



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astonished. - Mk 6:2

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Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 06/30/24 not available
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 \$3,365.00
 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024 \$31,134.00
 CSA Pledges to date \$28,210.00

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Pope's Intention for July

For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's Strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

"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

August 8	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	814-787-4151
August 20	6:30 pm	St. Mark Church	814-486-0569

4th ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH CHURCH GOLF OUTING

will be held on Sunday, July 14th at Bavarian Hills Golf Course in St. Marys. Start time is NOON. We invite you to enter a team into the tournament. Cost is \$80/person. \$65/member. The cost includes greens fees, cart, boxed lunch, refreshments, dinner and prizes! There will be skill prizes, 50/50, Chinese auction baskets. Join us for a day of fun and fellowship! Please see the insert in the bulletin for more details. There is still time to put together a team! There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule. **Hope to see you there!**



SAVE THE DATE! Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 11th. Make plans to attend!

Mass will be at 10:00 am Picnic to follow.

Food-Fun-Games-Music-Raffles

See insert in the bulletin. **The reservation form is on the back of the insert.** Please complete and return your reservation form by August 5th. You can drop it into the collection basket.

ECCHS YARD SALE will be held in the ECCHS cafeteria, 600 Maurus St., St. Marys on Thursday, July 11 4pm-7pm and Friday, July 12 8am-NOON

Sacred Heart Parish Drive Thru Turkey Dinner on Thursday, July 25th starting at 4:00 pm. **PRE-ORDERS ONLY** by calling 814-834-7861 Ext. #1 by Monday, July 22nd 3:00 pm. Price is \$12.00. Turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll.



St. Ignatius Prayer of Surrender

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
 my memory, my understanding, and my entire
 will, all I have and call my own.
 You have given all to me. To You, Lord,
 I return it.
 Everything is Yours;
 do with it what You will.
 Give me only Your Love and Your Grace.
 That is enough for me. Amen

Scripture Reflection and Questions

Brothers and sisters, I would like us to reflect briefly on this Second Reading for this weekend and then to answer the questions after reading this reflection.

“That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but He said to me, “My Grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12: 7-10)

St. Paul had some struggles that he had to work through with the Corinthian community. In addition to this, St. Paul had to work through some personal issues and weaknesses that he named as being, “a thorn in the flesh.” (2 Cor 12: 7) What St. Paul did to cope with and even find healing was to pray about each problem and give them completely to Jesus our Savior. When St. Paul did this, he felt and he knew that our Lord's Grace took over his life and controlled the situation. In this he sensed that Christ was telling him, “My Grace is sufficient...” (2 Cor 9)

Each one of us has an issue or some problem in our life, whether spiritually or physically. When we go to God in prayer, it is helpful to pray for the grace and truth in order to understand what is going on in our life. Our Lord will be faithful and show us that His Grace is enough. Here are two questions for us to answer:

1. What is one weakness that you are giving to God and asking for His Help?
2. Have you felt that God's Grace is sufficient for you in working through an issue?

God is always faithful in giving us the grace we ask for because He loves us.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 08, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Roger Meraglia 15th anniversary	Roger & Marleen Meraglia	Weekday	Hos 2: 16, 17c-18, 21-22 Mt 9: 18-26 (383)
Tuesday, July 09, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Catherine & Joseph Asalone	Family	Weekday Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Hos 8: 4-7, 11-13 Mt 9: 32-38 (384)
Wednesday, July 10, 2024 No Mass			Weekday	Hos 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10: 1-7 (385)
Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leo Brown	Family	Saint Benedict, Abbot	Hos 11: 1-4, 8e-9 Mt 10: 7-15 (386)
Friday, July 12, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Edward Levanduski 10th anniversary	Wife & Children	Weekday	Hos 14: 2-10 Mt 10: 16-23 (387)
Saturday, July 13, 2024 No Mass			Weekday Saint Henry; BVM	Is 6: 1-8 Mt 10: 24-33 (388)
Saturday, July 13, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, July 14, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Mary Youngmark	Chris & Brent Lyle	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 7: 12-15 Eph 1: 3-14 or 1: 3-10 Mk 6: 7-13 (104)

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.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

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.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

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.

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