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Parish Stewardship

| Offertory collection for 10/20/24 | \$2.576.00 |
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| Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 | |
| CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024 | |
| CSA Pledges to date. | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
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Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

Pope's Intention for October For A Shared Mission

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion, and mission shared by priests, religious, and laity.

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

Baptism Preparation Classes

November 26 7:00 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019 *this is the final class for 2024

40 Days for Life Campaign PRAY TO END ABORTION

September 25 through November 5

On behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith-Diocese of Erie, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Your contributions will help sustain the Church's missionary work and bring the light of Christ to those who need it most. Let us continue to pray for our missionaries and the people they serve, and may we always be mindful of our call to be missionaries in our own lives. Thank you.

Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast Sunday, November 3rd, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or sold out. St. Boniface Social Hall. \$10 for adults; \$5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this "all you can eat" breakfast buffet!

The Church Office will be closed this week. It will reopen on Monday, November 4th.

The 2025 Mass Book will be open for scheduling Masses beginning November 4th. You can come into the office M-Th between 9am & 4pm, call the office 814-787-4151 x3, drop your request into the collection basket, or by mail.

ECO-TIPS: <u>HEATING</u> Winter heating: Change the air filter on your furnace once per month during the heating season. A dirty filter restricts air flow and causes the system to run less efficiently. Inspect the duct work in exposed areas in your basement or attic. Repair any leaks from electrical lines, plumbing, and gas pipes from outdoors. Seal with foam insulation OR if your heating system is in need of repair, replace it with an ENERGY STAR certified furnace, boiler, or heat pump.

PARENTING POINTERS #1119

Nov. 1 is All Saints Day. Ask your child who their favorite saint is? Who are they named after? Who do they admire as a living saint? Learn together. <u>http://www.catholic.org/</u> <u>saints/</u>



God has great plans for each of Us: Healing

Sharing Our Faith Series

Scripture: First Reading at Mass Jeremiah 31: 7-9

God had a great plan for the people of Israel.

"The Lord has delivered His People, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the North; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child, they shall return as an immense throng." (Jeremiah 31: 7b-8) --God's Plan for His People is that they will be given consolation and be brought back to that place of true worship of God in Jerusalem after being under the control of the Assyrians' Kingdom. God will give us peace too.

Psalm Response:

Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

"The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy." $(Psalm \ 126: 3)$

--OK, thus far, what great plans has God already helped you fulfill in your life? (Describe here in one sentence.)

Scripture: Second Reading at Mass Hebrews 5: 1-6

God the Heavenly Father has fulfilled great plans through Jesus, His Son.

"...it was not Christ Who glorified Himself in becoming High Priest, but rather the One Who said to Him, You are My Son: this day I have begotten You; just as He says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." (Hebrews 5: 5-6) Jesus is the Eternal Shepherd. He never leaves His Flock unattended.

--Aren't we grateful that Jesus our Lord gives us the Church, the Holy Spirit, and the Sacraments; especially the <u>Eucharist</u>, with the healing grace of Holy Communion; <u>Confession</u>, with the healing grace of forgiveness of sin; and the <u>Anointing of the Sick</u>, with the healing grace for our physical and emotional well being.

Gospel of Mark Mark 19: 46-52 God had great plans for Bartimaeus.

In this Gospel passage, the blind man, Bartimaeus, cries out to Jesus and says; "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." (Mark 10: 47b) Jesus asks him what he wants and he said, 'Master, I want to see.' Jesus told him 'Go on your way; your faith has saved you.' Immediately, he received his sight..." (Mark 10: 51b-52) Being healed of his blindness gave Bartimaeus a clearer path of faith and a physical ability to follow our Lord.

--What areas of our life have we asked Jesus for a healing and received it? When you do receive it, proclaim this weekends psalm with the words "He has done great things for me." (Psalm 126)

God's Great Plan for us is to return to Him in prayer when we have sinned or have forgotten what He has done in our life. God's Great Plan for us is to have some healings, both spiritual and physical, in our life and with a renewed enthusiasm to follow Him--and to be surprised how God wants to unfold His Plan for each of our lives. **BLESS YOU**

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pra

| Date | Intention | Requested by | Celebration | Scriptures |
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| Monday, October 28, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass | Dominic Caliari | Family | Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles | Eph 2: 19-22 Lk 6: 12-16 (666) |
| Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass | Irene Gregori 2nd anniversary | Louie and Louie, Jr. | Weekday | Eph 5: 21-33 Lk 13: 18-21 (480) |
| Wednesday, October 30, 2024 No Mass | | | Weekday | Eph 6: 1-9 Lk 13: 22-30 (481) |
| Thursday, October 31, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass | JoAnn Klaiber | Gerald | Weekday | Eph 6: 10-20 Lk 13: 31-35 (482) |
| Friday, November 01, 2024 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass | Blessed Mother Intention Parishioners of St. Joseph Church | | ALL SAINTS DAY | Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a (667) |
| Saturday, November 02, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass First Saturday | Holy Souls in Purgatory | | ALL SOULS DAY | Any readings from no. 668 OR from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016) |
| Saturday, November 02, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass | Living and Deceased Parishioners | | Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | (see below) |
| Sunday, November 03, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass Daylight Savings Time ends | Ed Klaiber birthday | Brothers and Sister | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Dt 6: 2-6 Heb 7: 23-28 Mk 12: 28b-34 |

Church Hours: St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm

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

OUR PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

One of the most wonderful practices that we have in our Church that many or even most of our parishioners do is to write their prayer intentions for their loved ones, friends, and for themselves in our Prayer Intention notebook, which is located on the podium in the back of the Church beside the candle shrine.

A very important way by which we follow Jesus' Commands to love one another is to pray for each other. As we may pray in some detail for ourselves, so too, we need to pray in some detail to God for others. Saint Paul also tells us to pray for others as he says to the community of the Thessalonians: "Finally brothers, pray for us, so that the Word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you..." (II Thess. Ch. 3: 1)

Finally...The candle that burns at the Holy Family statue in our Church Sanctuary is for the prayer intentions in this notebook.

My brothers and sisters, take the opportunity, as often as you want, to write your prayer intentions in this book.

God Bless, Father Mark

