

November 19, 2023
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



It was very much a man's world when today's first reading from the Old Testament Book of Proverbs was written. But the Holy Spirit inspired someone to recognize the importance, the dignity, the holiness of the good wife and mother. She is described as working very hard to serve her family and community. This reading prepares us for the Gospel parable of Jesus. The Lord describes a master giving his servants his possessions --"talents" to use while he is away. The master is pleased on his return with the servants who used his "talents" and acquired more for him. He is very displeased with the servant who did not use even the one "talent" he had received. The Lord expects us to use well the talents He has given us!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of October 29, 2023, was \$4,152.00 and the online collection was \$1,852.00 for a total of \$6,004.00.

Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR RUSSELL

Lectors, please pick up your copy of 'The Workbook' to help you prepare the scripture readings in the coming liturgical year (beginning with Advent in December.) Please check your name on the lector listing located in the sacristy.

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Flocknote's mission is to build a more connected Church. They've spent 13 years working with 9,000 churches and 220,000 church and ministry leaders. You can even include polls, videos, event RSVPs, smart buttons, attachments, and more! They don't do online advertising or social media; they take privacy very seriously. Managing communications within groups and committees will become much easier, and will allow more transparency to the wider church so people can more easily hear about our efforts and become involved. We'll be able to distribute polls and sign-ups for volunteer events, to make sure we're fully staffed and hopefully not overloading our regular, extremely generous volunteers. The experience is completely opt-in, you can choose which methods of contact you prefer, and there's no account needed - for those worried about security. Other parishes in the area and our Knights of Columbus have adopted it, and they all have found it to be a great benefit. Thank you all for your help in keeping our parish vibrant and unified.

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, November 18th

5:00 pm (SR) Deceased Members of
The D'Amato & Marchione Families

Sunday, November 19th

7:00 am (EF) All Souls
9:00 am (RB) Cecilia Duke
11:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

Monday, November 20th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Tuesday, November 21st

7:00 am (EF) All Souls
9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

Wednesday, November 22nd

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Thursday, November 23rd

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Friday, November 24th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Saturday, November 25th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls
5:00 pm (SR) Deceased Members of
The Russell-Sullivan Family

Sunday, November 26th - 1st SUNDAY/ADVENT

7:00 am (SR) People of the Parish
9:00 am (EF) Albert Minuti, Sr.
11:00 am (SP) All Souls

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19th

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)
12:15 pm Reconciliation/Child (Masci Hall)
12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

Monday, November 20th

11:00 am-2:00 pm Thanksgiving Gift Card Pick Up
(Rectory)

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm R.E. Thanksgiving Service (Church)

Tuesday, November 21st

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Rectory)
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Masci Hall)

Thursday, November 23rd - THANKSGIVING

9:00 am (SR) Mass only

RECTORY CLOSED/NO BINGO

Friday, November 24th

9:00 am (SR) Mass only

RECTORY CLOSED

Sunday, November 26th

2nd Collection - Fuel Offering

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



First Reconciliation CHILD ONLY Meeting is TODAY (Sunday) at 12:15 pm in the second grade classroom. All children preparing for reception of the Sacrament are required to attend.

FAMILY THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE is tomorrow night, Monday, November 20th at 7 pm in Church. Families are to sit together. Don't forget that the children have been asked to bring a certain item for the Outreach Pantry. Do NOT drop your child off at church and then leave, but come in and celebrate as a family.

Regular classes and Adult Scripture Study returns on Monday, November 27th at 6:30 pm.

Please Pray

for Our Sick Parishioners



Dolly Albanese, Ruth Bower, Geri Crockett, Julia Davis, Toni Di Lezio, Sr., Susan Denis, Carly Fedena, Jim Fedena Sr., Paul Farren, Sr., Mary Gabel, Regina Gemignani, Michael Giberson, Patti Grimes, Felicia Hallahan, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Charlie Lafferty, James Lafferty, Leila Lahan, Thomas Leo, Joseph Lichota, Aliyah Miller, Sara Murphy, Alex Newton, Dave Pacitti, Jane Parsons, Fr. Roy Pollard, Dorothy Rich, Bridget Robinson, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schauber, Irma & Wally Schock, Eva Smith, Frank Sullivan, Janet Szubieolski, Mary Tabler, Catherine Thomson, Rose Marie Turcol, Catalina Weddle, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Kathy Hope, Denise Lopes, Donna Dougherty, & our friends at the Kutz Home.

ADORATION OFFERED AT
THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE



Thanksgiving Prayer Service

The Bishop has asked ALL parishes in the Diocese to offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of November, 2023. St. Helena's is giving our parishioners a bonus - by offering **Adoration at the end of the Parish Thanksgiving Prayer Service tomorrow night, Monday, November 20th at 7:00 pm.** Please join our Religious Education families and receive the special grace of Adoration. What a beautiful way to come together as a small community of faith to not only thank God for all that he has given to us, but to also take part in the sacred tradition of Adoration. During the Prayer Service the students will come forward with the following items for our Outreach Pantry: Jelly, Tuna, Bar Soap, Spam, Stews/Canned meat product, Peanut Butter, and Washing Machine Detergent. There will be boxes in the middle aisle if you would like to contribute to a very worthy cause.



CHOIR NEWS

Calling all youth! We are getting ready to begin our rehearsals for the annual Christmas Spectacular which includes the children retelling the birth of Jesus in "tableau." They do not have to sing. This is for any children up till 8th grade-preferably children that can stay focused for around 50 minutes or so. REHEARSALS are Monday nights starting on November 27th at 6 pm - 6:30 pm in the church. Rehearsals will be December 4th, December 11th, December 18th and the performance is on Thursday, December 21st at 7:30 pm in the church.

2023 ANGEL GIVING TREE



Thank you to those who have already contributed to the 2023 Angel Giving Tree. Donations are still needed to assist those families in our community who are in need of food and gift assistance during the Christmas season. If you can contribute, please place your check or gift card donation in an envelope and **mark it "Angel Tree."** You can drop it in the collection basket at Mass or stop by the rectory office and our staff can assist with your preferred form of payment. Checks should be made payable to St. Helena's Church. Parish Social Ministry thanks you on behalf of our neighbors.

2023 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL: SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

To date, \$60,993.29 has been received representing **92.03%** of our Parish's \$66,276.00 goal.

THANK YOU!

If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

Phone calls fielded in October - 266

Food Pantry assistance - 39 families in October!

This is almost triple the amount of families we usually have.

Bottles for Babies - 49 bottles or checks were returned for Birthright! Thank you!

Stockings for Soldiers - 50 stockings were made and will be filled by SFS.

Dresses for Haiti-a shipment of 70 dresses and some shorts were sent to a partner diocese in CT to be shipped to Haiti.

Thank you so much for your continued support! We could not do any of it without you. We are always in need of volunteers in our social ministry office. Could you spare one or two mornings a month? If so, please contact me on ext 104. Thank you!

Carol Ann



Christopher Council KofC #3182 is Celebrating our 75th Birthday !



As you know we have been serving this parish and community since our humble beginnings in 1948. Just look around, we have been an integral part of all carnivals, parish picnics, pancake/ buffet breakfasts, Fish Fry's and food distributions. We also make large annual donations to Coats for Kids, our food closets, Parish general fund and much, much more.....

We hope that you will be a part of our celebration by becoming a benefactor in our Ad Book. The proceeds will help fund our special anniversary projects as well as help defray costs for our celebration on January 20th, 2024.

Please consider becoming a benefactor in our Ad Book for a donation of \$10 or more by December 31, 2023. Supporting us has never been easier.

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