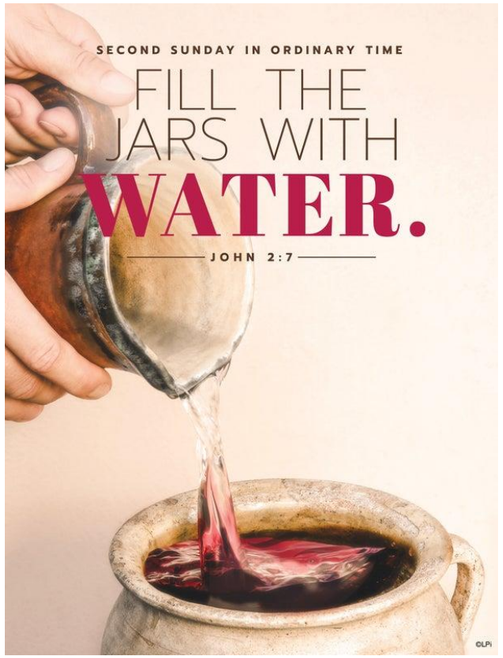
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 19, 2025



Weekend	Bl. Sac.	St. Isaac
Jan. 12th	$574	$1,699

VITA - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers) will be at St. Cecilia's every Friday and Saturday in February and March, also selected Tuesday's. And they will be at St. Isaac Jogues, Thursday, February 27th from 8:30 am to 4 pm. This is free tax assistance for families and individuals whose household income is $67,000 or less per year. Call 1-800-211-5128 to schedule an appointment.

When School is delayed or cancelled, weekday morning Mass, the Rosary & Holy Hour are also CANCELLED!

St. Isaac Jogues

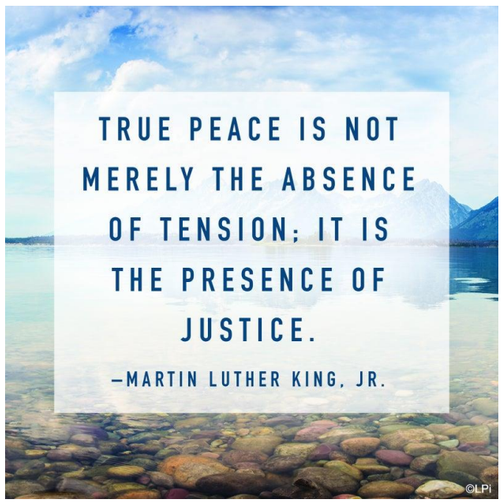
Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873
1/18 Frances Pema *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*
1/18 Jerry Merkel *Req. Janet Early*
1/25 Jane Kolakowski *Req. Janet Early*
Daily Mass this Wednesday, January 8th.
Diocesan Assessment: We have met our assessment. Thank you!
Today's 2nd Collection is for Evangelist. If you are not receiving this nationally acclaimed newspaper and would like to do so, please call the office.

Blessed Sacrament

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.
1/19 Tom Mihalics *Req. Maureen Mihalics*
1/26 Rosemary & Nick Rausch *Req. Dawn Faller*
Prayer Intentions: call Pat Nugent 518-668-2765
Rosary Tuesday's at 9:30 am.
Daily Mass: Thursday, January 23rd.
Today's 2nd Collection is for Insurance.

Contributions Statement for 2024

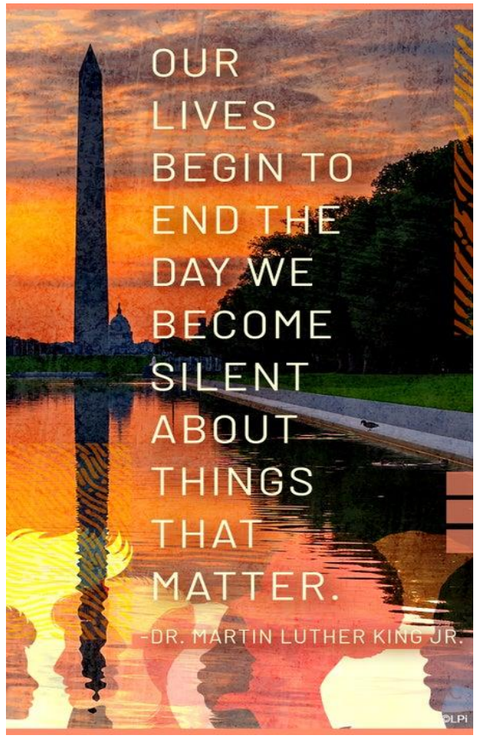
If you would like to receive your Contribution Statement for 2024, please sign the sheet in back of the church or call the office. 90% of the people do not itemize their donations for their income tax returns. We will mail them out quickly to anyone making the request prior to January 31. 2025.



Outreach Ministries

North Country Ministry: is currently seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant. The primary duty of this position is to process donations through our donor database, applicants must have extensive attention to detail and computer database knowledge. This position is for 16-20 hours a week, starting salary at $22. If you or someone you know is interested, please email a resume and cover letter to Kayla Carlozzi at kayla@ncmfriends.com

Food Pantry: There is a bin at the entrance of the churches. The need at the pantries has grown exponentially this year. Please consider giving weekly to those in need. This will be brought to the North Country Ministry. They are especially looking for items that have pull tabs (no can opener to use), shelf stable food, also, personal hygiene products, cleaning products & kid-friendly foods.



Recognizing God in our Ordinary Moments

DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

Do Whatever He Tells You

I once ran out of pizza at my kid's birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn't a big deal but come *on.* It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang "Happy Birthday" and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I'll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it's such a silly little miracle. I don't mean to be disrespectful — of course it's an incredibly important moment in Christ's public life. But it's not healing a leper. It's not raising the dead. It's not even walking on water. It's saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It's so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus' attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn't answer him, because, between you and me, I don't think he's asking her. I think he's asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: "Do whatever he tells you."

I'm so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me.

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