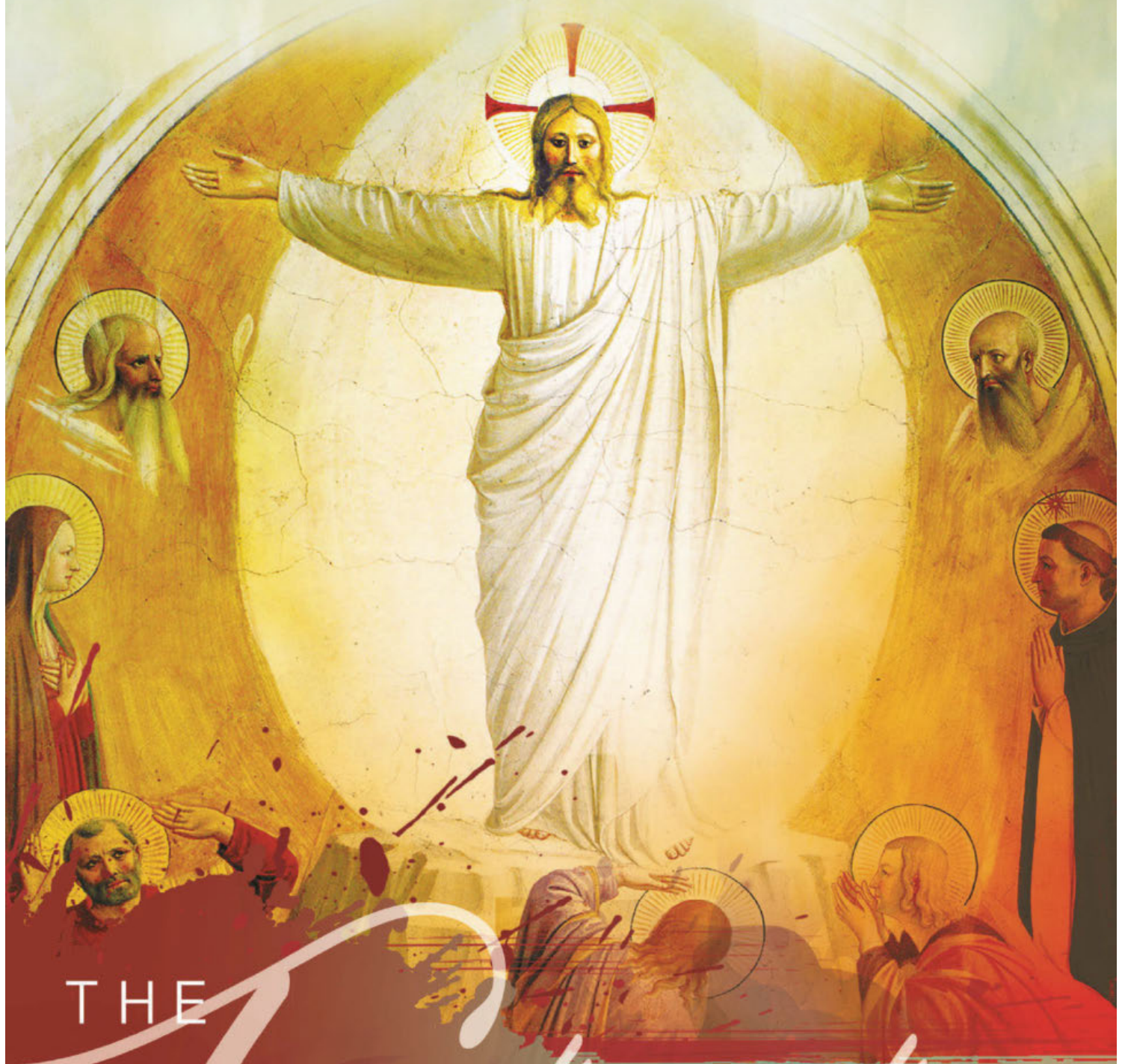


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**Parish Stewardship for 2022-2023**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2022-2023 ..... \$3,365.00  
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 CSA 2023 Campaign Parish Goal ..... \$31,773.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

**Pope's Intention for March**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



"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/March 2023**

March 7	7:00 pm	St. Boniface, Kersey	885-8941
March 25	10:00 am	Sacred Heart, St. Marys	834-7861
April 18	7:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	772-3135

**Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.  
EVERY WEDNESDAY throughout Lent**

**CSA Campaign for 2023** has begun. If you have not made your pledge, there are CSA pledge envelopes on the table in the vestibule. Our CSA goal for this year is \$31,773.00. Remember that once our goal is reached, St. Joseph Church will receive the funds over the goal.

**St. Mark Church Annual Parish Mission**, 235 E. Fourth St., Emporium from March 12th –March 14th. Special presentations by Msgr. Charles Kaza — a very enthusiastic presenter, knowledgeable in Christian Spirituality. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after each evening service. Social to follow every evening in O'Connell Hall. For more information call St. Mark Church: 814-486-0569.

**St. Leo Magnus Parish will have the Annual St. John of God Evenings of Prayer** March 6, 7, and 8 at 6pm each evening. Mass will be celebrated each evening with Adoration and Benediction. March 6 will also pray the Rosary and devotions; March 7 will have Veneration of the Relic of St. John and devotions. March 8 will have Anointing of the Sick and devotions. (Please bring any number of family, friends or guests for anointing.)

**Catholic Daughters Of The Americas**, has reserved a school bus to the Eighth Annual 138 Women's Conference to be held in Erie on March 25, 2023, "Walk with Purpose". The cost will be \$30.00 and that includes the bus ride and registration for the conference. This cost does not include lunch, however we will be stopping for lunch. **ALL ARE WELCOME !** To reserve your seat or more information call Nancy Plows 814-335-6359 or Lori Schreiber 814-594-3972. **Deadline for reservations is March 15**

**Our Shrimp/Fish Dinners have been greatly supported!** Please continue to join us at our Lenten Friday dinners from noon until 6:30 pm.

**The Preparation of the Gifts**

After the Liturgy of the Word, we entered into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The three main parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist are the **Preparation of the Gifts**, the **Eucharistic Prayer** and the **Communion Rite**. We first look at the **Preparation of the Gifts**.

The **Preparation of the Gifts** goes back to the 2nd Century of Christianity. Saint Justin, martyr, explains the Mass and is quoted in the Catechism of the Church of his words written to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius around the year 155 AD. (CCC 1345)

"On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things. Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss of peace. **Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren.** He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: *eucharistian*) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts. When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.' When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent."

What we have just read is the order of the Mass that we celebrate today. Our experience of the **Preparation of the Gifts** is that as the bread and wine are being brought to the table to be offered up, we are bringing ourselves spiritually to this same table (the Altar) to offer up our hopes, our prayers and our very lives to the Lord for Him to transform our own lives into a holy people He calls us to be.

This is the Grace given from the Holy Eucharist.  
 God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 6, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Lovenduski (4th anniversary)	Leonard—husband	Lenten Weekday	Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 No Mass			St. Perpetua and Gelicity, Martyrs	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 No Mass			St. John of God, Religious	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday, March 9, 2023 No Mass			St. Frances of Rome, Religious	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:29-31
Friday, March 10, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rudolph Hillebrand, Sr. (50th anniversary) and Zita Pfaff (birthday)	Rudy and Pat Hillebrand	Lenten Weekday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday, March 11, 2023 8:30 a.m. Mass				Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Saturday, March 11, 2023 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 12, 2023 9:15 a.m. Mass	Christopher Forster (anniversary) and Kimberly A. Forster (birthday)	Dale and Janet	The Third Sunday of Lent	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b, 39a, 40-42

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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**

**Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. EVERY WEDNESDAY throughout Lent** 17764 Bennetts Valley Hwy., P. O. Box 124, Force,

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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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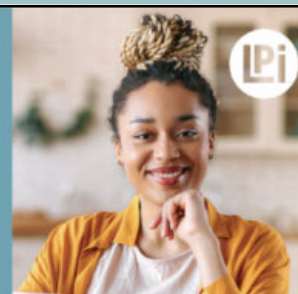
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