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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29

**Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for weekend January 11/12/2020 . . . . . \$2,871.00

Deficit/Surplus weekend January 11/12/2020 . . . . . -\$ 657.85

Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020. . . . . \$183,500.00

Deficit/Surplus to-Date January 11/12/2020. . . . . -\$8,168.54

Thank you for your support!

**St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"**

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

**"Care & Concern"**

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? If so, please call 787-4151.

**"Food Bank"**

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank! Your food donations are appreciated. Thank you.

**January Events****Church Office Closed . . . . . Monday, January 20**

Adult Faith Formation Classes . . . . . January 20

Liturgy Meeting . . . . . 1:00 p.m . . . . . January 21

Help Spread the Faith Collection . . . . . Jan. 25/26

Finance Council Meeting. . . . . 9:45 a.m. . . . . January 28

**Celebrating National Catholic Schools Week** with Winterfest and Open House –Preschool to Grade 12. Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 p.m. RSVP to Debbie at 371-6689. See insert for more details. Also...**Registration for new students** of DuBois Central Catholic: Preschool – Grade 5 on Monday, January 27. Tuition assistance applications available. Call the school at 371-2570 or stop in the elementary office for forms.**Due to the winter weather prior to Monday, January 14, all Christmas Flower Displays and decorations (except solar lighting) will be removed and discarded beginning Tuesday, January 21.****Elk County Right to Life** will sponsor a **Prayer Service** with Father Michael Gabler officiating Friday, January 24 at 12 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, St. Marys. The Prayer Service is **in support of the National March for Life held in Washington, D.C. and our Pre-born babies.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after 6:15 Mass and continue to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Mary Bea Maloney at 834-3834.

Sacred Heart Social Committee Dinner (Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Pork Chop) on Thursday, January 23 at 4:00 or until sold out. Adults \$10; Children 5-10 \$5; Under 5 free. Take-outs available. Tickets at the door.



to the Eucharistic Table of Jesus our Savior here at St. Joseph Church as We Worship Together in the 2020's.

Some of the most joyful and memorable activities in our life are the times when we did things together as a family. Some delightful memories were the times we vacationed together and had gone to special celebrations with relatives. These occasional events happened yearly – and, everyone looked forward to them.

Normally, the participation whether at a dinner or on vacation was conversing and sharing thoughts with each other. Today, families will use social media to also include others who could not be with them at these events. Of course, one of these family experiences that involve active participation is going to Mass on the weekend and worshipping together as a parish family.

Often, the term *active participation* at Mass has been interpreted as people being more involved in the ministries of the Church (and, where we **need** more individuals to be involved). On a deeper level, however, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI states in his book The Spirit of the Liturgy (p.173) "The real action in the Liturgy in which we are all supposed to participate is the action of God Himself." The real action of God is the words of the Eucharistic Prayer of which we are attentive to and which necessitates the responses of the people in the pews and the priest praying the Eucharistic Prayer. Example of this is "The Lord be with you and with your Spirit."Next week, I will conclude with this reflection of *Welcome to Mass*.

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 20, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Lovenduski	Rico Franzoni	Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr	1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo (2nd anniversary)	wife, children and grandchildren	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 No Mass			The Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of the Glen & Elda Benigni Family and Deborah Dillon	The Family	Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 24, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Yvonne Franzoni	Barb and Dave Lease	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 25, 2020			Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	Acts 22:3-16/Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18
Saturday, January 25, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Rose Guido	Elizabeth Brumberg	Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	See below
Sunday, January 26, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 8:23—9:3 Mt 4:12-23

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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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