

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)  
**Rectory Office Hours:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
**Parish Office:** 814-942-0371  
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

**Parish Secretary**  
Paula Hall

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Cathy McFee

**Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM**

**Holy Days: 5:30 PM**

Holy Communion for the home bound - weekly:  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at  
Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be  
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**  
One Cathedral Square

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**  
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator  
Paula Clemens, Secretary  
PH: 814-944-4603

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603  
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603  
Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick and Grieving - 944-4603

## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

Holy Trinity Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011  
Holy Trinity Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835

Director of Religious Education:  
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry  
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO  
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044  
E-Mail: [lthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lthayer@dioceseaj.org)

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday  
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11  
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation  
First Communion  
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep  
Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 12:00 PM  
8:00 AM 8:00 AM Saturday: 12:00 PM  
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon  
5:00 PM

THE FATIMA TOWERS

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Today, August 20, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

John Murphy (Barbara Smithmyer)

**Next Sunday, August 27, 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Marcella Ianniello (son, Brian and Nancy, Jonathan & Christine)

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**August 20, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +David Seidel (Rae & Joseph Kapfhammer)

10:00 AM +Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**August 21, Monday, St. Pius X, Pope**

12:00 PM Special Intention of Rosemarie Fideli (Anonymous)

**August 22, Tuesday, The Queenship of Mary**

12:00 PM +Rene A. Thibault, Anniv. (David & Jeanne Thompson)

**August 23, Wednesday, St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**

12:00 PM +Special Intention of Kim Capouellez (Family)

**August 24, Thursday, St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

12:00 PM +Kirk Kling, Anniv. (Family)

**August 25, Friday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Miriam Jacobs (Dave Taddy)

**August 26, Saturday**

12:00 PM +Elizabeth Yauneridge (Family)

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

5:00 PM +Prayers & Thanksgiving (The Grove Family)

**August 27, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Joseph Pagliaro, Birth. (Family)

10:00 AM +Dorothy Smith & E.T. Smith Family (Family)

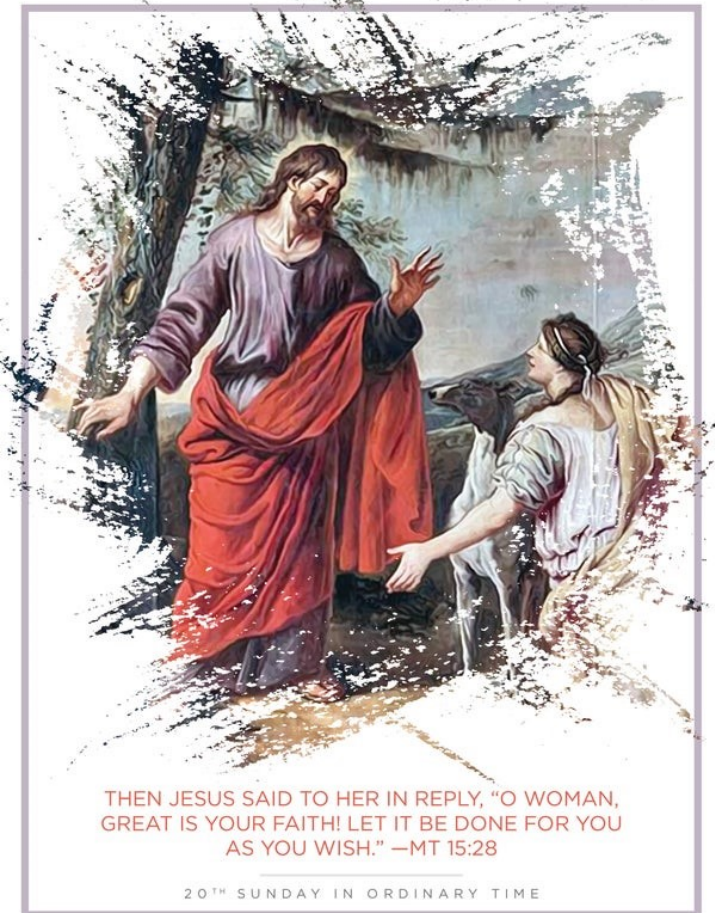
5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



**TABERNACLE  
CANDLE**

For the month of August, the sanctuary candle in front of the tabernacle is being lit in memory of Tucker Keagy by the Chris Keagy Family. Thank you.



**Readings for the week of August 20, 2023**

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**Thank You Very Much**

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sunday, August 13, were \$2,357. Thank you.







THE QUEENSHIP OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"TO SERVE THE QUEEN OF  
HEAVEN IS ALREADY TO REIGN  
THERE, AND TO LIVE UNDER  
HER COMMANDS IS MORE  
THAN TO GOVERN."

-ST. JOHN VIANNEY

**St. Rose of Lima | August 23**

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.

Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.

**A Note of Thanks**

Last Sunday's picnic was a fun success. Gratitude is extended to the St. Stanislaus Kostka Club.

A special thanks goes to the planning committee: Helen Carper, Emma Kowalski, Connie McKnight, and Bryan and Eileen Starr.

Gratitude is also extended to all who attended and brought food and drinks.



**Boscov's-Friends Helping Friends**

Our parish is participating in the annual Friends Helping Friends event that will take place on Wednesday, October 18, from 8 AM to 11 PM. If you purchase a one-day shopping pass for \$5.00 supporters get 25% off their lowest sale prices (exclusions apply). Our parish keeps 100% of the \$5.00 shopping pass donation.



**Catholic  
Ministries  
Drive**

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The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for **Our Lady of Fatima Parish** is \$9,224. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). The CMD supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish.

Please be supportive. Thank you for helping our parish hit this year's target. **\$7,680 or 83% of our goal has been pledged or donated.** If you haven't already done so, please contribute. Our balance is \$1,544.

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### **The Prayers God Always Answers**

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called “The Prayers God Will Always Answer.” I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother’s book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like “Forgive me” and “Help me.” I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, “No, it cannot be done for you as you wish,” she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he’s not the genie from “Aladdin.” Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

*“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’” — Matthew 15:28 ©LPi*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### **The Challenge of Stewardship**

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

– Tracy Earl Welliver