



GO AND TAKE
THE LOWEST
PLACE.

— LUKE 14:10 —

TWENTY-SECOND 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]*



**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**

*August 31, 2025 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke
14:1, 7-14*

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.



-Father John Muir

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Aug 30, 4:00 pm (SH)- † Birthday remembrance for Virginia Szykowski, requested By Lorrie & Tony Stellato.

Sun. Aug 31, 9:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.

Tues. Sept 2 thru Sun. Sept 7, 2025

Tue. Sept 2, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Sept 3, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Thurs. Sept 4, 8:00 am (SH) - Wedding anniversary remembrance for Virginia & Peter Szykowski, requested by Lorrie & Tony Stellato.

Fri. Sept 5, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Emily Wray, requested by her son, Jim.

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT SACRED HEART
OR ST CECILIA'S THIS WEEKEND**

Sun. Sept 7, 12:00 am (Kateri) - 1.) † In loving memory of Dennis Swarczewski, requested by his wife, Deborah.
2.) † In loving memory of Frank & Marinda Arcesi, requested by their daughter, Mary Ann.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 30 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Tony Stellato	Sept 6 (SH)	Volunteer Mark Caffrey
Aug 31 (SC)	Ken Stuff Bill Quinn	Sept 7 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Andrea Moran

Counters Schedule

Sept 1 (SH)	Kathy Avery Barb Bilins	Sept 8 (SH)	Wendy Hall Katherine Downing
Sept 2 (SC)	Ann Mahon Margaret Smith	Sept 8 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

Sept 3 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
Sept 24 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare



COLLECTIONS TOTALS - AUGUST 23/24

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	561.00	678.00
HOME MISSIONS	134.00	262.00
OTHER	331.75	131.00
PARISH TOTAL	872.75	809.00
ATTENDANCE	37	39

Second collections

August 30/31- Catholic Diocese of Lexington, KY

Our Parish Pilgrimage: Our combined parish pilgrimage will be at Kateri in Fonda on **Sunday, September 7.** Mass will be celebrated at noon. **Bring a bagged lunch.** We will have lunch on the grounds, visit the museum and enjoy some great fellowship. You May want to bring a small container if you wish to bring home holy water from the grotto. There will be no Mass at Sacred Heart or St. Cecilia for the 23rd Sunday. Also if you wish to walk (approx. 1 mile) please contact Jamie.

2025 Summer Connections: Please remember to send your summer fun pics to your parish, via Facebook or email. We want to include you in our bulletin and/or Facebook. If you prefer not to have your pictures shared, please let us know.

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary : There will be a **Mass** celebration held at **St. Cecilia** on **Monday, September 8th at 6:15pm** to honor Our Blessed Mother Mary. There will be a recitation of the Holy Rosary & singing of Marian Hymns, also the offering of any freshly picked flowers from your garden. There will be a potluck refreshment to follow in the hall. **We will need five (5) volunteers for the Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.**

Pilgrims of Hope...Disciples on Mission Diocesan Jubilee Gathering: Sep 20, 2025, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM – St. Matthew's Church - Voorheesville. As the Jubilee Year 2025 draws to a close, and as our diocese begins the "ReMade for Mission" initiative, it seems fitting to gather "to fan the flame of hope. All parishioners, pastors, associate pastors, parish life directors/coordinators, trustees, pastoral councils, finance councils, and leaders of parish ministries will benefit from this day of prayer and inspiration. As Pope Benedict XVI said, we are all "co-responsible for the Church's being and action!" There is no cost, coffee and boxed lunch provided. To register please visit <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/> or call the Office for Discipleship Formation: **518-453-6670**

Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites In Our Diocese:

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - 125 Eagle St, Albany

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine -136 Shrine Rd, Fultonville

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine -3636 NY5, Fonda

Our Lady of Knock Shrine -2052 Route 145, East Durham

Rosa Mystica Shrine -484 Angel Hill Rd, Edmeston

Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

www.rcda.org/kind

150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners

~August 23rd thru September 6th~

Baptisms

*August 31, 1969 Charles Shawn Parslow
September 1, 1979 Robyn Lynn Dunlavy
September 2, 2017 Elizabeth Kennedy Meyer
September 4, 1976 Kimberly Elizabeth Latza
September 4, 1994 Charles Richard Parslow
September 5, 1971 Steven Gary Chevalier*

Marriages

*August 31, 1969 Thomas Dufel & Dianne Jemmott
August 31, 2014 Ludwig Sell & Kathy Slater
9 September 3, 1977 Douglas Dunn & Joan Marie Files
September 4, 1969 Joseph A Guiffre & Helen Sue Maraszkievitz
September 5, 1970 Donald John Timmons & Janice Eileen Greenbury
September 6, 1986 James P. Halvey III & Karen VanDerBeck
September 6, 2003 Timothy John Richardson & Kimberly May Morveale*

Deaths-Funerals

*September 1, 1999 Nellie Lauvialto
September 1, 2002 Stella Taboleski
September 3, 2013 John Demitraszek
September 4, 1987 Andon Himpel
September 6, 1987 Daniel Gentileco
September 6, 2014 Dennis Swarczewski*

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest. You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask you to inspire young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your will. Send laborers into Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments. We ask through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations, Intercede for us.

ALL: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!



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