



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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 2023**

<b>February 7 7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph , Force</b>	<b>787-4151</b>
February 23 7:00 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569

**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 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.

**Want to Polka?** There will be a Polka/Dance Party at St. Nicolas Orthodox Church, DuBois, February 10th 6-10pm. Cost is \$15 per Person includes music, snacks, drinks, Chinese auction, 50/50 drawing. Proceeds benefit St. Nicolas Maintenance Fund.



## Why We Bless the Throat and The Creed at Mass

To understand why we Catholics have our throat blessed once a year around the first weekend of February, we first need to review the life of St. Blaise. St. Blaise lived in the city of Sebastea, Armenia. According to the book: *Saint of the Day* by Leonard Foley, St. Blaise was the bishop of that city. He "worked hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of the people." (pg37-38) Because of the persecution of the Church in that area, St. Blaise fled to the backcountry to live as a hermit in solitude and prayer.

Eventually, St. Blaise was discovered and led off to prison. On his way, a worried mother came with her son to St. Blaise to have him pray over the boy who was choking on a fish bone. The boy coughed up the bone and stopped choking. Eventually, St. Blaise was martyred in that city. The Feast Day of St. Blaise is February 3rd. This is the reason for the blessing of the throat on the first weekend in February.

When blessing the throat, the candles are laid against our throat. God's Divine Healing can come to us through the following words prayed over us.

**"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every ailment of the throat and from every other evil in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."**

*THE NICENE CREED* (PRAY THIS PRAYFULLY)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his Kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The lengthy explanation of Jesus the Son of God will be explained next week. God Bless!



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 6, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Jennie Chiappelli	Family	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Gen 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Tom Winkler	Christine—wife	Weekday	Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 No Mass			Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23
Thursday, February 9, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Uncle Chester, Uncle Bill, Uncle Johnny, Uncle Webb	Bernadette and Rob	Weekday	Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30
Friday, February 10, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victor Cortina	Ed and Kathy Youngmark	Saint Scholastica, Virgin	Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37
Saturday, February 11, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass			Our Lady of Lourdes	Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10
Saturday, February 11, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 12, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Charles and Clara Tyler and Deceased Members of the Tyler Family	Lamont and Frances Gray	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22q, 27-28, 33-34a,37

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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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