



4th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from January 17 thru January 24 \$3,095.00
 Offertory from January 24 thru January 31
 will be in next week's bulletin
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,380.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$20,600.00

Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



Mass Intentions for February, March and April are available. Please call the church office at 814-787-4151 #3 if you would like to have any Mass Intentions during these months or any months thereafter.



St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

“Care & Concern” Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Call 814-787-4151 #3.



Adult Faith Formation Class “A Biblical Walk with the Mass” will start on Monday, February 7th after morning Mass in the social hall and then again at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. The class will last about an hour. Come and learn more about the Mass and how it developed from a Biblical standpoint.



Wednesday, February 2 is the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord.

Father Mark will celebrate Mass at 8:30 a.m. on this Wednesday.

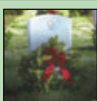
This is not a holy day of obligation.

Thursday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise.

Father Mark will bless throats at the morning Mass that day and again at the weekend Masses. The candles for you to use at home will be blessed during Saturday evening Mass and will be available after these weekend Masses and throughout the week. They will be located at the back of the church at the Shrine. The donation for the candles is \$2.00.

A huge ‘Thank you’ for all the beautiful Christmas cards and gifts which I received this past Christmas! Your kind wishes and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Father Mark



Cemetery Reminder: Please remember the **dead-line** to remove all items except for the solar lighting will be by **Tuesday, February 1, 2022.**



Synod: 2021-2023

The first thing we all need to know is what the word **Synod** means. It comes from the Greek language which is translated as *a journeying together*. For example, when a family gets in their van and travels five hours to see grandma and grandpa, they are traveling together for a real need in wanting to see their elderly grandparents. During the time of travel, some family members may recall other times they had made a similar visit and details of the vacation which they made. This sharing is like *a journeying together* of the experiences of family.

Pope Francis is inviting all Catholics and other people as well to reflect on and share what their *journeying together* of faith, prayer, and church participation experience is for them. In addition, as we walk this journey of life together, what support for our faith, life, and prayers are we receiving as we accompany others?

During the month of February, I will include inserts in the bulletin about the **Synod** for you to reflect upon. In the future we may have an opportunity to contribute our insights to the 2023 Synod of Bishops. Most importantly, now is to reflect on how we are journeying together as the Body of Christ — the Church.

Sharing Our Faith Series

As Catholics, we light candles because it is a symbol for us that our prayers are being continually lifted up to God as long as that flame on the candle is lit. The flame represents our love, care, and concern about the one for whom we are praying. The candles in our church candle Shrine burn for six days. This means that when we light a six-day candle for someone, it's almost as if we are praying for that person continuously without stopping for six days.

Father Mark

The First Saint in February: Saint Blaise

Feast day: February 3 Death: 316

Patron of throat illnesses, animals, and wool trading
(loyolapress.com/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-blaise)

About four hundred years after his death, many stories began to be told about Blaise. He became a popular saint, especially in France and Germany. One legend says that while St. Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy who was choking on a fish-bone stuck in his throat. St. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. Candles are used because it is said that while St. Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 31, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention	All Saints Parish	Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary, Stanley and Vincent Olewnik and Deceased Family Members	Germaine and Family	Weekday	2 Sm 18:9-10,14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Judy Benevich	Linda and Bob Marshall	The Presentation of the Lord	Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leo Brown (birthday)	Family	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13
Friday, February 4, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Anthony Vigilone	Donald and Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday	Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29
Saturday, February 5, 2022 FIRST SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. Mass with Devotion and Adoration	Tom Winkler	Family	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34
Saturday, February 5, 2022 5:30 p.m.	David and Rose Angelo, Sr.	granddaughter Barb	Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 6, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11 Lk 5:1-11

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Church Hours

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

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday9:00 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. Notice 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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