



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 08/24/25. not available
 Weekly budget goal\$3,425.00
Differencenot available
 CSA 2025 Assessment Goal \$30,504.00
 CSA Pledges to date \$30,845.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!

**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

September 16th 6:30 pm St. Boniface, Kersey 814-885-4488
 October 11th 10:00 am Sacred Heart 814-781-1019

The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

Please support our St. Joseph Church food booths during the Bennetts Valley Labor Day Celebration. It will be open Sunday and Monday. We are also looking for volunteers to work the booths. If you are able to give a few hours of your time on either Sunday or Monday, please contact Julia Rollick.

Let us together enjoy this event!

Special Collection for the people of Gaza

The USCCB has requested an emergency special collection to provide humanitarian relief in Gaza and surrounding areas. A collection will be taken in our diocese the weekend of **September 6-7, 2025.**

PLEASE USE A PLAIN WHITE ENVELOPE MARKED "GAZA COLLECTION."

The Faith Formation office is preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. If there are any students who are entering Kindergarten that need to register for classes, please call Emily at 814-787-4151 ext. 5. We also welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to teach or to help in any way to contact Emily. She can provide you with more information about The Diocese of Erie--Office of Child Protection of Youth requirements of working with children.

ECO TIPS #187 LAUNDRY

EASY: Only wash laundry items when necessary. You can get more than one wear out of many clothing items before they need cleaning.

CHALLENGING: Avoid using laundry detergents that come in plastic containers. Consider paper-like alternatives like Earth Breeze (<https://earthbreeze.com/>) which comes in liquidless eco sheets.

HUMBLENESS

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, taught in a perfect way by His Words and Actions of how to be *humble*. The total giving of Himself in His Concern for all people by explaining about the Kingdom of Heaven, extending His Hands to bless and heal those around Him, and forgiving people, are signs of His *Humble*, Self-giving. Ultimately, He washed the Apostles' feet at the Last Supper and hours later, was betrayed by one of them and brought before the Jewish leaders and Pontius Pilate; then condemned to death on a cross.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus teaches those around Him "at the home of one of the leading Pharisees," (Lk 14: 1) of how to be *humble*. Basically, Jesus says to take the *humble* position of the lowest place at a banquet. Also, when you have a party or dinner, seek out to invite those who are in greatest need and never expect them to pay you back.

My brothers and sisters, Jesus' Teaching about *humbleness* is not easy. However, when we strive to be *humble*, others will recognize it and they will benefit greatly from your service and example.

Saint Joseph is a great example of *humbleness*. He was *humble* and obedient to God in taking Mary, our Blessed Mother, as his spouse. He was *humble* and obedient in accepting God's Plan of salvation through the Blessed Mother giving birth to our Savior Jesus Christ.

God Bless,
 Father Mark



A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for the strength to complete each day. We ask for rest for when we are weary. We ask for Your Guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see, but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen!

- from *g Grateful*

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 01, 2025 No Mass LABOR DAY 			Weekday	1 Thes 4: 13-18 Lk 4: 16-30 (431)
Tuesday, September 02, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dolores Floravit	Rick & Donna Muccio and Family	Weekday	1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11 Lk 4: 31-37 (432)
Wednesday, September 03, 2025 No Mass			Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	Col 1: 1-8 Lk 4: 38-44 (433)
Thursday, September 04, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald "Abe" Kentoski and daughter Laurie	Family	Weekday	Col 1: 9-14 Lk 5: 1-11 (434)
Friday, September 05, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victor Gregori, Sr. 26th anniversary	Louie and Louie, Jr.	Weekday	Col 1: 15-20 Lk 5: 33-39 (435)
Saturday, September 06, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST SATURDAY	Mary Morelli	Gloria & Ed Pasi	Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Col 1: 21-23 Lk 6: 1-5 (436)
Saturday, September 06, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 07, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Deceased members of the Michelini Family	Bob, Phyllis, Bill, and Kathy	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Wis 9: 13-18b Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14: 25-33 (129)

St. Joseph Church

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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

THANK YOU! We enjoyed another beautiful day for another outside event of our annual golf tournament this past Sunday, August 17th. This year, the tournament was held at the Silver Course at Treasure Lake. I want to thank all of my committee members for working constantly and tirelessly on all of the preparations and planning that goes into the tournament, especially for this year's tournament. And I thank our volunteers for all of their time they gave on Sunday that made the tournament run smoothly and enjoyably for those who participated in the tournament. To our golfers, thank you for participating in the tournament again this year and also to those who participated for the first time. I thank all of you of our Parish who purchased a hole sponsorship in supporting our tournament. I personally look forward to this every year!!

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St. Joseph Church

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