

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

11-21	Mon	9:00 AM	Father Joe By Sharon Guenther
11-22	Tues	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
11-23	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners Thanksgiving Day
11-24	Thurs	9:00 AM	James Householder By Mom
11-25	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
11-26	Sat	5:30 PM	Father Joe By Andrea Strom
11-27	Sun	8:30 AM	Carmie Mirabito By Dan, Ginni & Andy Brandt
	Sun	10:30AM	In honor of the 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Joe & Terry Maggio

### Calendars and Advent Blue Books



Calendars and the "Little Blue Books" for Advent are available to be picked up at each of the exits after Mass. Thank you to C.H. Landers and Mirabito Energy Products for generously sponsoring our 2023 calendars.

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the

United States more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. 25% of the funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

### Annual Seminarian Fund Drive

At all weekend Masses on December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus will hold their Annual Seminarian Fund Drive. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Knights in this fund drive. Thank you.

### Solemnity of Christ the King

This Sunday marks the end of the liturgical year. We conclude the church year with the feast of Christ the King. What we celebrate today is the great truth of the universal and eternal kingship of Jesus Christ. We renew our loving devotion, allegiance, and loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ. We acclaim him as the Lord of lords and the King of kings.

God is the source of all power and authority. In his love and wisdom, God entrusts his power to human beings to exercise in his name. The Lord calls some people to certain leadership positions to rule and serve the common good and the interest of his people.

We find an example of this in the first reading where David was chosen to be the leader and shepherd of the people of Israel. The book of second Samuel tells us that all the elders of Israel came to Hebron and they asked David to be their king. After mutual agreement, David was anointed as the king of Israel. He ruled for forty years, seven years in Judah and thirty- three years in Israel.

David is recognized as an ideal king and shepherd of his people. He had his human limitations yet he enjoyed God's favor. God blessed David with an everlasting royal lineage. Our Lord Jesus Christ came from the Davidic lineage. He is the Son of David, our Messiah and Shepherd.

Jesus revealed his kingship on the throne by the cross. In the gospel, Saint Luke brings us to the scene of the crucifixion where Jesus endured torture and humiliation on the cross. At the crucifixion, King Pilate ordered an inscription to be placed on the cross announcing Jesus' offense. And it read, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38). The Roman leaders sneered at Jesus as well as the soldiers and the bystanders who mocked him. Others kept their distance and looked on as Jesus endured all the abuses and humiliations.

While hanging on the cross, one of the criminals next to Jesus reviled him. He said to him "If you are the king of the Jews, then save yourself and us" (Luke 23:37). Jesus Christ is a king indeed, but a different kind. He does not save himself but others. He accepted death on the cross in order to save others. He suffered death on the cross to atone for the sins of humanity.

The other criminal rebuked his fellow criminal, "Have you no fear of God?" (Luke 23:40). I always feel drawn by the rebuttal of this criminal. He showed a good character here. No wonder some scripture scholars call this criminal "the good thief". Unlike the other stubborn and proud criminal, the good thief admitted his guilt and the sentence of his condemnation.

The good thief asked for an important thing in his last moment. He turned his face to Jesus and begged for mercy and forgiveness. He said to Jesus, "Remember me, when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23: 42). Jesus is such a good person. He said to the good thief, "Today, you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that we are sharers in the inheritance of Jesus Christ. He tells us that God delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to his kingdom through Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of our sins.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has done great things for us. We give praise and honor to his name for offering his life for us on the altar of the cross to bring us salvation.

There is no way that each of us can repay God for his everlasting love and goodness for our lives. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this Thursday, let us show our gratitude to God for the outpouring of his blessings upon our nation, our families and local communities.

Let us ask God for the grace to reflect the eternal values of his kingdom in word and action beginning in our homes, our parish and our local community. And may our good example bring others to appreciate the virtues of holiness, truth, love, justice, and peace in their lives.

I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving celebration. Enjoy all the delicious food, nice turkey, good drinks and the wonderful fellowship of family, friends and all loved ones this holiday week.

God bless,

Fr. Ben

### Weekend of November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### First Sunday of Advent

First Reading-Isaiah 2:1-5

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben

**Lector:** Carole Ostrander

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Kahane

**Altar Servers:** Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading-Romans 13:11-14

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

Fr. Ben

Ginni Brandt

Brock & Easton Porter

Gospel-Matthew 24:37-44

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Lorraine Keckeisen

Pat Smith

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall


Offerings of November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular, \$2,269.00; Fuel, \$80.00; Evangelist, \$48.00; All Souls, \$30.00;





November 20<sup>th</sup>- Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup> grade 9:20-10:20 AM  
 November 27<sup>th</sup>- **No Classes**  
 December 4<sup>th</sup> - Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup> grade 9:20-10:20 AM  
 The average cost of textbooks for students in Religious Education is \$20.00. If you have children in the Religious Education program, please consider making a donation to cover this expense. Your donation can be placed in the collection in an envelope marked "Religious Education Textbooks".

The weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the regular collection and All Souls amounted to \$2,299.00. Each week the parish needs \$2,736.00 to meet the budget. Last weekend, the regular collection amounted to \$2,269.00, which is \$467.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$50,460.00, which is \$3,788.00 below budget.

Upcoming Meetings and Events  
 November 20<sup>th</sup>- Parish Coffee after 10:30 AM Mass  
 November 21<sup>st</sup>- Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM  
 November 29<sup>th</sup>- Advent Scripture Series 10:00 AM

 **Lighting of Advent Wreath**  
 We invite individuals and families that would like to light our advent wreath at weekend Masses beginning November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, to please sign-up after Mass today. A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far to our special fuel/insurance collection.   
 We have collected \$6,730.00 as of Thursday, November 17, 2022! Sacred Heart is truly a generous beyond measure family!

 Advent is the beginning of the liturgical calendar; it is a season of spiritual preparation marked by an eager longing for the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Advent is also a time for each of us to increase our prayer, fasting and good works. Included with the bulletin is a list of food items to gather each day of Advent. The box of food can then be donated to your local food bank at the end of Advent.

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Avery Maggio, Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Terry Dermody, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Elaine Ferretti, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, 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 Basket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Jeremy Matviak, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Jane Artis, Kathryn Wickham, Frannie Robinson Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terry Cristofaro, Joan Kaiser, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Marian Heeps, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Sandy Grooms, Agatha Trikourr, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Mark Granan, David Hopkins, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LoCasci, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Jim Mylotte, Natalia Ciborowski, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman John Alksnis, Sarah Pressler, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, Tina Klein, Leon Matthews, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marian Agyemang, Marlena Keath, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Amanda Maggio, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraiia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinata, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapanik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Tasha, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolino, Margaret O'Hara, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, Father Gordon, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Mary Cittadino, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Tony Barber, Jr., Bonnie Tabone, Cynda Burgher, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger

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

November Bulletin Quotes

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."  
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story"



"I can do all things through him who strengthens me" *Philippians 4:13*

Our assessment for 2022-2023 is \$14,944.00. To date \$9,857.00 in pledges and donations have been received by the Diocese. Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Appeal.

This is My Body Given for You: An Advent Reflection on the Eucharist

Please join Fr. Fragomeni as he leads us in a reflection that will nourish our Advent waiting and deepen our participation in the Eucharist. A virtual presentation by ZOOM will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 2:00-3:00 PM. Please register at <https://wwwapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation> by November 28<sup>th</sup> – **there is no cost for this event.** See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Small Business Saturday

Four Towns Forward are sponsoring a variety of events on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Vendors will be located in the Sidney Community Center (Congregational Church), Unatego Elementary School and the Bainbridge Community Center from 9AM- 3PM. See the Facebook page, "4TownsForward" for more information. There is also a flyer posted in the vestibule with information on an event being held just in Sidney. Please support local business this holiday season!



Baluster Repair

The balusters at the front of church have been removed so that the necessary painting and repairs can be made. Please use caution when entering and leaving church while the balusters are out for repair.