

25th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

- Mk 9:35b-37a

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from August 23 thru August 30. \$2,556.00
 Offertory from August 30 thru September 13 \$2,918.00
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,280.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$20,075.00
 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.

**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**

Sept. 22 7:00 p.m. Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg 965-2819
 Oct. 9 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart, St. Marys 834-7861

**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?
Please call 787-4151 #3.

**St. Joseph Church 2021 Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinners
have begun!**

Dinners are take-out or drive-thru only.
**All dinners are \$13. Call 814-787-4151 #6 or show
up and order as drive-thru! See insert for details!**

Monetary Donations are Needed!

In order to continue our delicious dinners to
include a dessert, we are asking for a monetary
dessert donations! Please give your
contribution by dropping it in the collection basket or mail
it to the office at PO Box 124, Force 15841.



Help the St. Joseph Church dinners to remain
complete as well as delicious by contributing.
Thank you!



Faith Formation Classes start this
weekend September 19 at 10:15 a.m.
The mask policy for Catechists and youth
will follow St. Marys and DuBois School
policy at this time.

"Food Bank"

Your non-perishable food donations may be placed in
the vestibule in the church or at the church office.
Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian
Food Bank. You are helping many during this time of
need. The food collection for the month of **August**
was **126 lbs.** Thank you for your generosity!

**The 40 Days for Life Campaign**

of praying to save babies from destruction by
abortion begins this week, Wednesday,
September 22 and continues thru October 31.
There are prayer sheets in the vestibule if you need a copy.

**Seek First the Kingdom of God . . .
(Matthew 6:33)****Scripture James 3:16--4:3 -Today's 2nd Reading**

"Beloved, where jealousy and selfish ambition
exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But
wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peacea-
ble, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good
fruits, without inconsistency or insincerity. . ."
—Where is there jealousy in my life if any and why?
—Where in my life do I need God's mercy and peace?

Catholic Tradition:

We as Catholics make the Sign of the Cross
because we are acknowledging Whom we love and to
Whom we pray — God the Father, Son and Holy
Spirit. This is the perfect prayer as we begin our day
and continue our prayers and devotions.

Service:

Jesus says in our Gospel Reading today that "If
anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and
the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Think about all of the people you and I can
serve by contributing food to the Christian Food Bank
when we place our bag in the box in the vestibule of
the Church or dropping it off at the office.

Holy People and Feast Days:

The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross was
celebrated on September 14th. In the 4th century the
Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher was built in Jerusalem
over the tomb where Jesus was laid. The Holy Cross
that Jesus died on was discovered during the excava-
tion. Eventually, the Feast Day of Exaltation of the
Holy Cross was celebrated every September which
was the month the basilica was dedicated. A quote
from Theodore of Studios states very eloquently the
graces of the Cross of Christ.

"How splendid the Cross of Christ! It brings
life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its
loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great
warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but
healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us, a
tree now brought us life." (Saint of the Day, page 234,
Leonard Foley O.E.M. Editor)

Our Lady of Sorrows: September 15th

This memorial comes right after the day we
celebrate the Triumph of the Cross. Our Blessed
Mother stood at the foot of the cross as Her Son our
Lord Jesus Christ was dying for our salvation. She
shared in His Sorrow. This day can remind us that
Mary also prays for us when we are in distress, hurting
and going through life's many challenges. This day
can teach us compassion for others so that we can
ultimately share God's Joy after our sorrows.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 20, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Albino and Hazel Bleggi	Fran and Gloria Bleggi	Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday, September 22 No Mass			Weekday	Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6
Thursday, September 23, No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9
Friday, September 24, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Deceased Members of the Kozminski Family	Mike and Family	Weekday	Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22
Saturday, September 25, 2021 No Mass			Weekday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45
Saturday, September 25, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Louise Rhoades	John and Rebecca Bricen	The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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Church Hours

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

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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 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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