



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREED

[Jesus] said to the crowd,
"Take care to guard against all
greed, for though one may be
rich, one's life does not consist
of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022	\$3,365.00
Offertory collection 7/18-7/25/2022	\$2,243.00
CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal	\$32,404.00
CSA pledges to date	\$23,085.00

Thank you for your support to St. Joseph Church



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church Fatima Shrine each Tuesday at 6 pm



Baptismal Training Sessions for May, June, and July

August 11	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569
September 6	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	834-4701
Sept. 21	7:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg	965-2819



Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Roseann Liptak** who passed away July 22. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Thank you, Rev. Augustine Ibeh for speaking at our parish this past weekend. Your homily message was uplifting and encouraging as well as enlightening for us regarding the missionary work of the Spiritans —the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. Parishioners: If you were unable to give a donation this past weekend, you can mail it to the church office or drop it in the basket provided in the vestibule after each Mass for the next two weekends. Thank you for your continued generosity.

150th Celebration Bus Trip to St. Vincent Archabbey

Reservations have been coming in for the bus trip. Don't miss this opportunity for an enjoyable and interesting visit to the oldest Benedictine Monastery in the United States. An insert regarding the trip information and points of interest are given on the handout along with the form to submit. You can view the points of interest at the St. Vincent Archabbey website at <https://stvincentmonks.com>. Information for travel time, meeting/bus location is on the insert. If you have additional questions, call Bernadette at 814-371-0108. Cost is \$57.50 per person. **Get your friends to join you for a packed day of interesting and enjoyable touring!**

150th Anniversary Shirts/Windbreakers/Tee-shirts on sale after weekend Mass. The anniversary apparel will be on display at this time. Payment is due at time of order.



August 14th is Our Parish Picnic

Get your RSVP turned in. The Committee has received many gift donations for drawings as well as many activities planned to make this a fun and memorable day. There will be a delicious picnic-style meal and live music for all to enjoy. **Return your RSVP now so you can get in on the fun!** Drop in basket or at church office.

DuBois Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services is holding its 27th Annual Diaper Drive. Items like disposable diapers, gently-used/new infant clothing to 24 mos., diaper ointment/wipes, baby wash/shampoo, etc. can be dropped off in the vestibule or at the church office (M-F, 9-4). Make monetary check donations to **Catholic Charities—Diaper Drive**. (There have been many activities lately. Please donate whatever you can for this cause which does help our area mothers, too. Thank you.)

Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat in St. Marys set for August 12, 13 & 14 has been cancelled



Where is Your True Treasure?

In our Gospel Reading, as we just heard, Jesus refuses to take sides of a sibling complaining about the brother. Two weeks ago, it was Martha asking Jesus to tell her sister, Mary, to help her. Now, in this Reading the person in the crowd asks Jesus to tell his brother to share the inheritance. He figures Jesus will be on his side. “It is only fair to share, right, Jesus?” the man asks. Jesus takes this opportunity to refocus this person on what matters to God and about growing rich in the sight of God. Jesus begins by saying, “take care to guard against all greed.”

Greed is an excessive desire for wealth and/or possessions. Jesus then gives an illustration in the parable about a rich farmer.

Now, this wealthy farmer was not portrayed by Jesus as a sinful person. He did not steal or cheat his laborers. It was a good growing season that made him rich. He was an honest, hard-working, smart business man. Probably, he had prepared for many years of leisure and prosperity for himself and not for someone else. He never got the opportunity to use it because that “night his life would be demanded (by God) of him.” (Luke 12:21) He grew rich in material things, but not rich in the most important thing — a relationship with God — taking that love and sharing with others.

For us, I believe, in many ways I'm preaching to the choir. I'm preaching to you. **You** have a relationship with God. This relationship with God is what is most important in your life or you would not be here.

I thank you for coming to Mass week after week and spending your time by worshiping together with our Eucharistic Lord.

God Bless,
Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 1, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Edward and Mary Youngmark	Dale and Cindy Duell	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Jer 28:1-17 Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday, August 2, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Jerry Ribet	Marlene	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday, August 3, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday, August 4, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph and Wanda Mastrian (wedding anniversary)	Father Mark and Family	Saint John Vianney, Priest	Jer 31:31-34 Mt 16:13-23
Friday, August 5, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Dan and Mary Scanish and Deceased Children	Family	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major	Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7 Mt 16:24-28
Saturday, August 6, 2022 9:00 a.m. FIRST SATURDAY Benediction, Adoration and Communion Service			The Transfiguration of the Lord	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36
Saturday, August 6, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Judy Benevich	Don & Evelyn Kentoski and Family	Vigil of The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:39-48 or 12:35-40

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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 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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