

ALL ARE WELCOME!

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 • TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, September 25

5:30 pm...Campfire Kick Off, Church Lawn

### Tuesday, September 28

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

### Wednesday, September 29

9:00 am.....Bible Study

### Friday, October 1

9 am.....Anointing of the Sick after Mass

9 am to 12 noon.....Adoration of Our Lord

### Saturday, October 2

3 pm.....Blessing of the Animals

### Monday, October 4

1:00 pm.....Grief Support, School Building

### Tuesday, October 5

1:00 pm.....Prayer Group, School Building

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

### Wednesday, October 6

9:00 am.....Bible Study

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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:** 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.



At that time, John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. There is no

one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:38-39 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Mary Francis Vantino** as requested by *Bob and Cindy Peglowski*.

**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: **Mary Stelley, Carol Regan, Joan Cain, Leo Gassman, Frank Kusowski 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!” At last, God has done this! Jesus has sent His Holy Spirit of prophecy to all of us at our Confirmation. What will you do with it? 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 19, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3664.00
Loose Money.....	\$212.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$70.00
Fuel.....	\$175.00
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation.....	\$20.00
Haiti-2nd Collection.....	\$680.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4821.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Breaking the Stewardship Mold**

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”


Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

**PARKING LOT POP-UP**

Catholic Charities will be here at St. Joseph Church parking lot on **Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 11 am to 1 pm** handing out free care bags. Drive in and meet the team members and learn more about their services. Please spread the word!



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
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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 Kusowski - 532-5397.

**FAITH FORMATION****Campfire Kick Off– Saturday, September 25 at 5:30 pm.**

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 mailed to Faith Formation families.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Faith Formation class for 3 to 6 year olds offered here at St. Joes. Please call the rectory at 532-5100 to register.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

As Autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Our church will have this ceremony on **Saturday, October 2nd at 3:00 p.m.** on the steps in the front of the church.

**ST. ALOYSIUS REGIONAL SCHOOL**

St. Aloysius Regional School is in need of teachers for 3rd grade, Junior High-Science, and Junior High-Social Studies. If you or someone you know has the ability and desire to help the student STARS grow, please contact Principal David O'Brian at 592-7002.

**3500 CLUB FALL PARTY WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following 3500 Club Ticket Winners (all \$30 winners):

**Week #1**

#169 Robert Pine

#279 Leonard Valone and Jeremy Valone

**Week #2**

#251 Carol Miller

#38 Charlie and Dale Koch

**Week #3**

#115 Evelyn Pachunski

#55 Mike Cook Sr.

**Week #4**

#235 Pat Spina

#181 Joe and Sue Gamel

**Week #5**

#248 Michelle Regan Picolli

#190 Loretta Washy

**Week #6**

#6 John and Debi Rebmann

#265 Alan Hall

**GOSPEL MEDITATIONS****26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for

Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, “When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.” Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPi

**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”.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, September 27—Saint Vincent de Paul**

8:30 a.m. Mary Frances Vantino † by Paula Winship

**Tuesday, September 28**

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

**Wednesday, September 29—Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Lily Donahue by the Comstock Family

**Thursday, September 30—Saint Jerome**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, October 1—Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**

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

**Saturday, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels**

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

**Sunday, October 3—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Daniel J. Reirdon † by Lisa Towne

9:30 a.m. Mary Francis Vantino † by Sarah Steffen and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**October 2/3**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Logan Lukonaitis

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Kevin Regan

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

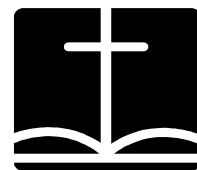
**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Daniel Stang

Lector: Wendy Samick

Eucharistic Minister: John Reid

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Want Envelopes
- Change of Address
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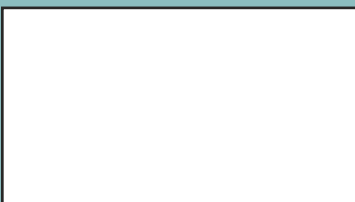
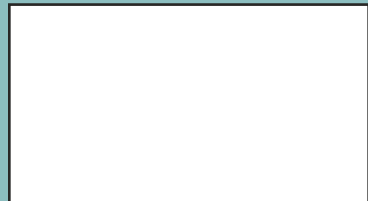
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