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## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother  
will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:22a



## Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 ..... \$3,365.00  
 Offertory collection 1/30/23 thru 2/06/23 ..... \$2,850.00  
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal ..... \$32,404.00  
 CSA pledges as of 2/07/2023 ..... \$25,690.00

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## Pope's Intention for February

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.



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

Baptismal Training  
February/March 2023

February 20	7:00 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569
March 7	7:00 pm	St. Boniface, Kersey	885-8941
March 25	10:00 am	Sacred Heart, St. Marys	834-7861

**He Chose the Nails**

by Max Lacato



For this Lenten Season, St. Joseph Church is offering six weeks of Adult Faith Formation study/discussion sessions similar in focus to what was experienced during Advent but focused on Lent. As you go forth in these study/discussion sessions, you will find that **Jesus did it all just for us.**

**Sign-up is necessary** to attend these sessions.

**The deadline is this Thursday, February 16th** so that the study guides can be ordered in time for the first session. The **sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule** or you can call the office to RSVP at 787-4151 #3. You may choose to participate in one of the two sessions each of the six weeks beginning Monday, February 27 after 8:30 a.m. Mass with Father Mark or Wednesday, March 1 after the 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Deacon Paul. Each week's sessions will be on Mondays and Wednesdays at the above given times. Final session will be Wednesday, April 5. All sessions will be held in the social hall.

Join us to experience **Lent** as a time not to just give up something, but to prepare to receive good blessings from God.

**St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, will hold its Famous Spaghetti Dinner** Sunday, February 19. Dinner will be take-out only and available 10:30-1pm or until sold out. Sauce and meatballs only will be available for take-out Saturday, February after 4:30 pm Mass. Please bring your own containers for take-out.

**Chili Cookoff and Social, St. Leo Magnus.** February 17 at 6 pm in social hall. \$5 to enter the chili judging; 50/50 drawing; kids' activities. Bring the Family! Hot dogs, fries, nachos, desserts, pop and water will be provided. BYOB! **Who will win?!**

**Father Justin's recipe vs Saint Leo Parishioners!**

**What Do You Believe?**

When any of us think about what we really believe in, we know it will involve our belief in God. Something as important as our belief is a question we try to answer throughout lifetime. Often, we make the effort to name something that will strengthen our belief in God — thus that is the purpose of praying **The Creed** together at Mass every Sunday.

At Mass we are naming in whom we believe as we pray about God the Father in the first sentence: "*I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*" As we pray **the Creed**, we believe that God is One—not many—and He created each of us. This is something God did, not us. He created everything physical we can see as the story of creation tells us in the Book of Genesis. (Gn 1:1-27) Also, as Dr. Ed Sri says in his book *The Mass*, God created "spiritual beings, the angels whose beauty, strength, power and majesty far exceed the most spectacular mountains and valleys, seas and oceans, constellations and supernovas." (pg.93) It also reflects the language of St. Paul, who referred to the creation of all things "in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible." (Colossians 1:16)

**The Creed**

**The Creed** is a Trinitarian Prayer of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Similar to the way **the Creed** begins to describe God the Father as One, so too, does this part of **the Creed** begin to describe our Lord Jesus Christ as One. *Jesus is the One and Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.* Jesus is from God the Father before all time. The litany of Who Jesus is continues: *God from God* (Jesus is God from God), *Light from Light*, (Jesus the Light of the world is from the Eternal Light of God), *True God from true God*, (Jesus is truly God the Son from the True God the Father), *begotten not made*, (Jesus is from God the Father and not a creature created by God), *consubstantial with the Father* (This means that "Jesus the Son is the same substance as God the Father.") (First Council of Nicaea in AD 325) It was through Jesus the Son of God and the Word of God that "all things were made."

The big question now remains — **In what needy or desperate time in your life did you need God the most? How did you express your belief? What did you pray and or do?**

What do you believe? You believe God is helping you and He is here and now and will be in the future. Amen!

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 13, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioner	Weekday	Gen 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Arthur Zambanini (5th anniversary)	wife Gen and daughter Pooney and Family	Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop	Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 No Mass			Weekday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Mk 8:22-26
Thursday, February 16, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rachel Zambanini	Rita and Family	Weekday	Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33
Friday, February 17, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Wanda M. Mastrian	Father Mark and Family	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	Gn 11:1-9 Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday, February 18, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass			Weekday	Heb 11:1-7 Mk 9:2-13
Saturday, February 18, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Angelina Cheslock	grandchildren David, Teresa, Melissa	The Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 19, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

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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**

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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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## St. Joseph Church

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