

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
October 15, 2023  
Mass Intentions**

**October 15, The Twenty-Ninth 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**

**October 16, Monday, Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

12:00PM+Mike Wolf (Butch Winkler)

**October 17, Tuesday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**

12:00PM+Mary Allman Culbreth, Birth. (Shamba Elijah)

**October 18, Wednesday, Saint Luke Evangelist**

12:00PM+Jim Ronan (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

**October 19, Thursday, Sts. John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**

12:00PM+ Ann Rhodes, Anniversary (Family)

**October 20, Friday, Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest**

12:00PM+Edward Hallinan (Family)

**October 21, Saturday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Derek Behe (Mom & Dad)

**Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM Special Intention Josephine Moloney, Birth (Frank & Elaine Dombroski)

**October 22, The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Placede & Victor Little (Kwolek Grandchildren)

10:00AM+Tom DePue (Ushers)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**



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

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

**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 22:1-10

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-2



**Mass for Widows and Widowers**

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, October 29, with a televised Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 A.M on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast at 9 P.M. Spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Diocese are invited to register by calling the Family Life Office at 814-317-2643 by Tuesday, October 24th.

**Eucharistic Miracles**

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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
Sunday, October 8, 2023, \$ 8,077.26  
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 Galieto at (814)327-4841.



**Religious Articles**

During the weekend of November 4 and 5, religious sisters from **St. Elizabeth Convent** in Belarus (Diocese of Minsk Belarusian Orthodox Church) will be visiting our parish selling icons, crucifixes, crosses, and other religious items made with prayer and love in the workshops of the convent.

During the weekend of November 18 and 19, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. see Website: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org)



**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!**



**World Mission Sunday**

On October 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the missions of the Church in this annual worldwide celebration. This year's theme is "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." Pope Francis invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share that love with every person around the world.

One of the most significant and enduring expressions of that love in action occurs in the generous contributions of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which was found in 1822 by a French laywoman, Blessed Pauline Jaricot. The equivalent of over 250 million dollars has been shared to build up the Church in places that were considered mission territories. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown benefited from those contributions in support of evangelization and care for the basic needs of immigrants who found a new life in this part of Pennsylvania.

As we observe World Mission Sunday, it is our turn to assist the poor and support the proclamation of the Gospel in places where a few people have encountered Christ. Many years ago I was a spiritual director for a young man who discovered his vocation was to serve as a Capuchin friar. Today, he serves in a mission territory, Papua New Guinea.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be? Father John Muir ©LPi



St. John Parish Chancel Choir is hosting a hymn-sing Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 P.M. in their sanctuary. Guest musicians representing the eight Saints parishes of the Altoona Deanery will present favorite anthems or hymns. One great hour of praise and fellowship; how can we keep from singing?

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Wedding Garment

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

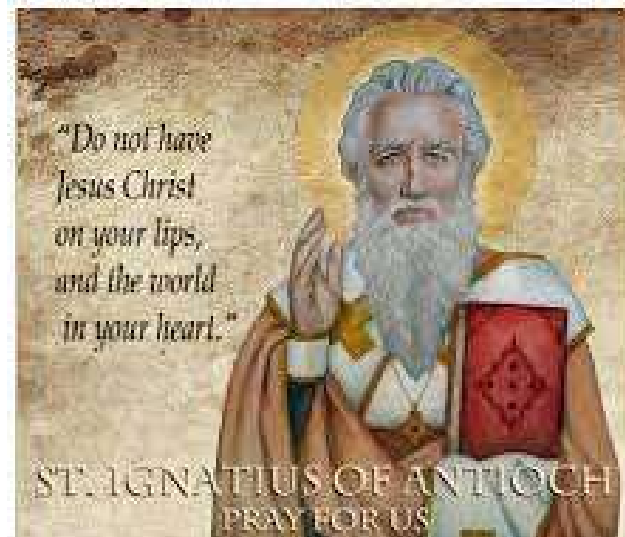
I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'" — Matthew 22:12 ©LPi



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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. Barchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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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