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## November 19, 2023—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

<b><u>This Weekend:</u></b>	2nd Collection - Diocesan Poverty Relief and Catholic Relief Services - Both Masses
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>	CGS I, III, 9-11 am, Parish Hall CGS II, 12:15pm-2:15pm, Parish Office Youth Ministry, 9-11, Rectory Meeting Room
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>	No Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>	<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> ( <i>No Mass Here</i> ) <i>Please attend 9:00 AM Mass at SS Simon &amp; Jude</i> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b><u>Next Sunday:</u></b>	CGS I, III, 9-11 am, Parish Hall CGS II, 12:15pm-2:15pm, Parish Office



#### Interim Mass Schedule:

##### Good Shepherd, Kent:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday

8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday  
(unless otherwise noted)

##### Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

#### Office Hours:

Mon—Thu: 10 AM—4 PM

Friday: 10 AM—12:30 PM

#### Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or Weddings, please contact the Parish Office.

#### Staff & Directory

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**Masses and Candles — Week of 11/19/2023**

<b><u>Thirty– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> <i>Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; PW 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 15:14-15, 19-21</i>	
<b>Saturday, November 18</b> 6:00 PM   Julia Mlinarich by Diana Black	
<b>Sunday, November 19</b> 11:00 AM   All the People of Good Shepherd Parish	
<b>Monday, November 20, Weekday</b> <i>1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-47, 62-63; Ps 119; Lk 18:35-43</i> 5:00 PM   Holy Hour (Adoration), Reconciliation 6:00 PM   Mary & John Pencola by Jim & Denise Pencola	
<b>Tuesday, November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10</i> 8:30 AM   Renee Wargo by Cousin Aleta Konkol	
<b>Wednesday, November 22, St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</b> <i>2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Mt 25:1-13</i> <b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Thursday, November 23, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest &amp; Martyr</b> <i>1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44</i> <b>No Mass Here</b> 9:00 AM   Thanksgiving Mass at SS Simon & Jude	
<b>Friday, November 24, St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions</b> <i>1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48</i> <b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</b> <i>1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40</i>	
<b><u>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</u></b> <i>Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 2; Mt 25:31-46</i>	
6:00 PM   James Pike, Sr. by Wife, Carol and Family	
<b>Sunday, November 26</b> 11:00 AM   All the People of Good Shepherd Parish	

 **The Blessed Mother Candle is lit in memory of Bertha Bodnar by Mary & Marty Tressler.**

 **Prayer Chain Updates**  
**Critical Prayer:** Helen Kovalcik  
**Ongoing:** Carol Ferrence  
**For the Repose of the Soul of:**  
Larry Askins + 7 November 2023

**From Fr. Dino's Desk**

**“To everyone who has, more will be given but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”**

The parable of the talents tells of the coming of Jesus for the Last Judgment. When He returns, He will inquire about how we have used our time, what we have done with our lives, and the talents we have received, which refer to our abilities. The reward for using our talents well will be our participation in the joy of the Lord, in the eternal banquet.

This parable teaches us a fundamental lesson: God will not measure or count our worldly achievements or possessions. He will not ask us if we have accomplished feats admired by the world, because these things are not solely within our control, but are partly conditioned by the talents we have received. Instead, God will focus on our loyalty, diligence, and charity in fulfilling our duties, even the most humble and ordinary ones. It is these qualities that will be taken into account when we stand before Him.

The third servant in the parable is described as “wicked and lazy” because he has a false image of the Master, that is, of God. What is even worse is that he does not love his Master. Fear of his Master paralyzes him, and he acts awkwardly, without taking any risks. He buries his talent instead of using it for good. This servant’s response is a stark contrast to what God expects from us. God desires a joyful response, a commitment that stems from love and a willingness to take risks and face difficulties.

When we talk about talents, we can understand them as our natural abilities, the gifts and charisms we have received from the Holy Spirit. But talents can also refer to the Gospel, the revelation, and the salvation that Christ has transmitted to the Church. As believers, we all have the duty to share and transmit these gifts, both in word and deed.

**Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund**

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit [ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/) to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren hosts monthly meetings**

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, an ecumenical social outreach mission of St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe, offers monthly meetings to provide grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another. A hot dinner and child care are provided. For information, call 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358.

**Faith Formation News**

Please remember that *Faith Formation is essential for everyone at every stage in life*, but it is particularly important for our children and youth.

**Quite a Puzzle** — A father wanted to read the paper but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie. Finally, he took a sheet out of a magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie, and said, “Go into the other room and see if you can put this together.”

After a few minutes, Susie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

“Oh,” she said, “on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in his place, then the world came out all right.”

**Healing Mass** — If you are in need of prayer for healing in body, mind or spirit, we encourage you to come. Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church, 220 St. Cecilia Road, Whitney. (See Insert)

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana**



Happy Thanksgiving from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store! The store will only be open Monday and Tuesday from 10am to 2pm this week so our volunteers can celebrate. Adult sweaters

(excluding white tag items) are BOGO to help keep you warm and Christmas items are on display so you can start your decorating.

Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa).

To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210

**Around the Diocese**

**NEW SERIES COMING TO SAINT JAMES!  
LIVING AS HEALTHY DISCIPLES**

We are excited to introduce a new series of talks to be offered here at St. James entitled “Living as Healthy Disciples.” As Christians, the care we give to our body, mind and spirit is important as we care for this great gift of life that God has given to us. Through a series of talks offered throughout the winter months, we will receive professional guidance from local Christian healthcare professionals who share their expertise in caring for ourselves and our loved ones. Our first talk in this series will take place on Tuesday, November 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. This first talk will focus on mental health and is entitled Supporting Ourselves and Others: Mental Health Awareness. We are excited to welcome Mr. Robert R. Baum, Jr., MSW, Director of Counseling Services for the Diocese of Greensburg, to Saint James Church for this presentation. For more information, please contact the parish office - 724-668-2829.

**St. Barbara Parish cookbook available**

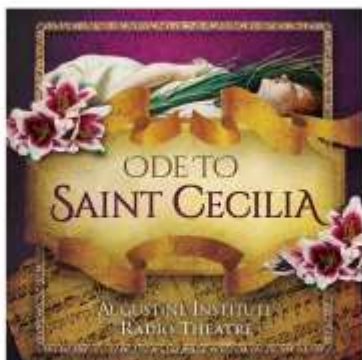
St. Barbara Parish Ladies Guild is selling “St. Barbara’s Taste of Heaven Cookbook” featuring recipes created by parishioners and members of the Crabtree parish. Many of the recipes are highlighted on the Ladies Guild Facebook page, What’s Cooking in St. Barbara Ladies Guild? Cost \$30. For more information, call 724-744- 7474.

**ST. ANNE HOME Lottery Calendars** -

Knights of Columbus Council #10960 are selling the St. Anne Home Lottery calendars with chances to win all year. Cost: \$ 30.



You can purchase after Masses, contact Norb Rayko, 724-422-1533, other K of C members or call St, Anne Home, 724-837-6070.



**Ode to Saint Cecilia**

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### Notes for Thanksgiving

Mass for Thanksgiving Day will be at **SS Simon & Jude at 9 AM on Thursday, November. 23.** The Knights of Columbus have traditionally given out fresh baked bread on Thanksgiving morning at mass at Church of the Good Shepherd. With the mass being at SS Simon and Jude this year, they will continue to do this, but if anyone would like bread, they will need to attend their 9:00AM Mass.

We are still taking an offertory collection designated for the Love Basket Food Bank in Indiana during November as well as collecting non-perishable food items for the Love Basket at all Masses during November.

There will not be Mass on Friday, November 24.

### Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world. Let us pray.....

God our Father, Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from you love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;

We ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude. That we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy spirit. Amen.

### REGION 5 — ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Mon, Dec 4	— 7:00 PM - Holy Family, Seward
Wed, Dec 6	— 7:00 PM - SS Simon & Jude, Blairsville
Tues, Dec 12	— 7:00 PM - Saint Thomas More University Parish, Indiana
Wed, Dec 13	— 7:00 PM - St. Matthew, Saltsburg
Thur, Dec 14	— 7:00 PM – Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent
Sat, Dec 16	— 10:00 AM - St. Bernard, Indiana
Mon, Dec 18	— 7:00 PM – Church of the Resurrection, Clymer,
Tues, Dec 19	— 7:00 PM - Our Lady of the Assumption, Lucernemines

### **Parish Stewardship—Weekend of 11/12/23**

Weekly:	\$ 2,649.00
Monthly:	\$ 492.00
Loose:	\$ 146.00
Children:	\$ 2.00
Catholic Accent	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 57.00
For Improvements to Parish:	\$ 73.00
Online Giving:	\$ 152.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
All Souls	10.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 3,611.00</b>
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	( \$ 631.83)
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date:</b>	
Collected:	\$ 56,623.06
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 84,856.60
Variance Over or (Under):	<b>( \$ 28,233.54)</b>
<b>Diocesan/Other Collections:</b>	
World Mission Sunday	\$ 5.00
Annual Retired Religious	\$ 95.00
Diocesan Relief/CRS	\$ 5.00



### **Diocesan Lenten Appeal** *As of November 2, 2023*

Total pledges/gifts received:	\$ 38,190.00
Percent of Diocesan Goal (\$22,433.00):	170.2 %
Percent of Parish Goal (\$41,000.00):	93.1 %
Participating Households - <b>104</b> (290):	35.8%
Average 2023 Parish Gift:	\$ 367.21
Average 2022 Parish Gift:	\$ 346.55

*Remember that all money donated toward the Diocesan Lenten Appeal between now and the end of 2023 returns back to the parish. Thank you to all who have donated!*



**Pray the Rosary** - Please remember that every **Last Sunday of the month (next Sunday, Nov 26)**, the Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary before the Sunday Morning Mass (at or shortly after 10:30AM). As St. Louis de Montfort notes, the Rosary is a devotion that is for *everyone*: Men and women, the young and old, clergy and laity, the fervent and those who are still “works in progress”. For every soul there are graces to be received and insights to be found. Our December Rosary is *Sunday, December 31*.

**St. Cecilia  
Church**  
**Monday,  
November 20**  
**6:00 pm:**



**Christ said to us thru the apostle James:**

**“Are there people sick among you?**

Let them send for the priests of the Church, and  
**let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil**  
in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save  
the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up. If they have  
committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.”

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**All are invited to attend Mass**  
with the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**  
on **Monday, November 20**, at **6:00pm**, at **St Cecilia Church**.

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**Everyone is invited to come**  
if you are:

suffering from serious  
or chronic illness;  
facing surgery  
or a medical procedure;  
experiencing the aches  
and pains of growing old.

**If you are in need of prayer**  
**for healing**  
**in body, mind or spirit,**  
**we encourage you to come.**

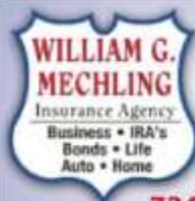


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