

## 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

**Parish Stewardship**

Weekly collection for 02/16/25 .....	\$2,541.00
Weekly collection for 02/23/25 .....	\$3,418.00
Weekly budget goal .....	\$3,425.00
Difference .....	\$7.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal .....	\$30,504.00

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH  
For Families in Crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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**

March 22nd	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church	814-781-1019
April 16th	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135
May 22nd	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019

**FAITH FORMATION** -- Students in Grades K-5 will meet in the Faith Formation building for class. **No** Edge class this week. **After class**, there will be a brief meeting in the FF building for the parents of the First Reconciliation students. We will discuss the First Reconciliation retreat. Please plan on attending.

**40 Days for Life Campaign** begins March 5 to April 13, 2025. 40 Days is an International Campaign of Fasting, Prayer, and Community Outreach to end abortion. You can help save babies by participating in this campaign. Since 2007--25,353 babies have been saved, 161 abortion centers closed, and 268 abortion workers quit. 40 Days rosary--after Tuesday 8:30 am Mass at St. Marys Church and after Friday 6:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart. 40 Days Daily Prayer sheets at the entrance of Churches. Sponsored by Elk County Right To Life. For more information, contact Mary Ross at 814-781-6867.

**What are you planning on doing for Lent? The following is what we are doing here at St. Joseph Church for Lent:**

- **Ash Wednesday, March 5th--9:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses**
- **Sunday, March 9th at 6:30 pm--Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction**
- **Monday, March 10th at 6:30 pm--Adult Faith Formation class**
- **Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00 pm--The Rosary in Church**

**Sacred Heart Parish Center BINGO** Friday, March 7th. Doors open @ 4pm-FREE Lenten lunch served @ 5:30 pm. Early Bird games @ 6:30 pm Games @ 6:45 pm. Benefit: Sacred Heart Parish St. Marys, PA

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



**A Valiant Woman of Faith from Pennsylvania  
Katherine Drexel**

The opening paragraph in the book, Saint of the Day, the author/editor Leonard Foley, O.F.M., begins to describe the saint, Katherine Drexel, in the following way:

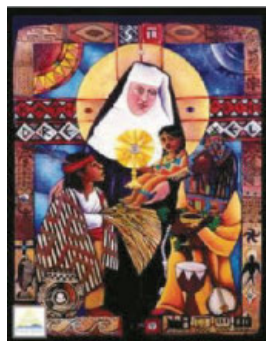
"If your father is an international banker and you ride in a private railroad car, you are not likely to be drawn to a life of voluntary poverty. But, if your mother opens your home to the poor three days each week, and your father spends half an hour each evening in prayer, it is not impossible that you will devote your life to the poor and give away 12 million dollars. Katherine Drexel did that."

(Saint of the Day, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor, pg. 57, St. Anthony Messenger Press © 1990)

We are honored to know that she was born in Philadelphia, which is not far from here. She had everything a wealthy girl would want; did much traveling, popularity, and the best education money could buy. In the midst of all of this, Katherine discovered that she had a heartfelt compassion for those who suffer. She learned this about herself while taking care of her terminally ill step mother.

Eventually, Katherine's compassion reached out to the Native Americans and the African Americans in the states of Wyoming and the Dakotas. She gave much aid to Indian Missions. Her accomplishments were many: she inspired women to follow her in the religious life as nuns whose order was called, The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, for Indians and African Americans; opened a boarding school in Santa Fe; established schools in 13 states and 50 mission centers in several states. She founded Xavier University in New Orleans for African Americans and also Drexel University in Philadelphia is named after her. The last several years of her life was spent in quiet prayer and meditation, due to her limited health situation.

Katherine is a great example of one as Jesus says in our Gospel Reading today as he describes a good person: "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." (Luke 6: 45a)



May each of us be the good person Jesus is calling us to be, each in our own unique and creative ways. Amen! (further info is from Saint of the Day ©1990 page 58)

God Bless,  
Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 03, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday <i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>	Sir 17: 20-24 Mk 10: 17-27 (347)
Tuesday, March 04, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Morelli	Bill & Marie Michelini	Weekday <i>Saint Casimir</i>	Sir 35: 1-12 Mk 10: 28-31 (348)
Wednesday, March 05, 2025 9:00 a.m. Mass  7:00 p.m. Mass ASH WEDNESDAY	Angeline Cheslock  Living & Deceased Parishioners	Grandchildren	Ash Wednesday	Jl 2: 12-18 2 Cor 5: 20--6: 2 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18 (219)
Thursday, March 06, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helen Lovenduski 6th anniversary	Children	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Dt 30: 15-20 Lk 9: 22-25 (220)
Friday, March 07, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass  FIRST FRIDAY	Leo Calliari	Parishioner	Friday after Ash Wednesday <i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>	Is 58: 1-9a Mt 9: 14-15 (221)
Saturday, March 08, 2025 No Mass			Saturday after Ash Wednesday <i>Saint John of God, Religious</i>	Is 58: 9b-14 Lk 5: 27-32 (222)
Saturday, March 08, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 09, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Ann Michelini birthday	Children and Grandchildren	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Dt 26: 4-10 Rom 10: 8-13 Lk 4: 1-13 (24)

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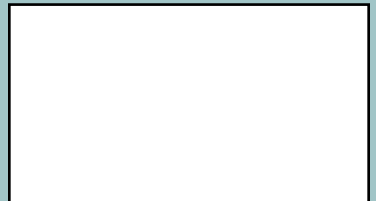
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