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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

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 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
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

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

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

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Director of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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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

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

This Sunday, October 31- Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mildred (Fabian) McHugh (Anonymous)

Next Sunday, November 7, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bernard "Bernie" Shea (Anonymous)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

October 31, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Bobby Homan (Patricia Rhoa)

10:00 AM +B.G.C.H.S. Class of 1971 (Mary Gene Vogel)

Noon PM +Dennis Blackie (Friend)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

November 1, Monday, All Saints Day—Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year Since It Falls On a Monday.)

8:00 AM +Donald Godish, Anniv. (Friend)

12:00 PM +John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer (Family)

November 2, Tuesday, All Souls' Day

6:45 AM +All Souls In Purgatory

12:00 PM +All Souls In Purgatory

November 3, Wednesday, St. Martin de Porres, Religious

6:45 AM +M. Virginia Jones (Dan & Flora Gibbons)

12:00 PM +Donna Shaw (aunt, Paula Miller)

November 4, Thursday, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:45 AM +Jim Davidson (Judy Diebold)

12:00 PM +John Adams (Randy & Mary Ellen Green)

November 5, Friday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)

12:00 PM +Alvin Ivory (Ed & Lois Simanski)

November 6, Saturday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Msgr. Roy Kline (Tom & Pat Forr)

Noon PM +John Duffy (Jim & Steph Kilkoyne)

Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Rita Beck (Michael & Carolyn Lombardo)

November 7, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Walter Beckel (Josie Nearhoof)

10:00 AM +Eleanor Fischer (Eleanor Johnson)

12:00 PM +Ron Sheehan (Mary Lysinger)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For The People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The candle for the month of November has been donated by Ken and Barbara Smithmyer in memory of Edward Raichle and Edward Smithmyer. There are months available during 2022.



You shall *love* your neighbor as yourself.
Mark 12:31

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalms — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, October 24, were \$1,066.



Say the
Rosary
every day
to obtain
peace for
the world.

Our Lady Of Fatima

EDITING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4–5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

Today's Readings: Dt 6:2–6; Ps 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23–28; Mk 12:28b–34

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Could you use a dose of peace and encouragement in your life? You are invited to listen to the podcast *Abiding Together* with other members of our parish on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. (A podcast is like a radio program.) *Abiding Together* provides a place for connection, rest, and encouragement for people who are on the journey of living out their passion and purpose in Jesus Christ. The hosts of the program are Sister Miriam James, Heather Khym, and Michelle Benzinger. If you have questions, speak to Eileen Starr. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. You can also learn more about the program at <https://www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com>. Let's jump in and see if we want to make *Abiding Together* a habit at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

SaveAround Coupon Booklets are on sale for \$20.00. The parish makes a \$10.00 profit on each booklet sold.



Since **ALL SAINTS DAY**, November 1, falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation.

Masses at the Cathedral will be at 8:00 A.M. and Noon.

BECOMING SAINTS

Follow the saints because those who follow them will become saints. —St. Clement I

Remember to pray for those who have died. There is a bond between us on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven.



Sacramental Preparation

There is a Confirmation Preparation Session for 11th grade on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 2-4 p.m. in the Cathedral hall. Adults do not have to attend.

There is First Reconciliation meeting for students and parents, on Tuesday, November 9, from 6-8 p.m.