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## COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

FEB 13 & FEB 14, 2021—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED:	\$1,811.00	\$2,577.00
SAT. 4:00PM (SH)	N/A	
SUN. 9:00 AM (SC)		770.00
MISC.	540.00	330.00
ATTENDANCE	30	60

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## Jesus in the Desert

After His Baptism, Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the desert. The desert has been a rich image throughout the history of Christianity. It has symbolized the spiritual difficulties that believers encounter, just as the Israelites struggled for forty years in crossing the desert. It has also symbolized a place of encounter with the Lord, as so many of the Desert Fathers discovered in the early Church. Jesus is tempted three times. First, He is tempted to turn stones into bread to feed Himself. Second, He is tempted to throw Himself down from a parapet and be saved by angels. Third, He is tempted to worship the tempter in exchange for all earthly power.

Later, Jesus will do miraculous things with bread, but He rejects the temptation here. Later, He will put His life completely in the hands of the Father, but He rejects the temptation here. Later, He will become the King of Kings, but He rejects the temptation here. What then makes each of these a temptation?

The Spirit led Jesus into the desert, so that Jesus could learn more about Himself and His mission. He needed to go to the desert before He began the proclamation of the Good News. And the Spirit does not abandon Him, but sends angels to minister to Him after the tempter has departed.

**Questions:** How do I feel when the Spirit leads me into the desert? What does the desert conjure up for me?

What are the deepest temptations I undergo, and how can I make them an offering to God?

When do I experience God ministering to me?

By Stephen Wolfe, S.J.

<https://www.magisspirituality.org/writer/stephen-wolfe/>

MASS



## SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Sat. Feb. 20, 4:00 pm (SH)** - In memory of M. Jane, Richard J. and James F. O'Connor, requested by Mary F. English.

**Sun. Feb. 21, 9:00 am (SC)** - In memory of Ralph & Sadie Mancini, requested by their children.

**(Mon. Feb. 22 thru Sun Feb. 28, 2021)**

**Mon. Feb. 22, 2021** - No Mass.

**Tue. Feb. 23, 8:00 am (SC)** - Birthday remembrance for Arylene Minney, requested by Gorge & Pat Galeazza.

**Wed. Feb. 24, 8:00 am (SH)** - Anniversary remembrance of Jim & Jessica Moran, requested by Andrea Moran.

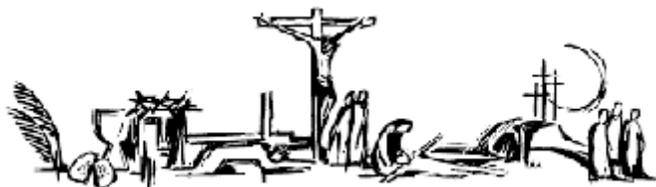
**Thur. Feb. 25, 4:00pm(SC)** - In memory of Armand Augustine, requested by the family.

**Fri. Feb. 26, 9:00 am (SH)** - In memory of Larry Hladik, requested by Ron & Cathy Parry.

**Stations each Friday, after 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart and 6:30 pm at St. Cecilia.**

**Sat. Feb. 27, 4:00 pm (SH)** - In memory of Richard Keehan, requested by Carolyn Kruger.

**Sun. Feb. 28, 9:00 am (SC)** - In memory of Bailey Field, requested by Wayne & Helen Carpenter.



**E-Giving:** Remember our parishes have e-giving available. You can easily create an account and make your contribution to your parish.

### Sacred Heart:

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Dear Friends;

A few weeks ago we received a call at St. Cecilia, from a man who wanted to cancel his e-giving because he doesn't like going to Mass in the hall. (I wonder if he is attending Mass at Johnstown or Gloversville or just not going to Mass?)

We are in the hall so more may join us for Mass on Sunday. (With social distancing we can fit 30 in the church building and up to 100 in the hall) With COVID we have had to make compromises as to how we pray as a parish.

Many forget that the word church has two meanings. The word Church with a capital letter C is about the gathering of the body of Christ, the faithful, the church universal. Church with a lowercase c is about the building. In the early church the faithful gathered in homes. (Many still do so around the world.) Church is not about stained glass and wooden pews. Church is about the faithful gathering where and when they are able to gather.

We are told by Jesus in the gospels, "Where two or more are gathered in my name I am in their midst." Church is when and wherever the faithful gather to pray and worship our God. We are fortunate to gather as a community anytime and anywhere. Let us resist the temptation to take this privilege for granted.

- ◆ On Wednesday our Ecumenical services continue. Sacred Heart will be the host this week as we gather as a community at 7 pm in church and on Facebook. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a good week

*Fr. Chris Welch*



**Mass Cancellation Policy:** If Fonda-Fultonville School District has a snow day, there will be no Mass that day. On weekends or school holidays, where the roads are treacherous, use your best judgement and **stay home.**

**Hunger in our World:** Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**Flowers for the Altar:** If you wish to sponsor the flowers on the altar of either parish, please contact the parish office. The donation is \$40 and the bouquet will last 2 weeks.

**Suggested Lenten Practices—St. Cecilia:** This week at Mass you will receive a small bag of stones with the following quote attached, which can be placed in your sacred space for daily prayer. *“These stones remind us of Jesus’ experience in the desert for forty days and being tempted by the devil. Jesus was tempted by the devil to change stones into bread but he did not heed to the devil. He remained steadfast and overcame the temptations. The stones symbolize austerity and rigor, desolation, misery and sadness.”*

If you were unable to attend Mass, additional bags of stones will be available in the basket on the rectory door.

**Ecumenical Bible Study :** Our bible study will be held on Thursdays @ 5:30 pm. We will be reading from the letter to the Ephesians. The Zoom address is 83178311626, the password is 491757. All are welcome to attend.

**Confessions at Sacred Heart:** Confessions are available each Saturday at Sacred Heart from 3:00 - 3:45 pm. The confessional is found on the right side of the altar. Look for the flashing green light to see if the priest is available. If the red light is on, the confessional is being used.

**Fonda Food Pantry:** The schedule for the Food Pantry is Sacred Heart on the first Wednesday of the month and Saint Cecilia on the Fourth Wednesday. Volunteers are needed. Please call your parish office for more info.

**St. Cecilia’s Diocese Appeal:** Thank you to those who have made a pledge to the Diocese Appeal. Our goal is \$7811 and we are at \$5246, very close to our goal.

**Sacred Heart’s Diocese Appeal:** Thank you to those who have made a pledge to the Diocese Appeal (formerly Bishop’s Appeal). Our goal is \$10,215. and we are at \$3,840, with \$6,375 to go.

**St. Cecilia on Facebook:** Please follow our parish on Facebook. **St. Cecilia Church**

**Sacred Heart on Facebook:** Please follow our parish on Facebook. **Sacred Heart Church**

**Weekly Mass:** Please join us virtually for weekly Mass on Father Chris’ YouTube channel @ [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs-FDzyfvHZZ9y8U1C4gAw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs-FDzyfvHZZ9y8U1C4gAw?view_as=subscriber)

**Faith Formation News:** In order to provide a safe environment & maintain social distancing not all classes will meet every week in person. We will be using the schedule below until further notice. On off weeks we will provide materials to be reviewed by parents/guardians with the students.

Please review with your children each week.

**2nd grade: will meet every scheduled week in the church to prepare for the sacraments of reconciliation & 1st Communion.**

All other grades will meet after mass in the back of the Hall on their scheduled week.

**Feb 21—K, 1st & 3rd grades**

**Feb 28—9th & 10th grades.**

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

February 20/21 - Fuel & Heat

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