

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
November 5, 2023
Mass Intentions**

November 5, The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Fred Allman, Birthday (Shamba Elijah)
10:00AM+Jim Weaver (Wife)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

November 6, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

November 7, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Jane Davidson (Maureen Hallerz)

November 8, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Vocation to Priesthood Religious Life (Anonymous)

November 9, Thursday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

12:00PM+Barbara Shoemaker (Judy Hatch)

November 10, Friday, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM Special Intention Phillip Petrunak (Family)

November 11, Saturday, Saint Martin of Tour, Bishop

12:00PM+Edward Matosziuk III (Family)

Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Skip Cowan (Mary Boslet)

November 12, The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Special Intention Annie & Ethan Adams (Mom & Dad)

10:00AM+Paul & Ruth Eckenrode (Mary Ann & Jack)

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 November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-11



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!



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 Buenos Aires, Argentina and on the island of La Reunion (a French colony).

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, October 29, 2023, \$8,515.63
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? 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.



Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes & Discovery of Barcelona

Msgr. Carson will be leading a pilgrimage from September 15-24, 2024. A slide show and more information will be presented this Thursday, November 9, from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the cathedral's hall. Pilgrimage information is also available at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213040>



We are pleased to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent (Belarus).

The Sisterhood of St. Elizabeth was founded in 1996. Their missionary began in a national mental hospital not far from the convent. The Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life for the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas, or congenital physical defects can be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also, the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.

In recent years, a shelter and house of labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the convent. A lot of homeless, struggling, and lost people get a chance for a new start in life to find God.

In order to help these people, some workshops were organized on the premises of the convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with the nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries, and vestments. All these goods are made with love and prayer, bringing blessings to their owners.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 5, 2023

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives. Father John Muir ©LPi



A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Our parish will be participating in the 17th Annual Altoona Spirit of Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 2, in downtown Altoona. We are looking for volunteers interested in being part of a spirited group that will be designing and constructing a float. Last year, our float took First Place and we would like to repeat that achievement again this year!

We're fortunate in having a vehicle for the float and an indoor space in which to construct the float design. We need individuals with any general construction and artistic abilities who are interested in coming together in Christian fellowship while prepresenting the parish. If you're interested in being a part of a committee, please contact Dave Kimmel at 814-207-1802 or c davidkimmel@gmail.com. You may also call the parish office at 814-944-4603.



Our parish's next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21, at 6:30 P.M. in the Administrative Center.

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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

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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

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 - 814-944-4014

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