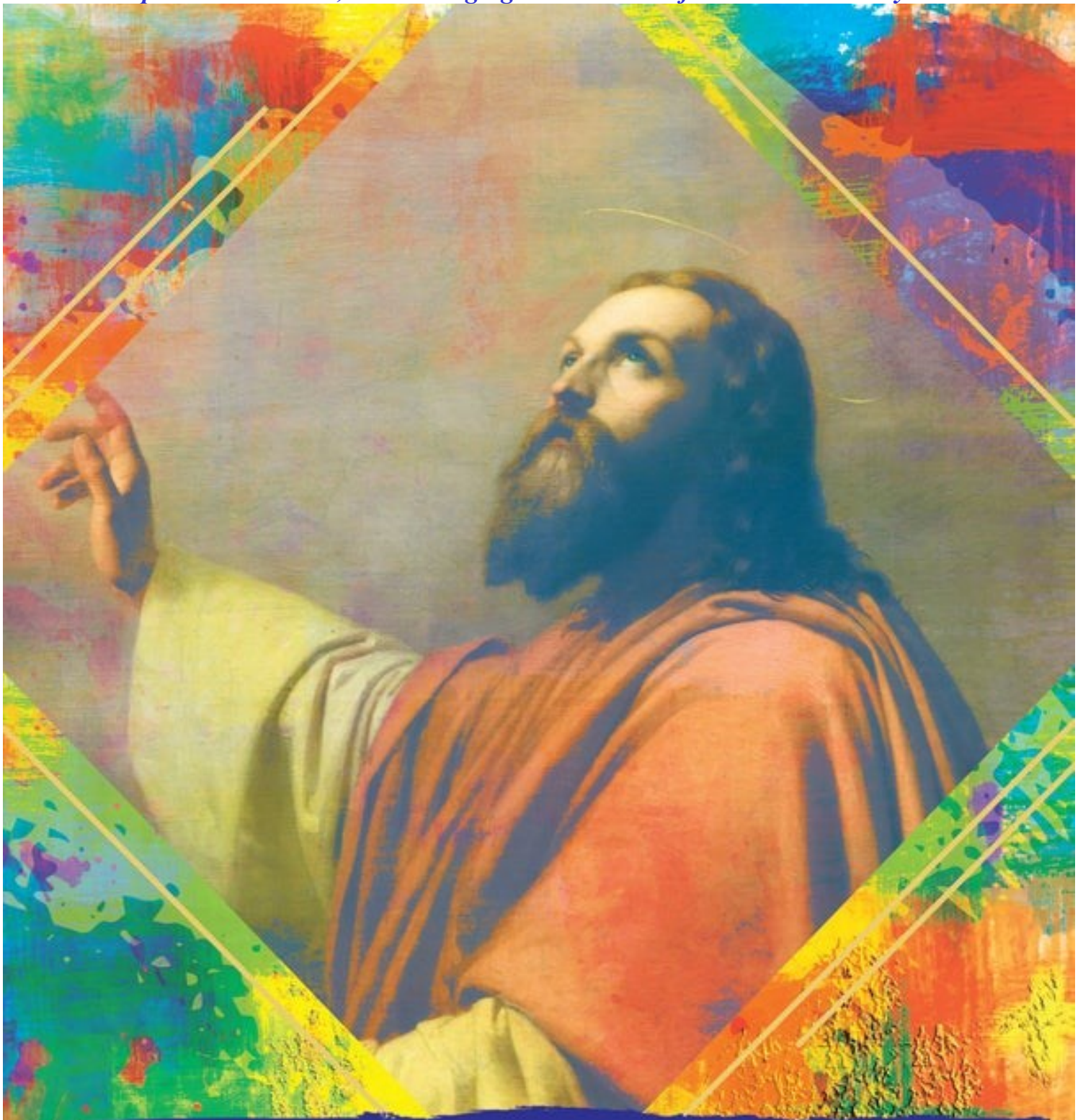




30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:14

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 10/12/25.....	\$3,416.00
Weekly collection for 10/19/25.....	\$1,952.00
Weekly budget goal.....	\$3,425.00
Difference (10/12/25).....	\$9.00
Difference (10/19/25).....	\$1,473.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal.....	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date.....	\$30,845.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



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

November 25th 6:30 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

***THIS WILL BE THE LAST CLASSES UNTIL 2026**

Faith Formation: Students in Grades K-5 will meet for class in the Faith Formation building on Sunday, October 26th, following 9:15 am Mass. NO Edge or Confirmation classes.

A Family Perspective In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "who humbles himself will be exalted." It's not the occasional big events, but the daily, humble routines of family life and "ordinary time" that create bonds and relationships that last a lifetime. Embrace this approach, and you'll see the difference.

Book of the Beloved Dead In preparation for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, a special **Book of Remembrance** will be available in the back of the Church. **Throughout the month of November**, please feel free to write down as many names as you wish. The Book will continue to be displayed in our Church so that all of the names you write in the book will be included in our prayers.

Celebration of Hope with hors d'oeuvres after Mass on Saturday, November 1st, at the BV Community Center, with fellowship after. Doughnuts and coffee after Mass on Sunday, November 2nd, at the BV Community Center. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast Sunday, November 2nd, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or until 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!

Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend, November 2. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next weekend!

40 Days for Life Campaign
PRAY TO END ABORTION
September 24 through November 2

Mercy and Rescue: God's Gifts to Us

This weekend, the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear again at Mass, as in the past two weeks, about God's Merciful actions. On the 28th Sunday, we heard about how God had mercy and healed Naaman and the ten men who had leprosy.

Last Sunday, we heard how God had mercy on Moses, Joshua, Aaron, and Hur, who won the battle against Amalek who waged war on them. We also heard about how God will intervene with His Justice and Mercy for the rights of a person who is persistent, such as the widow. This Sunday, we hear how our Lord rescued St. Paul from the lion's mouth and from evil threats against him. Then in the Gospel, God has mercy on the humble and repentant tax collector. I believe we hear, loud and clear, that God wants us to experience and constantly receive these gifts of mercy and being rescued from danger, evil, and sin.

At this time, let us all reflect on the words of Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 that are in today's Readings and ask ourselves how this Psalm speaks to us and our need for God's Mercy and the situations from which we need rescued in life. After reading this Psalm, answer the questions that follow.

Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)

I will bless the Lord at all times;
His Praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

The LORD confronts the evildoers'
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

**When the just cry out, the LORD hears them;
and from all their distress He rescues them.**

**The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit He saves.**

**The LORD redeems the lives of His Servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in Him.**

Questions I pose to you...

In what way has Our Lord shown you mercy recently?
From what has Jesus rescued you and saved you?
Recently, have you asked for God's Forgiveness?

With these questions, whatever your answers are, may they help you learn more about yourself and your relationship with God.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 27, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dennis Guido	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday	Rom 8: 12-17 Lk 13: 10-17 (479)
Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dominic Caliri	Family	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles	Eph 2: 19-22 Lk 6: 12-16 (666)
Wednesday, October 29, 2025 No Mass			Weekday	Rom 8: 26-30 Lk 13: 22-30 (481)
Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victor Gregori, Sr. 26th anniversary	Louie & Louie, Jr.	Weekday	Rom 8: 31b-39 Lk 13: 31-35 (482)
Friday, October 31, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Irene Gregori 3rd anniversary	brother-Leo Calliari	Weekday	Rom 9: 1-5 Lk 14: 1-6 (483)
Saturday, November 01, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST SATURDAY	ALL SOULS	St. Joseph Parish	ALL SAINTS (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)	Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a (667)
Saturday, November 01, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of All Souls Day	(see below)
Sunday, November 02, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass 	Richard Gusherowski	sister-Barb	ALL SOULS DAY	Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18 Lk 18: 9-14 (150)

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The Act of Contrition

When during the Sacrament of Confession, we have confessed our sins and the priest assigns us a penance, we then pray The Act of Contrition. There are actually two different Act of Contrition we can pray during Confession. The first one we all know:

“O My God, I am heartily sorry, for having offended Thee. And I detest all my sins, because of Thy Just Punishments. But most of all, because they offend You, My God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.” Amen!

The other Act of Contrition is very brief and is found in this Sunday's Gospel in the words of the humble tax collector: (the prayer) O Jesus, Son of the Living “God, be merciful to me a sinner.” (Lk 18: 13b)

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