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Thirty-First Sunday in O. T.  
Nov. 3, 2019

The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

— Psalm 145:14

## Our Lady of Fatima

*Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.*



Vocation Awareness Week-Nov. 3-9

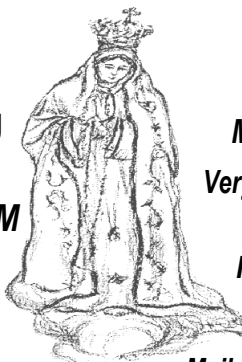
**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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**Rectory Office Hours:**

**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**



## Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM**

**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**

**Very Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson**

**Parish Secretary**  
**Carol Z. Smith**

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
**Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
**Monday through Friday: 9AM - 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. 944-4603**

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

**One Cathedral Square**

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**Very Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**  
**PH: 814-944-4603**

**Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar**  
**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

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**Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011**

**Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112**

**Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835**

**Directors of Religious Education:**  
**Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317**  
**Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777**

**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: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

November 3, 2019

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

*Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.*

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

*Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.*

*One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.*

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### BEGIN WITH ARDOR

*If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.*

—St. Charles Borromeo

### GOVERNMENT

*Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.*

—Henry Clay

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.*

*Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER 3, 2019  <b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>November 3, 2019 Scripture Reflections</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS</b>  <b>NOVEMBER 3, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN O.T.</b>  Readings: Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10  <b>Today's Intention - Grace Ruscito</b>  <b>November 10, 2019, Thirty-Second Sunday in O.T.</b>  Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thes 2:11-16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38  <b>Charles Hennigan, M/M Paul Kowalski</b></p>	<p><b>In an amusing account, Luke tells the story of Zacchaeus, a well-known tax collector, short in stature, who climbs a tree in his excitement to catch a glimpse of Jesus passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. His loss of dignity must have been amusing to the crowds. As Jesus passes by, he looks up and says to Zacchaeus, "Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Zacchaeus welcomes Jesus with joy. This encounter transform Zacchaeus and he promises to give away half of his possessions to the poor and to pay restitution to anyone he harmed. Jesus' accepts Zacchaeus' faith, saying, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cathedral Mass Intention</b></p> <p><b>November 4, Monday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b>  Readings: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14  6:45 AM + Geraldine Petrunak Health (Family)  12:00 PM + Bernadine Garcia (Marge Dennis)</p> <p><b>November 5, Tuesday: Weekday</b>  Readings: Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24  6:45 AM + Catherine Hardin (Joe &amp; Kim Fornwalt)  12:00 PM + David Axinn (Family)</p> <p><b>November 6, Wednesday: Weekday</b>  Readings: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33  6:45 AM + Nancy Kennedy (Joan Kilbourne)  12:00 PM + Carrie Detwiler (Jane Davidson)</p> <p><b>November 7, Thursday: Weekday</b>  Readings: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10  6:45 AM + Grace Ruscito (Bear &amp; Patty McCloskey)  12:00 PM + Pat Vierkorn (Marge Moschella)</p> <p><b>November 8, Friday: Weekday</b>  Readings: Rom:15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8  6:45 AM + Benita Jorkasky (Patricia Rhoa)  12:00 PM + Christina Giblock (RCIA TEAM)</p> <p><b>November 9, Saturday: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>  Readings: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17;Jn 2:13-22  8:00 AM + Phillip Petrunak Birthday (Family)  12:00 PM + Jake Jarkiewicz (Vogel Family)</p> <p><b>Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>  Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thes 2:11-16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38  5:00 PM + Myron &amp; MaryYeager (Jim &amp; Steph Kilcoyne)</p>	<p><b>Every encounter with Jesus brings with the challenge to make a free decision. Zacchaeus seizes the moment and his encounter with Jesus changes his life. His experience also demonstrates the true attitude towards wealth: to give away one's surplus to those in need and not to defraud another of what is rightfully theirs.</b></p> <p><b>This story is another example in which Luke's Gospel account presents Jesus turning social expectations upside down. The people are shocked to see that Jesus is inviting himself to the home of a tax collector, a sinner. Jesus goes further and acknowledges that Zacchaeus has been granted salvation and that he "too is a descendant of Abraham." Zacchaeus' ability to change his way of life is an example of how Abraham's descendants should act. Abraham is among those in the Old Testament who are heirs to God's promises.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>What aspects of this story strike you as significant for your relationship with Jesus?</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 141.</small></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father,  Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.</i></p>

Weekly Mass at Our Catholic School Holy Trinity Catholic School regularly celebrates Mass with our children each week.

At the Altoona Campus, Mass is celebrated on Wednesday at 9:00AM at St. Therese Church.

At the Hollidaysburg Campus, Mass is celebrated on Thursday at 8:30AM at St. Michael Church.

And at the Middle School Campus, Mass is celebrated on Friday at 8:30AM at St. Rose Church. All are welcome to join our children at Mass. This is a central and essential time that our Catholic School provides for our children each week.

Nocturnal Adoration This month Holy Rosary, 900- North 4th Street, Altoona will host this month, on November 11th from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S ARISE TEAM meets at 6:30 PM at the Rectory every Tuesday. We are collecting donated items for the Teen Shelter as our team project. There are boxes in the back of the Church for the non-perishable items we are collecting. They include: CLEANING PRODUCTS, LIQUID SOAP, PAPER TOWELS/TOILET TISSUE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS. Specific items are listed on the flyer in today's bulletin. Collections will be taken up Nov 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Please help our young folks in need.

5 left of the \$aveAround coupon books at \$20.00 each. They would make great Christmas gifts. Call the rectory to save yours. 942-0371

### Spaghetti Dinner

Saint Mary's Christian Mothers & LCBA 1290 Spaghetti Dinner, will be held on Saturday, November 9th in Saint Mary Memorial Hall, 1420- 4th Avenue, Altoona. Cost is \$8 for Adults, \$5 for children under 10. Children under 3 years of age, free. Eat in or take out. Tickets will be sold at the door. There will be a Basket Raffle as part of the Spaghetti Dinner.

Religious Ed PK-8 Donations of tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer/wipes, and Lysol cleaning products are needed with the start of the season. Please help if you can.

### 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.

Firsts Reconciliation Prep Next meeting with students & parents will be held on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall. Please bring your textbooks and baptism certificates if you have not already done so.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00 - Report for EOM Sept. 2019. - We received \$6,220.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing -\$3,051.00

Oct. 27th Total Weekly Collection \$1,817.10

BIRTHDAYS: 11/1 Patrick Gaeto; Marcella Ianniello

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November 3 Luke 19:1-10

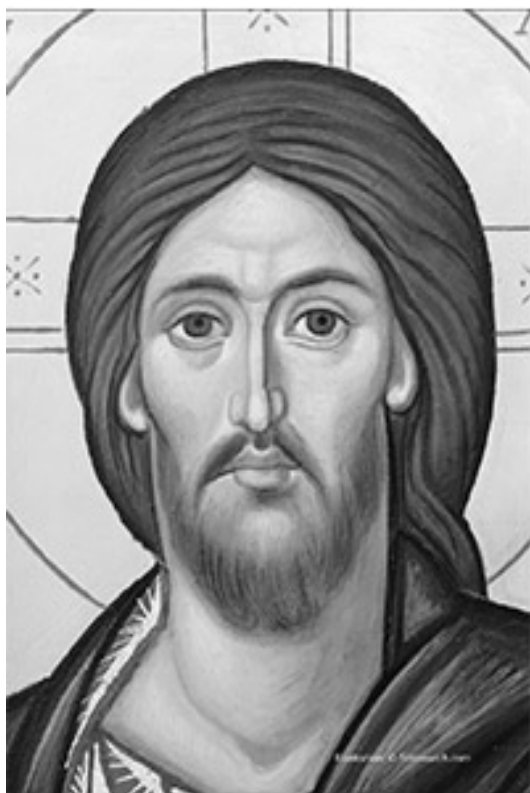
Jesus is saying to you what he said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." It doesn't matter if in today's gospel Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

# 2019 National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 3-9



***National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.***

***Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.***



## *Prayer for Vocations*

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



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