessions to his three servants and then went on a long journey. The master gave five talents to one servant, two talents to another and a talent to the other servant, each according to one's ability. Upon his return, the master summoned his three servants for a reckoning. He asked what each of them did with his talents.

The first servant did well to trade with his talents and made an additional five in return. Likewise, the servant with two talents invested it and made two more. The master praised both servants for their initiative in putting their talents into profitable use. He rewarded them with additional duties to be in charge of other cities.

The third servant, however, buried his talent in the ground so he made nothing in return. He confessed that he feared his master as a hard person. He did not want to take risk in trading with his master's money in case he loses it.

The master scolded the third servant for his laziness, lack of courage, initiative and creativity. He condemned him to eternal punishment.

What lesson do you and I draw from this parable? What are our God-given gifts, talents and abilities? Are we using them or hiding them?

The parable challenges all of us to overcome the fear of failure, to make the most use of our gifts and talents for the good and benefit of other people.

In the first reading, we learn from the example of the worthy wife whose faithfulness serves as a blessing to many. The book of proverbs describes an ideal woman who reflects God's goodness through her service and care for those around her. The worthy woman puts her gifts and talents at the disposal of her family and her local community.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading to be awake and ready so the Lord's return does not catch us off guard like a thief who comes at night and unannounced. He urges all of us to live each day as children of the light.

The day of the Lord may seem to be long delayed but it will certainly come someday. It will come at the moment or the hour of our death.

Until then, we are called to recognize the talents within us and to use them to serve God and others. We are called to bring love, compassion, care, and healing to those in need.

Let us all do our best to live as responsible and faithful servants of the Lord so on the last day he may say to each of us "Come, you who are blessed by my father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Mathew 25: 34).

It is my prayer that as we gather around the Thanksgiving table with our family, friends, and all loved ones, this Thursday, our hearts and minds may be filled with gratitude to God for all his goodness and love to us. I wish all of you, your family, and loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving Thursday!

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

## Christ the King

Gospel- Matthew 25:31-46

## Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Judy Roldan

Ada Rice

Anderson &amp; Garret Callender

Offerings of November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$2,328.00; Fuel, \$75.00; Evangelist, \$57.00



November 19<sup>th</sup>- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
 November 26<sup>th</sup>- **NO CLASSES**  
 December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
 Family Advent Reflection Evening????

The weekend of November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,328.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$43,730.00 which is \$1,352.00 above budget.



**Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024**

Mail solicitations from the Diocese for the Diocesan Appeal have been sent to all parishioners. If you have not received your envelope in the mail or are new to the parish, there are now envelopes at each of the exits. Our assessment for this year is \$14,576.00 which is \$368.00 less than our 2022-2023 assessment. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocesan Appeal and help Sacred Heart to reach our assessment once again!

The 2024 Mass Intention book has arrived. If you have specific dates that you would like to schedule Masses, please either call the Parish Office or stop by during office hours. Weekend Masses fill up quickly now that we have one Sunday Mass, please plan ahead!

**12 Signs of a Christian in Name Only vs. One Who Lives the Faith**

A nominal Christian rarely read the bible versus a true believer that delights in God's word. A Christian in name only may own a bible but seldom reads it, whereas a devoted believer finds joy and guidance in regularly reading and meditating on Scripture (Psalm 1:2).

To be continued next week  
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**Annual Seminarian Fund Collection**

The annual Knights of Columbus collection for the Seminarian Fund will be after weekend Masses on December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. 100% of the monies collected will go directly to seminarians to help with their personal expenses. Please give generously so that the Knights can continue to sponsor these young men as they strive to become priests.

**November Bulletin Quotes**

“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 “An Adoption Love Story” ([respectlife.org/adoption-love-story](http://respectlife.org/adoption-love-story))

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**“Zoom” With Us Into Advent**

On Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to noon join us as we take an Advent journey into the New Testament to uncover the portrait(s) of John the Baptist. See the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information.

**Annual Christmas Cantata**

A Gospel Christmas celebration by a choir of voices from many local churches will be presented at the Sidney United Methodist Church on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM under the direction of Jack Doyle. Please join us for an uplifting celebration of the “Love” of Jesus.

**Fund Raising Dinner for St. John’s & St. Agnes**

A baked chicken dinner is being held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 PM until all are gone. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this function at Sacred Heart Parish in Sidney. More information can be found on the flyer in the vestibule.

**Daily Mass**

Daily Mass is now being held in the Chapel in the Parish Center. The heat will be turned down in the church but it will continue to be open for private prayer and devotion.

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre’ Lundstrom, 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., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granran, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Jaime Mathewson, Theo Williams, Joan Barber, Stephanie Saldinger, Eileen Donohue, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone

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

