

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 8, 2024
Mass Intentions**

September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Bill Anthony, Birth. (M/M Dennis Oswald)
10:00AM+Rita McCloskey (Bob and Mary Suders)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

September 9, Monday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest
12:00PM+Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

September 10, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+John & Catherine Bauer (Grandson, Daniel B. Bauer)

September 11, Wednesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Albert Evangelisto Jr. Birth. (Sisters)

September 12, Thursday, The Most Holy Name of Mary
12:00PM+John F. Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

September 13, Friday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:00PM+Rita Kibler (Greg and Kathy Clemens)

September 14, Saturday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
12:00PM Special Intention Elaine Fleegal (Sylvia Goals Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Mildred Conti, Anniversary (Family)

September 15, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Donna Pagliara Ruggery, Ann. (Mom & Siblings)
10:00AM+Helen Laraia, Ann./Birth. (Donna Long and Bob Laraia)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

PILGRIMAGE

Msgr. Stan Carson, along with 30 other people, will leave for pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Burgos (Spain), Lourdes (France), and Barcelona (Spain) on Sunday afternoon, September 15, and return on Tuesday, September 24. Coverage has been arranged for all regularly scheduled

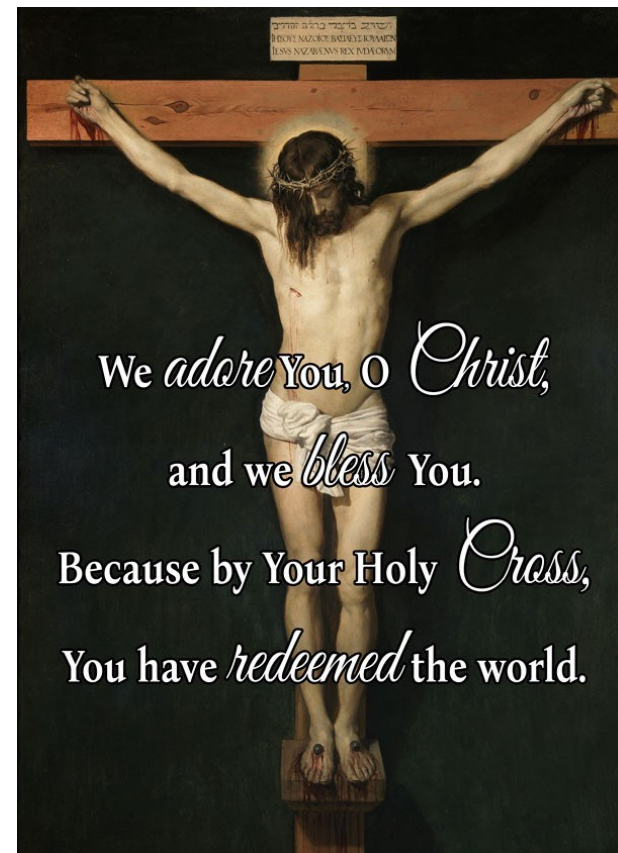


Stewardship Reflections

“Thus says the Lord: say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!” Our readings today offer us a message of hope. God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The prophecy in our first reading and the story in our Gospel overwhelm us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on these readings, we see that God uses these moments of physical healing as opportunities to restore something much deeper, our souls.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might “be open” to His workings, words, and prompting our lives.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 1, 2024 \$ 11,654.36
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Our parish’s target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. **\$52,694 has been pledged. (The pledge balance is \$4,350.)** If all pledges are paid, we will have reached 114% of our target. Thank you.

Cathedral Christian Mothers

The next meeting of the Cathedral Christian Mothers will be on Wednesday, September 11th in the Education Center. Rosary at 6:00PM. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Starting on September 15th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00AM to 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00AM Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more info, please contact Carol Galimoto at (814)-327-4841.

Church Cleaning

We will be needing some extra volunteers for Wednesday, September 11th at 9:00AM. We have some of our volunteers that are away and can not be there. Thank you in advance.

The Catholic University of America

Next weekend, diocese will take up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. Please give generously **There is an envelope in our parish’s packet.** Visit: collection.catholic.edu to learn more.

43rd Celebration of the Birth of Mary

Transferred (from 9/8) to Monday, September 9, at St. Catherine Parish in Duncansville.

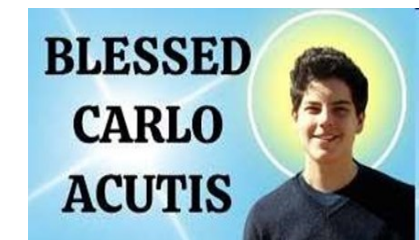
Masses at 7:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine

Continuous Rosary Between Masses

Food and Exhibits in the hall .

**JESUS NEEDS YOU,
DON'T SAY NO!**
*Vocations Are
Everybody's Business*



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. Blessed Sacrament.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love. Father John Muir ©LPi



Final Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having our FINAL basket bingo meeting on Thursday, September 12, at 6:00PM in the Parish Center. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please reach out to one of the committee members.

Students that need service hours you can have your parents call the Office at 814-944-4603 or join us on Friday, September 27, at the Father Kelley Hall at 5th Street and 25th Avenue at 6:00PM to help set up, and or on Sunday September 29th at 11:00AM. There will be a sign in sheet please make sure that you sign in and the time that you had arrived. And when you get your service hour sheet, make sure that you get it signed by one of us. Thank you in advance for all your help and support.

Basket Bingo

Our Basket Bingo is being held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelley Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are taking donations of gift cards, monetary gifts, or if you have a theme basket that you would like to do or donate for, we can always add to it. We are also taking donations of water, and soda, that can be dropped off at the Parish Office, between 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM. If you have any questions please feel free to call Paula at 814-944-4603 the Parish office, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704 or Paula's cell 814-215-5949.

Basket Bingo Tickets

WOOHOO! Only 3 weeks left to get your TICKETS! Basket Bingo tickets are on sale at the 13th Avenue door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, a value pack may be bought for an additional \$30.00. If you have any question call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, Paula Clemens 814-215-5949 or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event.



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BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.
By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937 8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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Mass Times

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
Weekday: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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