

Blessings on **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**



Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 09/14/25.....	\$2,117.00
Weekly budget goal	\$3,425.00
Difference	\$1,308.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$30,845.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For Our Relationship With All of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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

October 11th	10:00 am	Sacred Heart	814-781-1019
November 25th	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019

***THESE ARE THE LAST CLASSES UNTIL 2026**

We were very successful with our food booths during the Labor Day celebration. We made a profit of \$4,185.54!!
Thank You for all of the hard work, dedication, and support that went into it to make it such a success!

Sunday, September 21st, is the first day of Faith Formation classes for all students in Grades K-5, Edge, and Confirmation.

Father Mark will have a meeting with the parents, in the Church, immediately following Mass on September 21st. Students are to report directly to the Faith Formation building.

A Family Perspective: Despite all of our time-saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To address this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: *Quality* Time is *Quantity* Time. Jesus counsels us today that we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

The International Forty Days For Life Campaign begins on September 24th through November 2nd. The mission of this campaign is to end abortion through fasting, prayer, and community outreach. With changing hearts and minds, 25,695 babies have been saved since 2007.

40 Days Rosary will be after 8:30 am Mass on Tuesdays at St. Marys Church and after 6:15 am Mass on Fridays at Sacred Heart Church.

40 Days daily prayer sheets will be at the entrances of churches.

Sponsored by Elk Co. Right to Life. For more information, contact Mary Ross at 814-781-6867

Liturgical and Private Prayer

Today, Faith Formation students, as well as adult Catholics, most likely know the difference between public, liturgical prayer and private, personal prayer.

Private prayer is that which you say alone. It is God and yourself: the "I-Thou" relationship. When you pray privately, you can use any words, any books, any posture, any time. There are no rules, no rubrics.

But, public prayer is entirely different. This is the prayer of the Church. The Church tells us what words and books we are to use, what prayer. The liturgy is the prayer of the entire community--and not just the local community of priest and congregation, but the entire Catholic community, the entire Church.

During the years of liturgical change, some Catholics forgot this difference between personal prayer and public, liturgical prayer. There were some who used to say their own prayers and devotions during the quiet of the Latin Mass. They had to make an adjustment of praying their personal prayers to *before* Mass, instead of *during* Mass. We should pray privately, everyday, because that does develop our relationship with our Lord. We can pray our private prayers before Mass begins and after Mass as well.

Liturgical prayers are in the Roman Missal for priests and the Missalette for the people in the pews. These books and the Lectionary that is used at Mass for the Liturgy of the Word are all approved texts by the Pope and Bishops for our public worship of Liturgy. We are very grateful that we have a set of required liturgical books that can be used throughout the entire Church.

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Sharing Our Faith Series--Lectio Divina (guidelines)

Step One: Read the Gospel passage. Then be encouraged to ask yourself the following question: What phrase, sentence, or even one word stands out to you?

Step Two: Read the passage again and **Reflect** on the Word of God. Ask yourself, what thought or reflection is meaningful to me right now? Allow a minute or two of silence.

Step Three: Read the passage again and **Respond** spontaneously to the Word of God. Be aware of any prayer that rises up within you that expresses the experience. Allow a minute or two of silence.

Step Four: Read the passage a final time and **Rest** in the Word, reflect or pray and allow God to speak. Allow three or four minutes of silence.

To Extend the Practice: After resting, take the phrase, sentence, or Word into your daily activity and listen to it. Allow it to become part of you.

God Bless,
Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 22, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ray Thompson	DeAnn & John	Weekday	Ezr 1: 1-6 Lk 8: 16-18 (449)
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Richard "Dick" Gavazzi	Parishioner	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	Ezr 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8: 19-21 (450)
Wednesday, September 24, 2025 No Mass			Weekday	Ezr 9: 5-9 Lk 9: 1-6 (451)
Thursday, September 25, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Tom Smith	Chuck & Mary Stoker	Weekday	Hg 1: 1-8 Lk 9: 7-9 (452)
Friday, September 26, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Frances Bonanno 32nd anniversary	Dennis & Deborah Bonanno	Weekday <i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>	Hg 2: 1-9 Lk 9: 18-22 (453)
Saturday, September 27, 2025 No a.m. Mass			Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a Lk 9: 43b-45 (454)
Saturday, September 27, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Susan Huff 3rd anniversary	Family	Vigil of Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Am 6: 1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6: 11-16 Lk 16: 19-31 (138)

Our New Fatima Shrine Plaque

We have a new Fatima Shrine plaque that has recently been placed near the statues of our Blessed Mother and the three children of Fatima who witnessed the visit of our Blessed Mother, Mary, in Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917.

This plaque replaces the original plaque that was assembled on the left side of the walkway, closer to the driveway. We are very grateful for this beautiful new plaque and for those who very generously donated it to our Parish.

Stop over to the Shrine after Mass and see our new plaque!



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All practicing Catholics living in the Bennetts Valley Area who consider themselves members of St. Joseph Parish should be registered in the parish. All registered members of St. Joseph receive envelopes and receive periodic parish mailings. St. Joseph Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord with God-given time, talents and treasures. All registered members should be using their envelopes regularly. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor, to be married in the parish, to have a child baptized or to be registered in our Faith Formation program. Please call the church office to arrange a meeting to register in our parish.



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