



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 \$3,365.00
 Offertory collection 9/11/2023 thru 9/18/2023 \$2,677.00
 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal \$31,773.00

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Pope's Intention for September

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Please plan on having your picture taken for our
 St. Joseph Church Pictorial Directory!

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

**Baptismal Training October 2023**

Oct. 14 10:00 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys 834-7861

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan

Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

40 Days for Life Campaign

Fall dates are September 27th thru November 5th. See bulletin insert for more information.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday evenings, at 7:00 pm, we will be having Adoration, Exposition, and Benediction in the Church. We will continue each Monday through October and November (with the exception of October 16th).

St. Joseph Church will be serving their delicious Fish/Shrimp dinners on Friday, October 20th and Friday, October 27th. New to the Fall menu only will be a Chicken Tender dinner. Look for a flier in next weeks bulletin!

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September 26

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**God's Generosity — Our Vocations**

My brothers and sisters our vocations in life began at our Baptism when we are cleansed from both original sin and personal sin which make us children of God and temples of the Holy Spirit. In addition, Baptism gives us a new life in Christ which we celebrate and experience with other people in the Christian community—the Church.
 (Catechism of Catholic Church 1262-1271; 1279)

It is from this Sacrament that we grow in our relationship with Christ through prayer and discover God's calling in our life, our work, and our vocation. Faith in God leads many people to the vocation and Sacrament of Marriage. Some people respond to God's calling by entering the priesthood, diaconate, religious life or the single state in life. God's generosity towards us is His leading us and offering us these unique vocations in life. God knows us more than anyone, that is, where we will be the happiest in loving Him and serving our neighbor.

In our Gospel Reading, Jesus describes in a parable the relationship between a landowner of a vineyard and his workers. The landowner hired workers at different times throughout the day. All workers would be given the same wage.

The meaning of the parable is that God is like the landowner who calls people to work in the vineyard of this world to a variety of vocations in service of one another. Some people enter into Christian marriages both early and late in life. Some people enter into the priesthood or religious life both early and late in life. Some people accept Christ as personal Lord and Savior early and late in life. The end result or payment that everyone receives is **the same for all—eternal life**. Be open in renewing this calling everyday!

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 25, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Deceased Members of the Kozminski Family	Family	Weekday	Ezr 1: 1-6 Lk 8: 16-18
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo	Ernest Bertolasio and Family	Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs	Ezr 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8: 19-21
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 No Mass			Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	Ezr 9: 5-9 Lk 9: 1-6
Thursday, September 28, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	John and Frances Bonanno (33rd) and (30th) anniversary	Dennis & Deborah Bonanno	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	Hg 1: 1-8 Lk 9: 7-9
Friday, September 29, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Winston Streich (anniversary)	Wife, Daughter, and Family	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12: 7-12 Jn 1: 47-51
Saturday, September 30, 2023 No Mass			Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15 Lk 9: 43-45
Saturday, September 30, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Susan Huff (1st anniversary)	Ruth Wendel	Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 1, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 or 2: 1-5 Mt 21: 28-32

St. Joseph Church

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Church Hours: St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

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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 Diaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate 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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