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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2012

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . . \$3,462.00
 Offertory from 9/15 thru 9/21/2020 \$2,627.00
 CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,626.00
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount \$29,520.00

Everyone is still required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.

Starting the weekend of October 3-4, **every other pew** will be designated for increased seating at Mass.

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
814-787-4151 #3 Closed Friday

Father Mark is available to hear Confessions in the Faith Formation building during office hours. Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4



The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fatima Shrine.

**St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"**

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

**"Food Bank"**

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank. The Christian Food Bank volunteers also want to thank you for your generous contributions of 150 pounds!

St. Joseph Church **Fish/Shrimp Dinners** will be every Friday thru October 30. All fish/shrimp dinners will be available for take-out only. **For your convenience** dinner orders may be made before noon on Friday at 814-787-4151 #6.

Saint Thérèse—The Little Flower

Thérèse Martin was the last of nine children born to Louis and Zélie Martin on January 2, 1873 in Alençon, France. At the age of 14, on Christmas Eve 1886, she had a conversion that transformed her life. From then on, her powerful energy and sensitive spirit were turned toward love instead of keeping herself happy. At 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God. She took the name *Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face*. Living a hidden, simple life of prayer, she was gifted with great intimacy with God. She believed that her life was really just beginning for God, promising to spend her heaven doing good on earth. (Feast: Wednesday, October 1, 2020)

**St. Joseph Website**

Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Mass can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website if you do not wish to be at a public Mass yet. Please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org.



Scripture Passages and Prayers during these Unusual Times . . . and Anytime

From the beginning of March until present, our world and all of us individually have had to adjust, to protect and to restrict our lives because of COVID-19. This pandemic has already taken many lives and has caused us fear and suspicion of thinking who around us has this virus and are we doing everything we can to protect ourselves and others from getting it.

As people of faith in Jesus our Lord, we know and believe that He is the Eternal Divine Physician Who is able to heal our bodies and souls according to His Holy Will. God's Words are spirit and life. God's Word, as recorded in the Bible, can help us find peace and healing during these unusual times and all of the times of our lives. Let me share with you a few Scripture passages and prayers that accompany the Sacred Scriptures to help you during your prayer time.

✠ **(Matthew:11:28-30)**

"Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take My yoke upon your shoulders and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for My yoke is easy and My burden light."

✠ **Prayer:** *I will come to You, Jesus and give You my worries and burdens. I know You are gentle and I will learn to find peace in You.*

✠ **(Psalm 34:5-9)**

"I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Look to Him that you may be radiant with joy and your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the Lord heard and from all his distress He saved him. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers Him. Taste and see how good the Lord: happy the man who takes refuge in Him."

✠ **Prayer:** *Lord, I give You all of my fears. I especially give You the fear of this COVID-19. Help me to do all I can to protect myself from all of the dangers of this virus. Please deliver me and those I pray for from all fears. Release the Holy Spirit of peace, courage and confidence within my soul.*

God Bless, Father Mark

(to be continued)

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 28, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Frances Bonanno (27th anniversary)	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bonanno	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	Jb 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday, September 29, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Adam and Mary Lease	Family	Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael, Archangels	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday, September 30, 2020 No Mass			Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Lk 9:57-62
Thursday, October 1, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Winston Streich	Wife, Daughter and Family	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Jb 19:21-27 Lk 10:1-12
Friday, October 2, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Helen Lovenduski	Sherry & George Sidelinger	The Holy Guardian Angels	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday, October 3, 2020 FIRST SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. Mass	Father Joseph Barry	St. Joseph Parishioners	Weekday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Lk 10:17-24
Saturday, October 3, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Tom Winkler	wife Chris	Vigil of the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, October 4, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

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St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 7 pm; Wed. and Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

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 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th 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 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 – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime 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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