



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

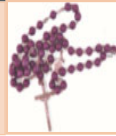
Parish Stewardship for 2021-2022

Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022	\$3,365.00
Offertory collection 7/5-/7/11/2022	\$3,505.00
Offertory collection 7/11-7/18/2022	\$3,377.00
CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal.	\$32,404.00
CSA pledges to date	\$23,085.00

Thank you for your support to St. Joseph Church



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



Baptismal Training Sessions for May, June, and July

August 11	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569
September 6	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	834-4701
Sept. 21	7:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg	965-2819



Your prayers are requested for the souls of the following:

- ✠ James (Sam) Berasi on June 7;
 - ✠ Lena Krulia on June 12;
 - ✠ Edward Levenduski on June 24;
 - ✠ Raymond Kostecki on June 27;
 - ✠ Dennis (Jack) Celinski on June 29;
 - ✠ Richard (Dick) Lanzoni on June 29
- May they rest in peace . Amen.

St. Joseph Church Welcomes Rev. Augustine Ibeh to our parish at both Masses this weekend July 23-24. He will speak about the missionary work of the Spiritans —the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. If you were unable to give a donation this weekend, you can mail it to the church office or drop it in next week’s collection. Your free-will offering will be greatly appreciated.

150th Celebration Bus Trip to St. Vincent Archabbey
Have you made your plans for the bus trip to Latrobe on Wednesday, August 17th? The insert regarding the points of interest to be visited can be previewed at St. Vincent Archabbey website at <https://stvincentmonks.com>. Information for travel time, meeting/bus location is on the insert or you can call Bernadette at 814-371-0108 . Cost is \$57.50 per person. **Get your friends to join you for a packed day of interesting and enjoyable touring.**

PARISH PICNIC Save August 14th for Our Parish Picnic
 The Committee continues to plan a fun day with a delicious picnic-style meal and activities to make the day memorable. Return your RSVP now so you can get in on the fun! Drop in basket or at church office.

DuBois Area Faith Formation presents Vacation Bible School 2022. Open to children 5-2 in McGivney Hall, St. Catherine Church, DuBois from 6-8 pm on July 27-29. Free to attend register at 814-371-4082 or email www.wegrowinfaith@yahoo.com.

DuBois Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services is holding its 27th Annual Diaper Drive. Items like disposable diapers, gently-used/new infant clothing to 24 mos., diaper ointment/wipes, baby wash/shampoo, etc. can be dropped off in the vestibule or at the church office (M-F, 9-4). Make monetary check donations to **Catholic Charities—Diaper Drive.** (There have been many activities lately. Please donate whatever you can for this cause which does help our area mothers, too. Thank you.)

Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat in St. Marys set for August 12, 13 & 14 has been cancelled.



Lord, Teach Us to Pray
 (from Gospel of Saint Luke)

“Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples” (Lk 11:1) is certainly a prayer of petition in and of itself to our Lord. Of course, the reference to John is referring to John the Baptist and his followers. **The Lord’s Prayer** here is Luke’s right to the point version. (Lk 11:2-4)

“**Father, hallowed be Your Name.**” Is the opening of the prayer. Here, we are giving God’s Name praise and glory. We praise God because He created us and we belong to Him.

“**Your Kingdom Come . . .**” With these words we are starting to ask God for specific things. We might not be too familiar today with kings and queens and their territory domain — God’s territory and domain is literally everywhere, but specifically it is Heaven and all the wonderful Heavenly Gifts such as Love, Faith, Hope, Peace, Joy and right living in our hearts. We were baptized into these Gifts of God’s Kingdom.

“**Give us each day our daily bread...**” We all know how important it is to eat and drink daily; and we pray that every human being would have enough food. Specifically, what we are really asking God for is our spiritual food and nourishment which is His Word and Intervention by the Holy Spirit’s Power. This happens when you receive Holy Communion.

“**And forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us . . .**” Forgiveness is a grace and truly a miracle. We just always need to ask for the grace of God’s Forgiveness, in our own lives. Then, we need to take that forgiveness and forgive others who have wronged us. This might not happen right away, but at least, pray for the grace to want to forgive others.

“**And do not subject us to the final test . . .**” This final petition of the Lord’s Prayer is asking to be delivered from the fear of death and not to be subjected to overwhelming and crushing temptation. Remember that our Lord Himself suffered excruciating temptation in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then, He was given strength to walk the road to Calvary. We, too, are given amazing grace from our Lord when we call upon Him in the midst of our anxieties, challenges in life and facing our last days and moments on this earth.

My friends, as we pray this prayer together at Mass, let us be mindful of all this prayer is asking to God our Father.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 25, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Youngmark (1st anniversary)	Leno and Gale Serafini	Saint James, Apostle	2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday, July 26, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	St. Joseph Parishioners	Saints Joachim and Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 27, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46
Thursday, July 28, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vicki Peters	Dennis and Cynthia Cortinovis	Weekday	Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53
Friday, July 29, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	JoAnn Klaiber	Gerard—husband	Saint Martha	Jer 26:1-9 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday, July 30, 2022 No Mass			Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12
Saturday, July 30, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, July 31, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo (wedding anniversary)	Terri — wife	The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

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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 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 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 children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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