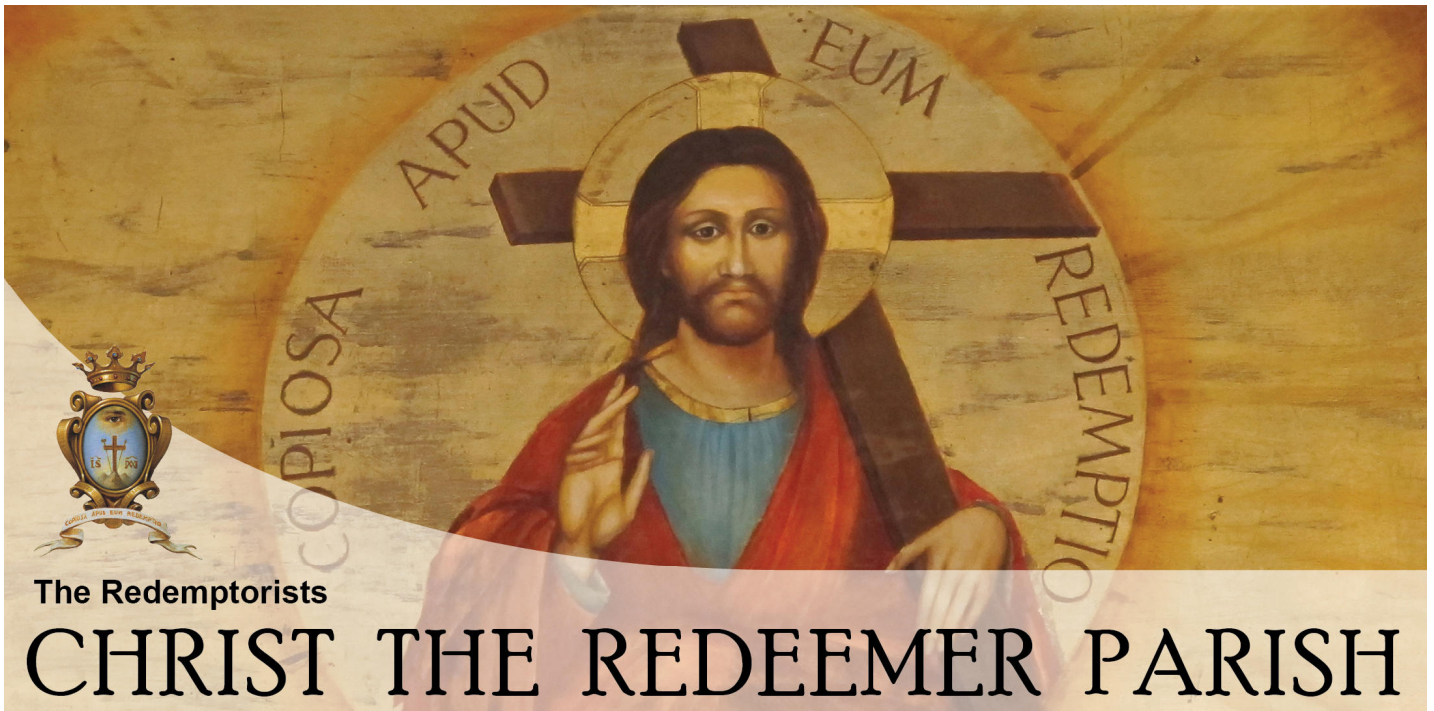


September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site
SATURDAY 7:30 - 8:00 AM & 4:00 - 4:45 PM

CONFESSION

(English & Polish)

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

6:30 - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

4:00 - 4:50 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 16 (Poniedziałek)

Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00AM †Sheila Del Mastro r/o family

11:00AM †Rich Gruszewski r/o wife, Tracy & family

Tuesday, September 17 (Wtorek)

Robert Bellarmine; Hildegard of Bingen

8:00AM †Stanislawa & Stanislaw Dziuban r/o family

11:00AM †Joseph & Margaret Kraycirik r/o granddaughter,
Lori Barone

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, September 18 (Środa)

11:00AM †Janos & Anna Tardy r/o John & Terry Tardy

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, September 19 (Czwartek) - Januarius

8:00AM †Robert Lach r/o Karnas Family

11:00AM †Paul & Stella Menkowski r/o Matthew Menkowski

Friday, September 20 (Piątek) - Andrew Kim Tae-gon,

Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

11:00AM †Lillian Post r/o Lois & Greg

7:00PM †Antoni Kloskowski r/o Kloskowski Family

Saturday, September 21 (Sobota) - Matthew, Apostle

8:00AM †Jozef Malinowski r/o Woznicki Family

11:00AM Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family

5:00PM †Robert Marsicano r/o wife, daughter &
granddaughter

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 22 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Waclaw Puzio r/o Marian & Maria Puzio

9:00AM †Dorothy Tomasko (Anniv.) r/o son, Michael

†Deacon Richard A. Kenton r/o wife, Marianne

†Charles Zwerko r/o Greg & Lois

†Jerry Cebula r/o Mary & George Klein

†Sophie Onka r/o daughter, Celeste

For the People of the Parish

10:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Society

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the
repose of the soul of **Mary Sue Schlenker** at
the request of her family.



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This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "**If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me**" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words **take up**. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "**saving one's life.**" A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for Property Insurance. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 16 WRZESIEŃ

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

NIEDZIELA, 22 WRZESIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Property Insurance. Prosimy o ofiarność!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/ Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/ Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of September 1, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6,000.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 800.00
Children's Donations	\$ 11.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,831.00
Total	\$ 8,642.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,902.00

the weekend of September 8, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6,158.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 970.00
Children's Donations	\$ 11.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,083.00
Total	\$ 9,222.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 1,841.00

Thank you for your generosity and support.
May God bless you. Fr. Stan

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

cleaned my room & changed my sheets. **Lucas**
helped my parents bring in the groceries & helped my teacher on the first day of school. **Landon**
held the door for people at the store & made a new friend on the bus. **Logan**
helped my mom plant flowers. **Zosia**

Don't forget to put your first & last name and grade on your envelope.

TIME Talent TREASURE

Minister Schedule for September 21 & 22

	5:00PM	7:00AM	9:00AM	10:30AM
Lectors	Suzanne Runyon	Tomasz Jaje	Barbara Stefany	Kazimierz Dziwak
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic	Carol Borysewicz Laurie Lukacs		Justina Villagra Juan Villagra	

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Marylou Cebula
Monday: Jane Biago
Tuesday: Elizabeth Urookiay; Landon Calulo
Wednesday: Lala Llarena
Thursday: Mirna Gonzalez
Friday: Laura Christie; Leose Calulo; Donna Puma
Saturday: Marianne Kenton

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Deacon Anthony Scarpantonio will be presenting the reflections and next week Tim Drury will be the presenter.

Have the parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.

SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Mary Joseph Rossello | December 7

Short Bio

St. Mary Josphe Rossello (1811-1880) was born to a poor family in Liguria, Italy. She was prevented from entering established religious orders because she lacked a dowry. However, the bishop of Savona helped her open a school and establish her own order, which never required a fee to enter.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN. GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE AND CLICK THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TAB. WE HAVE A NEW PROGRAM THIS YEAR SO THE TAB WILL LOOK DIFFERENT. PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. IF THERE IS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S OF BOUND BROOK MAY REGISTER THEIR CHILD HERE WITHOUT CHANGING YOUR PARISH AFFILIATION.

RUSZYŁY JUŻ ZAPISY UCZNIÓW NA NOWY ROK SZKOLNY 2024/25. MOŻNA TEGO DOKONAĆ PRZEZ STRONĘ PARAFII KLIKAJĄC ZAKŁADKE RELIGIA. W TYM ROKU MAMY NOWY PROGRAM, WIĘC ZAKŁADKA WYGLĄDA TROCHE INACZEJ. PŁATNOŚĆ NALEŻY UREGULOWAĆ W MOMENCIE REJESTRACJI. W PRZYPADKU KŁOPOTÓW FINANSOWYCH PROSIMY O KONTAKT TELEFONICZNY Z BIUREM PARAFIALNYM.

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM. **This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage.** Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11, 2024. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



Pray For...

We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Andrew Bartushak, Frank Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Keith Bielanski, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Sharon Connors, Bill Corson, Jean Courtney, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill, Denise & Billy Davison, Marge Demski, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Barbara Forbes, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Fred Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Cheyenne Llicardi, William McGlinchey, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczo, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Lee Ravaioli, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slight, Charlotte Snow, Jim Spinola, Albert Stanski, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, Mark Zujkowski, Maria Zurawiecki and Regina Zydalis.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially

Airman Thomas Caswell
SPC Christopher Elsen
Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr.
Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF
Airman Michael Edward Kassick III
Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF
Captain John Limyansky USAF
Specialist Allison Okurowski, Combat Medic
Airman Jason Pikula USAF
SR Jerry Lee Rogalski
PFC Steven Ubry
Technical Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573



Council Meeting: Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center

Recruiting: Catholic men 18⁺ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski

(chester.makowski@gmail.com) or approach any of the brother knights.

Bible Study: All are welcome to join us in the Little Red Schoolhouse, (the Saint John Neumann Center) next to the Rectory on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Clothing Drive - October 12th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **October 20th at 9:00AM. Please join us for the PARISH ROSARY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30AM.**

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **October 5th at 11:30AM.**



Caritas
MANVILLE

God's Love in Action

The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Pantry depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked. Vacations are over & children are back in school. Over the summer the Food Pantry shelves have begun to empty & your food pantry is in need of a great many items. Please help us help those less fortunate. When going shopping please consider picking up something extra. Food items can be dropped off in the red containers in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.

The Food Pantry is currently most in need of the following items:

Breakfast items: Toaster Pastry, Pancake mix & syrup.
Toothpaste, Body Wash, Shampoo, Bars of Soap.
Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.
Juice (64 oz.), Coffee (Instant & Ground), Boxed Milk (32 oz.)
Toilet paper & paper towels.
Canned fruit and soup.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Holy Water

Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism.

INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM?

Often, spouses or friends have worshiped with us for some time, even years, yet they are not Catholic. Does this describe you? Would you like to learn more about the faith that forms this community where you have been worshipping? Do you have questions about Catholicism that have not been satisfactorily answered? Would you like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please see or call Deacon Bill Stefany (908-725-7236) or complete and clip the form below and drop it into the collection basket at Mass.

Clip and drop in collection basket

I'm interested in learning more about Catholicism.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Take Up Your Cross

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

"I called and you listened."

"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"

"What were you thinking?"

"Your service made things better."

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. *Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job!* You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help.

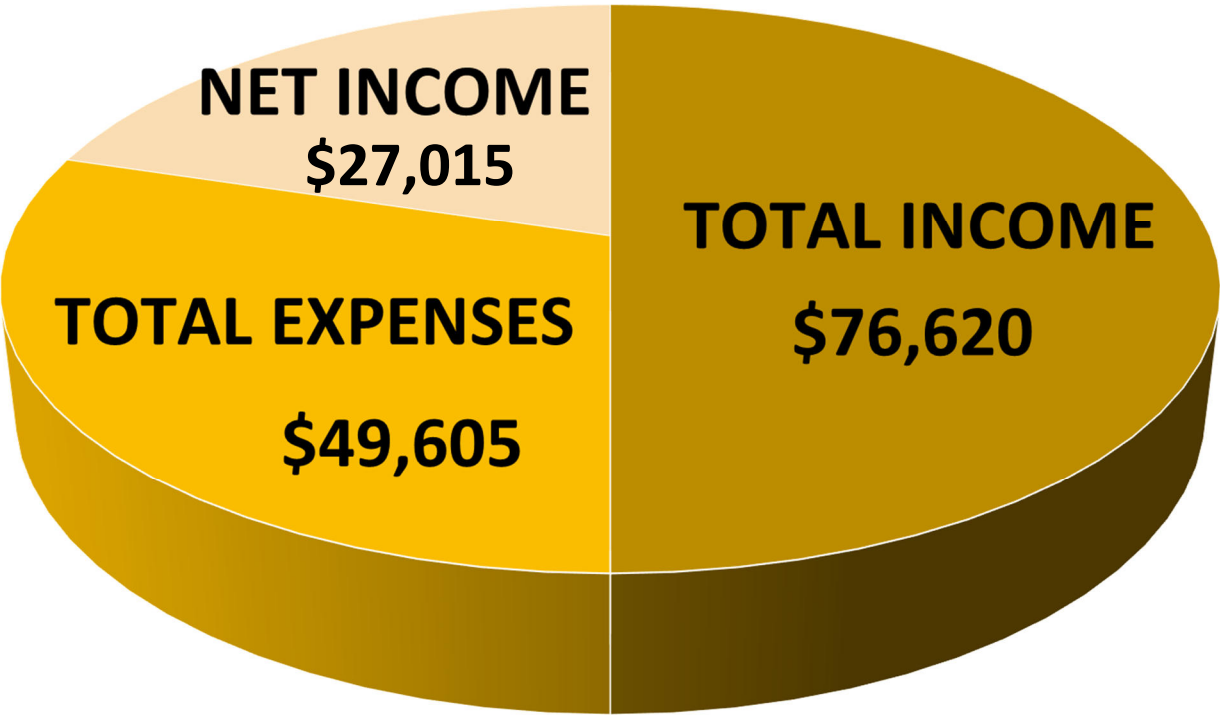
If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

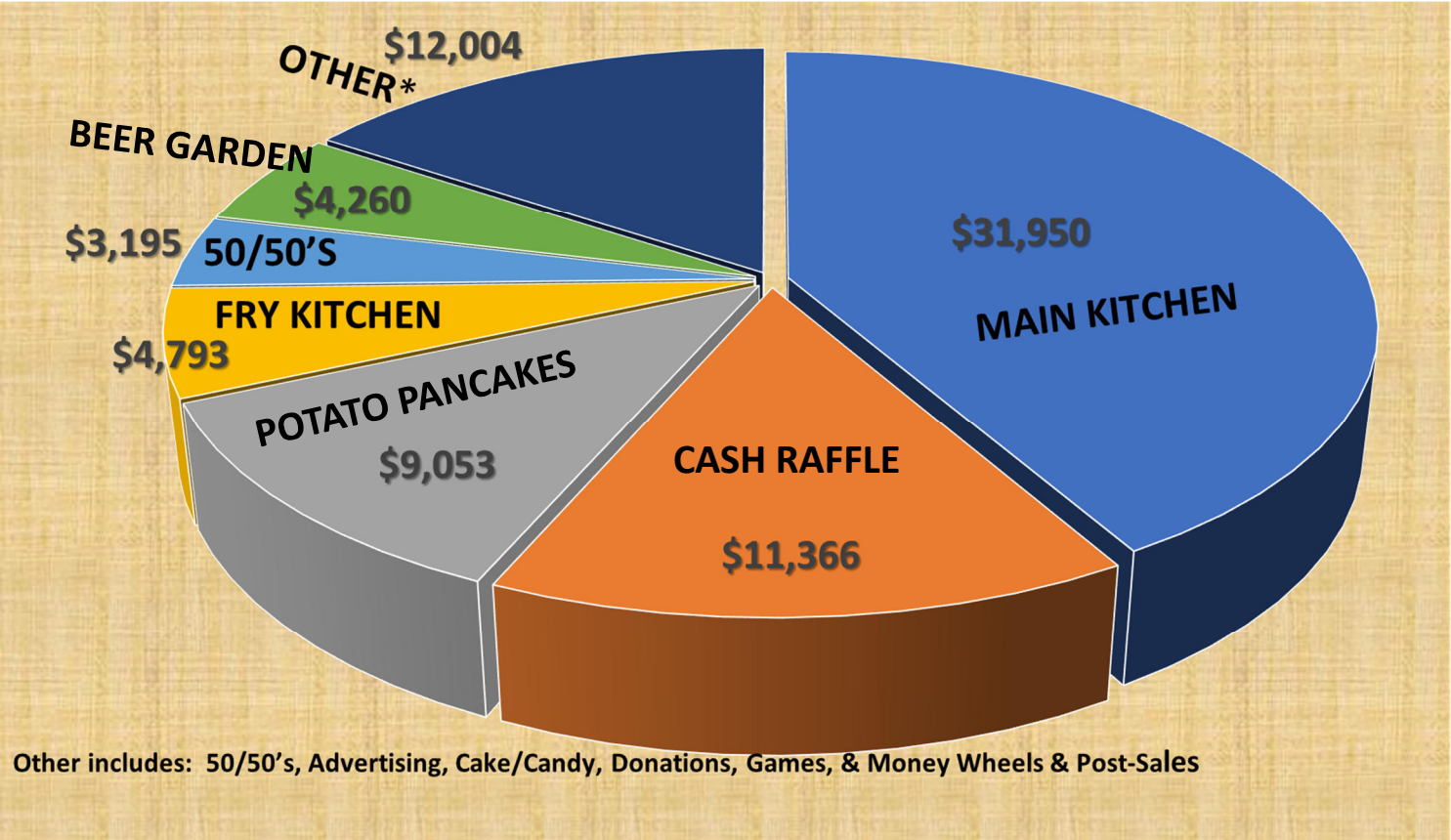
LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Take up your cross and follow me," Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as he loves us.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH 2024 SUMMER FESTIVAL



CTR Summer Festival 2024 - Earnings By Segment



Every year, at the end of July, the Parish Festival is organized on the Christ the Redeemer parish grounds. This year was no different. From July 24 to 27, for the 56th time, the church grounds were filled with hundreds of people every day, who for four days had the opportunity to taste and enjoy Polish and American specialties: poierogi, stuffed cabbage, cabbage & noodles, kielbasa & kraut, potato pancakes, hamburgers, pizza fritz, etc. games of chance and a bouncy house for the youngest and even a rock-climbing wall were for all to enjoy. Everyone had a good time listening to live music and a DJ everynight.

An additional attraction and an opportunity to talk about faith was a skateboarding show presented by the Franciscan friar Brother Gabriel Cortez. Shows and talks with the "monk on a skateboard" were very popular not only among young people, but also among adults. As you can see, the Parish Festival is not only a way to collect additional funds for the parish, but also a great way to establish new relationships between people and unite the parish. Take the time and look at the results and help make next year's Summer Festival an even better one. Thank you to everyone involved in the 56th Annual Parish Festival and see you next year! May God bless you and your families.

Fr. Stanislaw Slaby CSsR,
Pastor of Christ the Redeemer Parish





