



• 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**“JESUS, MASTER!
HAVE PITY ON US!”**

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 10/05/25.....	\$2,801.00
Weekly budget goal	\$3,425.00
Difference	\$624.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$30,845.00

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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**

The Church office will be closed on Monday, October 13th, in observance of Columbus Day.

A Family Perspective: In today's Gospel, we see the lepers who, despite their intention to thank Jesus for their healing, got so caught up in their excitement that they never got 'around to it.' This is a situation we can all relate to. Often, we become so absorbed in our own lives that we forget to appreciate the blessing we have and the people who have helped us. This week, let's make a conscious effort to take nothing for granted and express our gratitude to those who deserve it.

There will be NO Faith Formation classes for students this weekend. (October 12th) The teachers will attend a training by the Diocese of Erie which will be held at Queen of the World Church Café from 11:00 am until 2:30 pm.

World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 19th. It is a day when Catholics around the globe unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work. Please consider how you will participate next Sunday through your prayer and support. A letter from the Bishop is included with the bulletin this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Anointing Masses We will be having Anointing Masses on October 11 @ 5:30 pm Mass and also October 12 @ 9:15 am Mass. After the homily, Father Mark will invite people to come up to the altar and anoint their forehead with the Oils of the Infirm. (Oils of the Sick) The intention is to pray for healing of the Spirit, Mind, and Body.

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

Jesus, Our Divine Physician

Scene One: A man, in his early 70's, is working to put an addition on his backyard patio. Suddenly, he feels a weakening and paralyzing sensation traveling through the entire right side of his body and extremities. He is taken to the hospital. He is told that he suffered a stroke. His pastor comes to visit him and anoints him with the Oil of the Infirm. By the end of the day, he feels better. By the end of the week, he is walking with no signs of paralysis. He is back to working on his house. What happened? Divine Healing at work, along with good medicine.

Scene Two: A woman, who completely lost her hearing in both ears, attends a healing service in her church. Along with a priest, several other people are praying over this woman for her to regain her hearing. Within one hour, to the amazement of all, her hearing in both ears is completely restored. What happened? Direct Divine Healing from Jesus, our Divine Physician.

In our First Reading at Mass, from Second Kings 5: 14-17, and in our Gospel Reading, from Lk 17: 11-19, two people are mentioned who have the disease of leprosy. They both had received an immediate direct healing from God. Naaman was healed after the Prophet Elisa told him to wash seven times in the Jordan River and the Samaritan man was one of the ten who was healed by Jesus. Both men thanked God in their own way for having received their healing.

My brothers and sisters, similarly, Jesus is still healing people with illnesses today. Healing can be experienced and received *through the laying on of hands* and being anointed with the Oil of the Infirm. At one time, this Sacrament was called Extreme Unction or Last Rites. This was ministered primarily to a person who was dying. It is still given to one close to death, with a much broader meaning and experience today--it can bring about healing to those suffering illness and/or injury, with the hope of recovery and even to someone before an operation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 1507) states "the Risen Lord renews this mission 'in My Name...they will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover.'" (Mk 16: 17-18)

My friends, it is true and sad that not all illnesses are healed. In this experience, we share in Christ's Suffering. However, if in good faith we ask Jesus to heal us in the Sacrament of Anointing, a healing, either spiritually or physically, will indeed happen. "Ask and you will receive." (John 16: 24b)

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 13, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victor & Irene Gregori wedding anniversary	Leon Calliari	Weekday Columbus Day	Rom 1: 1-7 Lk 11: 29-32 (467)
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	Rom 1: 16-25 Lk 11: 37-41 (468)
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 No Mass			Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Rom 2: 1-11 Lk 11: 42-46 (469)
Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Connie Otteni	Virginia Kunes	Weekday Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	Rom 3: 21-30 Lk 11: 47-54 (470)
Friday, October 17, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leo Calliari birthday	Kathleen & Leon	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	Rom 4: 1-8 Lk 12: 1-7 (471)
Saturday, October 18, 2025 No a.m. Mass			Saint Luke, Evangelist	2 Tm 4: 10-17b Lk 10: 1-9 (661)
Saturday, October 18, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 19, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	Bruno & Ermella Gavazzi and deceased family members	Walter & Christine Gavazzi	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 17: 8-13 2 Tm 3: 14--4:2 Lk 18: 1-8 (147)

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The following are Scripture Passages of Peace and Affirmation to use in prayer:

1. **Psalm 37: 7** "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him."
2. **Psalm 62: 1** "My soul finds rest in God alone."
3. **Psalm 63: 1** "Oh God, You are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."
4. **Psalm 131** "O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, not with things too sublime for me. Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the Lord, both now and forever.
5. **1 Cor 2: 9** "No eye has seen, no hear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him."

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