



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 9-23 Mon 9:00 AM Andrew Moschner
By Jeanne Slawson
- 9-24 Tues 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 9-25 Wed 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 9-26 Thurs 9:00 AM For deceased members of
the Kowalczyka & Bonella
families
By Alec
- 9-27 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 9-28 Sat 4:00 PM 30th anniversary of the death of
Frances Gregory
By the family
- 9-29 Sun 10:30 AM Moses & Mary Bourgeois &
Susan Bourgeois Wayman
By the family

Please contact Carole Ostrander at the office 607-563-1591 or at home 607-265-3755 if you would be interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister. In order to offer the Holy Blood at Mass we need additional members to create teams that would serve once a month.

Jesus and the Barbequed Fish Breakfast
By Dan Daly, SJ
Sounds interesting doesn't it?! Join us for the first meeting of the book study on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30 PM. In the meantime, if you plan to attend, purchase your copy of the book through Amazon or Thriftbooks.com. Come explore Jesus' life and teachings with us. See Paula Ciborowski in the Faith Formation office if you have any questions.

Attention Crocheters We would really appreciate it if you would share your talent in making the Harvest Festival a success. We are in need of someone who is willing to crochet nylon pot scrubbers. They are a very popular item. There are instructions and Youtube videos on how to make them online. If you need nylon netting, please call Pat Smith at 607-563-3118.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Humility and service as the path to true greatness

As humans we often get carried away by our natural impulses and inordinate desires. Many a time we get caught in the grip of our ego and our craving for self-importance and superiority over others. Our selfishness and selfish-ambitions entice us to put ourselves above others. The readings for this Sunday's liturgy challenge us to keep our ego and self-promotion in check. The readings teach us to embrace divine wisdom and follow the path of humility and service. In the first reading, the book of wisdom talks about the wicked people who plotted against the righteous and just one because of envy and jealousy. The wicked persons called the just one obnoxious. They mocked him and conspired to torture him to death. The author of the book of Wisdom assures us that God will always be on the side of the righteous and deliver him from the hand of his foes. In the gospel, the disciples argued among themselves as to who was the greatest. The disciples allowed their human instincts to lead them to squabble about greatness, fame and honor. They failed in their understanding of the One who called them to be his followers. Jesus corrected the mindset of his disciples. He told them and all of us that the one who seeks to be first must be the last and servant of all. Jesus used a child as an example to teach them about the noble virtues of humility and service. He teaches us that selfless love and humble service to others is the path to true greatness.

In the second reading, St. James addressed the issues of conflict and divisions that existed among the Christians of his time. He said that jealousy and selfish ambitions bring nothing good but rather rivalry, discontent, disorder, and foul play. St. James message is significant for our time. We live in a culture that is motivated by power, success, and selfish ambitions. Many hearts are wounded by hatred, envy, jealousy, and covetousness. These malicious emotions and some others rear their ugly heads in workplaces, in our homes and even in our church. Some of us get envious and jealous of others all because of their progress and success in life. We covet others because of their position and reputation. We need to tame such emotions or put them in check because they are destructive. They can make us unhappy and disturb our peace. All of us need to examine our thoughts and actions to see if they measure up to the teaching of Jesus.

Our Lord Jesus challenges us to abandon our self-importance and selfish ambition and embrace the path of humility and service, gentleness, and kindness. Let us follow his example of love and selfness and always seek the good of others rather than our own. With the psalmist, let us place ourselves before the Lord and ask our Heavenly Father to continue to sustain our life.

God bless,
Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of September 28th & 29th, 2024

First Reading-Numbers 11:25-29

Second Reading- James 5:1-6

Saturday 4:00 PM

- Celebrant:** Fr. Ben
- Lector:** Pat Elbrecht
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Ginni Brandt
- Altar Servers** Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sunday 10:30AM

- Fr. Ben
- Paula Ciborowski
- Pat Smith
- Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings from September 14th & 15th, 2024 Regular collection, \$1,927.00; Fuel, \$5.00; Religious Education, \$186.00; Initial, \$5.00; Roof Repairs, \$100.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

9/22 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for grades Pre-K-10th
 9/29 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for grades Pre-K-10th

Harvest Festival 2024



The Harvest Festival this year is on October 11th & 12th! 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 4th so the items can be priced. **Donations brought in after October 4th will not be accepted.**

- **NO CD's, DVD's, and VHS** (donate to the Nex-to-New)
- **NO clothing** (donate to Nex-to-New)
- **NO electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)**
- **Paperback books only, and cookbooks**
- **Stuffed animals** (to be used for prizes)
- 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.
- **Calling all Crafters-** You were blessed with a talent. Please share your talents to contribute to the success of the Harvest Festival. All handcrafted items are greatly appreciated.
- Treasure Chest donations and uniquely crafted handmade items for the Craft Booth **should be brought inside** the Parish Center during office hours or before or after weekend Masses. 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 in the doorways or 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 next week in the vestibule of the church on September 28th

September Bulletin Quotes

"The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40)."*
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 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Live the Gospel of Life"
respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

Respect Life Month

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month and the first Sunday in October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate this Mass on Saturday September 28th at 4:00 PM at the Parish of Mater Christi. The church is located at 40 Hopewell Street in Albany. More information is on the flyer on the vestibule bulletin board.

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The initial Diocesan Appeal mailings have been mailed. If you do not receive a mailing there are envelopes available in the vestibule for your contribution. The assessment for the 2024-2025 appeal for Sacred Heart is \$14,576.00, a decrease of \$4,082.00 from the 2023-2024 appeal.

Diocesan Women's Conference

Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule for information on the conference being held on Sunday, October 19, 2024.

This weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic Leaders, both religious and lay who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more and give easily online.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, 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., Ray & 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, Clare Sterchak, 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, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfreidine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Saldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Theresa Zieno, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Kyle Roy, Phyllis Blincoe, Bill Babbage, Michael Gregory, Maggie Hoffman, Bob Ostrander, Jacqueline Richardson, Marybeth Modinger, Celeste Aber

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

