



Mass Intentions for the Week

10-23	Mon	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
10-24	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
10-25	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
10-26	Thurs	9:00 AM	Joe Geisler By his wife, Sheryl
10-27	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
10-28	Sat	4:00 PM	Joseph Schalk By Lucy Hindle & family
10-29	Sun	10:30 AM	Margaret Ann McKilligan By Charlie & Jean McKilligan

Veterans Resource Fair

Wednesday, November 1st from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM there will be a resource fair for veterans at the Elks Lodge at 104 River Street in Sidney. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

World Mission Sunday



Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep

our **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move."** On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the pope's missions, allowing them to minister to the and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

Men's Retreat

Gentleman of the parish, it's your turn to attend a retreat! The retreat will be held at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center on November 3-5, 2023. The theme is "Make my Joy Complete". For more information see Paula Ciborowski in the Faith Formation Office or call Ellen Reuter, 607-563-3259.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we observe our annual World Mission Sunday. We join with our sisters and brothers throughout the world to offer our prayers and financial support for the missions in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Pacific Islands. We give generously in the second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to bring God's love and care to the most vulnerable communities where many find themselves in situations of poverty, violence, and oppression.

This year's World Mission Sunday is celebrated under the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" (Lk 24:13-35). In his message for this special day, Pope Francis reminds us to see ourselves as missionary disciples. Our holy father encourages all of us to remain united to Jesus Christ so we can bear fruit and draw others to faith. Today's readings highlight the importance of our religious and civic duties to God and country. The readings teach us to live as responsible Christian citizens by honoring both our religious and civic obligations.

In the first reading, the book of Isaiah describes how God worked through a pagan ruler to accomplish his divine plan. God chose Cyrus, the king of Persia as an instrument to free the Israelites from exile in Babylon. In the year 539 BC, Cyrus waged war against the Babylonians and conquered their kingdom. He liberated the Israelites from oppression and allowed them to return to their homeland in Judah. King Cyrus assisted God's people to rebuild their temple and city.

In the gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians asked Jesus whether it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. During this time, the Jewish people were under the Roman Empire and paying taxes to a foreign government. The Pharisees and Herodians placed Jesus in a dilemma. If Jesus answers yes his fellow Jews will ostracize him. They will label him as a traitor. On the other hand, if Jesus says no, he will get himself in trouble with the Roman government. He will be charged with treason for opposing the paying of taxes to the government.

Jesus knew the malicious intent of these religious leaders. He responded wisely that one should render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what belongs to God. Jesus teaches us to honor our religious and civic responsibilities and obligations. He wants us to be law abiding but make sure that we never compromise the values of God's kingdom.

As Christians we need to remain loyal to God and manifest his presence in the world. We fulfill this duty when we stand for the truth, do what is right and just or treat one another well.

We need to take inspiration from the Christian community in Thessalonica for their fidelity in the Lord. In the second reading, St. Paul prayed that the grace and peace of the Lord will remain with this Christian community. He praised them for their work of faith, labor of love, and endurance in hope in Jesus Christ.

As one family of God, let us all seek to grow in the virtues of love, faith, hope, and charity. Let us ask our heavenly father to accept our prayers and our generous offerings on this World Mission Sunday and help us to have our hearts on fire and feet on the move. And may the Lord grant us the grace and the will to always live as his true sons and daughters and responsible citizens on earth.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of October 28th & 29th, 2023

First Reading- Exodus 22:20-26

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Chris Berkeley-Hartjen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Carole Ostrander

Altar Servers:

Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading- 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

30th Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 22: 34-40

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Pat Tartaglia

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings of October 14th & 15th, 2023 Regular, \$1,996.00; Fuel, \$100.00; FORMED, \$20.00



October 22nd - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 October 29th - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 All Saints assembly in the Parish Center

The weekend of October 14th & 15th, 2023 the regular collection was \$1,996.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$32,676.00 which is \$122.00 below budget.



Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

Mail solicitations from the Diocese for the Diocesan Appeal have been sent to all parishioners. The Diocesan Finance Office provides significant support to our parish in assuring all required government forms are completed accurately and on time. At this time we have not been notified of our assessment for 2023-2024. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocesan Appeal.

Have you ever wanted to “binge” on something? How about the Gospel of Mark? Join us on November 1st from 10:30 AM-3 PM at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center. See Paula Ciborowski or Ellen Reuter for more information.



Holiday Bazaar

Saint Agnes/Saint John’s will be holding their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 11th from 8:30-12:30 at the Afton Town Hall. Crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, raffles and quilted items will be available for your purchase.

“Daniel” at the Sight and Sound Theater



Saint Mary’s in Oneonta is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see “Daniel” at the Sight and Sound Theater on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The registration form and a flyer with more information is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

October Bulletin Quotes

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”
 Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time-“Make your requests known to God.”

I Thessalonians: 2-3 “We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.” God will bless your marriage and your life. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: October 16-November 6, 2023, Virtual 3RE (M/W evenings)
 Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Mass for the Commemoration of the Dead

It has been our tradition at Sacred Heart to light a candle and display the names of our deceased faithful who passed away during the church year. At all weekend Masses on **November 4th and 5th** a family member or friend will be invited onto the sanctuary to light a candle in memory of their departed loved one. Letters will be mailed to family members and they should contact the parish office if they plan to attend.

If you wish to have any loved ones remembered at all Masses during November, please fill out the envelope in your packet of envelopes and place it in the collection basket. If you don’t use envelopes, please use the All Souls envelopes provided in the vestibule of the church. All Souls envelopes will remain on the altar during the month of November.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, 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, 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 Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolerמוש, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Marais, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pandolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Jaime Mathewson, Theo Williams, Joan Barber, Stephanie Saldinger

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

