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**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 ..... \$3,462.00  
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 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. .... \$33,199.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged ..... \$21,380.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received ..... \$20,125.00

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"Pray the Rosary everyday  
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Join us at St. Joseph Church  
each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**

October 9 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart, St. Marys	834-7861
November 9 (T)	7:00 p.m.	St. Boniface, Kersey	885-8941
November 29 (T)	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys, St. Marys	781-1019

### St. Joseph Church 2021 Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinners continue!

Dinners are take-out or drive-thru only.  
All dinners are \$13. Call 814-787-4151 #6 or  
show up and order as drive-thru!



Today, Sunday, October 3 from 2-3pm, the  
Elk Co. Right to Life is sponsoring "Life  
Chain," a National ProLife Campaign.

Participants are invited to gather at 1:45 pm at the St.  
Marys KofC, Washington St. in downtown St. Marys.  
Prayer signs will be handed out at this time.

All are welcome!

**Child Protection and Creating Safe**

**Environments- Diocesan Code of Conduct:** The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*. To read the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy>. For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, in the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 814-824-1195.

### Pet blessing

Today, Sunday, October 3 at 11:15 a.m., St. Joseph Church is having a pet blessing. If you would like to have your pet be a part of this blessing, please meet between the social hall and the church. Please remember to have your pet caged or on a leash.

**Sharing Our Faith Series****Scripture: First Reading at Mass****Genesis 2:18-24**

In this part of the story of creation the animals and man have been created, "man gave names to all the cattle..." (Gen 2:20a) As we read that none of the animals "proved to be a suitable partner for the man" (Gen 2:20b). In the next scene, as the man is asleep, God "took out one of His ribs and closed it up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that He had taken from the man." (Gen 2:21-22)) Very simply put, this new human being is united to man in the likeness they share. This likeness is further made ever new when these two human beings are united in the Sacrament of Matrimony and become one flesh. This Sacrament can and does enable man and woman to be more bonded to each other.

—Isn't this what married couples want?

—Isn't this what we want for them?

**Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

This Psalm is a prayer of blessing: "Blessed are you who fear the Lord and walk in His ways." (Ps 128:1) The wife, husband, and children are blessed. The Lord blesses you from Zion — may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

—Do you believe that you and your family are blessed by God? Ok. Now, make a list of your blessings, then thank God for each of them.

**Scripture: Second Reading at Mass****Hebrews 2:9-11**

This Reading may draw us more closely to the humanity of Christ our Lord with the following words: "He (meaning Jesus) for a little while was made lower than the angels, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone." (Heb 2:9)

—We thank Jesus for dying on the cross for our salvation and rising again for us also to share in His Resurrection.

**Gospel Reading at Mass:****Mark 10:2-16**

"The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?'" (Mk 10:2) A very sensitive issue in this day and age. A useful question here is about first-marriage couples and divorced and remarried couples whose marriage was blessed in the Church which needs to be asked:

—What can we do as a couple to strengthen and to affirm this marriage or in some cases to salvage this marriage? Pray together and talk things out.

"A family who prays together, stays together" (saying by Father Payton)

—Are you striving to do this?

God Bless, Father Mark

**Saint Francis, pray for us and all our animals.**

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 4, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald Chiodo	Dorothy—wife	Saint Francis of Assisi	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo	Family	Blessed Francis Xavier, Seelos, Priest	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 No Mass			Saint Bruno, Priest Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin	Jon 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4
Thursday, October 7, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	Mal 3:13-20b Lk 11:5-13
Friday, October 8, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Allegretto	Jim, Barb, Maria and Rachel	Weekday	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26
Saturday, October 9, 2021 No Mass			Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonard, Priest	Jl 4:12-21 Lk 11:27-28
Saturday, October 9, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, October 10, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Eddie Klaiber	Bernadette Iddings and Peggy and Judy	The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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Church  
Hours

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