

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."  
- Mk 9:38-39

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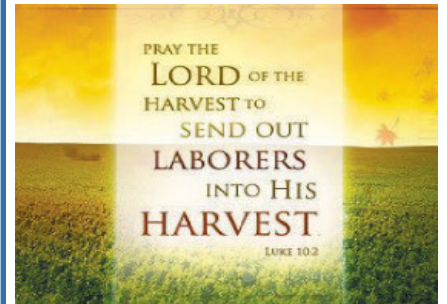
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#### Community Prayer for Vocations

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



*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]*

## Public Square Rosary Rally:

October 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon  
St Cecilia's Church Parking Lot



Faith Formation begins  
October 6. Please submit  
your registrations.



† Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *October* has been sponsored *in loving memory of William & Margaret Patterson.*

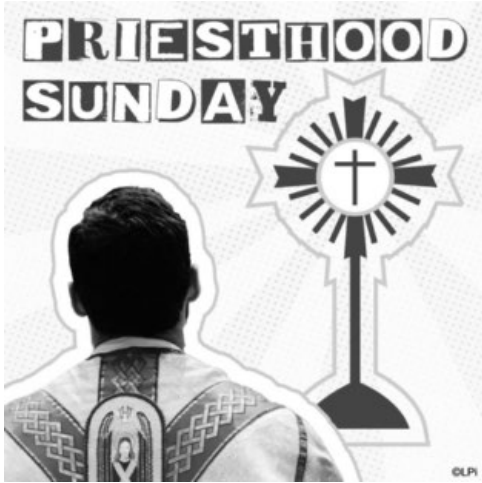
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*The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart burns this week in loving memory of Peter F. and Virginia Szykowski.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp at Saint Cecilia burns this week in loving memory of Bill & Lucie, given by Ann Moran.*



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sat. Sept 28, 4:00 pm (SH)** - † *In loving memory of Virginia Szykowski, 1 yr. passed and Peter F. Szykowski, 19 yrs. passed; requested by Lorrie & Tony Stellato and family.*

**Sun. Sept 29, 9:00 am (SC)**- † *102nd birthday remembrance for Nicholas Galeazza, requested by Pat & George.*

### Tue. Oct 1 thru Sun. Oct 6, 2024

**Tue. Oct 1, 8:00 am (SH)** - *For the people of the parish.*

**Wed. Oct 2, 8:00 am (SC)** - *For the people of the parish.*

**Thurs. Oct 3, 6:30 pm (SH)** - *For Mary Melucci & family, requested by Theresa Kovian.*

**Fri. Oct 4, 8:00 am (SC)** - † *Birthday remembrance of Winfield Wray, requested by James Wray.*

**Sat. Oct 5, 4:00 pm (SH)** - **1.)** † *In loving memory of Walter & Stella Swarczewski, requested by Deborah. 1.) For Jean Franklin & family members, living & deceased, requested by Theresa Jacobs Cummings.*

**Sun. Oct 6, 9:00 am (SC)**- † *Rest of the soul of Ted Burke, requested by Andrea Moran.*

### COLLECTIONS TOTALS - SEPT 21/22

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	553.00	707.00
OTHER	80.00	45.00
CATHOLIC UNIV	109.00	191.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>633.00</b>	<b>752.00</b>

### Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Sept 28 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Katherine Downing	Oct 5 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Tony Stellato
Sept 29 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare	Oct 6 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn

### Counters Schedule

Sept 30 (SH)	Wendy Hall Katherine Downing	Oct 7 (SH)	Barb Bilins Deb Swarczewski
Sept 30 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Ann Mahon	Oct 7 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

### Food Pantry

Oct 2 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
Oct 23 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sacred Heart Pie Raffle :** Our delicious fundraiser has begun. We need volunteers for pies and appetites from the parish. The pie raffle funds raised will be used to lend some much needed redecorating to the parish office. \$1 tickets will be sold in the vestibule before Mass and Father will draw the winner after.

**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.

**Public Square Rosary Rally:** Please join us on **October 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at St Cecilia's Church** (outside), 26 Broadway, Fonda for the Rosary Rally. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. This Rosary Rally, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 22,500 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Will you be able to join us and other Catholics on that very important day?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**September 29, 2024–26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

*-Father John Muir*  
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In our reading from the book of Numbers for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time we read about 70 men who were chosen by God to receive some of the Spirit that was on Moses. Yet not all who were chosen showed up with the rest of the group. Still they received the same Spirit as those who did and they began to prophesy as well. That is like the men called by God today to the priesthood. Some enter the seminary and others do not even though they are called. Maybe they are unsure of their calling or don't believe God actually means they are being called. Sometimes we, too, are unsure of what God is calling us to do in life and we simply need a little encouragement to follow that call.

This month our diocese is asking us to be that encouragement for men we feel might make a good priest and could be discerning a call they are unsure of. We are being asked to look at possible candidates and write their name on a card. Then take that card and pray for them asking God if this might be one He is calling. Then return that card to church so we can reach out to them and invite them to a session where they can receive more information and encouragement to discern their calling whatever that may be.

God calls all of us to some vocation He has chosen for us and sometimes we listen and follow that call. Other times we choose to go our own way not believing the vocation God chose for us is real. With a little encouragement we may realize our true calling and follow what God has planned for us. The same may hold true for some men called to the priesthood and we could be the one to help them answer that call.

Think about it, pray about it and then submit the name of someone you think might need that little encouragement to choose God's path.

God Bless,  
Deacon Joe



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