



Month
of the
Rosary

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Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . .	\$3,462.00
Offertory from 9/22 thru 10/05/2020	\$2,328.20
CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal	\$32,626.00
Parishioners' Pledged Amount	\$29,520.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Wearing a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises is still required.

Every other pew is now designated for 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 Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Fatima Shrine (weather permitting) or in the Church.

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:814-787-4151 #6. Our **St. Joseph Church calendar for 2021** is available for pick-up in the Church (9 am—6 pm) or at the church office (M-Th 9 am—4 pm).

St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be Sunday, October 18 from 10 a.m. until sold out.

Only meatballs and sauce are available and the format will be take-outs only. Please bring your own container.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Bullying Prevention Month: Relational bullying is unwarranted, persistent, unwelcome behavior in the form of criticism, isolation, or fabricated allegations that can damage relationships. Examples include social exclusion (“You can’t be with us”), spreading rumors (“Did you hear...?”), and withholding friendship (“I won’t be your friend if you...”). Though relational bullying can often seem ambiguous to outside observers and often garners less attention than physical bullying or verbal bullying, it should not be discounted simply as normal, adolescent behavior. In fact, several recent studies suggest relational bullying is more strongly related to emotional distress and teen depression than any other form of bullying. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit www.eriecnd.org/childprotection.

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.



Our Eternal Shepherd and Holy Saints in Heaven

We are very familiar with the opening verses of Psalm 23:1-3a that states: “The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul.”

We have most likely heard these sacred words proclaimed during a funeral or possibly at a day of reflection at a retreat center. The very consoling meaning of these words can touch the most delicate and deepest areas of our heart and soul. OK. What are these words saying to us in our lives right now?

When David and the community of Israel wrote the words “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want,” they were saying ‘God is my good Shepherd protecting me from harm and fulfilling my basic needs to the point where I don’t have to ask constantly for what I want everyday.’ A good question for us is *Do I believe Jesus our Eternal Good Shepherd is taking care of me during this time of the COVID-pandemic?*

The next words of the verse are “In verdant pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul.” After a busy, stressful day at work or watching more negative news on TV or on social media, *can I say without a doubt that Jesus my Lord will give me peace and refresh my soul after I have spent some good time in prayer?*

I hope we are able to say ‘yes’ to the above questions. Holy saints who have said ‘yes’ to God’s invitation to trust and to let Him take care of them are Mary the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and St. Teresa of Avila.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. A special feast day entitled “*Our Lady of the Rosary*” is celebrated every October 7th. On October 13th we celebrate the final apparition of our Blessed Mother at Fatima in 1917 when the miracle of the sun took place in the sky. Truly, the message at Fatima to pray the Rosary, to go to Confession, and to pray for the conversion of sinners needs to be the first priority for the Church. If we do this, outstanding miracles will happen all over, and there will be peace in our world.

St. Teresa of Avila (also known as St. Teresa of Jesus) celebrated October 15 lived 1515-1582. She was a talented and energetic reformer of the Carmelite Order. She wrote on different stages of prayer, giving herself totally to God and in service of others.

My friends, say ‘yes’ to God as our Blessed Mother and St. Teresa did. Say in your heart these words from Psalm 23, “I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 12, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Deceased Members of the Kozminski Family	Family	Weekday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:00 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Weekday	Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 No Mass			Saint Callistus I, Pope And Martyr	Gal 5:18-25 Lk 11:42-46
Thursday, October 15, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Members of the Glenn and Elda Benigni Family and Deborah Dillon	The Family	Saint Teresa of (Avila) Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Eph 1:1-10 Lk 11:47-54
Friday, October 16, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Azzato	John Franzoni	Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	Eph 1:11-14 Lk 12:1-7
Saturday, October 17, 2020			Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12
Saturday, October 17, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Edward "Kramer" & Lena Zuchelli; Vincenzo & Ersilia Zuchelli and Mary	Aldo Zuchelli	Vigil of the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, October 18, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

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St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 6 pm; Wed. and Sat. 9:00 am — 7

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 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 – 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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