

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
November 19, 2023  
Mass Intentions**

**November 19, The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Sandy Cuomo (Bear & Patty McCloskey)  
10:00AM+Dorothy Martin Smith & E.T. Smith Families (George Smith)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**November 20, Monday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Elaine Hoerner (Mary Ann & Jack)

**November 21, Tuesday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:00PM+Bernadine Farrell, Birth. (Family)

**November 22, Wednesday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

12:00PM+Don Godish (Mary Lysinger)

**November 23, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day**

9:00AM+Dec. William Penn Associates Branch #800 (Branch Members)

**November 24, Friday, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priests and Companions, Martyrs**

12:00PM+Edith McLucas Family (Grandchildren)

**November 25, Saturday, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**

12:00PM+Dan & Miriam Burns (Dave and Maureen Hanekamp)

**Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

5:00PM+Linus Johnston (Elverda Holtz)

**November 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8:00AM+Anthony Alianiello, Birth. (Family)  
10:00AM+Paul Caracciolo #1 (Joel & Annette Caracciolo)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-4



**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, November 12, 2023, \$ 8,480.83  
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 Galio at (814)327-4841.

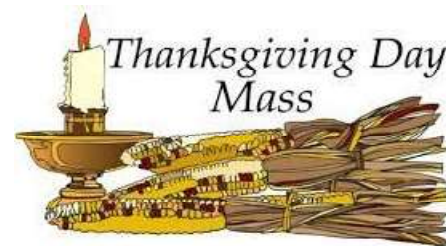


**Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes & Discovery of Barcelona**

Msgr. Carson will be leading a pilgrimage from September 15-24, 2024.

Pilgrimage information is available in the brochures at our entrances, at our Facebook page, and at

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213040>



**You are invited to join Bishop Mark as he celebrates Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 A.M.**

**You are encouraged to bring either a monetary gift or non-perishable food items and be part of the offertory procession.**



The Cathedral's *I Give Catholic* campaign target is \$10,000. Our goal is to raise money to replace our office computers and upgrade our parish software. You can give through *I Give Catholic.org* or by check or cash in the weekly collection. Special envelopes are available at our entrances. If you're using your own envelope, please mark the envelope for *I Give Catholic* and note whether you wish the gift to be anonymous. ***I Give Catholic* day is Tuesday, November 28**, however donations are being accepted now. Thank you!



**LAND OF PEACE MISSION**

This weekend, 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)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 19, 2023

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it. Father John Muir ©LPi



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

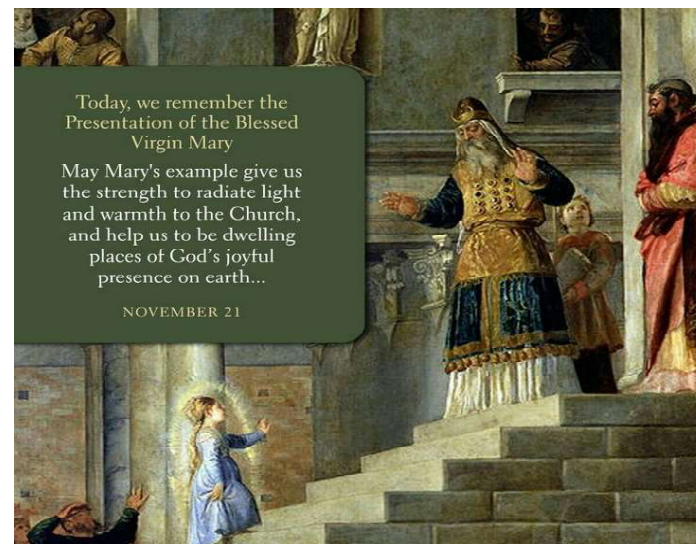


### A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Our parish will be participating in the 17th Annual Altoona Spirit of Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 2, in downtown Altoona. Volunteers have been busy constructing this year's float entitled

#### **Christmas at the Cathedral!**

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 representing the parish. If you're interested in being a part of a committee, please contact Dave Kimmel at 814-207-1802 or [cdauidkimmel@gmail.com](mailto:cdauidkimmel@gmail.com). You may also call the parish office at 814-944-4603.



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CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

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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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<https://www.facebook.com/cathedralofaltoona>

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

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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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