



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the
least brothers of mine, you did for me.” - Mt 25:38-40

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Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 11/13/2023 thru 11/19/2023 . not available
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal \$31,773.00
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Pope's Intention for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Baptismal Training November 2023

Nov. 28 7:00 pm St Mary Church, St. Marys 781-1019

"Pray the Rosary everyday
to obtain peace for the world."
Join us in St. Joseph Church
each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday evenings, at 7:30 pm, we will be having
Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction in the Church.
We will continue each Monday through November.

The 2024 Mass Book is open for scheduling Masses. You can come into the office M-Th between 9am & 4pm. You may also call the office 814-787-4151 x3, or by mail.

REMOVAL OF CEMETERY DECORATIONS In preparation of the Christmas season and with the weather cooperating, we are reminding everyone to please remove all summer decorations that are currently on the graves. You may begin placing your Christmas flowers/wreaths on the graves this week. Thank you.

St. Leo Church, Ridgway, holds a **Year Long 50/50**. It is almost over. They will draw **ONE** winner on December 17th. The winner will receive at least **\$9,025.00!** Get your ticket by calling St. Leo Parish rectory @ 814-772-3135.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK

It is so necessary that we offer prayers for those loved ones who have passed on. Continue to write in our Book of Remembrance those who you want to pray for during this month of November.

REJOICE AND BE MERRY presented by "The Concert Choir of Elk County" Tuesday, November 28th at St. Leo Church, Ridgway AND Saturday, December 2nd at Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Social to follow. Please help usher in the beautiful season of Advent.

"THE GRIEVING SPIRIT RETREAT SERIES"

with Dr. Jan Satterlee

Grief and the Holidays December 5, 2023Visit bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855 to register.

Kids Christmas Party Saturday, December 9th from 2-4 pm
at the American Legion in Weedville. Includes Santa visit, cookies/refreshments, activities, and sign up for great prizes!
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**What is Eschatology? *Last Things*
(part 2)**

Heaven. Imagine the most perfect day. Some would say this is **Heaven**. Imagine being totally free from worries, being at your best in serving others with your gifts and talents. This is **Heaven** too.

Now, imagine a world where everyone is at peace with each other. No more wars, violence, and poverty. Everyone is completely healed of their ills, sickness, and disabilities. Everyone is happy and knows and loves God and each other. Most would say this is **Heaven**. Maybe all of the above is **Heaven**.

Hell. We have always been told that this is the place where nobody wants to end up when we die. Why? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says "that this is the state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed..." (CCC 1033) A person in **Hell** is cut off for all eternity from God's Love and Presence and the presence of others.

The most important thing we need to know is how to avoid Hell when we pass away from this life.

1. Live the Ten Commandments daily.
2. Live Jesus' Commandment of love the best you can.
3. Confess mortal and deadly sins when they are committed: pride, anger, envy, avarice, greed, lust, and sloth.
4. Grow in your knowledge of God's Will.
5. Meet the needs of the poor, ill, and the needy the best you are able.

Purgatory. "All who die in God's Grace and Friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven." (CCC 1030)

The Church gives the name **Purgatory** to this final purification of souls. Probably most souls are in **Purgatory** before their preparation of **Heaven**. Striving for holiness and living Jesus' sermon on the Mount (Mt: Chapters 5-7) may help avoid **Purgatory**.

Christ's Second Coming. The last judgment of Christ when He returns in glory is described in this Sunday's Gospel on this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In short, if we strive to serve Christ, Who lives in the least of our brothers and sisters, we will inherit the Kingdom of **Heaven**.

New Heaven, Earth, and Resurrection of the Body. This fullness of God's Promise is a new universe, the heavenly Jerusalem "where God will have His Dwelling among men." (Rev 21: 5) "God is preparing a new dwelling and a new earth in which righteousness dwells, in which happiness will fill and surpass all the desires of peace arising in the hearts of men." (Vat II document Gaudium et Spes 39)

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 27, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Aggie Cataldo (3rd anniversary)	Dale and Janet Forster	Weekday Last Week in Ordinary Time	Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20 Lk 21: 1-4
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Raymond Steinbach	wife-Peggy	Weekday	Dn 2: 31-45 Lk 21: 5-11
Wednesday, November 29, 2023 No Mass			Weekday	Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21: 12-19
Thursday, November 30, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leo Brown (anniversary)	Wife and children	Saint Andrew, Apostle	Rom 10: 9-18 Mt 4: 18-22
Friday, December 01, 2023 8:30 am Mass First Friday	Bino and Hazel Bleggi	daughter-Gin	Weekday	Dn 7: 2-14 Lk 21: 29-33
Saturday, December 02, 2023 8:30 am Mass First Saturday	Bernadine Micale	Cindy and Dale Duell	Weekday Blessed Virgin Mary Here ends the year of Grace 2023	Dn 7: 15-27 Lk 21: 34-36
Saturday, December 02, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent	(see below)
Sunday, December 03, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Charles Murray (anniversary)	wife-Audrey	The First Sunday of Advent	Is 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64: 2-7 1 Cor 1: 3-9 Mk 13: 33-37 (2)

St. Joseph Church

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass on Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.**

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism — A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist — Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation — High School youth who are entering the 9th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. — Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate — Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony — There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

Reconciliation — Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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St. Joseph Church

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