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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

AUGUST 22, 2021 • TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

*Canceled or postponed until further notice.*

**Rectory:** 26 Erie Ave. • 532-5100 • **Fax:** 532-4096 • **Hours:** M-F 9 am to 2 pm

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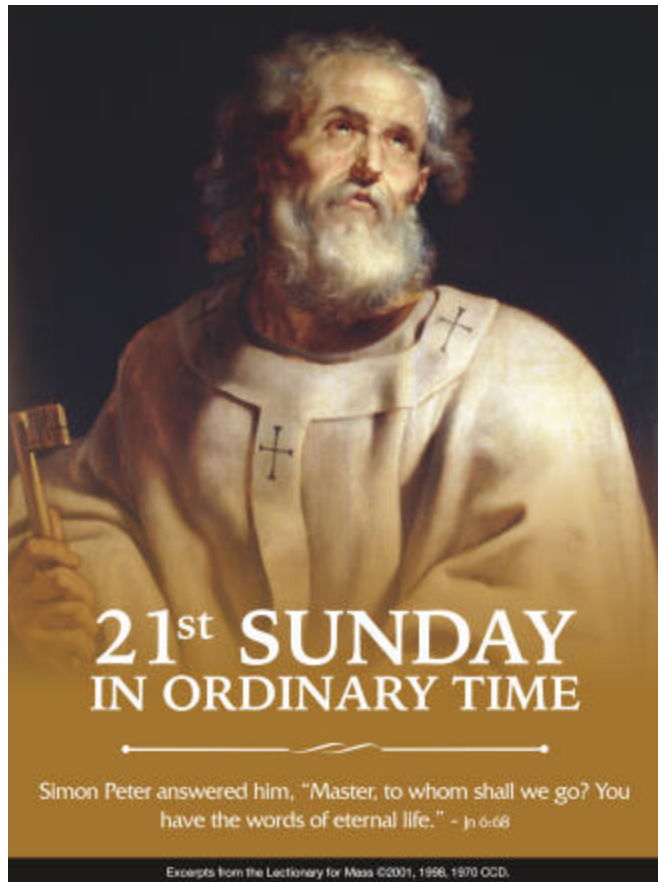
**Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor**

**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.



## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

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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.



“The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my

Father.” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. - Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Catherine Duncan* as requested by *John and Monica*.

**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...

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Do Peter’s words in today’s Gospel strike a cord with you? Do you feel like there’s nothing satisfying in this world except your faith? Maybe Jesus wants you to share that faith with others in a Church vocation. Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

Offerory Envelopes.....	\$3333.00
Loose.....	\$259.00
Assumption.....	\$583.00
Maintenance/Repair .....	\$105.00
Fuel.....	\$633.00
Diocesan Priest’s Retirement.....	\$115.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5028.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Submission as Stewardship.**

We aren’t comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it’s a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He’s asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can’t stand. The person who doesn’t respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we’re smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That’s the real challenge of stewardship, isn’t it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven’t done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn’t it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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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.

## HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille can help. Call (716) 474-9371 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is September 17-19, 2021.

## 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.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

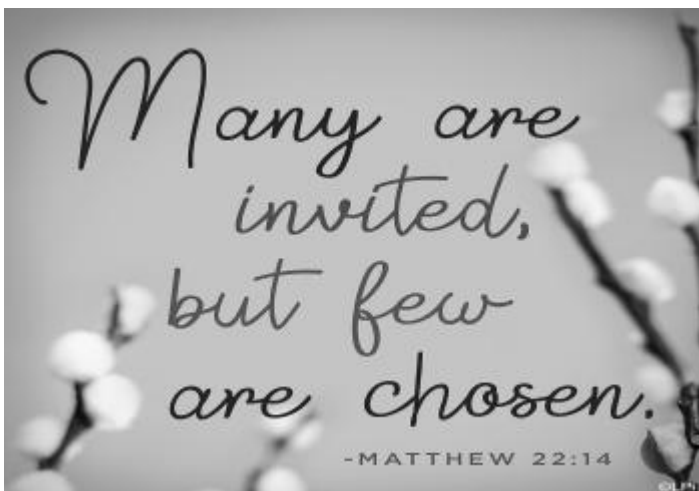
Love INC is collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year for children in the Gowanda area. Items can be dropped off at the 2nd Chance Clothing and More store at 15 W. Main Street in Gowanda, Mon, Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 9 am to 1 pm. Thank you for your support.

## LIGHTER SIDE

### Marriage and Coffee

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said, "It's right here — HEBREWS."



## GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of

things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make. ©LPi

## MARRIAGE TIP

When asked, "If you could come back as anyone after you die, who would it be?" Winston Churchill thought for a second, turned to his wife, and said, "Mrs. Churchill's second husband." Make a tribute to your spouse today.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, August 21 — Saint Pius X**

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Our Blessed Mother Mary by Frank Kusiowski

**Sunday, August 22 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Utley † by the Comstock Family

9:30 a.m. John Sisson † by Bill and Karen

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, August 23**

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

**Tuesday, August 24 — Saint Bartholomew**

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

**Wednesday, August 25**

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Dan Gernatt III by Friends and Neighbors

**Thursday, August 26**

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Purdy and Schwartz Families † by the Purdy Family

**Friday, August 27 — Saint Monica**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Saturday, August 28 — Saint Augustine**

4:30 p.m. Tom Peglowski † by Bob and Esther Lennertz

**Sunday, August 29 — Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Jerry Rochez † by the Rochez Family

9:30 a.m. Jim Rebmman Sr. † by his Wife and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**August 28/29**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dr. Greco

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Yisel Dominguez

Lector: Kevin Regan

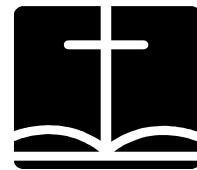
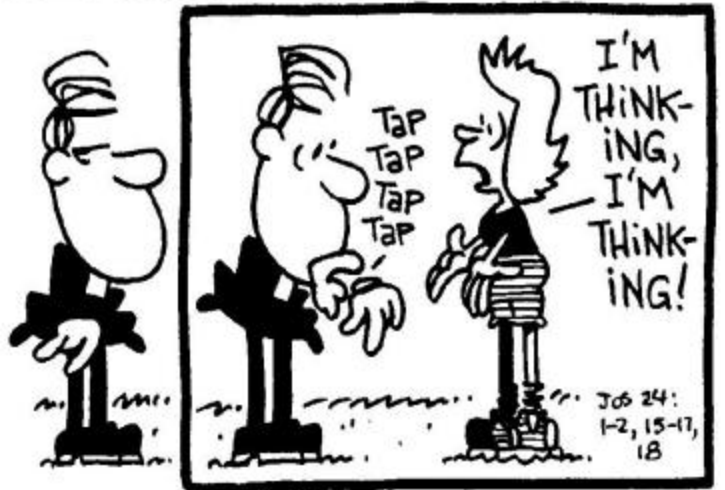
**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Chase Bolen

Lector: Wendy Samick

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

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Want Envelopes
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