

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
September 10, 2023  
Mass Intentions**

**September 10, The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+ Mary Alice Plummer (Anthea Germano)  
10:00AM+David Baronner, Ann. (Wife & Family)  
2:00PM Wedding Anniversary Mass  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**September 11, Monday, Weekday**

12:00PM Special Intention Lindsey (Tom Byrne)

**September 12, Tuesday, The Most Holy Name of Mary**

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

**September 13, Wednesday, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Marian Swires, Birthday (Children)

**September 14, Thursday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

12:00PM+Paul & Marian Sweeney (Mary Ann & Jack)

**September 15, Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows**

12:00PM+Maurice & Jane McNulty (Rita & Jerry Kibler)

**September 16, Saturday, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

12:00PM+Donna Pagliara, Ann. (Mom and Family)  
**Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00PM+Bernadine Farrell (Susan Berglund)

**September 17, The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Barbara Knott Chisko (Linda Kutz)  
10:00AM+Eleanor Fischer (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**High School Students Service Hours**

High school students who need service hours for 2023/2024 may want to help us out during the basket bingo by emptying bags, getting cans of soda or getting bottles of water for our bingo players. If you could help us for 1 hour or all 4 hours, that would be wonderful and much appreciated. You can get in touch with your teacher or have your parents call the office 814-944-4603 and talk to Paula she will put your name and the times that you are available. Thank you in advance.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -  
ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND  
PRAYER**

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

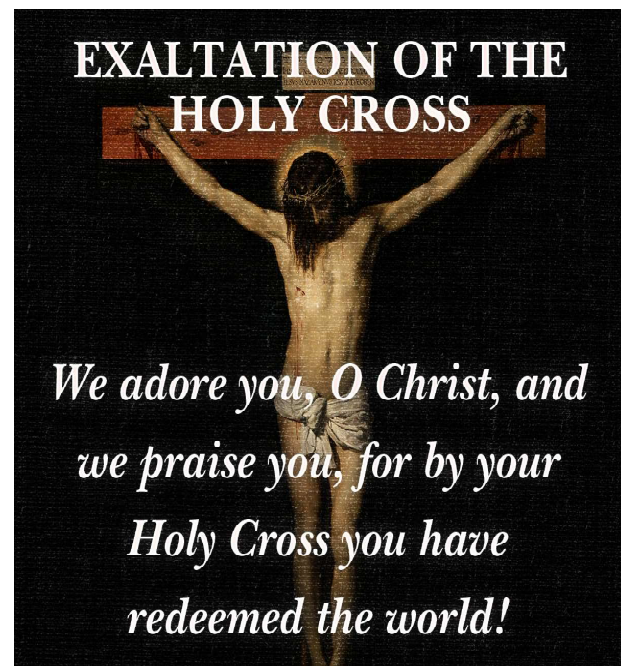
**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-3



Thank you so much for helping with the Baby Bottle Campaign. Our donation to this ministry reaches many women facing unplanned pregnancies and gives them a place of hope in their time of need. The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament has raised \$2,805.42!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
Sunday, September 3, 2023, \$ 10,422.25  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

**Inquiry Sessions of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Starting on Sunday, September 17th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00 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 information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.

**Coming up! "Basket Bingo "**

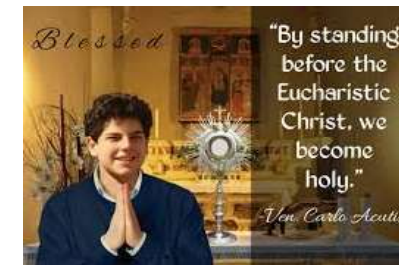
Time is fast approaching, only 3 more weeks until Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are still taking Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). Also donations of bottled water, and cans of soda, that can be dropped off at the office. If you have any questions you can call Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, 8:30AM to 4:00PM, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

**Basket Bingo Tickets**

Basket Bingo tickets are on sale, at the Cathedral Square door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, with a value pack for an additional \$30.00. If you have any questions please call Lorraine Beck at 1-240-676-6704, or the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, or email Paula at pclemons@dioceseaj.org. Tickets will also be available at the doors on the day of the event. Dobbers Up!!! Lets Play Bingo!!!

**Strength in Christ---Be Not Afraid**

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is hosting its 2nd Annual Women's Conference on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark and includes internationally known speakers, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and lunch. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for college and high school students. Registration forms are at the cathedral's entrances



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006) was a teenager who prepared a website about international Eucharistic miracles. A portion of his exhibit, thanks to the kindness of the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be on display in the cathedral during the summer months. Current posterboards describe Eucharistic miracles that took place at Farverny-France, Betania-Venezuela, and Onil-Spain.

**Church Cleaning**

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, September 13th, at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.

**Catechetical Sunday**

The Church celebrates with all our catechists next Sunday, September 17. Many people come forward annually to pass on the faith to our children, adolescents, and adults. The theme for this year is "Come to Me All You Who Labor, and Are Burdened". Cathedral Parish Catechists will be acknowledged and we will pray The Rite Blessing of Catechists next Sunday, September 17th, during all the Masses.

We express appreciation to the following: **Holy Trinity Catholic School:** Danielle Aikens, **Religious Education Pre-K-11:** Chris Laraia, Director, Gabriele Cronin, Helen Carper (Our Lady of Fatima), Lori Pastore, Beth Moore, Mary Ann Bell, Carol Galioto, Darlene Sinisi, Nicole Burkle, Roberta Burns, Jeanne Thompson, Karen Isenberg, Phyllis Baker, Brandon Solnosky; **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:** Msgr. Stanley Carson, Chris Laraia, Lori Pastore; **Confirmation:** Msgr. Carson, Chris Laraia, **Baptismal Preparation:** Chris Laraia, Paula Clemens, Gabrielle Cronin, Roberta Burns; **Marriage Preparation:** Clark and Kim Adelman, Bob and Chris Laraia, Tom and Beth Moore; **Rite Christian Initiation of Adults:** Jeanne Thompson, Carol Galioto, Director, Barbara Rossi, and Tony Kibelbek.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95 ©LPi

### Cathedral Christian Mothers

The next meeting for the Cathedral Christian Mothers will be on Wednesday, September 13th, in the **Cathedral Parish Center, 14th Street Entrance**. Rosary at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. All women of the parish are welcomed!

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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.

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 - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
5:00 PM

Weekday: 12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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

**Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator**

**Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary**

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

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

### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

Eldorado Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)942-7835

Fairview Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)381-7011

### BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 814-944-4014

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