



# *18<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 07/27/25. ....	\$2,018.00
Weekly budget goal .....	\$3,425.00
<b>Difference</b> .....	<b>\$1,407.00</b>
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal .....	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date .....	\$30,845.00

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**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**

August 7th	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	814-787-4151
August 28th	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569

**Parenting Pointer #1155** "It's not only a matter of what screen-based media promotes, but what they prevent." (*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference*) All of us like to veg out occasionally but too much screen time robs kids of time to play outside, be artistic, create their own games and fun. Limit screen time.

**A Family Perspective** In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to acquire more things that we neglect the people in our lives. What is enough? Are Jesus' Words, "You fool," meant for us?

**Marriage Moment #1159** All married couples disagree at one time or another. Remember this rule for 'fighting fair': Feelings are neither right nor wrong, they merely are. (Marriage Encounter) Accept your spouse's feelings even if you don't share them. Share your own feelings without anger.

**Church picnic—Next Sunday, August 10th.**

MASS will be at 10:00 a.m. Picnic to follow.

We will eat at NOON.

You are welcome to bring a non-refrigerated dessert for all to enjoy!

Please complete and return your reservation form by August 4th.



Our **5th Annual Golf Outing** will be held on Sunday, August 17th, at Treasure Lake Silver Course in DuBois. Shotgun start @ 1:00 PM. The cost will be: \$80/person. \$65/member. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. You can call Jim Allegretto @ 814-594-9708 OR St. Joseph Church office @ 814-787-4151 x3. Get a team together for a day of fun! See the flyer in the bulletin for more details.

**Where is Your True Treasure?**

In our Gospel Reading, as we just heard, Jesus refuses to take sides of a sibling complaining about the brother. Two weeks ago, it was Martha asking Jesus to tell her sister, Mary, to help her. Now, in this Reading, the person in the crowd asks Jesus to tell his brother to share the inheritance. He figures Jesus will be on his side. "It is only fair to share, right, Jesus?" the man asks. Jesus takes this opportunity to refocus this person on what matters to God and about growing rich in the sight of God. Jesus begins by saying, "take care to guard against all greed."

Greed is an excessive desire for wealth and/or possessions. Jesus then gives an illustration in the parable about a rich farmer.

Now, this wealthy farmer was not portrayed by Jesus as a sinful person. He did not steal or cheat his laborers. It was a good growing season that made him rich. He was an honest, hard working, and smart business man. He had, probably, prepared for many years of leisure and prosperity for himself and not for someone else. He never got the opportunity to use it because that "night his life would be demanded (by God) of him." (Luke 12: 21) He grew rich in material things, but not rich in the most important thing--a relationship with God--taking that love and sharing with others. It's good for all of us to be reminded of not allowing material possessions to dominate our lives.

**For us, I believe, in many ways, we are striving to be prudent with the material things that we own. We have a deep relationship with God and we strive to put Him at the center of our lives. Prayer and making every effort to be at Mass is important to you and to all of us.**

I thank you for coming to Mass week after week and spending your time worshipping together with our Eucharistic Lord.

God Bless, Father Mark



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 04, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Louis Chiappelli III	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Saint John Vianney, Priest	Nm 11: 4b-15 Mt 14: 13-21 (407)
Tuesday, August 05, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Ronald Mitchell	Mr. & Mrs. Myron Crumrine	Weekday <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>	Nm 12: 1-13 Mt 14: 22-36 or Mt 15: 1-2, 10-14 (408)
Wednesday, August 06, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			The Transfiguration of the Lord	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1: 16-19 Lk 9: 28b-36 (614)
Thursday, August 07, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Timothy W. Sims	family & friends	Weekday <i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i>	Nm 20: 1-13 Mt 16: 13-23 (410)
Friday, August 08, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Dolly Garvelli 2nd anniversary	Joann McPherson	Saint Dominic, Priest	Dt 4: 32-40 Mt 16: 24-28 (411)
Saturday, August 09, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday <i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr; BVM</i>	Dt 6: 4-13 Mt 17: 14-20 (412)
Saturday, August 09, 2025 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 10, 2025 <b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b> <b>CHURCH PICNIC</b> <b>Mass time is 10:00 a.m.</b>	Donald "Abe" Kentoski	Rita Fenice	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Wis 18: 6-9 Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19, or 11: 1-2, 8-12 Lk 12: 32-48 or 12: 35-40 (117)

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### The Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Part Two)

The following is a continuation from last week of the promises that Our Lord gave to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque for all people of all times who are devoted to His Sacred Heart:

7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise you in the excessive Mercy of My Heart that My All Powerful Love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My Disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their refuge.

(Part Three continues next week--A Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

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