



“I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.” —JN 10:15

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 04/14/24	\$2,290.00
Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024	\$3,365.00
CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024	\$31,134.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$28,210.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

**Pope’s Intention for April
For The Role of Women**

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.”
Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Classes

May 23	7:00 pm	St. Mary’s Church	814-781-1019
June 25	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	814-834-4701

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST May 12, 2024

Tickets for the Mother’s Day Breakfast will be on sale in the social hall on the weekend of April 27/28 and May 4/5 following each Mass. The cost of tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 & under. **All ladies, young & old, are welcome!**



THANK YOU! to all who helped to prepare and celebrate Holy Week and Easter Masses here at St. Joseph Church. Your time and talents are so greatly appreciated. **GOD BLESS!**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our Second Grade Faith Formation class who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 23rd. They are: Angelo Barbazzeni, Constantine Prince, Christian Swackhammer, and Airiana Swanson.



Adoration will continue on Monday evenings during the month of April at 6:00 pm. (April 29th there will NOT be Adoration) and into the month of May. We will end on Monday, May 20th.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE Cemetery maintenance will begin soon. Weather-worn, faded, and out of season flowers will be discarded. When you are visiting the cemetery, please remember to remove the flowers that were placed on the graves for the previous seasons. As it continues to get warmer, feel free to add to the beautiful colors of Spring.

VIDEO PRESENTATION CONTINUES

The Chosen - Season Three will continue each Saturday evening at 6:45pm, following the 5:30pm Mass. A light meal will be provided. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

The showing of The Chosen will be every Saturday after Mass up until Saturday, May 4th.

THE HEART OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I remember, many years ago, seeing a large, stained-glass window-about twice the size of our St. Joseph window. This was a stained-glass window of Jesus the Good Shepherd. He was holding a little sheep and there were a bunch of little sheep around Him.

I could tell by the background scenery that it was in the Spring or early Summer time of the year. The great love and tender care of Jesus holding that sheep was certainly a comforting image. Why? Because Jesus says of Himself that He is the Good Shepherd, Who lays down His Life for the sheep. We are like those sheep who Jesus takes time to teach us right from wrong, through the sacraments of the Church, through our parents, through His Word, and with others who walk with us in this life.

Jesus laid down His Life on the cross for us so that we would be saved from sin and that we would be protected. Jesus Himself protects us from the dangerous wolves of temptation and harm so we can call on Him in our time of need and ask for His Peace.

The heart of our Good Shepherd, Jesus, inspires us to trust in Him and follow Him. May each of us hear Jesus, Our Good Shepherd, speaking to our hearts words of guidance, acceptance, and a willing spirit to be that voice for others.

Pray for all of our parents, bishops, priests, teachers, and all those who shepherd us in many ways. May they have the heart of Jesus, Our Good Shepherd.

God Bless,
Father Mark

OUR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 5th, we the people at St. Joseph Church, will be celebrating our own Eucharistic Revival. Weather permitting, the following is the format of our celebration.

- Following our 9:15 am Mass, there will be a Eucharistic procession from the Church to the Cross and Altar in the cemetery. The procession will include First Communion students, First Reconciliation students, Confirmation class, and Father Mark carrying the Monstrance with the Consecrated Host, under a canopy. All of the parishioners will follow behind Father Mark.
- May Crowning will be held at the Shrine after the procession.
- Refreshments follow in the Social Hall. **Join us!**

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 22, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Easter Weekday	Acts 11: 1-18 Jn 10: 1-10 (279)
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Connie Dezanet	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Easter Weekday Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr	Acts 11: 19-26 Jn 10: 22-30 (280)
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 No Mass			Easter Weekday Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr	Acts 12: 24--13: 5a Jn 12: 44-50 (281)
Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph & Florence Fenice	Family	Saint Mark, Evangelist	1 Pt 5: 5b-14 Mk 16: 15-20 (555)
Friday, April 26, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Bob Kraus	Joe Sexton	Easter Weekday	Acts 13: 26-33 Jn 14: 1-6 (283)
Saturday, April 27, 2024 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 13: 44-52 Jn 14: 7-14 (284)
Saturday, April 27, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Deceased members of the Winkler family	Family	The Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, April 28, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 9: 26-31 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8 (53)

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm **Sunday:** 9:15 am **Holy Days:** 9:00 am & 7:00 pm **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am 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 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

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