



ALL ARE WELCOME!

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JUNE 20, 2021 • THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

*Canceled or postponed until further notice.*

**Rectory:** 26 Erie Ave. • 532-5100 • **Fax:** 532-4096 • **Hours:** CLOSED  
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**Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor**  
**Deacon Wally Samick**

### MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph Church:** Saturday 4:30 p.m. • Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.  
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.



## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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**SICK CALLS:** Anytime. Call the rectory as soon as possible.

**CONFESSIONS:** By appointment only.

**RCIA:** Please contact the rectory.

**BAPTISMS:** Upon request; pre-baptismal instruction is required. Please contact the rectory.

**PRE-CANA:** Classes can be scheduled by calling the rectory.


**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance at the rectory.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register at the rectory as soon as possible after you have moved into the Parish. Registration as a member of the parish requires the completion of an application available at the rectory.



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The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Edmund Mende Sr.** as requested by *Bob and Carolyn Rebmann and Family*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

For all those serving in our **Armed Forces** here and around the world. For those who are suffering from pain and illness, especially: **Joan Cain, Tom Peglowski, Leo Gassman, Tim Noecker, Frank Kusiowski Sr., Colt William Matz, Mark Smith, Mike Gernatt, John Walgus, Kiley Denea, Melissa Moulton Peglowski, Kathy Smith, Peter Johnson, Justin Regan, Beatrice and Donald Swanson, Sister Lucina Stang, Mary Vanderbosch, Mike Wesley, and Joe Cook.** For those who have died...*Mary Nagel.*

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

On this Father's Day, we honor the vocation of marriage & earthly fatherhood. Might God be asking you to be a *spiritual* father as a priest? To learn more, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

Please make every effort to attend this Monday's monthly meeting as we will be discussing the future direction of our Council.



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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$5552.00
Loose.....	\$478.00
Maintenance/Repair .....	\$362.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$20.00
Communications.....	\$321.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6733.00</b>

*The total collection for the 2:30 p.m. Mass on June 6, 2021 was \$1500.00.*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Waking God**

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?


On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Msgr. David Gernatt Council #15113 of the **Knights of Columbus** meet regularly on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Join the Knights every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary and attend the business meeting. The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**, and it is the world's largest "Catholic Fraternal Service Organization."

If you would like to become a member, please call Dave Wiens - 432-0970 or Frank Kusiowski - 532-5397.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message and connects millions of people with Christ, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**WANT TO REQUEST A MASS?**

There are infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit the souls of our loved ones living and departed. Many times Masses are requested for the dead, but you may request a Mass to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, sacrament or for someone's special intentions. A Mass may also be requested for someone who is sick or suffering. Please call the rectory at 532-5100 if you would like to schedule a Mass. There is a stipend of \$15 requested for each Mass.

**READY FOR RENEWAL?**

The Diocese of Buffalo has embarked on the Road to Renewal that began with a planning phase last August. Since then, a great deal has taken place to help prepare our Diocese for much needed renewal and revitalization. Over the past month, Rev. Bryan Zielenieski, Pastor of St. Mary in Swormville, and Vicar for Renewal and Development, has been meeting with parish groupings sharing with priests, deacons and lay leaders the vision and work that the renewal entails. Because it is important for all parishioners to be aware of the Renewal work at hand, Fr. Bryan will help keep everyone up to date with bi-weekly updates regarding where we are in the process. The Renewal offers creative ways to respond to changing trends in our church, while addressing and responding to the needs of parishes. Visit [www.roadtorenewal.org](http://www.roadtorenewal.org) for the latest updates and to stay informed about the Diocese of Buffalo's Road to Renewal.

**MISSION COOPERATIVE DRIVE**

Jesus our Lord and Master charged each and every one of us Christians to be evangelizers: "Go out to the whole world and make disciples of all the nations." No one is exempt from this mission. That is precisely why some are missionaries by going to the Mission lands; others have become missionaries by giving to the Mission. Thank you for your fidelity to giving to the Missions. Please save the date: On the weekend of 24th and 25th of July 2021, there will be Mission Cooperative Collection for a foreign Mission that truly needs our help and support. The missionary priest will be coming to speak to us on that weekend; and collection will be taken at the end of the Masses. Parishes are doing the same thing for me, when I go to them to ask for help for my Nigerian people. I will be going to three parishes this year, between June and August. So please; extend the same generosity to whoever is coming. Thank you my Dear Parishioners for the anticipated support of the priest and his Mission.

**Father Innocent**

**GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient,

unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"? ©LPi

**3500 CLUB**

There are several 3500 Club tickets available for the Fall 2021 drawing. Please contact the rectory at 532-5100 if you would like to participate.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, June 19**

11:00 a.m. Funeral - William Hojnacki  
4:30 p.m. Lindsay Ann Rebmann † by Mom, Dad and Family

**Sunday, June 20—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate  
9:30 a.m. Jim Rebmann Sr. † by Wife and Family  
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, June 21—Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**

8:30 a.m. Henry Kaluza † by Kathy Stelley

**Tuesday, June 22**

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Frank Kusiowski by Dave and Anne

**Wednesday, June 23**

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

**Thursday, June 24—The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, June 25**

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Bonnie Novak by Marilyn Purdy

**Saturday, June 26**

4:30 p.m. Special Intentions of Tim and Sharon Noecker by Dave and Anne

**Sunday, June 27—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate  
9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for All who did so much to make her 90th birthday celebration special by Sister Lucina Stang  
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**June 26/27**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Braylynn Orth  
Lector: Donna Tharnish

**8:00 AM**

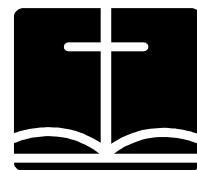
Altar Server: Any Available Server  
Lector: Mary O' Leary

**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Hayley Stang  
Lector: Lisa Rebmann

**Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve**

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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