




# DIVINE MERCY

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**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**  
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00  
 Regular Offertory 03/29/21 thru 04/06/21 . . . \$7,294.00  
**CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$33,199.00**  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged . . . . . \$20,405.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received. . . . . \$11,010.00  
**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**

Please remember your prayers for the unborn!



“Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.



**Thank you** for your donation for the **Rice Bowl Collection**. So far, \$305.00 has been collected. If you would like to donate, you can mail it, drop it in the collection or at the church office.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Louise Rhoades** who passed away March 28. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Congratulations to our 3rd Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They are Arionna Assalone, Brionna Assalone, Samantha Hoch, and Kalsey Mertz.



Celebration of the First Eucharist of our 3rd Grade students will be Sunday, April 25 at the 9:15 a.m. Mass. Join us at this Mass and meet our First Communicants.



Confirmation Preparation classes will resume this Sunday, April 11.

**Time for Cemetery Attention**



When you visit your family members' final resting place at the cemetery, please remember to remove the flowers of the previous seasons. Cemetery maintenance will begin soon to clean up the grounds and will remove the out-of-season, faded and weather-worn flower memorials. Since our cemetery is visited often, the floral attention to your family sites adds to the inviting appearance so feel free to continue to add the lovely colors of Spring.

**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**

April 20	7:00 p.m.	St. Leo	Ridgway	772-3135
May 20	7:00 P.M.	St. Marys	St. Marys	781-1019

**St. Joseph Website** Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin.  
 Website: [stjosephforce.org](http://stjosephforce.org)



**Live the Works of Mercy**

My friends, as we celebrate this weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday, it is a great opportunity to *experience* Jesus's Mercy in our lives. It is important to pray the Divine Mercy Novena. Also, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy everyday. In addition, we can experience God's Mercy by confessing our sins to God in the Sacrament of Confession and by forgiving others, reading the Bible, and telling Jesus how you feel and what's on your mind. As we experience God's loving Mercy, then we share that Mercy with others. The following are the *Works of Mercy* and some ways that will help us to live them. . .

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

1. Feed the Hungry. Contribute to the Christian Food Bank box in the Church.
2. Give drink to the Thirsty. Always have enough water on hand to give to any anyone. Often times people are thirsty spiritually for a kind word.
3. Clothe the Naked. Contribute to the Guardian Angel Center in Kersey.
4. Visit the Imprisoned. If possible, visit someone you know in prison or someone confined to their home, or just send a card.
5. Shelter the Homeless. Send a contribution to an organization committed to this cause.
6. Visit the Sick. When possible, visit those in hospitals, in nursing homes or at their home.
7. Bury the Dead. Having a funeral Mass in Church, or a service of the Word in a funeral home or at the cemetery are the best ways to honor those who have died.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

1. Counsel the Doubtful. Always be willing to share your belief and trust in God to someone who is doubting God.
2. Instruct the Ignorant. Give good thoughtful direction to those who are uninformed about human and spiritual truths.
3. Admonish Sinners. Gently tell someone their fault with the hope of teaching them. Do this out of love and never out of envy or anger.
4. Comfort the Afflicted. Always have a listening ear to someone in pain, sorrow or anxiety. Be willing to pray with them.
5. Forgive Offenses. It is not always easy but at least have a desire to forgive and give the situation to God, pray and let Him take over.
6. Bear Wrongs Patiently. Be patient and forgiving toward yourself when you are wrong and be willing to do this for others.
7. Pray for the Living and the Dead because those in Purgatory need your prayers as we need each others' prayers to survive this life.

**Receive the Mercy of Jesus our Lord and live these works of Mercy.** God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 12, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Father George L. Groucutt	anonymous	Easter Weekday	Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rudy Cadori and son Robert	Gin and Family	Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday, April 15, 2021 No Mass No Communion Service			Easter Weekday	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
Friday, April 16, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Easter Weekday	Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
Saturday, April 17, 2021 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21
Saturday, April 17, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Ronald Celinski, Sr. (2-yr anniversary)	wife Rose and Family	Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Easter	(See below)
Sunday, April 18, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

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CHURCH HOURS

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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** – 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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