

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
October 8, 2023  
Mass Intentions**

**October 8, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Charlie Moore (Donna & Bill Ellerman)  
10:00AM+John Vargo (Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**October 9, Monday, St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonard, Priest**  
12:00PM+Beverly Woodring (Tom Byrne)

**October 10, Tuesday, Weekday**  
12:00PM+Michael Allman, Birth. (Shamba Allman)

**October 11, Wednesday, Saint John XXIII, Pope**  
12:00PM+Mary Kantoski, Anniversary (Family)

**October 12, Thursday, Weekday**  
12:00PM Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

**October 13, Friday, Weekday**  
12:00PM+Ray and Alice Plummer, Wed. Ann.(Bernie and Louise Joyce)

**October 14, Saturday, Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**  
12:00PM+Nancy Foster (Lee Ann & Eugene Ehredt)  
**Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00PM+Patrick Duffy (Kathy Baronner Family)

**October 15, The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM+Elizabeth Yauneridge (Family)  
10:00AM+Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Kathleen Winter)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**Cathedral Christian Mothers**

The next meeting of the Cathedral Christian Mothers will be on Wednesday, October 11th in the Education Center. Rosary at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. All women of the parish are welcomed to attend.



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

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-1



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 miracles that took place in Tixtla, Mexico, Tumaco, Columbia, and Chirattakonam, India.



**Annual Rosary Rally**

The annual Rosary Rally will take place at the Heritage Plaza on 11th Avenue, Saturday, October 8th at 12:00PM. Please join us, rain or shine.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, October 1, 2023, \$ 8,099.55  
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? Continuing each Sunday, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team holds 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. Are you interested in sharing your faith with others? Consider joining the team. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841.



Our Trunk or Treat will be held this Sunday, October 8th, from 2:00-3:30 pm in the lower parking lot. Family fun, Costumes, and Candy. Please join in the fun. Please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 to register, <https://tinyurl.com/cathedraltrunkortreat2023>, if you are going to have a decorated car.

**Church Cleaning**

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, October 11th, at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.



Msgr. Carson will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and Barcelona from Sunday, September 15, to Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Brochures will soon be available with details.

**Basket Bingo Thank-You**

We are grateful to everyone who donated to the Basket Bingo. We would like to thank the Social Committee for preparing the meal. We especially thank the Basket Bingo Committee: Lorraine Beck, Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Bistline, Roberta Burns, Paula Clemens, Lori Eberwein, Paulette Farabaugh, Mary Lumadue, Peggy McLucas, Paula Miller, the adult helpers: Dallas Luke, Paul and Sherry Luke, Fred Chverchko, Dave Jones, Butch and Carol Ruggery, and Randy Clemens, Wesley Clemens, and Cindy Holland, Anne Marie Longwill, Carol Galioto, Lee Truby, the young helpers: Abigail Chverchko, Aleia Eckenrode, Mikayla and Morgan Geishauer, Shannon Hoyne, Adelia and Dominic Ianuzzi, Sara Glass-Knopp, Paul Luke II, Tyanna and Tyson Patillo, Jace Ritchey, and Xavier Rhodes.

Gratitude is also extended to the many generous sponsors, local businesses, and the 173 bingo players. May God bless you for your support and kindness.



\$49,771 has been pledged or donated to this year's Catholic Ministries Drive which is 118% of our \$42,000 target. Thank you very much for your generosity.



You're invited to join us on the portico for fellowship this Saturday, October 6, following the 5 P.M. Mass. There will be three different kinds of soup, meatball sandwiches, and pastries.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

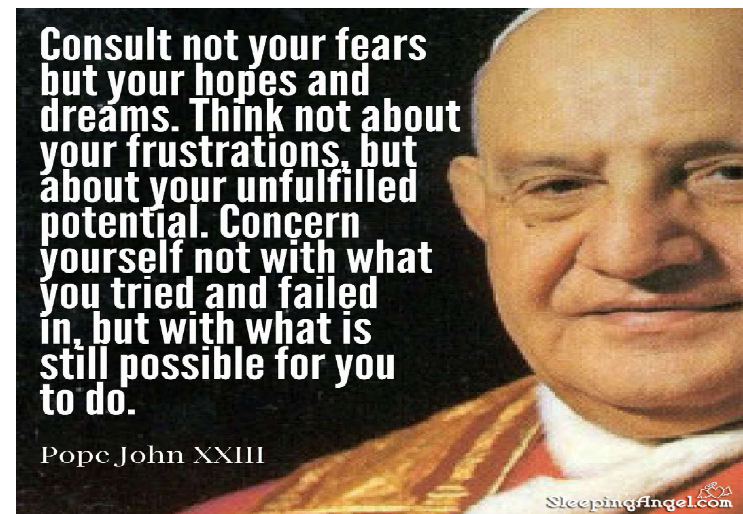
October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve. Father John Muir ©LPi



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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**The Gift that Gives Back**

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43 ©LPi



**OUR 2024 CALENDAR OF CASH LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK AND FOLLOWING MASSES ON WEEKENDS. THE COST IS \$20.00. BUY ONE FOR YOURSELF AND GIVE A FEW AS GIFTS!**

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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**

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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**

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