



• 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For Evangelization In The City

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



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

August 20 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium 814-486-0569

A Family Perspective: The mother in today's Gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is not just about bringing life into the world, it is also about daily sacrifices for your children.

Marriage Moment: Our bodies change over the years. Arise to a new way of being alive today. Maybe you awoke with aches and pains; maybe it's your heart that aches or your mind that worries. Trust that your love does not depend upon a perfect body or mind.

Parenting Pointers: Children can tire and frustrate us, but they can also teach us simplicity, awe, and loyal love. Remember Jesus' Words, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 18: 3) Just for today, look at your child with the eyes of Jesus and learn something about life.

St. Joseph Church received a thank you letter from the Director of Diocesan and International Missions, Diocese of Erie, for a donation in the amount of \$817.00 to the *Diocese of Kahama, Tanzania* through the 2026 Missionary Cooperative Plan Appeal. Your generosity will help enable their important work to continue. Thank you for your support!

Blue Jay Market will be held on Saturday, August 29th from 10 am - 3 pm at the Bennetts Valley Community Center!



Millions of Monicas Like St. Monica, we pray for our children in need of God's Mercy and a return to the Church. Join us on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm at St. Leo Magnus Church, Ridgway. Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

Getting to Know the 12 Apostles of Our Lord Jesus Christ

SAINT MATTHEW: Saint Matthew is best known as the tax collector. Matthew set up his business in the town of Capernaum, where Jesus had often preached the Good News. Matthew was a Jew, working for the Roman government. The Romans had control of all the Roman Empire and Israel. The Jewish people did not especially care for him because they saw him, and others like him, as traders in having allegiance to Rome and not to the Jewish sacred scriptures; the Torah.

Matthew did his work very well as a skilled tax collector. Then one day, Jesus was walking by Matthew's office and He simply said, 'Follow me,' where upon, he got up and followed Jesus. Matthew is listed, along with the other Apostles called by Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, Chapter 6, Verse 15.

Matthew's Gospel is listed as the first of the Four Gospels. Matthew's style of writing is similar to that of Mark and Luke's Gospel, because those three Gospels are called the Synoptic Gospels. Matthew's Gospel has the recording of the Beatitudes in Chapter five, which is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. (Mt 5: 5-7) Matthew's Gospel is known to have very comforting scripture passages where Jesus says very clearly in Matthew, Chapter 6, Verse 31, to..."not be anxious..." Also, in Matthew, Chapter 11, Verses 28-30, he offers the peaceful direction for us when Jesus says; "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." May each of us know the peace of these words from Jesus, in our time of need.

St. Matthew is the Patron Saint of tax collectors, accountants, and custom officials.

St. Matthew, Pray for us!

SAINT PHILIP: The tradition has it that Philip was from the town of Bethsaida, in the region of Galilee, when Jesus had called him. He is listed among the Apostles whom Jesus had called, according to the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 3, Verse 18. As the story goes, according to the Gospel of John, says that Jesus had gone "to Galilee and He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'" (Jn 1: 43) Philip in turn sought out his friend, Nathanael, and told him that he had found the messiah.

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We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 17, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vicki Peters wedding anniversary	husband-Kim	Weekday	Ez 24: 15-23 Mt 19: 16-22 (419)
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	LouAnn Lecker	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday	Ez 28: 1-10 Mt 19: 23-30 (420)
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i>	Ez 34: 1-11 Mt 20: 1-16 (421)
Thursday, August 20, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leno & Rachael Zambanini 77th wedding anniversary	daughter Rita and family	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	Ez 36: 23-28 Mt 22: 1-14 (422)
Friday, August 21, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Helena Leair birthday	Bob & Libby	Saint Pius X, Pope	Ez 37: 1-14 Mt 22: 34-40 (423)
Saturday, August 22, 2026 No a.m. Mass			The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ez 43: 1-7ab Mt 23: 1-12 (424)
Saturday, August 22, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 23, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Burke	Family	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 22: 19-23 Rom 11: 33-36 Mt 16: 13-20 (121)

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Actually, Philip identifies Jesus as being from Nazareth and the "Son of Joseph." The conversation between Philip and Nathanael then continued as follows; "Nathanael said to Philip, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'come and see.'" (Jn 1: 46)

Other Sacred Scripture Passages that mention Philip are unique conversations that he had with Jesus. For example, in the scene of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus had asked the question; "How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" This He said to test him, for He Himself, know what he would do. Philip answered Him, 'Two hundred denarii (days wages) would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.'" (Jn 6: 5-7) We all know what happened. Jesus multiplied the loaves of bread and the fish to feed the large crowd.

Another conversation Philip had with Jesus was at the Last Supper, when "Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied.'" (Jn 14: 8)

Saint Philip's Feast Day is on May 3rd. He shares that same day with St. James, the son of Alphaeus.

St. Philip, Pray for us!

God Bless, Father Mark

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