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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mt 4:19

**Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for weekend **January 18/19/2020** . . . . . \$1,850.00  
 Deficit/Surplus weekend **January 18/19/2020** . . . . . -\$1,678.85  
 Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020. . . . . \$183,500.00  
 Deficit/Surplus to-Date **January 18/19/2020**. . . . .-\$9,847.38

Thank you for your support!



**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? If so, please call 787-4151.

**“Food Bank”**



Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank! Your food donations are appreciated. Thank you.

**February Events**

Help Spread the Faith Collection . . . . .Jan. 25/26  
**Deadline for CSA** payments due in the office. . . . . Jan 28  
**First Saturday Devotion, Adoration . 9:00 a.m. February 1**  
 Rosary at Noon . . . . .February 11  
 Liturgy Meeting . . . . . February 11  
**Ash Wednesday . . . . . February 26**  
 Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners Begin . . . . . February 26  
 1st of the Friday Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners . February 28  
 Adult Faith Formation Classes for February . . . . . TBA

**Blessing of the Throats** will be next weekend  
 February 1 & 2 at each Mass.

Following Mass February 1&2, boxes of blessed candles are available on the table at back of the church at \$3.00/bx.

The **2020 Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners** are in need of volunteer workers (especially for clean-up after each dinner). Please call Kelly Lovenduski at 787-5743 to help with our Parish activity.

**Attention Everyone! Please read** the following warning:

*In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.*



to the Eucharistic Table of Jesus our Savior here at St. Joseph Church as We Worship Together in the 2020's.

My brothers and sisters, sharing my thoughts this past month about the Holy Eucharist; the Mass; and all being welcomed to come and celebrate it, it is necessary to know that Christ our Savior desires for us to be spiritually-fed just as we need food and water for our physical bodies to live. So too, do we need Jesus's Word and we also do need to receive His Body and Blood at Mass so that our spiritual life will live.

Our real, active participation at Mass is our serving in a ministry and our responses to the Eucharistic Prayer. Not all can serve as lector and Eucharistic Minister, but we can all respond to the prayers with our voices. In addition to our response is the **real action of the participating work of God**. Every time the priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer, these simple gifts of bread and wine are transubstantiated (changed) into the Body and Blood of Christ. Just as God through the Eucharist changes these gifts, Jesus too, is willing to transform our sinful, wounded self into loving, *healthier* people strengthening the good in us and making us better. When families come to Mass and enter into this kind of real, active participation, miracles of forgiveness and healings will happen thus making the world a better place.

Invite a family member, relative, friend or neighbor who has been away from Mass for some time to come to Mass with you. Let them know that Jesus and our parish family love them and welcome them to return to the Eucharistic Table of Jesus our Savior and to worship with us here at St. Joseph Church in the 2020s and beyond. God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 27, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Theophila Benevich	Joyce Baun	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald and Mable Cameroni	Frank and Ann Michelini	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 No Mass			Weekday	2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20
Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention	anonymous	Weekday	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25
Friday, January 31, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Yvonne Franzoni	John Franzoni	Saint John Bosco, Priest	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday, February 1, 2020 FIRST SATURDAY 9:00 a.m DEVOTION, ADORATION	Wanda Mastrian	Father Mark and Family	Weekday	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41
Saturday, February 1, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Presentation of the Lord	See below
Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Angelo and Giovanna Dezanet Deceased Family Members	Walter and Christine Gavazzi	The Presentation of the Lord	Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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St. Joseph Church  
STAFF

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Rev. Mark J. Mastrian..... Pastor  
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**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 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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