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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

AUGUST 1, 2021 • THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

*Canceled or postponed until further notice.*

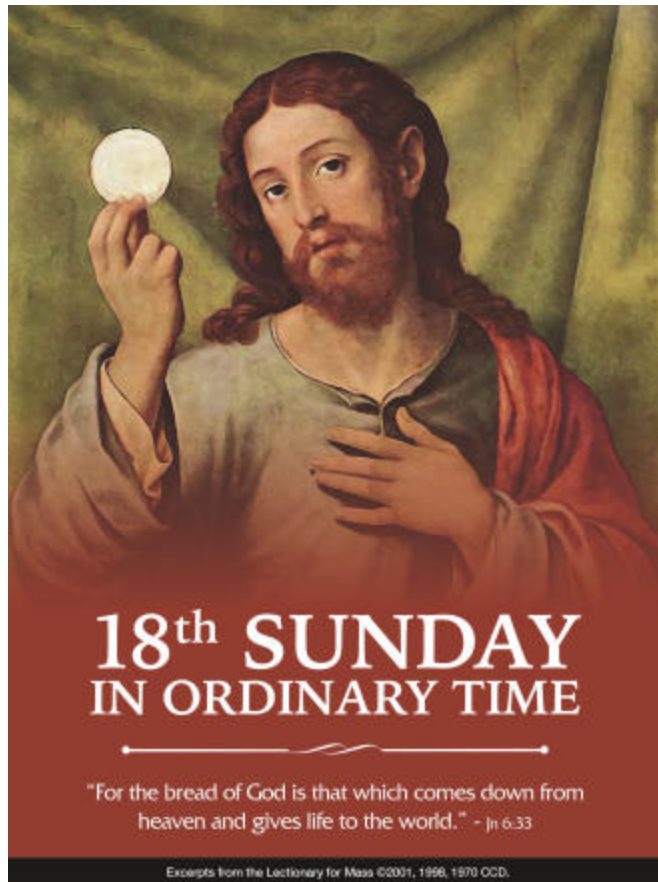


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**Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor**  
**Deacon Wally Samick**

### MASS SCHEDULE

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



**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.



Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." - Jn 6:35 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for *All Parishioners.*

**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: **Carol Regan, Joan Cain, Leo Gassman, Frank Kusiowski Sr., Colt William Matz, Mark Smith, Mike Gernatt, Kiley Denea, Melissa Moulton Peglowski, Peter Johnson, Justin Regan, Beatrice and Donald Swanson, Sister Lucina Stang, Mary Vanderbosch, and Mike Wesley.** For those who have died...

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Manna in the desert—this miraculous gift was only a sign of the more amazing Bread From Heaven that Jesus would later give us in His Body & Blood, a supreme gift which continues through the ministry of priests. To be part of this otherworldly ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**BAPTISM**



**Julianna Grace Piccoli** daughter of Daniel and Michelle has been baptized in the Name of the Trinity and has received the new life of Christ. May God always keep her secure in His Divine Love.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, July 25, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2934.00
Loose.....	\$420.00
Maintenance/Repair .....	\$40.00
Mission Co-op.....	\$1292.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4686.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Practicing Graciousness in the Desert**

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.


Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

**TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Tuition assistance is available to St. Joseph parishioners who have children attending a Catholic elementary school or high school. Please send your request to Father Innocent in writing including the name of the child and the school they will be attending.



**KNIGHTS  
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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.

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FIRST FRIDAYS**

Adoration of our Lord will begin again at St. Joseph Church on August 6, 2021 from 9 am to 12 noon. It is a privilege to spend time with our Lord in the presence of the Eucharist. Please come and spend an hour or just few minutes with Jesus. This time can unleash God's grace in our lives and bring us closer to Him.

## **SAVE THE DATE: ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th, 60th, and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. This will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, October 24. Please look for further details from your parish. If you have any questions, call 716-847-2205.

## **REQUESTING 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.

## **WORD OF LIFE**

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being that they will love and care for together....That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

## **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Love INC is collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year for children in the Gowanda area. Items can be dropped off at the 2nd Chance Clothing and More store at 15 W. Main Street in Gowanda, Mon, Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 9 am to 1 pm. Thank you for your support.

## **3500 CLUB**

If you have a ticket for the Fall 2021 drawing and have not paid, please send your payment in as soon as possible.

## **ST. ALOYSIUS BOARD RECRUITMENT**

Saint Aloysius Regional School (STARS) is conducting a search for new board members who will help the school launch a fundraising, sponsorship, and improvement campaign to ensure the future of Catholic education in our region. Their goal is to actively recruit a working board that can lead and direct action to address the immediate and future needs of the school. Please go to <https://staloyusregional.com/onboarding/> to apply online. For more information email Dave O'Brien, Principal, at [dobrien@staloyusregional.com](mailto:dobrien@staloyusregional.com) or call him at 716-592-7002.

## **GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**



**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited

to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty. ©LPi



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, July 31—Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

4:30 p.m. For the Special Intentions of Lily Donahue  
by the Comstock Family

**Sunday, August 1—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00 a.m. Angela Herrington † by Family

9:30 a.m. Anne Szymanski † by Estate

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, August 2**

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of John and Debi  
Rebmann by Mom

**Tuesday, August 3**

8:30 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by Helen and Peter

**Wednesday, August 4—Saint John Vianney**

8:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kota † by Estate

**Thursday, August 5**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, August 7**

4:30 p.m. For the Special Intentions of Rev. Daniel  
Ulmer by the Gugino Family

**Sunday, August 8—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00 a.m. Anna Dicembre † by Family

9:30 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by Aunt Mary Ann and  
Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**August 7/8**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Ava Valone

Lector: Logan Lukonaitis

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Jud Foy

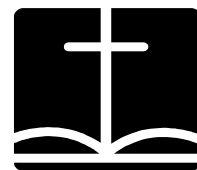
**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Daniel Stang

Lector: Nancy Johnson

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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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