



Mass Intentions for the Week

9-9	Mon	9:00 AM	Jim Ives By Nancy Ives
9-10	Tues	9:00 AM	Madeline Mertz By Gussie Shifflet & family
9-11	Wed	9:00 AM	Michael Willsey By Jean McKilligan
9-12	Thurs	9:00 AM	Edna Ludwig By Pat Elbrecht
9-13	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
9-14	Sat	4:00 PM	George Mertz By Ellen Hogan & family
9-15	Sun	10:30 AM	George Mertz By Dick & Audrey Regan

In anticipation of offering the Holy Blood at all Masses there is going to be a need for additional Lay Eucharistic Ministers. There is a need for two additional ministers at the Saturday 4:00 PM vigil Mass and 5 additional ministers at the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact Carole Ostrander at the office 607-563-1591 or at home 607-265-3755.

Jesus and the Barbequed Fish Breakfast By Dan Daly, SJ

Sounds interesting doesn't it?! Join us for a book study starting the last week in September in the evenings. More specific information will be announced next week. In the meantime, if you plan to attend, purchase your copy of the book through Amazon or Thriftbooks.com. Come explore Jesus' life and teachings with us. See Paula Ciborowski in the Faith Formation office if you have any questions.

Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for how you can help to make the 2024 Harvest Festival a success. Volunteers can sign up to help on September 28th and 29th. For those who make soups you are encouraged to sign up now on the orange paper posted at each the bulletin boards by the exits.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! (Isaiah 35:4).

We all know how it feels to go through challenging and tough times. Difficult situations such as dealing with health issues and taking care of an ageing loved one can leave us with fear, despair, and dismay. But as Christians, our faith helps us to turn to the right person for strength and courage to navigate our way through the challenges. We turn to God for comfort and hope.

In today's liturgy, our readings talk about God's faithfulness and his abiding presence with us in all situations of life. The readings encourage us to trust in God's power to heal our brokenness and restore us to wholeness of life.

In the first reading, the prophet gave a vision of hope and restoration to those who were suffering in exile in Babylon. This was dark times for the people of Israel who were languishing in pain and hopelessness. All seemed lost for them.

In the midst of despair, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to console his people to be strong and fear not because their redemption was underway. The prophet Isaiah encouraged and exhorted those whose hearts were frightened that the Lord will come with vindication, with divine recompense to save them.

God's promises are as true today as they were in Isaiah's time. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises.

In the gospel, some people brought a deaf man who had a speech impediment to Jesus and they begged him to lay his hands on this man. Jesus put his finger in the man's ears and touched his mouth and said, "Ephphata, that is, 'Be opened.'" The man regained his hearing and speech abilities. And all were amazed.

Jesus is with us in his word and sacraments to heal our brokenness and calm our fears. He comes to strengthen us and bring us comfort and peace. We trust in the good heart of Jesus to have pity on us and all those who need his love and healing grace.

Who do you and I bring before the Lord in our celebration today? Think of the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who have no one else to pray for them. Such people need our loving prayers. Our hearts should go out to them.

Saint James reminds us in the second reading that God shows no partiality or favoritism in his dealings with us and neither should we. Saint James urges us to be welcoming and accepting of others. He tells us that God chooses the poor and the lowly to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. All of us need to examine ourselves and see our attitude toward people. Sometimes we are unkind and biased in our treatment of others. We treat people based on the color of their skin, their economic, social, religious, political or cultural status.

The Lord does not want us to remain closed and crippled within ourselves. He wants us to combat our misguided perceptions and negative attitude toward others and reflect his love and compassion in the world.

As disciples, let us imitate our Lord Jesus in our dealings with people and show them the love and the compassion they need.

Let us with the psalmist sing God's praises for his faithfulness and compassion and benevolence toward us and all others.

God bless,
Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of September 14th & 15th, 2024

First Reading-Isaiah 50:5-9

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben
Lector: Dorothy Yaiser
Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Kahane
Altar Servers Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading- James 2:14-18

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Mark 8:27-35

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben
Judy Roldan
Kristin Reuter
Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Offerings from August 31st & September 1st, 2024 Regular collection, \$2,167.00; Fuel, \$185.00; Catholic Home Missions, \$25.00; Feast of the Assumption; \$30.00; Evangelist, \$5.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

9/15 9:00-10:15 AM Classes begin for grades Pre-K-10th

Catechetical Sunday

Catechists will be commissioned at the Masses this weekend.

9/22 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for grades Pre-K-10th

9/29 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for grades Pre-K-10th

Harvest Festival 2024



The Harvest Festival this year is on October 11th & 12th! We need crafts for the Craft Booth, items for the Farmer's Market, Treasure Chest, soups and baked

goods. Please bring your donations for the Treasure Chest and Craft booth to the Parish Center before October 4th so the items can be priced. All donations must be brought in a week before the festival, donations brought in after the 4th will not be accepted.

- **NO CD's, DVD's, and VHS** (donate to the Nex-to-New)
- **Paperback books only, and cookbooks**
- **Stuffed animals** (to be used for prizes)
- **No clothing** (donate to Nex-to-New)
- **No electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)**
- Donations of glassware, ceramics, and dishes must be **CLEAN** and should be chip free.
- Small kitchen appliances and all electrical items must be clean and in working order.
- Holiday decorations especially; Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter would be most appreciated.
- Donations of uniquely crafted handmade items are needed for the Craft Booth.
- Treasure Chest and Craft Booth **donations should be brought inside** the Parish Center during office hours. Please contact the Parish Office, 563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations.
- **Donations left outside the Parish Center cannot be accepted per Catholic Mutual guidelines.** *Please do not leave items in the doorways or hallways. This is so we are in compliance with fire and safety codes.*

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival will be in the vestibule of the church on September 28th and 29th.

September Bulletin Quotes

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity."

USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

Pastoral Associate Formation Program

A new leadership program for those interested in gaining knowledge and skills for a collaborative role with a pastor in the administrative, operational, and pastoral needs of a parish will begin in October 2024. If you are interested there is information posted on the bulletin or you can contact Erin Muir at the Diocesan Offices at PAFormaton@rcda.org or 515-453-6670.

Respect Life Month

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month and the first Sunday in October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate this Mass on Saturday September 28th at 4:00 PM at the Parish of Mater Christi. The church is located at 40 Hopewell Street in Albany. More information is on the flyer on the vestibule bulletin board.

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

Beginning the week of September 16th the initial Diocesan Appeal mailings will begin. If you do not receive a mailing there are envelopes available in the vestibule for you contribution. The assessment for the 2024-2025 appeal for Sacred Heart is \$14,576.00, a decrease of \$4,082.00

Beginning Monday, September 16th the Parish Center will be closed in order for the committees to set up for the Harvest Festival.

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Training for New Parish Ministers

Please see the flyer in the vestibule for information on a training being offered for anyone interested in getting involved with Respect Life Work.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, 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, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfreidine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Saldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Theresa Zieno, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Kyle Roy, Phyllis Blincoe, Bill Babbage, Michael Gregory, Maggie Hoffman, Bob Ostrander

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

