



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from October 11 thru October 18 . . \$2,010.00
 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 to obtain peace for the world." Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Save the Dates for our Eucharist Mission!**

You Are Invited! Our St. Joseph Church is pleased to announce a **Mission on the Eucharist** with Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R. Fr. Kevin will introduce the mission experience and preach at all weekend Masses. The mission will be from Sunday, October 31 thru Tuesday, November 2. Service begins each evening at 7:00 p.m. **The public is invited** to attend this "Parish Mission" and to share with St. Joseph parishioners and family members a mission experience. A preview of Fr. Kevin's mission message is found at <https://www.redemptoristmission.com/come-to-the-mission>

Baptismal Training Session Schedule:

November 9	7:00 p.m.	St. Boniface, Kersey	885-8941
November 29	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys, St. Marys	781-1019

St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

"Care & Concern"

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note?

Call 814-787-4151 #3

**LAST FISH/SHRIMP DINNER FOR 2021!**

St. Joseph Church 2021 Fall Fish/Shrimp 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!

Grades 7-10 of St. Joseph Faith Formation Program are collecting pet supplies for their Service Project. From October 23-24 to November 27-28, you can drop off donations before or after Mass at the social hall. Items include pet food, bowls, toys, leashes, collars, etc. Donations benefit the Elk County Humane Society.

A Family Perspective

When Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want from Me?" The blind man asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Pure and simple... That is prayer.

Marriage Moment ("by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net")

Halloween is coming up when folks wear costumes and pretend to be scary, beautiful, funny, or ... Fantasize together. In your dream world, who/what would you like to be? Laugh together.



Sharing Our Faith Series

God Has Great Plans for Us

Scripture: First Reading at Mass

Jeremiah 31:7-9

God had a great plan for the people of Israel.

"The Lord has delivered His people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the North; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child, they shall return as an immense throng." (Jeremiah 31:7b-8)

—God's plan for His people is that they will be given consolation and be brought back to that place of true worship of God in Jerusalem after being under the control of the Assyrians' Kingdom.

Psalms Response:

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

"The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy." (Psalm 126:3)

—Ok, Thus far, what great plans has God already helped you fulfill in your life?

Scripture: Second Reading at Mass

Hebrews 5:1-6

God the Heavenly Father has fulfilled great plans through Jesus His Son.

"... it was not Christ who glorified Himself in becoming High Priest, but rather the One Who said to Him, You are My Son: this day I have begotten You; just as He says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

(Hebrews 5:5-6)

—Aren't we grateful that Jesus our Lord gives us the Church, the Holy Spirit and the Sacraments; especially Baptism in which we receive the Priestly, Kingly, and Prophetic Ministry of Jesus the High Priest.

Gospel of Mark

Mark 19:46-52

God had great plans for Bartimaeus.

In this Gospel passage the blind man Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus and says. "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." (Mark 10:47b) Jesus asks him what he wants and he said, 'Master, I want to see.' Jesus told him 'Go your way; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he received his sight . . ." (Mark 10:51b-52)

Being healed of his blindness gave Bartimaeus a clearer path and a physical ability to follow our Lord.

—What areas of our life have we asked Jesus for a healing and received it?

God's Great Plan for us is to return to Him in prayer when we have sinned or have forgotten what He has done in our life. **God's Great Plan for Us** is to have some healings in our life and with a renewed enthusiasm to follow Him—and to be surprised.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 25, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Youngmark	Kim and Vicki Peters	Weekday	Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention	All Saints Parish	Weekday	Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 No Mass			Weekday	Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30
Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Richard Gusherowski (1st anniversary)	Barb — sister	Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles	Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16
Friday, October 29, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Domenic Caliri	Chiappelli Family	Weekday	Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6
Saturday, October 30, 2021 No Mass			Weekday	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Lk 14:1, 7-11
Saturday, October 30, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Deacon Robert P. DeNoon	Father Mark	Vigil of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, October 31, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass MISSION SERVICE 7:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners — —		The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

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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 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 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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