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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

OCTOBER 17, 2021 • TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, October 16

8:00 pm....AA Meeting, Church basement

#### Monday, October 18

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

7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus Meeting

#### Tuesday, October 19

1:00 pm.....Prayer Group

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon

#### Wednesday, October 20

9:00 am.....Bible Study

3:30 pm.....St. Vincent De Paul Meeting

#### Friday, October 22

Raffle Baskets due to the Rectory by 2 pm

#### Saturday, October 23

5:30 pm...Basket Raffle, Church basement

5:30 pm....**3500 Club Party**, Church Basement

8:00 pm.....AA Meeting, school

#### Sunday, October 24

9 am & 10:30 am Basket Raffle, basement

10:30 am-11:30 am....Coffee and Faith Fellowship for Adults, school

10:30 am-11:30 am....All Faith Formation Classes, school

10:30 am-11:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class, school

#### Tuesday, October 26

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon

#### Wednesday, October 27

9:00 am.....Bible Study

#### Saturday, October 30

5:30 pm.....Basket Raffle, basement

8:00 pm....AA Meeting, Church basement

#### Sunday, October 31

9 am & 10:30 am Basket Raffle, basement

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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.



## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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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.



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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*Collection information is unavailable due to the early submission of this bulletin.*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**What’s in it for me?**

I think we’ve all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what’s in it for us. It doesn’t matter if it’s a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you’ll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: “If I do this, what will I get?”


Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don’t give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they’re just like us. If they can do it, we can too. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Judith Mende** as requested by *the Mende Children.*

**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: **Becky Mowry, Don DeHos, Mark Clark, Patricia Leonard, Mary Stelley, 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...*Elizabeth Gabel.*

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.” Isaiah tells it like it is: Jesus has saved us by taking on the guilt and punishment of our sin. We owe Him everything! Hold nothing back! “Do whatever He tells you.” To discover His plan for your life, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

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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.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (2021-22)**

St. Joseph Church will begin a new RCIA Program for the Fall of 2021. If anyone has an interest in knowing more about the Catholic Faith and have thought about becoming a Catholic, call the Rectory at 716-532-5100 to register for the Fall Program.

## **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".

## **FAITH AND FUN BUNCH NEWS**

The Faith and Fun Bunch is planning a basket raffle to be held after Masses and as a part of our Crash Cadillac Dance on November 6th. We are asking our parishioners for help by donating a basket for the raffle. Baskets can be dropped off at the rectory by October 22nd. We are planning to use the proceeds towards the costs of maintaining St. Joseph Church. More details to follow! Please attend our Crash Cadillac Dance at the Moose on November 6th. Thank you in advance for donating baskets for our basket raffle!!! We are planning to have the basket raffle available after Masses for our parishioners and any guests in late October and early November. We will be drawing the winners after the Crash Cadillac Dance. You do not need to be present to win.

## **3500 CLUB FALL PARTY**

*The 3500 Club Party is being planned for Saturday, October 23rd after the 4:30 pm Mass! Please spread the news, so we have a nice turn out.*

*The tickets for the Spring 2022 party will be available at the door. If you are not able to attend, the tickets will be mailed or available at the rectory for pick up.*

## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin American and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

## **WARM THE CHILDREN**

Gowanda Love INC is sponsoring the Warm the Children program in the Southtowns area. This program provides new winter clothes for school age children in need. In addition to financial support they are looking for people to volunteer their time as shoppers for the program. Please call the Love INC office at 716-532-3541 to sign up.

## **GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**



**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because

the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPi

## **STARS TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT**

The STARS Trunk or Treat event is scheduled to be held on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 3 to 5 pm in the St. Aloysius Hall parking lot in Springville. Faith Formation families from the regional parishes are invite to attend this family fun event.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, October 16**

4:30 p.m. Kenneth Volk † by Wife and Family

**Sunday, October 17—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

9:30 a.m. Frank Gibson † by Pat Rebmann and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, October 18—Saint Luke**

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Patricia Rebmann by Bob, Carolyn and Family

**Tuesday, October 19—Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues**

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Selan † by Doug and Valerie Sager

**Wednesday, October 20**

8:30 a.m. Jim Rebmann Sr. † by Wife and Family

**Thursday, October 21**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, October 22**

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

**Saturday, October 23**

4:30 p.m. Declan Hill † by the Rochez Family

**Sunday, October 24—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Selan † by Dorothy

9:30 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**October 23/24**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dave Wiens

Eucharistic Minister: Anne Wiens

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Max Comstock

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

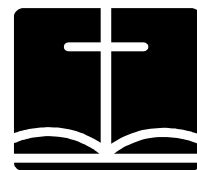
**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Chase Bolen

Lector: Nancy Johnson

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Want Envelopes
- Change of Address
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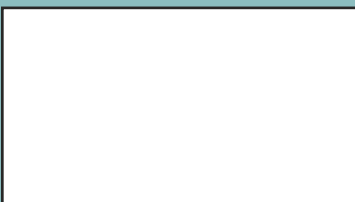
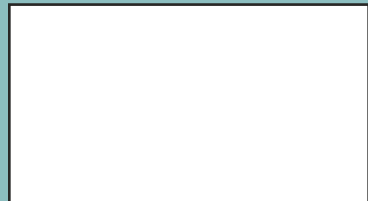
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