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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

AUGUST 8, 2021 • THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

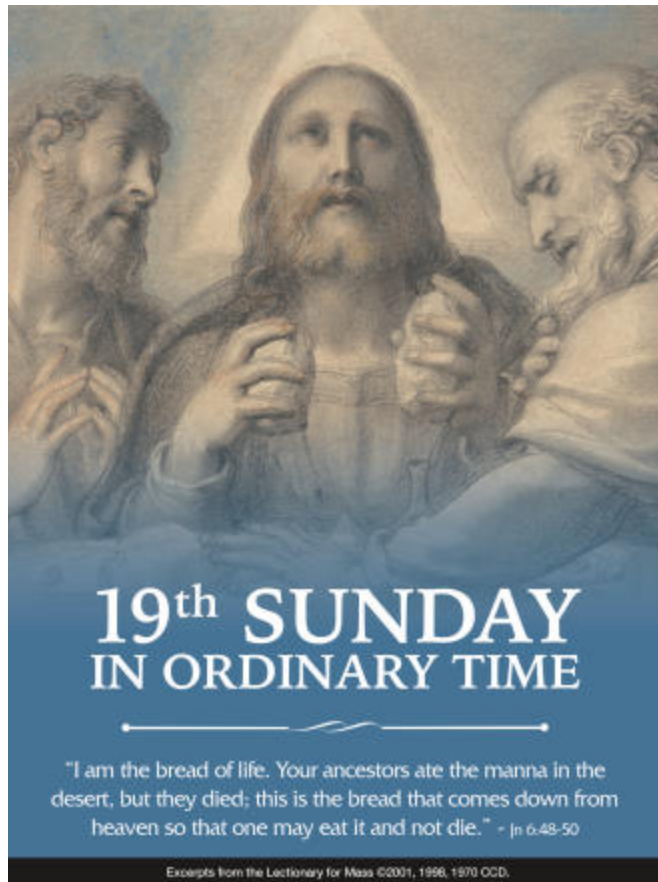
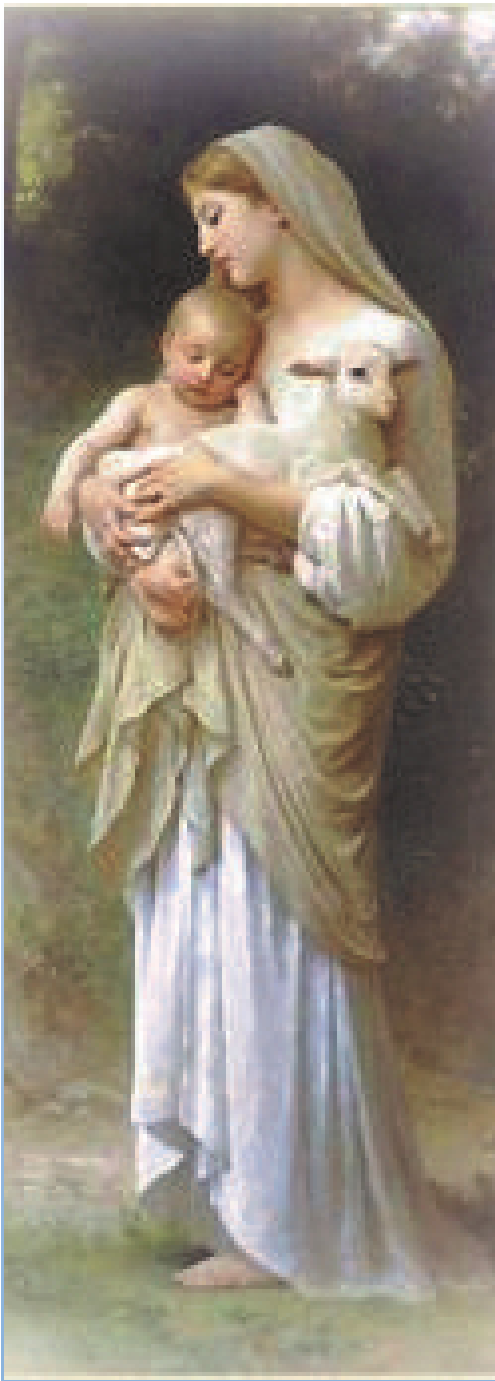
Canceled or postponed until further notice.

Rectory: 26 Erie Ave. • 532-5100 • **Fax:** 532-4096 • **Hours:** CLOSED
Email: rectory@stjoesgowanda.com • **Website:** www.sjcgowanda.org
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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.



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"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 OGD.

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 the Special Intentions of the **Kusiowski 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: **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...

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Nothing was more radical & shocking than Jesus' words in John 6, “the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” His true Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist — this is the great mission and privilege of the priesthood. Sound intriguing? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3079.00
Loose.....	\$423.00
Maintenance/Repair	\$256.00
Mission Co-op.....	\$300.00
Total.....	\$4058.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What's Your Hearth Cake?

“Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.”

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**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.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples who have celebrated or will celebrate their 50th, 60th, and 70th Anniversaries of Marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass at **St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows. Following Mass, the opportunity to take photographs with the anniversary couples will take place in the Lady Chapel. Please call our rectory here at St. Joseph Church, Gowanda (532-5100) if you would like to attend or if you cannot attend but would like to be remembered at Mass and receive a certificate. If you have any questions, call the Buffalo Diocese Office of Pastoral Ministries at 716-847-2205.

ST. ALOYSIUS REGIONAL 2ND ANNUAL BIKE RUN

Come join us for a beautiful bike ride through the southern tier on **August 14, 2021** and support St. Aloysius Regional School! The run will begin and end at **Gowanda Harley Davidson 2535 Gowanda Zoar Rd. Gowanda, NY 14070. Registration starts at 10 am with kick stands up at 11 am.** There will be raffles, door prizes and food. Live music will play from 1:30-3:30 pm. ***Donation is \$15 per bike and \$10 for rider.*** You can also participate by visiting the hot dog roast at Gowanda Harley Davidson during the day from 11 am to 3 pm or visit the Facebook page St. Aloysius Regional School or website www.staloyisiusregional.com for more ways to donate. For more information contact Laura Koch at 716-353-1375.

UPON THIS ROCK

Dear Parishioners, I can't wait to announce to you once more that your investment on Upon This Rock is yielding a happy dividend. So far our Parish has received ten disbursements from Upon This Rock as follows:

1) February 1, 2017	= \$36,784.28
2) July 28, 2017	= \$14,968.79
3) January 31, 2018	= \$27,804.33
4) July 31, 2018	= \$17,333.35
5) January 31, 2019	= \$23,827.38
6) July 31, 2019	= \$11,757.81
7) January 31, 2020	= \$22,197.56
8) July 31, 2020	= \$9,977.16
9) January 29, 2021	= \$24,066.60
10) July 30, 2021	= \$15,685.34
TOTAL	= \$204,402.60

I cannot thank you enough for your devotion at paying your pledges. Please keep it up; so we do not miss out on our disbursements, which we desperately need in these very difficult times. Please remember to call Laura Genco at 716-847-8740 if you have any problems or questions with your pledges or payments. Once more; thank you so much and **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of us!

Father Innocent**HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is September 17-19, 2021.

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For

many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPI

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, August 9

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

Tuesday, August 10 — Saint Lawrence

8:30 a.m. Maynard Winship † by his wife, Paula

Wednesday, August 11 — Saint Clare

8:30 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

Thursday, August 12

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Friday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Richard Bromley † by Keith and Donna Tharnish

Saturday, August 14 — Saint Maximilian Kolbe

4:30 p.m. Howard Purdy † by the Purdy Family

Sunday, August 15 — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. David Reirdon † by Lisa Towne

9:30 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by John and Debi Rebmann and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 14/15

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Pat Volk

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Bob O'Connor

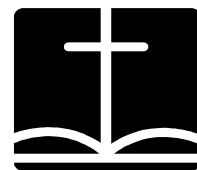
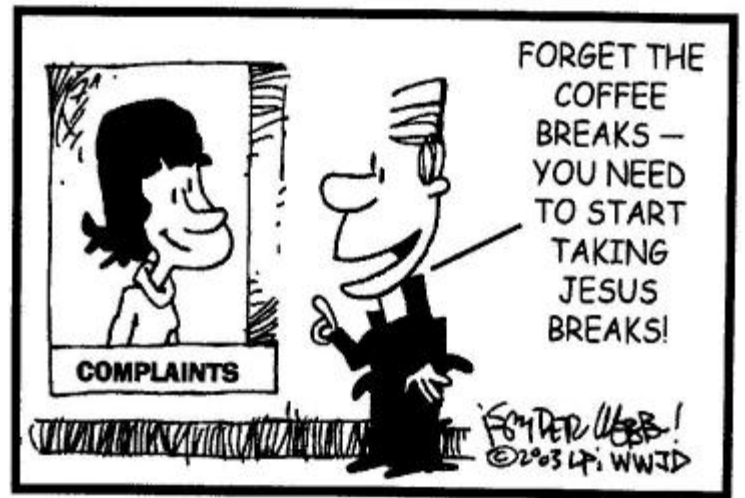
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Altar Server: Weston Bolen

Lector: Monica Reid

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

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- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other _____

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