

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE
November 26, 2023
Mass Intentions**

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

8:00AM+ Anthony Alianiello, Birthday (Family)
10:00AM+Paul Caracciolo #1(Joel & Annette Caracciolo)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

November 27, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Mildred Brady, Birthday (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

November 28, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

November 29, Weekday

12:00PM+Judy Ianuzzi Goldblum (Tom & Becky DeHaven)

November 30, Thursday, Saint Andrew, Apostle

12:00PM+Deb Capostosti, Birthday (Yanchik Family)

December 1, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+Judy Zachesky (Mary Ann & Jack)

December 2, Saturday, Weekday,

12:00PM+Sandy Cuomo, Birthday (Family)

Vigil: First Sunday in Advent

5:00PM+Mildred Conti, Birthday (Family)

December 3, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00AM+John Duffy (Madey Family)
10:00AM+Herbert J. Kuttruff (Kuttruff Families)
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 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-3



**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! SO FAR WE
HAVE SOLD 347 CALENDARS.**



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 19, 2023, \$ 7,776.86
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.

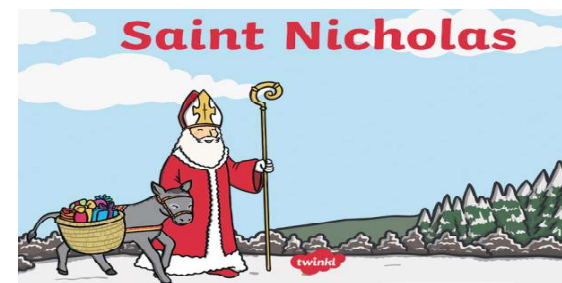


**Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes &
Discovery of Barcelona**

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>



Saint Nicholas Visits

Saint Nicholas will be visiting after the 10:00AM Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, December 10th, and then after the 11:30AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Children, remember to set your shoes out for St. Nicholas Day on December 6th.



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!



Gratitude is extended to Kathleen Winter and Connie Novak for creating the beautiful cornucopia that decorated our altar for Thanksgiving. A word of thanks is also extended to benefactor Dr. Russell Packard of Bullard, Texas.

Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2716- Broad Avenue, Friday, December 1, from 8:00 pm to 11:00pm. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.

Pro-Life Christmas Cards

Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Blair County Chapter, is offering Christmas cards sale. Two beautiful designs are being offered, one entitled "A Savior is Born," Mary gently holds her newborn Son, Jesus. The other card is entitled "Light of the World," and illustrates the Nativity scene in silhouette against a nighttime Bethlehem backdrop. Packages of 11 cards are available for \$9.00. Your purchase helps support the pro-life work of CCHL in Blair County. To order, call Pat at 814-946-0681.

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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one the one whose kingdom never ends.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, December 6, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from after the noon Mass until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. It is essential that there be at least two people in the Lord's presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



You are invited to participate in Evening Prayer and Benediction on the first three Sundays of Advent at 6:30 P.M.



**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, at 1:00 P.M. in downtown Altoona. Volunteers have been busy constructing this year's float entitled **Christmas at the Cathedral!**

If you're interested in being a part of the committee or on the float during the parade, please contact Dave Kimmel at 814-207-1802 or cdavidkimmel@gmail.com. You may also call the parish office at 814-944-4603.



**Parishioners and friends are invited to a
"Coffee, Cocoa, and Cookies Celebration"
in the cathedral's hall following the
Christmas Parade. The social is made
possible by our Christian Mothers.**

**THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
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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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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

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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