



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 9-16 Mon 9:00 AM Julia McCann
By Marge & Rose
- 9-17 Tues 9:00 AM Madeline Mertz
By Ada Rice & family
- 9-18 Wed 9:00 AM George Fotis
By Jeanne Slawson
- 9-19 Thurs 9:00 AM Donald Jensen
By Carol Jensen
- 9-20 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 9-21 Sat 4:00 PM Lance Jensen
By Carol Jensen
- 9-22 Sun 10:30 AM Jeff Johansen
By the Reuter family

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. Dates for this book study will be in next week's bulletin. 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.

Beginning Monday, September 16th the Parish Center will be closed in order for the committees to set up for the Harvest Festival.
For those who make soups you are encouraged to sign up **now** on the orange paper posted on each bulletin boards by the exits.

Weekend of September 21st & 22nd, 2024
First Reading-Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Saturday 4:00 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Ben
Lector: Jane Artis
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Babbage
Altar Servers Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Know your true self and mission in life

Each year, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops designates the Third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday. On this special day, we take time to honor all those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the church. We recognize and celebrate the gifts that all catechists give to our parish community. We express our appreciation for them, for their willingness to volunteer their time for the faith formation of our children. We pray that they may be blessed with all the graces they need to share their faith with our children and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God and others. The theme for this year's celebration of Catechetical Sunday is "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" (Mathew 25:37). The theme reminds us of our call to discipleship, to follow Christ in love and service to him and others. While contemplating the scripture readings for this Sunday's liturgy, four questions came to mind.

I kept asking: Do I know my true self and purpose in life? Do I know myself more than others? How do people perceive me? And do I care how others perceive me? Like many of us, Jesus cared about the public opinion of himself. He sought to know what others thought of him or perceived him to be. In today's gospel, Jesus asked his disciples two important questions, "Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?"

The disciples said to Jesus in reply: "Some say you are John the Baptist, others say, Elijah; still others, one of the ancient prophets." Jesus wanted a more personal response. He asked his disciples, "What about you? Who am I for you?" Peter spoke on behalf of the other disciples. He answered, "You are the Christ." Peter provided the correct answer but he had a partial insight of Jesus' identity, not a Suffering Servant of God as foretold by the prophet Isaiah in the first reading. He saw Jesus as a political savior, the one to set his people free from the Roman domination and usher in a great period of restoration and renewal.

Jesus approved Peter's answer and from this point he disclosed to his disciples what it meant to be the Christ. As Messiah, he will suffer greatly at the hands of the elders. He will die and rise again in three days. Jesus called his disciples to embrace his path, to take up their cross and follow him.

Peter tried to talk Jesus out of his impending passion and death. He got himself into trouble. Jesus rebuked him and addressed him as Satan. He told Peter "Get behind Me, Satan."

Jesus was hard on Peter because he saw him as an obstacle or hindrance to his mission.

He invites all of us to take up our cross and follow him. This call involves putting our faith into action. In the second reading St. James talks about the relationship between faith and works. He reminds us that faith without works is useless or dead.

As Christians, let us do our best to manifest our faith in our actions by helping and supporting the needy, the sick, and the poor among us.

Let us be a sign of Christ's love and care for all those we encounter each day in our lives.

God bless,
Rev. Dr. Ben

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel- Mark 9:30-37
Sunday 10:30AM
Fr. Ben
Phyllis Blincoe
Paula Ciborowski
Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Offerings from September 7th & 8th, 2024 Regular collection, \$2,603.00; Fuel, \$70.00; Repairs, \$100.00; Religious Education, \$25.00; FORMED, \$120.00; Catholic Home Missions, \$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)
- **NO clothing** (donate to Nex-to-New)
- **NO electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)**
- **Paperback books only, and cookbooks**
- **Stuffed animals** (to be used for prizes)
- 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.

“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety- nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7)*.”

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”

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 will be envelopes available in the vestibule for your contribution. The assessment for the 2024-2025 appeal for Sacred Heart is \$14,576.00, a decrease of \$4,082.00.

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, Marlena 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, Marlena, 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, Donna Kahn, Jacqueline Richardson

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

