



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from July 12thru July 19, 2021 \$2,116.00
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged. \$21,280.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$18,375.00

Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church



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



Baptismal Training Session Schedule:

Aug. 10 6:30 p.m. St. Mark Emporium 814-486-0569
 Sept.7 7:00 p.m. Queen of the World St. Marys 834-4701



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



Thank you for your continual support for the Food Bank. The food donation is delivered to the Christian Bank in St. Marys which includes our area as well.



St. Joseph Parish Picnic:
 Sunday, August 8 beginning at 11:00 following Mass at 10:00 a.m.
 Picnic will be catered by Shannon’s Catering so your RSVP MUST be in by August 1!
 Check out the raffle prizes on display in the social hall!

The cost of the raffle ticket is \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00.

It’s time to get out to be with family and friends.
Join us!

Reminder: **This Sunday is Diaper Sunday** — it marks the **25th Annual Diaper Drive** sponsored by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services. Your donations may be dropped off in the social hall—a box is provided — or at the church office. If you prefer a monetary donation, you can place it in the collection basket, mail it or drop it at the church office.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE ELDERLY HAVE EARNED RESPECT IN ALL CULTURES

“When a grandfather dies, a whole library is buried with him” (African proverb). “Our grandmother used to tell us stories of our dreamtime. Much of our sense of being part of a people comes from her” (Aboriginal parent). *

Sunday, 25 July 2021 has been designated by Pope Francis as the **First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, the Blessed Mother and the grandparents of Jesus on July 26. (*noted on www.cathfamily.org)

May Jesus Bless with Peace all Grandparents and the Elderly!



The Sacrament of the Eucharist

I remember talking with a person several years ago who never had been baptized and was never raised in the Christian Faith, but always felt a “special presence of peace” whenever the few times he attended Mass with a friend. Even though he did not know the prayers and the responses at Mass, he still felt inspired. Sometimes on the way home from work, he would stop in the Catholic Church by himself for a few moments and would sense again and again the “presence of the Lord” as he began to describe this inspiration . . . What was this **presence?** It was Jesus, the Bread of Life, Whose Presence is at Mass in the Sacred Host and always present in the Blessed Tabernacle.

In light of our Scripture Readings at Mass today and for several Sundays to come, I will be sharing with you thoughts and teachings about the Sacrament of the Eucharist — that is, the Mass based on John chapter 6. I have just mentioned Jesus’s Presence in the Eucharist. The following Sundays I will share some historical development of the Mass.

The story I shared in the above opening paragraph really says that the celebration of the Eucharist is a “miracle of presence.” The miracle is JESUS HIMSELF present in the “Prayer of Consecration” at every Mass. It is here where the simple gifts of bread and wine are changed and transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We are then privileged and blessed to receive our Lord during the time of distribution of Holy Communion.

My friends, Just as in our First Reading today, Elisha the Prophet ordered that the twenty barley loaves be given to the people (with some left over), and just as Jesus gave thanks and multiplied the fish and the loaves for the five thousand people (with some left over), so too will He always provide His real Presence at every Mass. Jesus will multiply His Blessings in our lives and in others with many graces left over to be given as we ask for them in faith. Two questions to ask yourself:

- † *Have you experienced Jesus’s Presence at Mass?*
- † *When are the times when you felt God’s multiple Blessings in your life?*

May His Presence help you grow in faith.

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 26, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	All Departed Souls	a Parishioner	Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 27, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ed Levanduski (7th anniversary)	Wife and Family	Weekday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28 Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 28, 2021 No Mass			Weekday	Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46
Thursday, July 29, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Theobald and Agnes (Chalmers) Klaiber	Gerald Klaiber (grandson)	Saint Martha	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday, July 30, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Louise Rhoades	Karen Rhoades Foster	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58
Saturday, July 31, 2021			Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12
Saturday, July 31, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, August 1, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Ann Micheline (62nd wedding anniversary)	husband Frank and Children	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

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