

AUGUST 25, 2024

MASTER,  
TO WHOM  
SHALL WE GO?

— JOHN 6:68 —

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine  
Do keep us near to Thee  
And make our love so like to Thine  
That we may holy be*

**[REFRAIN]**

*Heart of Jesus, hear  
O Heart of Love Divine  
Listen to our prayer  
Make us always Thine*

*O Temple pure, O House of gold  
Our Heaven here below  
What sweet delights, what wealth untold  
From Thee do ever flow [REF]*

*Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts  
The hearts of men have been  
To wound Thy side with cruel darts  
Which they have made by sin [REF]*



† Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *August* has been sponsored *in loving memory of Irene & Lou Zanella* at the request of her daughters *Wendy, Bill & kids*.

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### COLLECTIONS TOTALS - AUGUST 17/18

<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>SC</u>
WEEKLY COLLECTION	488.00	577.00
REPAIR/MAINT	242.00	N/A
ASSUMPTION	56.00	224.00
OTHER	30.00	105.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>816.00</b>	<b>906.00</b>

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Aug 24, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † *In loving memory of Anita Ramirez, requested by Frank & Theresa Jablonski.*

2.) † *In loving memory of Barbara Vertucci, requested by her sister Lucia.*

3.) † *In loving memory of Alfred & Filomena Herrington, requested by Pat & Steve Hladik.*

Sun. Aug 25, 9:00 am (SC)- † *In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad and Sammy.*

### Tue. Aug 27 thru Sun. Sept 1, 2024

Tue. Aug 27, 8:00 am (SH) - *For the people of the parish.*

Wed. Aug 28, 8:00 am (SC) - † *In loving birthday remembrance for Julia Wray, requested by her husband James.*

Thurs. Aug 29, 8:00 am (SH) - † *For the repose of the soul of Constance Vrooman, requested by the parishioners of Sacred Heart.*

Fri. Aug 30, 8:00 am (SC) - † *For the repose of the soul of Constance Vrooman, requested by Ann & John Mahon.*

Sat. Aug ,31 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † *Birthday remembrance for Virginia Szykowski, requested by Lorrie, Tony & family.*

1.) † *Catherine MacNamara & family, living & deceased, requested by Theresa Jacobs Cummings.*

Sun. Sept 1, 9:00 am (SC)- † *Anniversary remembrance for Marinda & Frank Arcesi, requested by their daughter Mary-Ann.*



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**Mass Intentions:** Mass Intentions are needed for both parishes. Having a Mass celebrated for a person or a specific request has a long history in the Catholic Church. Requesting a Mass is not only a sign of your own faith and flourishing, but of your heart for those who these Masses are intended.

### **Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>Aug 24 (SH)</b>	Kathy Avery Mark Caffrey	<b>Aug 31 (SH)</b>	Cathy Parry Theresa Kovian
<b>Aug 25 (SC)</b>	Dianne Kierpiec Ken Stuff	<b>Sept 1 (SC)</b>	Ann Mahon Andrea Moran

### **Counters Schedule**

<b>Aug 26 (SH)</b>	Katherine Downing Wendy Hall	<b>Sept 3 (SH)</b>	
<b>Aug 26 (SC)</b>	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	<b>Sept 3 (SC)</b>	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne

### **Food Pantry**

<b>Aug 28 (SC)</b>	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon
<b>Sept 4 (SH)</b>	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Catholic Home Missions:** This weekend, our special collection supports the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. This appeal assists our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous.

**St. Cecilia's Parking Fundraiser at Fonda Park:**

Volunteers are needed to park cars all day for the fair this Thursday, August 29. Please call or text Kelli Viscosi @ 518-774-7250 if you are able to help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church. Sign-ups will be in 2 hour blocks. We will be there all day. Also, volunteers are needed for Saturday, September 14 for the races. Thank you for your help! Please know this fundraiser goes directly to our Church Restoration Fund.

**St. Cecilia's Annual Rummage Sale:** The St. Cecilia rummage sale will take place this year on Oct. 18 (8-3) and Oct. 19 (8-11). All proceeds will go to the church restoration fund.

We are again asking for donations of gently used clothing, baby items, linens, household goods, knick-knacks, holiday decorations, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, and small furniture. Please no tires, TVs, computers, large furniture, broken or dirty items.

Items may be dropped off at St. Cecilia's detached garage starting now through October 14. The right-hand door will be left unlocked. Help setting up is needed Oct. 14, 15 and 16 starting at 8:30 and the days of the sale starting at 7:45. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact Lorna Quinn at [winalo@frontiernet.net](mailto:winalo@frontiernet.net) or call 518-853-4864 with any questions.

### Collections

Sep 7/8—Fuel/Heat

Sep 21/22—Catholic University

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 25, 2024—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

-Father John Muir

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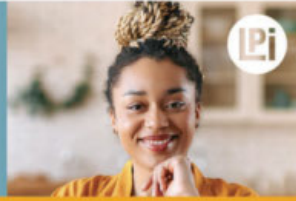


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