



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 \$3,365.00
 Offertory from January 24 thru January 31. \$2,533.00
 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal. \$32,404.00
 Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church

Church Office will be closed for Presidents' Day Monday



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



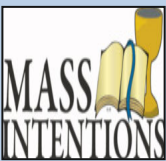
Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Louis (Manny) Chiappelli who passed away February 3rd and also for the soul of Mary (Bleggi) Morelli who passed away February 6th. May they rest in peace.



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.



Mass Intentions for March, April, and May are available. Please call the church office at 814-787-4151 #3 if you would like to have any Mass Intentions during these months (or any months thereafter).

The **2022 Catholic Service Appeal will be held next weekend in our parish.** The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to join together in doing the work of the Gospel. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God’s work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project. No gift is too small but please give as generously as you can.

Sacred Heart Church Keuchel Sale on Monday, Feb. 28. Pick-up 3-6 pm in Parish Center Social Hall. \$12/doz; \$6 per 1/2 doz. Deadline to order Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 3 pm. 834-7861 #1

St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, will have its Famous Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, Feb. 20 from 10-1 or until sold out. Dinners will be take-out only. Bring Your own container for complete dinner and sauce or meatball orders.

Wednesday Supper to Benefit Parish Youth St. Boniface will have a fundraiser to benefit its Youth Program on February 23. **Catered by Just Ben Catering,** the dinners will be \$12—eat-in or take-out from 4-6 pm (or sold out). The menu will be a lasagna dinner with side salad, winter blend vegetable, bread stick. Call 885-8941 to pre-order a take-out.

Pierogi Sale is being held by the K of C, Ridgway. One dozen homemade potato & cheese pierogies (frozen and ready to cook) are available for \$10/bag. For sale weekend of 2/27 before/after Mass(5:15, 8, 10 am) & at the KofC Bldg 331 Main St. 12-3 pm.



Cemetery Flowers/Memorials With the extremely low temperatures and frozen ground conditions, the removal of your memorials is next to impossible. Therefore, the deadline for removal of these personal items has been extended to a later date when these items can be removed. A deadline will be given at a later date



**The Lord is Kind and Merciful. . .
 So, Do to Others...
 (Sharing Our Faith)**

First Reading: (I Samuel 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23)

In this First Reading , King Saul is on the search for David in order to kill him because David is a threat to him. David’s Attendant, Abishai, was ready to take the king’s sword and kill him with one thrust when they quietly came in the camp where Saul was sleeping. David refused when he said, “Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the Lord’s anointed and remain unpunished.” (I Samuel 26:9)

Psalm Response: (Psalm 103)

Reflect on the following verses of this Psalm and answer the two questions.

“He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.” (Psalm 103:3-4)

- From what iniquities or ills that God has healed you?
- Where in your life have you experienced our Lord’s Kindness and Compassion?

Second Reading: (I Corinthians 15:45-49)

Do we think that our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to image Him to the whole world each day? One effective way we can do this is by striving to be loving and forgiving to others. Even if we might not feel like doing this, pray for the grace to be at peace in your own thoughts about someone who has hurt you. In time, if you are consistent with this prayer for peace, the Lord will help you go to the next level of forgiveness and mercy towards that person.

Gospel: (Luke 6:27-38)

There is a lot that Jesus in this *Sermon on the Plain* according to Saint Luke. It can all be summed up to be — **kind and merciful**. Some of Jesus’s list of being **kind and merciful** are the following:

- “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31)
- “...love your enemies, do good to those who hate you” (Luke 6:35)
- “Give to everyone who asks of you” (Luke 6:30)
- “Stop judging and you will not be judged” (Luke 6:37)

My brothers and sisters, we might not always feel like we can live these Scripture Passages or want to take a risk in being **kind and merciful** to people who treat us badly and unfairly. I believe, the answer is to pray for those who are not kind and merciful to you and work at trying to see the good that is within them. You may never become their friend but never stop praying for them and believe for them that the good in them will be their salvation.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 21, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Morelli	Family	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Manny Chiappelli	Donald and Nancy Chiappelli	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 No Mass			Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Jas 4:13-17 Mk 9:38-40
Thursday, February 24, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Judy Benevich (birthday)	Donna and Jack Allar	Weekday	Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:41-50
Friday, February 25, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	The Living and Deceased Members of the Glen and Elda Benigni Family and Deborah Dillon	Family	Weekday	Jas 5:9-12 Mk 10:1-12
Saturday, February 26, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	Jas 5:13-20 Mk 10:13-16
Saturday, February 26, 2022 5:30 p.m.	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 27, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Christopher Forster (anniversary) and Kimberly A. Forster (birthday)	Dale, Janet and John Forster	The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

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

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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