**The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 12, 2020**

**Baptism: A Beginning**: Baptism signaled the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. It signals the beginning of our as well. For us, baptism begins at the font, but it doesn’t end there. Baptism is promise, not fulfillment. Baptism is for growth, growth into communion with all others who have been baptized. When we are immersed in the waters of baptism, we rise because of God’s “favor;” we rise by a “given” energy not our own. We name that life fore the Holy Spirit. What does baptism say to us? Baptism says, “You don’t have to be your own leader, a self-made persome. You don’t have to rely only on yourself to be successful.” In the community of the Church, all the baptized find security, service, success, and wondrous favor.

Like an album of God’s greatest hits, today’s Scriptures reprise God’s greatest acts of creation and sustenance. They also present new “music” that is still in progress. The readings from Isaiah, Titus, and Luke take us back with “melodies” from the Advent/Christmas season. At the same time the Gospel offers a prelude to Oridinary Time, while the sounds of the Easter season please harmony in Psalm 104, the Gospel, and the letter to Titus. Psalm 104 announces the melodic theme for this feast: “How manifold are your works, O Lord!...When you send forth your Spirit, [we] are created, and you renew the face of the earth!”

**PARISH NEWS**

**Saturday Mass:** January Masses will be held at St. Michael

(SJP & SMP) **Parish website**: stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org

**Funerals**: If there is a funeral during the week, the Morning mass will be cancelled.

**Office:** Contact the office at St. Joseph with any questions or concerns you may have from either Parish. (814)226-7288. Thank you!

**Rosary**: The rosary is a great test of faith. What the Eucharist is in the order of Sacraments, the rosary is in the order of sacramentals - the mystery and the test of faith, , the touchdown by which the soul is judged in its humility. The mark of the Christian is the willigness to look for the Divine in the flesh of a babe in a crib, the continuing (presence of) Christ under the appearance of bread on an altar, and a meditation and prayer on a string of beads. Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

**Mass Intentions:** When your loved ones pass away and you bring in the masses from the funeral home that people would like said for your loved one, we put those masses in a black book and whenever we are in need of a mass intention we pick a name out of the black book and put it in for that day. St. Joseph’s Church and St. Michael’s Church each have their own book. If you do not wish to have us pull your loved ones name to fill in a mass that we need intentions for, please do not give us the masses and money from the funeral home. You may instead keep those masses at home and when you would like to schedule a mass bring them in and we will gladly schedule. There is one weekday mass that is left open at both churches every week in case there is someone who passes away that way we can have a mass said for that person. We are supposed to have a 7 day and 30 day mass for parishioners who pass away.

**PARISH NEWS**

**St. Joseph Rosary Society:** Band II will be having quilting days on January 13th, 14th, and 15th: 8am-12pm, 1pm-4:30pm, and 6pm-9pm with treats and lunch provided.

**Pro-Life March in Washington D.C.:** There will be a bus trip to Washington D.C. for the Pro-Life March. The bus will be leaving from Oil City around 11:30pm on Thursday January 23rd. There will also be a pick up in Franklin as well. The bus will return the next night at midnight. The cost is $40/person. Any questions, please contact Judy Anderton at 814-676-6288.

**St. Joseph Month of December:**

Income: $22,637

Expense: $20,426

=$2,210

**St. Joseph July to December:**

Income: $138,935

Expense: $142,736

= (-$3,801)

**St. Michael Month of December:**

Income: $69,004

Expense: $20,564

= $48,441

**St. Michael July to December:**

Income: $191,178

Expense: $132,935

= $56,462

**\*Roof money is included in your income**

**Mass Schedule January 13th - January 19th**

**Tuesday, January 14th**

**8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Sylvester & Lorene Schmader & deceased family members by Jean Lutz**

**Wednesday, January 15th**

**7:45 a.m. - (SJP) Nelson C. Ochs Jr. by Gary & Sonya Zacherl**

**Thursday, January 16th**

**8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Tom Detar by Steve & Diane Banner**

**Friday, January 17th**

**8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Helen C. Smerkar by Louise Fiscus**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 18th**

**Confession at St. Michael, 3:00 p.m.**

**4:00 p.m. — (SMP) Parish Family**

**Sunday, January 19th**

**7:30 a.m. — (SJP) Barbara “Jean” & Walter J. Schill by Barb Seitz**

**10:00 a.m.–(SMP) Joe Groner by Ed & Maryann Groner**

**Collection Counters**

**SJP: Ed Carroll, Steve Hoover**

**SMP: Sue Beichner, Todd Beichner, Judy Weirich**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of**

**SJP: Debbie & Bob Anderson & Ray Seitz by The Family**

**SMP: Helen C. Smerkar by Eugene & Agnes Reisinger**

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

**Parish Family, All Special Intentions**

**Service People on Active Duty**

Slugger Wagner, Bill & Steve Phillips, Jayleigh Ochs, Brendan & Terry George, Punkie & Joe Griebel, Jim Pfaff, Cathy Reed, Barb Wigton, Traci Kumer, and a special intention

All victims of disasters and violence

If you’d like to add someone, call the office or drop a note in the collection basket.

**School News (814) 226-8018**

**—You can register your children now for the ‘19-’20 school year. Call the school for more information. (814) 226-8018.**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph’s**

**DATE: January 4th & January 5th**

Sunday Collection: $1,557

Loose Collection: $1,112

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael’s DATE: January 4th & January 5th**

Sunday Collection: $3,582

Loose Collection: $273

**CSA:** St. Joseph assessment to Diocese: $30,699

Parishioners Pledged: $45,837

Parishioners Paid to Date: $44,632

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: $0

Monies towards Church Doors ($15,000):$14,933

**CSA:** St. Michael assessment to Diocese: $34,150

Parishioners Pledged: $41,150

Parishioners Paid to Date: $38,840

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: $0

Roof: $4,690

**Liturgy Schedule January 18th & 19th**

**4:00 p.m.**

**St. Michael Church**

**Sacristan: Jody Guth**

**Lector: Stan Montana**

**Euch Min: Theresa Seitz, Janene Gwin, Deacon Mike**

**Altar Server: Jamie Bauer**

**Ushers: Bernie Hoover, Ted Weaver, Sam Smerkar, Tom Fesenmyer**

**Rosary: Karen Schmader**

**7:30 a.m.**

**St. Joseph Church**

**Lector: Ted Schmader**

**Euch Min: Lori Callihan, Pete Judy, Deacon Mike**

**Altar Server: Gwen Griebel**

**Ushers: Nick Ochs, Rick Best, Ethan Skrzypek, Mark Ochs**

**10:00 a.m.**

**St. Michael Church**

**Sacristan: Casey Rapp**

**Lector: Carol Kiser**

**Euch Min: Casey Rapp, Dave Smerkar Sr., Deacon Mike**

**Altar Server: Jake Eisenman, Mason Hooper**

**Ushers: Bern, Brad, Mark, & Josh Beichner**

**Rosary: Marie Fletcher**

**R.S. Cleaner: Jackie Lewis**

***January 12th***

**LET ME PREPARE YOU** for the day that stretches out before you. I know exactly what this day will contain, whereas you have only vague ideas about it. You would like to see a map, showing all the twists and visualize what is on the road ahead. However, there is a better way to be prepared for *whatever* you will encounter today: Spend quality time with Me.

I will not show you what is on the road ahead, but I will thoroughly equip you for the journey. My living Presence is your Companion each step of the way. Stay in continual communication with Me, whispering My Name whenever you need to redirect your thoughts. Thus, you can walk through this day with your focus on Me. My abiding Presence is the best road map available.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month:** Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under the age of 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth’s participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, afterschool programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child’s friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out. For more information on protecting our youth from human trafficking or to report suspected trafficking visit: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficing_ts_2019.pdf>. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotetion/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Times**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

**(Lec. 64)**

1. **Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**
2. **1 Corinthians 1:1-3**
3. **John 1:29-34**

**Liturgy of the Word**

In the first reading, God reminds Isaiah that Israel is the Lord’s servant.

Paul greets the Church of Corinth, announcing he has been called to be an Apostle.

In the Gospel, John announces Jesus as *the Lamb of God*.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

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**24 Hour Emergency**

Pregnancy (814) 459-3103

Community Counseling (814) 793-6602

Vogelbacher’s Service Station