



Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget \$3,425.00
Weekly collection 08/23/26 \$2,140.00
Difference **\$1,285.00**
CSA Assessment (2026) \$30,986.00
Pledges to date \$27,145.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For The Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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 2026

October 10 10:00 am Sacred Heart Church 814-781-1019

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocese of Erie Child Protection Policies: Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This includes rules like staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines found in the Policy for the Protection of Children. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and must follow the Policy that includes a Code of Conduct. To read the policy, go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/chilprotection/policies-1.html>. For additional information, contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

FAITH FORMATION

To parents:

All Faith Formation classes will be starting on Sunday, September 20th, also called Catechist Sunday.

If you haven't already, please turn in your registration forms as soon as possible, to Father Mark or the church office.

More information coming next week.

GOOD WORK

Building and Civil Engineering has always been fascinating to me. I never read too much about it, but all of the intricate work that goes into it is interesting. For example, how can pylons that support a bridge be put into a riverbed without creating a continual flow of water down around the base of the structure, and thus create mud instead of a solid ground support? It is fascinating to me to learn that a form has to be set first and then filled with cement in order for it to be firmly supported at the bottom of the riverbed. Also, how can a skyscraper be built to allow a slight swaying motion at the top of the building, and yet assures us that it will not collapse with a strong gust of wind? There are many supports that are attached to the building deeply underground. Fascinating! The Wisdom of the Holy Spirit must be behind this good work.

Even more fascinating to me is the wonderful work that men and women have created in the building of our beautiful United States of America these past 250 years of our history. They have contributed to building not only large buildings, historical bridges, and mountain top monuments, but also, they have built places for human support such as farms, factories, educational institutions, hospitals, churches, seaports, thriving cities, towns, and villages. This weekend, as we celebrate Labor Day, it is good for us to reflect on this good work, and also the good labor that our Lord has placed in our hearts for us to do in His Name.

Whatever our vocation, job, or career that we love doing in life may be, it requires some sort of **sacrifice**. We have to take care of ourselves, and possibly someone else very close to us...that's a sacrifice. Our work is countless. We build, plant, teach, heal, coach, study, travel, serve, research, intervene, create, and PRAY. All of this is good work and when done out of love, it is a loving sacrifice.

St. Paul, in our Second Reading at Mass, reminds us in his letter to the Romans, of Jesus' Commandment to Love. St. Paul says; "Whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." (Romans 13: 9-10)

Loving and doing God's Will may, at times, feel like we are under construction, with all of its demands. But, it will always lead to a tremendous life of peace and joy that will feel like and seem like a very smooth ride on a newly paved highway to the Kingdom of heaven.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 07, 2026 No Mass LABOR DAY			Weekday	1 Cor 5: 1-8 Lk 6: 6-11 (437)
Tuesday, September 08, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dale Forster	Family	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mi 5: 1-4a or Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23 or 1: 18-23 (636)
Wednesday, September 09, 2026 No Mass			Saint Peter Claver, Priest	1 Cor 7: 25-31 Lk 6: 20-26 (439)
Thursday, September 10, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13 Lk 6: 27-38 (440)
Friday, September 11, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27 Lk 6: 39-42 (441)
Saturday, September 12, 2026 No AM Mass			Weekday <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary;</i> <i>BVM</i>	1 Cor 10: 14-22 Lk 6: 43-49 (442)
Saturday, September 12, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Susan Huff 4th anniversary	Family	Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 13, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sir 27: 30--28: 7 Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35 (130)

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

THANK YOU!! I would like to thank all of our picnic committee members for their work in making our St. Joseph Parish Picnic a very enjoyable celebration this year! 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 Father Paul and Chet, of the All Saints Band, and their 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.

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PARISHIONER INFORMATION

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