



## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“No servant can serve two masters.”

- Lk 16:13

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**Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022	\$3,365.00
Offertory collection 8/22 thru 8/29/22	\$2,490.00
Offertory collection 8/29 thru 9/6/	\$2,498.00
Offertory collection 9/6 thru 9/12/22	\$2,643.00
CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal	\$32,404.00
CSA pledges as of 9/12/2022.	\$23,535.00



“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 for September, October, November**

Sept. 21	7:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg	965-2819
October 8	10:00 am	Sacred Heart, St. Marys	834-7861
November 8	7:00 pm	St. Boniface, Kersey	885-8941



**Pope’s Intention.**

We pray that the death penalty which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**No Mass will be celebrated from Monday, September 19th thru Friday, September 23rd.**

Father Mark will be away on retreat during this time. Saturday and Sunday Masses will be celebrated at the regular time.

**Choir Members Needed for St. Joseph Church!**

We have new voices in the choir but could use more. Please join us on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. We have the new organ — Let’s have strong choir voices to go with the music!



Today is Catechetical Sunday which marks the opening of our Faith Formation year. The parishioners who will serve as Catechists will receive a blessing during Mass to strengthen them as they prepare for the role of handing on the Faith to our children and youth. Please pray for these women and men who serve as a witness to their Faith.

These Catechists are the following:

- Kindergarten—Danielle Assalou**
- 1st Grade—Donna Bauer 2nd Grade —Emily Luchini**
- 3rd Grade — Rebecca Bricen**
- 4th/5th/6th Grades — Bethany Prince**
- 7th/8th/9th Grades — Tracey Phillips**
- Confirmation—Father Mark, Eric Blythe, Tina Young**

**Saints for September**

On September 26th we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Cosmos and Saint Damian. They lived during the 3rd century. They were very holy men and skilled medical doctors who were very generous with their medical practice especially offering their services free of charge. Eventually, because of their Christian faith, they were martyred in Syria around the year 303 A.D.



**Parts of the Mass  
The Greeting**

After the priest and the people have gathered, they make the Sign of the Cross. Then the priest greets the people saying, “The Lord be with you!” Immediately after these words, the congregation says, “and with your Spirit.” The Roman Missal instructs us on pg. 30, paragraph 50 ... “then by means of the greeting the priest signifies the Presence of the Lord to the assembled community.” By the greeting “The Lord be with you;” and the response of the people, “and with your Spirit” the mystery of the church gathered together is made manifest.

It is very important to keep in mind that this greeting assures everyone gathered at Mass, as Dr. Sri reminds us in his book The Mass, pg. 31, that Jesus Himself said, “where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18: 20) Jesus is truly present and with us in the priest who presides at Mass and in all of the people assembled for worship. Jesus is mostly present in His sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ. Thank you, Jesus for this!

God Bless,  
Father Mark



**Angels are Popular Today. Here are three . . .**

On September 29th we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. **The Archangel Michael** is the one who with his angels in Heaven battled against the dragon and its angels who symbolize evil. As the Book of Revelations says, “...the dragon and his angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer a place for them in Heaven.” (Rev 12:8)

There is a special prayer to **Saint Michael the Archangel** that starts out “...Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us from battle...”

**The Archangel Raphael** is read about in the Book of Tobit. Raphael appears to Tobiah, Tobit’s son and leads him to marry Sarah and to bring healing to Tobit’s blindness.

May these **Archangels** intervene in each of our lives.  
(Saints of the Day, pgs. Foley 1990, 252-253)

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 19, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr	Pr 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest; Saint Paul Chŏng Ha-sang; Companions and Martyrs	Prv 21:1-6 Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 No Mass			Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13
Thursday, September 22, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Weekday	Ecc 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9
Friday, September 23, 2022 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	Ecc 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22
Saturday, September 24, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	Ecc 11:9—12:8 Lk 9:43b-45
Saturday, September 24, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 25, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Mary Morelli	Sandra Streich	The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

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Church Hours:  
9/19 thru 9/25

**St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8 am — 4 pm; Fri. 9-4pm Sat. 9:00 am — 7 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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