



• 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**YOU SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.**

Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 10/18/26	\$2,160.00
Difference	\$1,265.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$27,145.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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

November 24 6:30 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019
**this is the last class until 2027*

Come to the St. Joseph Church Fall Fish Dinners on Friday, October 23 and Friday, October 30th! Serving from NOON until 6:30 pm or until sold out. Haddock dinner \$17, Shrimp dinner \$17, Pastor's Platter \$20. Dine in or take out. All dinners include choice of potato, salad, cup of soup, roll, dessert, and a drink.

THANK YOU to Joe Nedza and Geer Funeral Home, for again, sponsoring and purchasing our annual church calendars! 2027 calendars are available in the back of the Church.

Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 1st, 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 Saving Time ends next weekend, November 1. Don't forget to turn your clocks *back* one hour next weekend!

Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction will be starting on Sunday, November 1st at 6:00 pm, and each Sunday evening, up to and including, Sunday, December 20th. All are welcome.

Love in Sacred Scriptures

When you see or hear the word *Love*, what immediately comes to mind? I believe, for most of us, we think of God. Why? Because God is the very definition of *love*, as St. John says in 1Jn 4: 16, that "God is *love*." Family members, close friends, and neighbors also come to mind when we think of *love*.

We all know that this **big word, Love**, has a variety of meanings which have been expressed in song, poetry, theatre, and in movies during the past centuries. But this weekend's Gospel calls us to listen to what Jesus has to say about *love*.

When Jesus was asked by the scholar: "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Mt 22: 36-39) Jesus is answering the question by quoting both Old Testament Scriptures Deuteronomy 6: 5 and Leviticus 19: 18.

Very simply, we need to ask: How are we doing in living this command? Are we loving God with all our heart by spending time in prayer everyday? Are we loving God by believing that God loves us, created us, and wants all that is good for us? Are we loving God by accepting His Will and Plan for our lives? Are we reading the Bible and thinking good thoughts about God and neighbors?

Next, we can ask: Are we loving our neighbors by respecting them, helping them when we are called upon, and praying for them? Do we see God in their life? Finally, do we take care of ourselves? Are we loving ourselves enough with proper nourishment, rest, exercise, and developing our learning capacity and talents. Answer these questions this week.

The following is a Sacred Scripture on *Love*...

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8)

**God Bless,
Father Mark**

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 26, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Dominic Caliarì	Family	Weekday	Eph 4: 32 -- 5:8 Lk 13: 10-17 (479)
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	Eph 5: 21-33 Lk 13: 18-21 (480)
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 No Mass			<i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	Eph 2: 19-22 Lk 6: 12-16 (666)
Thursday, October 29, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	Eph 6: 10-20 Lk 13: 31-35 (482)
Friday, October 30, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	Phil 1: 1-11 Lk 14: 1-6 (483)
Saturday, October 31, 2026 No AM Mass			Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Phil 1: 18b-26 Lk 14: 1, 7-11 (484)
Saturday, October 31, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of All Saints Day	(see below)
Sunday, November 01, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	John Bonanno	Dennis & Deborah Bonanno	ALL SAINTS DAY	Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a (667)

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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

Morning Prayer (continued)

I share with you the conclusion of the Liturgy of Hours Morning Prayer. In the October 4th bulletin, I printed the Cantic of Zechariah, which are the words that Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had prayed eight days after John's birth, concerning his son to be "the prophet of the Most High...going before the Lord to prepare His Ways." (Luke 1: 76)

This part of the Morning Prayer reminds us each morning, as we pray these words, that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, and we need to prepare ourselves to follow Him as we begin our day.

The conclusion of the Morning Prayer involves Intercessory Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and a final blessing by the person who leads the prayers.

I share this with you, and I encourage each of you, to read the Liturgy of Hours by going online and downloading the Divine Office app, in audio, and the Laudate app, which is in print, to read silently. If you need help to get these apps, please let me know. In getting these apps, you will be able to pray the Liturgy of Hours Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer every day. Blessings on all of you this week!

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