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# *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

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Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . . \$3,462.00  
 Regular Offertory 01/05/21 thru 01/11/21 . . . \$2,929.00

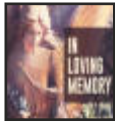
CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$32,626.00  
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount . . . . . \$29,545.00

**Deadline for CSA pledge . . . . January 26**

**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**

**Tuesday's Rosary** will be prayed at **6:00 pm** in the Church .

**There will be NO MASS at 8:30 a.m. January 26th, 28th or 29th.**



Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Jerome "Jerry" Trenn** who passed away December 7, 2020. May he rest in peace.

**Baptismal Training Sessions for February/March 2021**

- Feb 2 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church, Force 787-4151**
- Feb 18 7:00 p.m. St. Mark, Emporium 486-0569
- March 2 7:00 p.m. St. Boniface, Kersey 885-8941
- March 20 (Sat) 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart, St. Marys 834-7861

**ProLife Prayer Service**

Elk Co. *Right to Life* will hold a prayer service lead by Fr. Michael January 29 at noon at Sacred Heart Church, St. Marys. The service is in conjunction with the annual *March for Life* that will be held virtually this year. We will be praying for the **end of abortion** and to build a culture where every human life is valued and protected. Adoration will also be taking place throughout January 29 at Sacred Heart.

**Faith Formation Class Update:**

January 24 - February: Home School with Gospel Weeklies  
 February 14 and 28: In-person classes.



St. Joseph Church **Adult Faith Formation** classes will be every Monday until February 8 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and again at 6:30 p.m. All classes will be held in the social hall. Join us in these classes about Mary—A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother to experience the actual locations where Mary lived. Last week's classes learned about the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. Please join us as we continue to follow this Biblical walk with our Blessed Mother.

**CSA reminder:** Your final pledges are due by January 26. If you haven't made a pledge for this past campaign and still would like to participate, please pay in full the pledged amount you would like to donate.

St. Joseph Website

Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Mass can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website if you do not wish to be at a public Mass yet. Please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website [stjosephforce.org](http://stjosephforce.org)

Wearing a mask upon entering and remaining at the Parish is still required.  
**Every other pew** is designated for seating at Mass.



**Celebration of  
 Sunday of the Word of God**

How well do you know the Bible? How often do you read the Bible? Do you know that Jesus our Risen Lord is the *Word of God*? Therefore, if we strive to know God's Word as recorded in the Sacred Scriptures contained in the Books of the Bible, we are striving to know Christ. These are good questions and facts for each of us to ponder and consider as we celebrate the "Sunday of the Word of God" this weekend.

On September 30, 2019 the liturgical memorial celebration of the 5th century Scripture scholar, Saint Jerome, Pope Francis established that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time would be called the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis's hope is that in highlighting and emphasizing the reading, studying and reflection of the Word of God that more people will come to know the Word of God and passionately live it in their daily lives. Pope Francis stated this celebration he hopes will help people "grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the Sacred Scriptures, appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and His people, and to "experience anew how the risen Lord opens for us the treasury of His Word"... (Pope Francis, "Aperuit Illis," no. 2)

My friends, for us here at St. Joseph Church we will celebrate this Sunday's special feast by applying two of the suggestions given to us, issued by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. They are the following:

- Enthroned the Book of the Gospel and
- Pronounce a special Blessing of all our lectors.

We pray that this special Sunday of the Celebration of the Word of God will inspire us here at St. Joseph Church to spend more time studying the Bible and reflecting on how these Sacred Words can constantly renew our lives.

God Bless,  
 Father Mark



**An Open Bible**  
**Strive to know**  
**God's Word**

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 25, 2021 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Victoria Gornati (89th birthday)	Vicki and Kim Peters	Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 <b>No Mass</b>			Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops	2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 <b>No Mass</b>			Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder	Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20
Thursday, January 28, 2021 <b>No Mass</b>			Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25
Friday, January 29, 2021 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday	Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday, January 30, 2021			Weekday	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41
Saturday, January 30, 2021 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, January 31, 2021 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Donald and Mabel Cameroni (89th wedding anniversary) and daughter Ann Michelini	Frank Michelini and Family	The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dr 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

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**CHURCH HOURS**

**St. Joseph Church will be open 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9<sup>th</sup> 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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