

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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

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

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org

Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835

Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011

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

**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, July 7, 14h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pour Souls (Anonymous)

Next Sunday, July 14, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Julia Betancourt (Byrne Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

July 7, 14h Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Barry Krug (Tammy & Bob Datus)
10:00 AM +Carol Kepner, Anniv. (Cheryl Kepner)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People
There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

July 8, Monday, Weekday

12:00 PM +John Kirsch, Birth. (Marlene Kirsch and Family)

July 9, Tuesday, St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

12:00 PM +Donnie Rabine, (Audrey Breslin)

July 10, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Charles & Florence George (son, Adam)

July 11, Thursday, St. Benedict, Abbot

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

July 12, Friday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Diane Johnston (Family)

July 13, Saturday, St. Henry

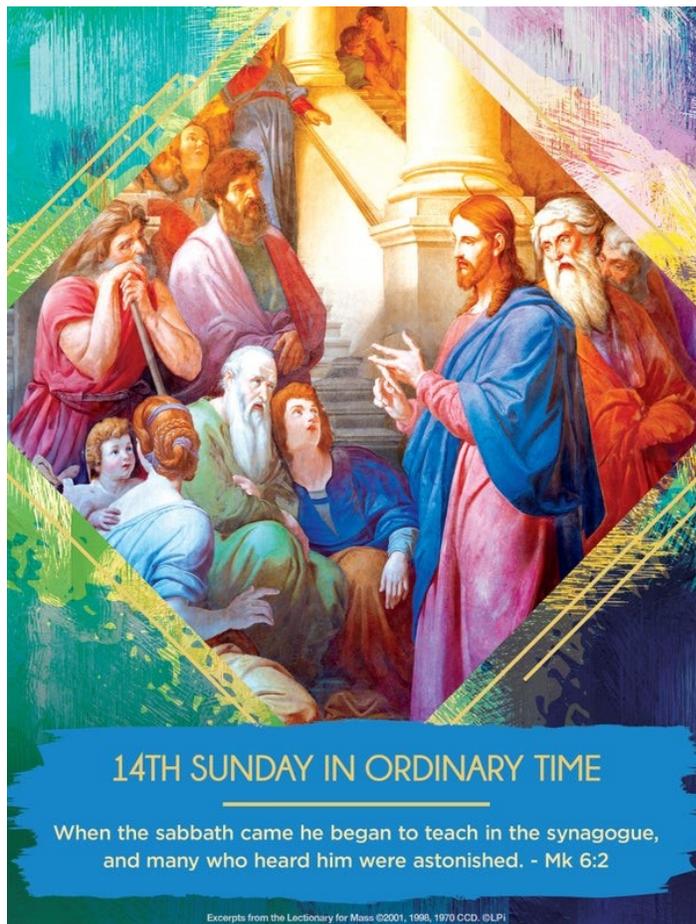
12:00 PM +Libby Shea Allen (Terry Dodson)
Vigil: The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM +Marti Stefanon (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

July 14, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Living and Deceased Members of the Michael & Ida Seymore Family (Family)
10:00 AM +Denis Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

TABERNACLE CANDLE

During the month of July, the sanctuary candle is being lit for the intentions of the Link Family. Thank you.



Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

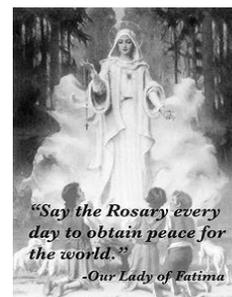
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-1

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, June 30, were \$1,990.

Thank you.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-
ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 7, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, “I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir

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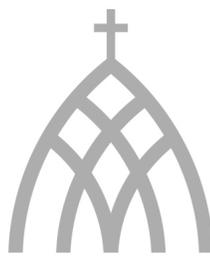


Sisters of Charity OF NAZARETH

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth have been invited to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima Parish as part of the annual Mission Cooperative Plan 2024. Sister Sarah Geier, SCN will speak at all Masses the weekend of July 20-21, 2024. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth were founded in Bardstown, Kentucky in 1812. Through their ministries of healthcare, education and social service, SCN’s carry the message of Christ’s love to those who most need help throughout the world. The Sisters will share stories about their ministries here in the United States as well as in their foreign missions and invite us to be part of their ongoing commitment by participating through our prayers and financial help. A special collection will be taken up for their mission. We know that, as always, you will be as generous as you can.



This year’s Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Event is on Tuesday, October 22, from 8:00 AM to 11 PM. The \$5.00 Discount Pass is good for 25% off prices (exclusions apply). The passes are available after Mass and in the parish office. 100% of your \$5.00 donation goes to our parish.



Catholic Ministries Drive

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The *2024 Catholic Ministries Drive* is taking place. Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties—and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. This year, our campaign's theme is *Encountering Christ*. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, *Encountering Christ* is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, to open our hearts to serving our brothers and sisters, and to fulfill our holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the near future. Our diocese's ministries need our support. **Our parish's target is \$9,813. So far, \$9,374 has been received in pledges/gifts from 30 donors. 96% of Target. Thank you.**



Our parish is having an indoor picnic at the St. Stan's Club on Sunday, August 25, beginning at 1:00 P.M.

UPMC Needs Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for current openings on Saturdays. If you have a desire to bring the Blessed Sacrament to sick and suffering Catholic hospital patients, please contact Tony Conrad at 814-889-4323 for



Visitation Parish in Johnstown is sponsoring **An Irish Evening with Full Kilt** on Saturday, July 13, from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM in the Visitation Parish Hall at 1127 McKinley Avenue, Johnstown. Tickets are being sold for \$20.00 and will include admission, a full meal, beer, soda, and water. Tickets may be purchased by calling Kristyn Amendola at 814-248-2942 or by email at kamendo-la528@gmail.com. All proceeds will benefit the Visitation Ongoing Maintenance Fund, which is earmarked for the replacement of the church roof.