

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They left everything and followed him.
- Lk 5:11



Becoming Humble Servants

Learning and educational development for all of us is so necessary to have and to share with others. In addition, developing a humble, open attitude is very beneficial, especially when learning something new from a familiar teacher or a new teacher.

In a like manner, our love for God and becoming disciples of Christ is a process that requires us to be humble and open to what our Lord Jesus is teaching each of us in our relationship with Him.

The theme of today's Readings is being a humble servant of God. In the First Reading, when Isaiah saw an awesome heavenly vision, he said, "for I am a man of unclean lips." (Is 6: 5a) In the Second Reading, Saint Paul called himself "the least of the apostles." (1 Cor 15: 9a) Peter, in the Gospel Reading, said "depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." (Lk 5: 8) In each of these confessions by Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, we see a humble openness and attitude that took each of them to the next level of spiritual maturity.

Just like Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, we too, are called to our next level of spiritual maturity in our learning of being a disciple of Christ. Apps for your iPhone or computer, such as Verbum, Laudate, and Hallow are very good opportunities and ways of learning our Catholic faith and discipleship with Christ.

Sharing our Faith Series

We Catholics find it very spiritually helpful to wear medals of saints on a chain around our neck or sometimes on a bracelet. This saint may be our Baptism or Confirmation name, but we wear it to serve as a constant reminder that this person loves us and is now living in Heaven, praying for you and for all who call upon them. Every day, ask this saint to pray for you.

God Bless, Father Mark



Peter's confession to Jesus.

Parish Stewardship
 Offertory collection for 01/26/25 \$1,363.00
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POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's Mission in the priesthood and religious life.

"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

February 18th	6:30 pm	St. Boniface	814-885-4488
February 20th	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569
March 22nd	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church	814-781-1019

FAITH FORMATION -- ALL students will meet in the Faith Formation building for class.

Our **2024 CSA Campaign** is coming to a close. There is still time to make the final payments of your pledge. We did not meet our goal for 2024, so the Church must pay the difference between the assessed goal of \$31,134 and the pledged amount of \$28,430 --which is \$2,704. Any remaining balances on pledges not completed also becomes the responsibility of St. Joseph Church. Please submit any outstanding pledge balances by February 24th so they can be processed and sent to the Diocese before the end of the month. Thank you for your commitment to our CSA!

A Family Perspective In today's Gospel, Jesus asked Simon to begin by 'going a short distance.' Later, he encouraged Simon to 'go into deeper water.' Similarly, the first step toward reconciliation is often a small one, which gives us the courage to venture further 'into deeper water.' Reconciliation begins with that initial short step!

♥**Valentine's Day Polka Party**♥ February 14th 6pm to 10 pm
 St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 301 State Street DuBois, PA
 Music by the Vagabonds \$15/adult \$10/child (ages 6-12)
 Includes: music & dancing, kielbasa sandwiches, pierogies, halushki, snacks, desserts, soft drinks, coffee. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase. 50/50 drawing.
 All proceeds benefit the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Building Maintenance Fund. ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

St. Boniface Parish will be hosting a Cash Bash on Saturday, March 1st, in the Social Hall. **NO ONE UNDER 21 WILL BE PERMITTED.** Cost: \$10 ticket donation which includes food, pop, beer, and a chance to win \$500, \$750, or \$1000. Other raffles, drawings, small games of chance throughout the night. Come and enjoy what is sure to be a fun-filled night of music, laughter, and luck! All proceeds to benefit St. Boniface Parish.

♥♥♥♥ HAPPY VALENTINES DAY ♥♥♥♥

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 10, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Michael Chiodo	Rita Fenice	Saint Scholastica, Virgin	Gn 1: 1-19 Mk 6: 53-56 (329)
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Germaine Olewnik	Sandy Eckert and Joanne Agosti	Weekday Our Lady of Lourdes	Gn 1: 20--2: 4a Mk 7: 1-13 (330)
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 No Mass			Weekday	Gn 2: 4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7: 14-23 (331)
Thursday, February 13, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday	Gn 2: 18-25 Mk 7: 24-30 (332)
Friday, February 14, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Art Zambanini 7th anniversary	wife Gen daughter Pooney and family	Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop	Gn 3: 1-8 Mk 7: 31-37 (333)
Saturday, February 15, 2025 No Mass			Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Gn 3: 9-24 Mk 8: 1-10 (334)
Saturday, February 15, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Susan Huff birthday	Family	Vigil of The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 16, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jer 17: 5-8 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 6: 17, 20-26 (78)

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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

A Saint in February: Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day

On February, 11, 1858, the Blessed Mother Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. Later, during the apparition on March 25th, the Blessed Mother identified Herself as the Immaculate Conception. Lourdes then became the place where people from all over the world come for physical and spiritual healing. February 11th is also called the "World Day of the Sick." We take time out today to offer up special prayers to God for those we know who are sick. May Jesus in His Mercy heal them. Amen!



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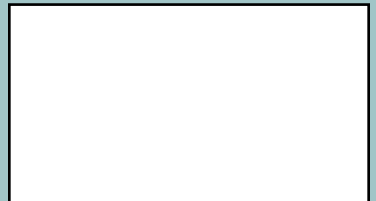
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