

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel says: "Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised". To suffer? God forbid! Nobody wants that, nobody wants to suffer. God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him. But at the same time, He tells us that we must pass through suffering and death. Saint Peter in a few verses is called "blessed", and then "Satan" ("blessed are you Peter, son of Jonah"...then "get behind me, Satan"). We, ourselves, are like Peter. We say Jesus Christ is God, Son of God. But as soon as hardship and suffering come, we say, "God forbid", we curse, we say all kinds of insanity. To carry one's cross and follow Jesus is a MUST for every Christian, for every human being. It's a must that we will never comprehend here on earth. Suffering is completely a part of our lives. Why is it that Jesus came and did not stop suffering, but accepted it and went through suffering and death, death on the cross? Today, just like yesterday, and tomorrow, the cross for each one of us, for the Church is unavoidable. Jesus never said in the gospel, "look at me", He said, "follow me", that means go through what I went through.

WYOMING COUNTY FAIR TIME

The Wyoming county fair begins this Wednesday, September 2 and runs till Labor Day September 7. Come enjoy the fair and check out all the awesome baskets at the SML Basket Raffle.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS

The OLA Fall Festival on Sept. 19 (5 to 10pm) & 20 (12 to 6pm) is drawing closer.

Please consider donating to our booths.

Bountiful Baskets: \$25 (or more) NEW items or gift cards. Please wrap in clear cellophane. You can drop off your baskets in the OLA church hall.

Dining Out: gift certificate to your favorite restaurant. You can drop it off at the OLA office or put it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

Basket of Cheer: please share your favorite wine, beer or liquor. You can drop it off at the OLA office.

Bake Stand: time to gather your favorite recipes.

White Elephant & Silent Auction: you can drop off your donations at the OLA church hall. Items for the Silent Auction should be gently used and placed on the right side of the room (men's bathroom side).

White elephant items should be in working condition and placed on the left side (women's bathroom).

Donations for the food stands will also be accepted.

We are still accepting donations of bottles of water and cans of soda that can be dropped off in the church hall. Volunteers are also needed. Please share some of your time. Contact Bruce & Nikki Weisenfluh at 570-335-8135 if you would like to donate or volunteer.

COME AND SUPPORT ST. MARY OF THE LAKE FUNDRAISER AT THE WYOMING COUNTY FAIR

ST. PATRICK FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

The Fall Festival at St. Patrick's will be on Sunday October 4th from noon to 4pm. To start the Festival preparations, we will HAND OUT LETTERS WITH THE RAFFLE TICKETS on Sunday, Sept 6th after Mass. Enclosed, you will find tickets and more details on how you can help! Contact Joanne at 443-528-8713.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2026-27 Catholic Ministries Appeal has begun.

**2026-2027 OPENING REPORT
8-22-2026**

ST. PATRICK

Goal: \$13,610.00 **Cash Raised:** \$480.00

Committed-to-date: \$880.00

Goal Reached: 6.47% **No. of Donors:** 4

OUR LADY OF THE ABINGTONS

Goal: \$12,272.00 **Cash Raised:** \$200.00

Committed-to-date: \$200.00

Goal Reached: 1.63% **No. of Donors:** 3

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

Goal: \$11,780.00 **Cash Raised:** \$200.00

Committed-to-date: \$200.00

Goal Reached: 1.70% **No. of Donors:** 2

Thank you to all who have responded so far. On the weekend of September 12 & 13, we will have the Catholic Ministries Appeal In-Pew

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

September 5 & 6

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson

9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay

9:00am (SML) Seb Naro

11 am (SP) Mary Jo Danoski

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin

11am (SP) – Kali Harvatine

Shadow – Nolan Phillips, Wyatt Phillips

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 2 – Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 7pm

Sept 3 - Clothes Closet at SP, 4 to 6pm Last Day

Sept 3 – No Bingo at SP this week

Sept 3 – Prayer Shawl Ministry, SML, 5:30pm

Sept 7 – Church office at OLA closed for Labor Day

Sept 13 – SP/OLA FFF classes begin 9:45 to 10:45am

Sept 14 – Altar & Rosary Mtg. SML, 6:45pm

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SML Sundays following

9am Mass until 11:15am

Grades Pre-K thru 8th grade

It's back to school season!

Classes begin October 4

Contact Kerry Pieretti for more information

Redlightgreen343@gmail.com

SP & OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at SP begins on Sunday, 9/13

from 9:45-10:45am for grades K-8. Contact Jill

D'Antoni for more information.

dantonijill@gmail.com

CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

New OCIA classes will be starting on Sunday Sept. 13

at St. Pat's Hall. We have 2 candidates so far. Anyone

interested in becoming a Catholic, anyone interested

in returning to the Catholic faith or anyone who

knows of someone who may be interested in

becoming a Catholic, please contact Lucy Ziman at

the parish office ,570-563 1622 or Greg Solfanelli at

570-281-8083 for further information. WELCOME!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (September 1) Weekday

8:00am (OLA) Memorial Mass for Julia Kaifer

By The Legion of Mary

Wednesday (September 2) Weekday

8:00am (SP) Health & Blessings for Maria Perez

By Pat Moots

Thursday (September 3) St. Gregory the Great,

Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SML) Lori Pierce

By Timothy Pierce

Saturday (September 5) The Vigil of The Twenty-

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Birthday Blessings for Michele Zajac

By Pat Wall & Shelley

Sunday (September 6) The Twenty-Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Health & Blessings in honor of the

46th Wedding Anniversary of Daniel & Carmel

Williams

By Danny Williams Jr.

11:00 am (SP) Maureen Hannon

By Joe Hannon

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,957.00 Loose \$ 125.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,227.00 Loose \$ 87.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,310.00 Loose \$ 337.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

SP CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

The last day of the Clothes Closet will be this

Thursday September 3rd. We will be selling carloads

for \$50. This is the last chance for great deals while

they are still happening. On Friday September 4th at

10am there will be packing and pizza at the clothes

closet. Please come help pack and enjoy some pizza.

SP BINGO NEWS

Bingo will take a one-week break. There will be no

bingo on Thursday September 3rd, during the

Wyoming County Fair week and ahead of the busy

Labor Day weekend. We will resume regular play on

10 September — the jackpot number will rise to 59 if

there is no winner on the 27th!

SAINTS WITH UNUSUAL LIVES

Our attention today is focused on someone closer to

us, time wise. Saint Charles de Foucault (canonized in

2022) led a life not clean and even said to God one

day: "God, if you really exist, let me know" (it means

prove to me that you exist). The rest of his life was

only good, loving, giving and caring.