

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

"HEAR ME, ALL
OF YOU, AND
UNDERSTAND."
- MK 7:14

22ND 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*

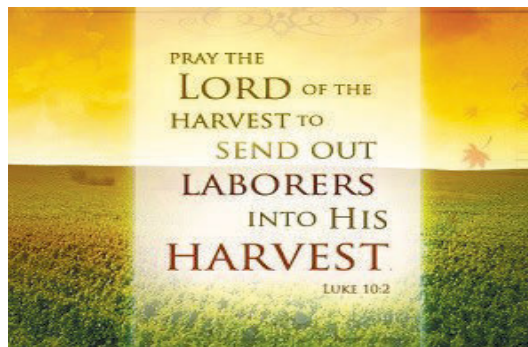
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*Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine*

*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]*

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Called by Name Vocations Promotion 2024

Week 1: On the Twenty-Second Sunday in OT, I am asking you to share the story of your "initial call."

What was it that you felt in your heart? Was there excitement? Worry? Uncertainty? Peace? What did you have planned while God had something different in mind? College? Career path? Military? Volunteering? Dating or Marriage? What in your heart moved you to speak up and say "I think I am being called?"

Readings Connection – "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save souls. Be doers of the word and not only hearers, deluding yourselves." (James 1) Your entire ministry is about the salvation of souls for the Glory of God. It took you listening to "the call" deep in your heart to respond to the gentle whisper from Christ and gain the courage to say "I think I'm being called." (This is what we want the faithful to focus on as they contemplate who they know that may be called that needs their invitation to listen more closely).

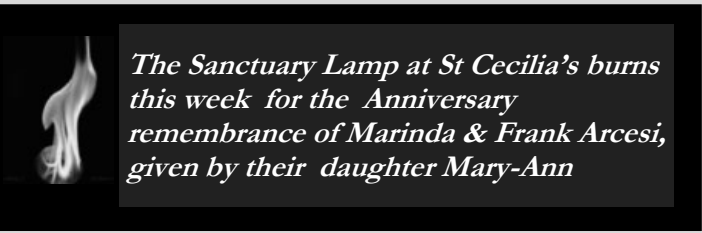
Community Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Sacred Heart / St Cecilia by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen



† Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *September* has been sponsored *in loving memory of Lena & Frank DeRosa* at the request of *their children Esther, Beth & Tony.*

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The Sanctuary Lamp at St Cecilia's burns this week for the Anniversary remembrance of Marinda & Frank Arcesi, given by their daughter Mary-Ann

MASS SCHEDULE

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

2.) † Catherine MacNamera & 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.

Tue. Aug 27 thru Sun. Sept 1, 2024

Tue. Sept 3, 8:00 am (SH) - No intention requested.

Wed. Sept 4, 8:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Constance Vrooman, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

Thurs. Sept 5, 6:30 pm (SH) - For the health and healing of the people of the parish..

Fri. Sept 6, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Emily Wray, requested by her husband James.

Sat. Sept 7, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In loving memory of Dennis Swarczewski, requested by his wife Deborah.

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Sun. Sept 8, 9:00 am (SC)- † In loving memory of Mary Galeazza, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - AUGUST 24/25

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	363.00	655.06
CATH HOME MISSIONS	54.00	206.00
OTHER	30.00	22.00
PARISH TOTAL	393.00	677.06

I wish to thank all who reached out to me and my family during our time of sorrow at the death of my sister, Connie. Your prayers and concern for us is greatly appreciated. A simple "I'm sorry" showed us we are never alone in our grief and helps us through this time in our lives. May God bless you for your kindness and love.

Deacon Joe and family

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 31 (SH)	Cathy Parry Theresa Kovian	Sept 7 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Tony Stellato
Sept 1 (SC)	Ann Mahon Andrea Moran	Sept 8 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare

Counters Schedule

Sept 3 (SH)	Katherine Downing Barb Bilins	Sept 9 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Kathy Avery
Sept 3 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Ann Mahon	Sept 9 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry



Sept 4 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
Sept 25 (SC)	Lori Simonds Marjorie Savoie Florence Stanton



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week -Healing Mass: The First Thursday of each month we invite you to **Sacred Heart Church** at 6:30 PM for a Healing Mass, Short Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing with Sacred Oil & Rosary prayer, a Potluck Refreshment and a chance to meet parishioners. Please bring your family & friends!

Healing Mass at St. Cecilia is held on the first Friday of each month, at 8:00 AM in the basement chapel.

Upcoming Faith Formation-all meetings at St. Cecilia:

September 8 - Teacher Meeting after 9 am Mass.

September 22 -Altar Server Meeting after 9 am Mass. All current and new Altar Servers should attend. Anyone who has received their 1ST Holy Communion (child or adult) is welcome to join the Altar Server Ministry.

October 6 - Faith Formation begins for the 2024-2025 year..

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee: The 52nd Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee will be held on September 29th at Christ Our Light Catholic Church. Questions can be directed to **518-453-6660** or Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org

St. Cecilia's Parking Fundraiser at Fonda Park:

Volunteers are needed are needed to park cars for Saturday, September 14 for the races. Please call or text Kelli Viscosi @ 518-774-7250 if you are able to 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 or call **518-853-4864** with any questions.

Advent Christmas Cantata: Singers of all ages from the parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmen, Sacred Heart, St. Cecilia's, St. Mary's, St. Stanislaus and St. Stephen's are invited to participate in "We Shall Prepare" -an Advent Christmas Cantata. This is a program of music and readings for the Advent Christmas Season under the direction of Rachelle Cotugno. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 15 following the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 39 St. John St.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 1, 2024--22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from within each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

-Father John Muir

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Faith formation will begin on October 6, 2024. Our program works with amazing volunteers from our parishes! There are class vacancies for all grades. Volunteers are always needed. Volunteers only need to have an interest in helping! Full lesson plans are provided with optional activities and support. This is a blessed way to encourage and support the parish youth and refresh our catechism of the Catholic Church!!

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