



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 09/01/24	\$2,720.00
Offertory collection for 09/08/24	\$3,365.00
Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024	\$3,365.00
CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024	\$31,134.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$28,210.00

**Pope’s Intention for September
For the Cry of the Earth**

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

“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

September 25	6:00 pm	St. Boniface	814-885-4488
October 12	10:00 am	Sacred Heart	814-834-7861

Today is the **2024 Catholic Education Collection**. As you saw, we blessed our catechists today. Half of what you give will remain at our parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet or online at <https://www.eriescd.org/cec.html>.

Elk County Right to Life is sponsoring a Muccio school bus to the March for Life in Harrisburg on September 23rd. Bus will depart St. Marys Annex at 6am and return early evening. Cost is FREE! Contact Fuzzy Cappiello @814-594-2140 or Mary Bea Maloney @814-834-3834 for more info or to RSVP.



Catechetical Sunday

Today is **Catechetical Sunday** which marks the opening of our Faith Formation year. The parishioners who will serve as catechists will receive a blessing during Mass to strengthen them as they prepare for the role of handing on the Faith to our children and youth. Please pray for these women who serve as a witness to their Faith.

The Catechists are the following:

- Kindergarten and 1st Grade:** Lilly Phillips and Jolene Rippey
- 2nd Grade:** Emily Luchini
- 3rd Grade:** Rebecca Bricen
- 4th Grade and 5th Grade:** Bethany Prince
- 6th/7th/8th Grades: (Edge)** Father Mark
Tracey Phillips
Linda Dipalo

PIZZA SALE We have 65 pizza shells left from Labor Day. So, we are going to have a Take & Bake pizza sale. You can choose either plain or pepperoni. The cost of a pizza is \$10. If you are interested in buying a pizza or two, call the Church office at 814-787-4151 x3 to place your order. Pick-up will be the weekend of September 28/29 after each Mass. Thank you!



THESE ANGELS PROTECT US

Angels are popular today. Here are three...

On September 29th, we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel. **The Archangel Michael** is the one who with his angels in heaven battled against the dragon and its angels who symbolize evil. As the Book of Revelations says, “...the dragon and his angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer a place for them in heaven.: (Rev 12: 8)

There is a special prayer to **Saint Michael the Archangel** that starts out “...Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us from battle...” (**listed below**)

The Archangel Raphael is read about in the Book of Tobit. Raphael appears to Tobiah, Tobit’s son, and leads him to marry Sarah and to bring healing to Tobit’s blindness.

The name **GABRIEL** means “man of God.” He was the angel who appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of St. John the Baptizer (Luke 1: 11). Finally, he announced to Mary that she would bear a Son Who would be conceived by the Holy Spirit, Son of the Most High, and the Savior of the world. (Luke 1: 26). (Lives of the Saints, page 405)

May these **Archangels** intervene in each of our lives. (Saints of the Day pgs., Foley 1990, 252,253)



St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
(after this prayer, pray Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have Mercy on Us...3x)...God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 16, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Hazel & Albino Bleggi	Fran & Gloria Bleggi	Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	1 Cor 11: 17-26, 33 Lk 7: 1-10 (443)
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 No Mass			Weekday St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a Lk 7: 11-17 (444)
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 No Mass			Weekday	1 Cor 12: 31--13: 13 Lk 7: 31-35 (445)
Thursday, September 19, 2024 No Mass			Weekday Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr	1 Cor 15: 1-11 Lk 7: 36-50 (446)
Friday, September 20, 2024 No Mass			Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	1 Cor 15: 12-20 Lk 8: 1-3 (447)
Saturday, September 21, 2024 No Mass			Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 Mt 9: 9-13 (643)
Saturday, September 21, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 22, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Ray Thompson	daughter-DeAnn	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Wis 2: 12, 17-20 Jas 3: 16--4: 3 Mk 9: 30-37 (134)

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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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick–Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request.

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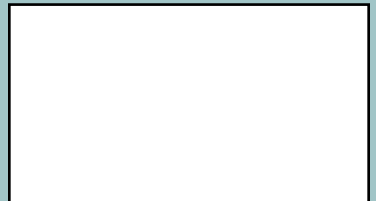
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