



## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,  
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”  
- Lk 12:50



Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 08/10/25.....	\$2,746.00
Weekly budget goal .....	\$3,425.00
<b>Difference .....</b>	<b>\$679.00</b>
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal .....	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date .....	\$30,845.00

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST****For Mutual Coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



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

**Baptismal Training Sessions 2025**

August 28th	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569
September 16th	6:30 pm	St. Boniface, Kersey	814-885-4488

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-  
Diocesan Requirements for working with**

**children:** Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children.

Visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/) to see what is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

**A Family Perspective** Today, Jesus warns us that His Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society that promotes individualism and consumerism, parents must steadfastly teach and embody the Gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

**Parenting Pointer #1159**

**On August 6 and 9, 1945, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, were bombed by the USA. The deaths of many parents, children, and bystanders is devastating and humiliating. Regardless of nationality, may each of us do our part to curtail harmful aggression in our homes and country today.**

**Run the Race Well**

In our Second Reading this weekend, the author of the Book of Hebrews encourages us in our faith in God to be like a disciplined runner in a race. A runner needs to be disciplined in eating the correct foods that are healthy, hydrate as often as possible, and to stretch before the race in order to run in the race successfully and to avoid any injuries.

The actual discipline here in this Reading is to "rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Leader and Perfecter of faith." (Heb 12: 1b-2a)

**How do we do it?** The following is important...

1. Ask Jesus, everyday, to fill you with the Holy Spirit;
2. Ask Jesus to give you the grace to let go of burdens that cling to you and to fill you with peace and joy;
3. Ask Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) to rid you of any sin that clings to you in order to know God's Freedom and Forgiveness.

My friends, do these steps and you will run the race of a disciplined follower of Christ very well, all the way to the *finish line*, with your eyes fixed on Jesus. This will be eternal life for you.

**The Solemnity of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

During this month of August, we celebrate two feast days of our Blessed Mother, Mary. This past Friday, we celebrated the Assumption of Mary that having completed the course of Her earthly life, she was assumed, body and soul, to heavenly glory. (Saint of the Day, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor, St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati OH, 1990, Page 202)

**The Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary**

This coming Friday, August 22nd, we will celebrate the Queenship of Mary. This is not a holy day of obligation, but it is a special Mass, where we celebrate Mary's Queenship. The reason for this feast day is that our Blessed Mother is Mother of Jesus our King and that She prays constantly for us, as she is our Queen of heaven.

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women, and Blessed is the Fruit of Thy Womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 18, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Carole (Watkavitch) Quetot	Rick & Denise Watkavitch	Weekday	Jgs 2: 11-19 Mt 19: 16-22 (419)
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday <i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i>	Jgs 6: 11-24a Mt 19: 23-30 (420)
Wednesday, August 20, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	Jgs 9: 6-15 Mt 20: 1-16 (421)
Thursday, August 21, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Mary Michael	Jean Brown	Saint Pius X, Pope	Jgs 11: 29-39a Mt 22: 1-14 (422)
Friday, August 22, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Jody Reed	Frank & Darlene Gregori	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Mt 22: 34-40 (423)
Saturday, August 23, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday <i>Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin; BVM</i>	Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17 Mt 23: 1-12 (424)
Saturday, August 23, 2025 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 24, 2025 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Judy Benevich and Nancy Benevich	Peggy Lou, Jerry, and Bernadette	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 66: 18-21 Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13 Lk 13: 22-30 (123)

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am &amp; 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

**THANK YOU!!** I want to thank all of our picnic committee members for their work in making our St. Joseph Parish picnic a very enjoyable celebration! I thank all of you, our parish family, who came to enjoy an afternoon of sharing fellowship, enjoying delicious foods and desserts, in sharing music, and especially ELVIS and his wonderful performance!

This experience, my friends, helps and sustains longevity in our Church of St. Joseph, while at the same time, helps build Christian community.

God Bless, Father Mark

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### PARISHIONER INFORMATION

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