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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
**THE WISE  
STILL SEEK HIM**



Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 ..... \$3,365.00  
 Offertory from December 26 thru January 1 unavailable  
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal ..... \$32,404.00  
 CSA pledges as of 12/26/2022 ..... \$25,690.00

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Pope's Intention for January:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses,  
 teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping  
 the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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



**Faith Formations classes  
 resume January 15th.**

**Confirmation Class  
 resumes January 15th  
 at 10:30 am**



**Baptismal Training  
 January and February 2023**

January 18	7:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg	965-2819
February 7	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force	787-4151
February 23	7:00 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569



**Let Music into Your Life  
 Join the Choir  
 Practice every Thursday  
 at 6:00 pm.**

**New voices are always welcomed!**



Dear St. Joseph Congregation,  
 Thank you very much  
 for all your support to  
 the Christian Food Bank!  
 The most recent food  
 collection was 175 pounds.  
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 us to continue our weekly  
 distribution to those in  
 need. May God bless  
 each one of you!  
 Sincerely,  
 Board of Directors

**Haven't picked up your 2023 Calendar yet?  
 The calendars are located in the vestibule—please feel  
 free to take calendars home for your family, too!**

**St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, will have its spaghetti  
 dinner on Sunday, January 15. Dinner will be take-out  
 only and be available 10:30 am—1pm or until sold out.  
 Sauces and meatballs only will be available for take-out  
 on Saturday, January 14 after 4:30 pm Mass. Please  
 bring your own containers.**



## Epiphany Welcome to the Eucharistic Table of Jesus Our Savior

A table is a very important piece of furniture in our homes. This is where we sit, eat, talk, and share ideas and stories. It is also a place where many choose to do business like writing or paying bills. Also, decisions are made there.

During Mass, the Eucharistic Table of Jesus our Savior refers to the Tables of God's Word (*The Liturgy of the Word*) and the Altar (*The Liturgy of the Eucharist*). As our tables are important to us in our homes, this Table is very important in the Church. At this Table we are invited to listen to ancient Biblical Stories that affirm our faith. We are invited to listen to the New Testament Readings and the Proclamation of one of the Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. Then, the Prayer of Consecration is prayed over the gifts of bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ. Following this, we are invited to receive Jesus our Savior in Holy Communion.

In the weeks ahead I will continue to share excerpts from Dr. Ed Sri's book, A Biblical Walk, of the Mass. The Mass is a vitally important celebration to our personal and family life. May all feel welcome as they enter the Church.

In our Gospel today, we celebrate the Epiphany. The Magi were welcomed by Mary and Joseph into their home to worship the Baby Jesus. May we, too, worship and adore Jesus our Savior during our prayer time and especially when we come together at Mass.

God Bless, Father Mark



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 9, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Francis J. Coccimiglio	Lou Russell, Jr., Stacy, Teddy, Taylor, and Olive Russell	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Robert J. Cortina, Sr. (birthday)	Robert Cortina, Jr.	Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)	Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 No Mass			Weekday	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 12, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo (anniversary)	wife — Terri	Weekday	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 13, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioner	Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	Heb 4:1-5,11 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 14, 2023 No a.m. Mass				Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
Saturday, January 14, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		<b>The Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(see below)
Sunday, January 15, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Charmaine Charlie Osche	Luella Gold	<b>The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

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**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 Email: [stjosephforce@windstream.net](mailto:stjosephforce@windstream.net) Website: [www.stjosephforce.org](http://www.stjosephforce.org) Faith Formation Email: [stjosephforceff@windstream.net](mailto:stjosephforceff@windstream.net)**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday .....9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**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 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9<sup>th</sup> grade 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 annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. 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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