



# *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 08/03/25. ....	\$3,362.00
Weekly budget goal .....	\$3,425.00
<b>Difference</b> .....	<b>\$63.00</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

**The Collection for the Church in Latin America** will take place in our Diocese next weekend, August 16/17. There is a letter from Bishop Persico included in the bulletin this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

**Thank you** for supporting the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you!!

**Marriage Moment #1160**

**"When you work with people, it is a lot like mining for gold. You do not look for the dirt. You look for the gold."** (Andrew Carnegie)  
**What affirming nugget can you say to your spouse today? It helps if it's specific. It's essential that it's true.**

**Parenting Pointer #1158 Summer Sanity Tip:** Even if you have the benefit of being home with your child on summer days, sometimes constant togetherness can take a toll. Try a quiet hour after lunch. They can read, play quietly in their room, listen to cicadas, or just daydream. They might not call it prayer, but learning to have quiet reflective time is an ingredient of prayer.

Our **5th Annual Golf Outing** will be next Sunday, August 17th, at Treasure Lake Silver Course in DuBois. Shotgun start @ 1:00 PM. The cost will be: \$80/person. \$65/member. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. You can call Jim Allegretto @ 814-594-9708 OR call St. Joseph Church office @ 814-787-4151 x3. Get a team together for a day of fun!

**Welcoming Jesus Anytime**

Our homes are very important places for each of us. In this area of Pennsylvania, many people have camps or travel with fifth-wheelers.

Our homes, are both large or small, located in a city, a small town, out in the country, or nestled on top of a mountain. Our homes are apartments, trailers, camps, cottages, and homes of assisted-living. We find it necessary to remodel them, to update appliances, to keep things tidy--ready for the next day, event, and visitors, whether it be family, friends, or neighbors. In some ways, our homes are like very important treasures we have to take care of. And, why not?

In our Gospel Reading this weekend, Jesus is saying that our lives need to be ready **for Him** at all times. Just like we enjoy taking care of our homes and see a great necessity for this, so too, for the home of our inner dwelling--our heart--needs, in some creative and unique way, to be ready for the Master, Jesus our Lord, to be welcomed there to live. We need to open the door of our heart when Jesus knocks because He says in this weekend's Gospel: "be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks." (Lk 12: 36)

The lights in our house need to be left on for the Master, Jesus, Who may arrive anytime. Not only a motion light, but the light of a good moral life that needs to be constantly lit in our hearts for our Savior. How do we do this? Do the following:

1. **Always have a welcoming attitude.** Welcome the Spirit of Jesus in other people into our homes and into our lives. This is not easy, especially if it is someone you might not always get along with. Pray for them. Never judge them, but rather ask Jesus to help you see them as He sees them.
2. **Have a quiet place in your home** where you can pray, read the Bible, and pray the Rosary.
3. **Share your faith with others and be open to service.**
4. **Have the attitude every day** that says: "I offer this up to You, Lord" and "I do this for You, Jesus."

Be consistent in doing this as much as possible, because Jesus is always standing at the door knocking and ready to enter into the different areas of our lives.



God Bless,  
Father Mark



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 11, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Ken Mitchell anniversary	Jack & Deb	Saint Claire, Virgin	Dt 10: 12-22 Mt 17: 22-27 (413)
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday <i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>	Dt 31: 1-8 Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday <i>Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i>	Dt 34: 1-12 Mt 18: 15-20 (415)
Thursday, August 14, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Gunner Mohney	Grandma Joyce and Great Grandma Josephine	Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17 Mt 18: 21--19: 1 (416)
Friday, August 15, 2025 <b>9:00 a.m. Mass</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Andrea Calliari birthday  Parishioners of St. Joseph Church	Family	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15: 20-27 Lk 1: 39-56 (622)
Saturday, August 16, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday <i>Saint Stephen of Hungary; BVM</i>	Jos 24: 14-29 Mt 19: 13-15 (418)
Saturday, August 16, 2025 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Vicki Peters wedding anniversary	husband-Kim	Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 17, 2025 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>  <b>Golf Outing today @ 1:00 pm</b>	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10 Heb 12: 1-4 Lk 12: 49-53 (120)

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## Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I consecrate myself to Your Most Sacred Heart. Take possession of my whole being; transform me into Your Likeness. Make my hands Your Hands, my feet Your Feet, my heart Your Heart. Let me see with Your Eyes, listen with Your Ears, speak with Your Lips, understand with Your Mind, and Love with Your Heart. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, send me Your Holy Spirit to teach me to let go, and let You live through me.

Come Holy Spirit, make my body Your Temple. Abide with me forever. Give me the deepest love for God, neighbor, and for myself. Take possession of all of my faculties of body and soul, and my intellect, understanding, will, memory, and imagination. Fill these areas of my mind with peace and wisdom. Holy Spirit, please give me the fullness of Your Gifts, Fruits, and Beatitudes. Most Holy Trinity, make my soul Your Sanctuary. AMEN!

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