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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2012

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00
 Offertory from July 28 thru August 3, 2020 \$2,313.00
 CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,626.00
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount \$29,220.00
 Parishioners' Paid July 22 thru August 3 \$4,125.00

Thank you for your continued support to St. Joseph Church.

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

Weekday Mass Schedule 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm — Sunday Mass 9:15 am

*St. Joseph Church will be open
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 7:30 am — 7 pm
 Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am — 7 pm*

Sacrament of Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm in the Church or by appointment (call 787-4151 #4)

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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.



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

Adult Faith Formation Classes on "Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life" are on Monday mornings following 8:30 am Mass and again at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Building.

Schedule for August/September Baptismal Training Sessions
 August 20 ... 6:30 pm ..St. Mark Church, Emporium ...486-0569
 September 3...7:00 pm...Queen of the Word, St.Marys ...834-4701

A Catechist meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 at 6 pm in the Social Hall. Current information will be given concerning the 2020 Faith Formation schedule. We look forward to seeing everyone. Masks are required.

The discussion of **Faith Formation classes** is still ongoing. Parents will be notified via mail of the details of the plans at that time. The decision will follow CDC guidelines and protocol and anything published by the Diocese of Erie. In addition, our program will follow the school district policies in our area.

Tickets for our Annual Parish Picnic are on sale in the social hall after each weekend Mass up to and including September 6. The cost of the large items tickets are \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. There will be a \$100's worth of lottery tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please go to the social hall to get your raffle and lottery tickets and to check out the many prizes which include the large items that will be raffled off as well as the lottery tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the Church Office by calling 787-4151 #3 or Rita Fenice at 787-7282.

A Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Bldg. Masks are required.

**Keeping Our Attention on Jesus**

We learn early in life to pay attention to our parents and to our teaches so we can learn and grow properly as a human being. Paying attention is also important when we are driving down the road. It is critical that we keep our eyes on the vehicle ahead of us as well as on road signs and traffic lights. Keeping our attention and focus on what we see can be life-saving to us. In this weekend's Gospel, we see it was this way for St. Peter.

When Peter walked on the water towards Jesus, he started to sink into the raging water . He cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out His Hand and caught Peter. (Matthew 14:30b-31a) Jesus saved Peter from drowning, but He also added: "O, you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31b)

Now, let's look closer at this event. Why were the apostles out on the lake and why did Jesus walk out on the water towards them? Why did Peter want to come out on the water towards Jesus?

Just before this event, Jesus had just multiplied the loaves and fish to feed the 5,000 that assembled to listen to Him. He then needed some time for prayer, "on the mountain by Himself." (Matthew 14:23a) He was tired, He needed His Space. But then, He realized that the apostles who were awaiting Him on a boat would be tossed about by the wind and waves. It was this time that He needed to reveal His Divinity, His Power and His authority over the forces of nature so His Apostles would be strengthened in their faith in Him. So, He goes out to them walking on the water. They did not recognize Him. They thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus assured them by saying, "take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27b)

Peter, afraid like the rest of them, wanted to be sure it was Jesus. He got out of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus. He was able to do this but the moment he took his eyes and attention off Jesus, he sank . . . but as we just heard, Jesus saved him.

My friends, there are times we also doubt our Lord's Presence with us. There are times we are afraid of people, their wrong decisions, the coronavirus , the violence in the world, our health, or like the apostles in the boat who were afraid of the violent eruption of nature. Whatever the worry, Jesus says to us to get out each new morning and walk on the waters of life in faith with our eyes and attention fixed on Him and to know He will stretch out His Hands to us when we need to say, "Lord save me."

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 10, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Carol Kozminski (birthday)	Mike — husband	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Ann and Narcheso Trentini	Clara — sister	Saint Claire, Virgin	Ez 2:8—3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 No Mass			St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Mt 18:15-20
Thursday, August 13, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	St. Pontian, Pope & Martyr and Hippolytus Priest & Martyr	Ez 12:1-12 Mt 18:21 —19:1
Friday, August 14, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Skrzypek Family	Skrzypek Family	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Mt 19:3-12
Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass	Emanuel Pretti	wife and family	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 2 Lk 1:39-56
Saturday, August 15, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Van Horn and Seduski Families	LaVerne and Dorothy Van Horn	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

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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. 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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