



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2012

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00
 Offertory from August 4 thru August 10, 2020 . . . \$2,734.00
 CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal . . . \$32,626.00
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount . . . \$29,220.00
 Parishioners' Paid August 4 thru August 10 . . . \$350.00

Thank you for your continued support to St. Joseph Church.

Everyone is *still* required to wear a mask when entering or remaining on parish premises.

Weekday Mass Schedule 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm — Sunday Mass 9:15 am

*St. Joseph Church will be open
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 7:30 am — 7 pm
 Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am — 7 pm*

Sacrament of Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm in the Church or by appointment (call 787-4151 #4)

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Website
 Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Mass can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website if you do not wish to be at a public Mass yet. Please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org.



The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fatima Shrine.

Adult Faith Formation classes on "Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life" are on Monday mornings 9:30 am and again at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Bldg. Session 7 will be "The Truth about Jesus" & Session 8: "The Road to Glory, the Path of Suffering."

Schedule for August/September Baptismal Training Sessions
 August 20 . . . 6:30 pm .St. Mark Church, Emp. . . .486-0569
 Sept 3 . . .7:00 pm. . .Queen of the Word, St.Marys . . . 834-4701

A Catechist meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 at 6 pm in the Social Hall. Current information will be given concerning the 2020 Faith Formation schedule. We look forward to seeing everyone. Masks are required.

Life-Long Faith Formation K-11 and Beyond!

The format of our **fall Faith Formation program** is nearly finalized. Please know that the well-being of parents and our children/youth is of a great concern as we decide the best path to present the truth and beauty of our Catholic Faith. We strive to provide a quality program in this uncertain time and continue to keep the families and friends of St. Joseph parish in our prayers. **Tickets** for our Annual Parish Picnic Raffle are on sale in the social hall after each weekend Mass up to and including September 6. The cost of the large items tickets are \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. There will be a \$100's worth of lottery tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please go to the social hall to get your raffle and lottery tickets and to check out the many prizes which include the large items that will be raffled off as well as the lottery tickets. An insert of the prizes is included in this weekend's bulletin. Tickets can also be purchased at the Church Office at 787-4151 #3 or Rita Fenice at 787-7282.



Jesus Wants Only the Best for Us — Great Faith

God Who created us has great plans for each of our lives. A work and vocation full of life and love, contentment and joy in the Lord everyday. This can lead us to happiness — something we want for ourselves. I believe and hope that all of us heard our parents express their hope of such happiness for us.

In our Gospel Reading Jesus encounters a woman - a Canaanite woman - outside the Jewish law. These people were in ways culturally and historically at odds with the Jewish people. But, she had a bold faith, daring enough to approach Jesus about her daughter who was afflicted and tormented. She wanted more for her daughter than to carry such a burden. She knew that God had great plans for her daughter and wanted her to be healed and set free. *She wanted the best for her daughter.*

Since Jesus healed others, she wanted healing for her daughter, too. So, she cried out to Jesus. Though Jesus was a little stern at first, He heard her response to Him and said: "O, Woman great is your faith." (Matthew 15:28a) ... and her daughter was healed. This is known as *intercessory prayer* — the mother praying for her daughter.

My brothers and sisters, Jesus is willing and able to do the same for us. When we pray for ourselves and include others in our prayers, He will answer us in some way, somehow. We may have to wait; but be persistent. We want the best— great faith and healing—for ourselves and for those for whom we pray. **So does Jesus!**

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 17, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Edward Benevich	Family	Weekday	Ez 24:15-24 Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:30 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Robert Poinelli	Anne Facchine	Weekday	Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 No Mass			Saint John Eudes, Priest	Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday, August 20, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Father Mark (a Thank You)	Confirmation Students Class of 2020	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14
Friday, August 21, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention	anonymous	Saint Pius X, Pope	Ez 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday, August 22, 2020 No Mass			The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ez 43:1-7ab Mt 23:1-12
Saturday, August 22, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Jennie Chiappelli	Family	Vigil of the Twentieth-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Twentieth-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

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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 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 – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime 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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