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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . . \$3,462.00**

Offertory from 11/03/ thru 11/09/2020 \$2,945.00
 CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,626.00
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount \$29,545.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Wearing a mask upon entering/remaining on Parish premises is required. **Every other pew** is designated for seating at Mass.

Father Mark is available to hear Confessions during office hours. Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4



The Rosary will be prayed Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the Fatima Shrine (weather permitting) or in the Church.

“St. Joseph Prayer Chain”

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

“Care & Concern”

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Please call 787-4151.

“Food Bank”

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank. The Christian Food Bank volunteers also want to thank you for your generous contributions.

Baptismal Preparation for November . . .

November 24 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's, St. Marys . . . 814-781-1019

St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek will have its famous **spaghetti dinner** on Sunday, November 15 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.

Adoption/Foster event Saturday, November 21 from 10a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Du Bois Mall. If you have any questions, please call Lifespan Family Services recruiter, Tammy Meholick at 814-541-9173.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*. To read the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf> For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, in the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 814-824-1195.

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 in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org

**What is Eschatology?
(part 1)**

The word Eschatology is the study of the *last things* pertaining to our life here on earth and our relationship with God. The *last things* are death, judgment, Heaven and Hell. Further extension of these *last things* is the reality of Purgatory, Christ – the Second Coming and the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Much has been written and said about these *last things* and the reality of them. In brief, let us look at each one.

† **Death**, as we know, is a real experience that every human being will go through some day. It is the separation of our soul from the body. For us as people of faith in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we believe that our eternal soul will stand before our eternal God upon our death. We further believe that Jesus our Lord and Savior lived and died for us to save us from our sins and from being eternally separated from God upon our human death. Our hope for eternal life rests in the fact that we have lived out our baptismal calling in loving God, neighbor and self the best we can here on earth and to know our Lord through prayer. Doing this now prepares us for the next reality after we die — judgment.

† **Judgment.** There are two types of judgment: *a particular judgment* and a *general judgment (last judgment)*. The particular judgment is when upon each person's death, they will immediately appear before God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that “each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of Heaven through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation.” (CCC 1022) St. John of the Cross offers us some loving words of advice in preparing for this judgment in his writing called *Dichos 64*. He says, “At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.” That's it. Living Jesus's Command of love will enable us to get to Heaven. All of us followers of Christ hope that Jesus's words to us when we appear before Him would be the words He spoke to the people who multiplied the talents of their master in today's Gospel: “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” (Mt 25:23a)

The *general judgment* also called the *last judgment* happens at the end of the world when Jesus returns to judge the living and the dead. This *last judgment* will be explained further next weekend when we hear about Christ's Second Coming at Mass in which we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 16, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin	Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:00 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Clara Gustafson	Louise Desio Family	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 No Mass			Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin	Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28
Thursday, November 19, 2020	No Mass and No Communion Service		Weekday	Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44
Friday, November 20, 2020	No Mass and No Communion Service		Weekday	Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48
Saturday, November 21, 2020			The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40
Saturday, November 22, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	(See below)
Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Richard Gusherowski	Sandra Streich	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

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OFFICE HOURS: **St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed. Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; and Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm**

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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