

Families and the Gospel (Mark 12:28b-34)

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Gloria Eberhart, mother of Marcy Lewis and Kristen Pearson and Helen Smith, mother of Marcia Stager. May God grant them eternal peace in His kingdom and their loved ones comfort and strength.

Christmas Request: Our annual Angel Tree that hold Christmas gift requests for families is set-up on Thanksgiving day. Due to the overwhelming support of our parishioners, we are able to accommodate more families than the number provided by Catholic Charities. If you know of an area family that could use assistance this Christmas, please provide your name and contact number and the name of the family along with a contact number to the church office or Father Michael. All information will be confidential and the family name will not be made public. Referrals are needed by **November 10th** to allow for processing the information. Contact Steve Stoner with any questions at 814-931-7964. Thank you in advance for helping to make this Christmas truly the season of giving.

Active Shooter Seminar presented by Officer Brad Tuskovich at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Port Matilda, PA on Saturday, **November 16, 2024 from 10 am 11 am** RSVP by Monday, November 11, 2024 by called the parish office.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Altoona, PA is sponsoring a Holiday Boutique on November 9, 2024 from 8 am to 3 pm. Breakfast and Lunch served as well as photos with Santa. Collectibles & Gifts, bake shoppe, foods, kid's carnival, and baskets galore.

Saint Matthew School: Just in time for holiday shopping! Are you or a loved one a Saint Matthew Catholic School Alumnus? Did your children or

grandchildren attend school at Saint matt's? would you just like to support our Saint Matthew School?

You will have not one, but two awesome opportunities to snag some really great Saint Matthew School gear. Go to HappyValleyClothes.com and select STORES or at Facebook.com/stmatthewschooltyrone and browse the current apparel offering.

Wehnwood Community String Ensemble Performance at St. Augustine Parish in Dysart, PA. on **Sunday, November 3rd at 3 pm** featuring Father Bob Reese. There is no cost and the performance will be approximately an hour in length. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this joyous event.

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AWAKENING US TO THE ESSENTIALS



“You are not far from the Kingdom of God.”
Mark 12: 34

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Mark 12: 33

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

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Saint Matthew Catholic School
“serving our community since 1869”
Principal: Pauline Wiley
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School web-site: www.stmatthew-school.org

We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.

If you would like to have a MASS celebrated for the deceased members of your family, or friends, or for special intentions, please stop by or call the parish office.



November 3, 2024

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am
Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 pm
or anytime upon request.
Saint Joseph Church in Bellwood: Saturday at 4:00 pm or Sunday at 9:00 am and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

November 2, 2024 – November 10, 2024

- Sat. 5:30 pm** For all the Faithful Departed
- Sun. 7:30 am** Deceased Members. of the Knights of Columbus – St. Gregory Council
- Sun. 10:30 am** Sara & Tony Castagnola – Family
- Mon. 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
- Tues. 6:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph
- Wed. 9:00 am Shirley Good “Birthday Blessings” – Ann Sellers
- Thurs. 8:00 am John, Stella, & Gary Gurekovich – JR & Susie Gurekovich
- Fri. 8:00 am Dorothy Lombardo – Susan & Barb
- Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**
- Sat. 5:30 pm Fran Wertz – Ann & Rick Knab and family**
- Sun. 7:30 am** For the People - Pastor
- Sun 10:30 am Jack Murtagh – The Myrick Family**



Sanctuary Candle for the week of November 3rd is for the Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Michael Burkholder.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays J Ieraci

Lectors – Nov. 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm S Gavazzi, S Burkholder, J Rumberger

Sun. 7:30 am S McNelis, Bill Hiergeist

Sun. 10:30 am K Naylor, T Naylor, K Auman-Gooding

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Oct. Nov. 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † K Raffetto, M Raffetto, T Scordo

Sun. 7:30 am † K Hoyne, S Zakrzwski, D Zakrzwski

Sun. 10:30 am † L Wright, S Thomas, S Stoner

Altar Servers: Nov. 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm E Narehood, K Shaffer

Sun. 10:30 am B Davis, A Davis

Financial Report – October 27, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$3,428 \$14(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 92,023

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 31,741
Second Collection	\$ 258
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 170
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 0
Good Samaritan	\$ 20

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ 29,219

CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 80,661

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY! Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND (June

1 to Dec. 1, 2024) Charlie and Anna Cannistraci, Bonnie Carper, Sue Chambers, Jack Futrick, Cindy Hampton, Rick Hampton, Rob Hampton, Vicky Hayes, Dieter Hartsock, Mary Ellen Jones, Tina Kilmartin, Lila Jo Laughlin, John Lewis, Rose Long, Ailani Myers, Shannon Riley, Diane Romano, Michael Sharer, Mike Ronan, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Lee Wertz, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflection

Today's Gospel reading brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, as Jesus responds to a question posed to Him by one of the scribes: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" His answer is a beautiful and concise description of a Christian steward's life: "The first commandment is this... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Let's consider these 'greatest commandments' as they relate to the three aspects of a Christian stewards daily life – the use of our time, our talents, and our treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord – or in other words, our prayer life. The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. And the use of material gifts demonstrates both a love of God and neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life. At the same time, my gift is showing my love for my neighbor as others are helped through my financial offering.

Monica's Tears: Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, hosts an hour of adoration with the recitation of the rosary *every Thursday night from 6 pm to 7 pm* to pray for our loved ones who have left the practice of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

Try Catholic Radio – WJVM 90.3 FM the *Voice of Divine Mercy*

2025 Jubilee Year

Pope Francis has welcomed the Universal Church in 2025 to set their eyes and hearts on the Hope Jesus Christ offers us as we journey together as pilgrims of faith in a very diverse world.

All the faithful of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are invited to share an expression of hope in the form of art, photography, or poetry in this upcoming 2025 Jubilee Year.

Deadline of submissions is **November 6th** for entry in the Proclaim Magazine or **December 8th** for entries on display at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, PA and other Diocesan gathering during the year.

Application forms are in the Gathering Space or contact the parish office.

All Souls Plenary Indulgence

During November Holy Church promotes prayers for the souls in purgatory. The souls in Purgatory are members of the Church just like we are but of the Church "Suffering". We are members of the Church "Militant", and we are like soldiers on the march through the world on the way with our Great Captain towards our heavenly home to join the members of the Church "Triumphant". We can help the souls in Purgatory through our good works as assigned by the Church, who has the authority from Christ to apply to them the merits of His Passion and death, and the merits of the saints.

To obtain a Plenary Indulgence for a soul in Purgatory on each of the days from Nov. 1-8

- Make a good Confession within a week of before or after All Souls Day
- Be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin, for a plenary indulgence
- Visit a cemetery and pray for the dead
- Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the monthly intentions set by the Pope
- Receive Holy Communion worthily on the same day or soon after

Several indulgences may be gained on the basis of a single confession but only one may be gained after a single good reception Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

If you are not correctly disposed or if you don't fulfill the prescribed works and/or the three conditions the indulgence will be partial and not plenary.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

● **BASKET RAFFLE IS UNDERWAY!** There are an amazing variety of Baskets to choose from this year with something for everyone of all ages. **Tickets are 7 for \$5.00 and are available through Sunday, November 17th.**



● **Fall Harvest Fest on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Saint Matthew Crafters will be available. Lunch will be available featuring potato, pasta, and macaroni salads, haluski, baked goods, and a variety of soups (sold by the quart): chicken noodle, vegetable, sauerkraut chowder, wedding soup, stuffed pepper soup, and chicken corn.

Prayer before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*



The Altar flowers this weekend are for the Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Michael Burkholder.