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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 • TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, September 19

9:30 am Mass.....Catechist Blessing  
10:30-11:30 AM.....Catechist In-Service

### Monday, September 20

1:00 pm...Grief Support, School Building  
7:00 pm...Knights of Columbus-Rosary

### Tuesday, September 21

1:00 pm...Prayer Group, School Building  
6:30 pm.....Al-Anon, School Building

### Wednesday, September 22

9:00 am.....Bible Study

### Saturday, September 25

5:30-7:00 pm...Faith Formation "Kick Off" (Campfire Tales) after 4:30 pm Mass

### Tuesday, September 28

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon, School Building

### Wednesday, September 29

9:00 am.....Bible Study



**Rectory:** 26 Erie Ave. • 532-5100 • **Fax:** 532-4096 • **Hours:** M-F 9 am to 2 pm  
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**Faith Formation:** Wilma Parry 532-2520, reled@stjoesgowanda.com

**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.



## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me." - Mk 9.37a

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday at 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**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.



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Hank and Joyce Kaluza** as requested by *Kathy Stelley*.

**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...*Ronald Odien.*

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly,” explains St. James in today’s 2nd reading. There is a right way and a wrong way to pray. Who will guide us in the spiritual life? We need the voice of a church minister. Could Jesus be calling you to the lay ministry, religious life, or the priesthood? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Offertory Envelopes.....         | \$3042.00        |
| Loose Money.....                 | \$1678.00        |
| Maintenance and Repair Fund..... | \$373.00         |
| Energy Needs.....                | \$50.00          |
| <b>Total.....</b>                | <b>\$5143.00</b> |

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Offertory Envelopes.....         | \$3045.00        |
| Loose Money.....                 | \$546.00         |
| Maintenance and Repair Fund..... | \$70.00          |
| <b>Total.....</b>                | <b>\$3661.00</b> |

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**The View from the Back of the Line**

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They’re the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They’re the one who’s always “doing” for others. They’re never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We’re a little envious, even if we don’t let ourselves acknowledge it.


That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they’re smiling so much.

We’ve all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we “earn” whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That’s how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It’s exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don’t seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy “doing” for others, it’s because by a boatload of God’s grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don’t be afraid to join them at the back of the line.— *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.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**ATTENTION.... ATTENTION.... ATTENTION**

**Faith Formation is in need of a 9th grade catechist. Please call Wilma Parry 716/229-2043 immediately.**

Fall 2021-22 Faith Formation will begin on **Saturday 9/25/21** with the Kick-Off (Campfire Tales) at St. Joseph Church (on lawn) at **5:30 to 7 pm** (immediately after the 4:30 pm Mass). Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, etc. and your singing voices! Plan on roasting marshmallows, listening to Bible stories and having a fun time together! Please RSVP to 532-5100.

In person classes will resume (temperature checks and masks required) the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Sundays of **EVERY** month and a new "Generations of Faith", whole family gathering, will be held the **THIRD** Sunday of **EVERY OTHER** month.

Registration packets have been mailed, please call the Rectory at 532-5100 if you did not receive one! **CALENDARS** will be ready for pickup at the **KICK-OFF** (Campfire Tales) event.

ALSO: Please note that my home phone has changed to 716/229-2043.

## **FALL FAMILY DANCE**

Featuring: Crash Cadillac at the Gowanda Moose Lodge, 201 Aldrich Street in Gowanda. **Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 7 pm to 10 pm.** Tickets are \$8 per person. Ages 14 and under are free. Call Bob or Linda to reserve a table at 532-5102. There will be raffles, a cash bar and food available to purchase. This event is open to the public and is sponsored by the St. Joseph RC Church "Faith and Fun Bunch".

## **JOURNEY WITH GRIEF**

The grief support group "Journey With Grief" will meet on the **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month at **1 pm** in the school building. Please call Eleanor for information at 532-2755. The upcoming dates are Sept. 20th, Oct. 4th, Oct. 18th, Nov. 1st, Nov. 15th and Dec. 6th.

## **PRAYER GROUP**

The St. Joseph Prayer Group will meet on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** of the month at **1 pm** in the school building. Please call Eleanor at 532-2755 for more information. Upcoming dates are Sept. 21, Oct. 5th, Oct. 19th, Nov. 2nd, Nov. 16th and Dec. 7th.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The next meeting of the Msgr. David Gernatt Council #15113 of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Monday, September 20th at 7 pm** in the church basement. Please try to make every effort to attend. We need your input!

## **LOVE INC**

There will be a Walk for Love INC Fundraiser on **Saturday, October 16, 2021** at the Gowanda Moose Lodge on Aldrich Street. The Walk starts at 11 am followed by a free community lunch at 12 noon and drawings at 1 pm for a 55" TV, a Blackstone Grill, Dinner and Overnight at Salvatore's Grand Hotel and more! **Tickets are \$10.**

## **GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**



### **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their

work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPi





## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, September 18**

4:30 p.m. For the Special Intentions of Bill and Joan Cain  
by Dave and Anne

**Sunday, September 19—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. For All Alzheimer Patients and Families by  
Bob, Carolyn and Family

9:30 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by Dave and Lynn  
Hammond

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, September 20—Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon  
and Paul Chong Ha-sang and  
Companions**

8:30 a.m. Mary Frances Vantino † by the McHale,  
Minnick and Starkey Families

**Tuesday, September 21—Saint Matthew**

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

**Wednesday, September 22**

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Lud and Judy  
Sternad by Bob and Carolyn Rebmann

**Thursday, September 23—Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, September 24**

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

**Saturday, September 25**

4:30 p.m. Terry Tharnish † by Keith and Donna

**Sunday, September 26—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. In Memory of David Reid † on our 62nd  
Anniversary by Marilyn Reid

9:30 a.m. Deacon Fred Johnson † by Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**September 25/26**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dr. Greco

Eucharistic Minister: Wilma Parry

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Bob O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

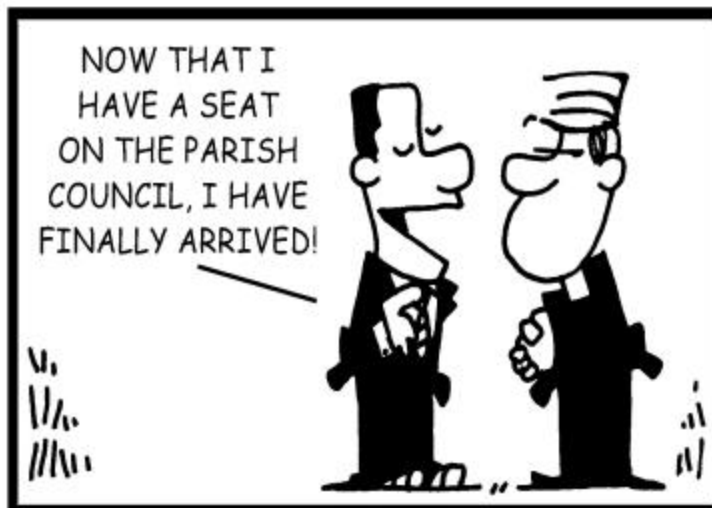
**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Chase Bolen

Lector: Don Maziar

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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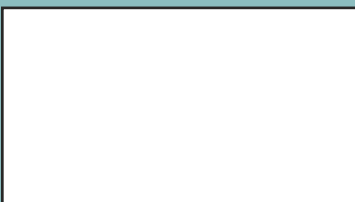
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