



ALL ARE WELCOME!

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

OCTOBER 24, 2021 • THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

### 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 Meeting, school

### 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..... Basket Raffle, basement

9:30 am....All Souls Candle Lighting Ceremony at Mass

10:30 am..... Basket Raffle, basement

### Monday, November 1—All Saints

1 pm.....Grief Support, school

### Tuesday, November 2—All Souls' Day

1 pm.....Prayer Group, school

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon Meeting, school

### Wednesday, November 3

9:00 am.....Bible Study

### Saturday, November 6

11:00 am....Memorial Mass for Werner Stang, reception to follow in Church basement.

7:00 pm....Crash Cadillac Dance and Basket Raffle Drawings, Gowanda Moose

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

**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.



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

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"  
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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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.



“Son of David, have pity on me.” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” - Mk 10:48c-49, 51 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for *All Parishioners.*

**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: **Dave Kerker, Becky Mowry, Mark Clark, Patricia Leonard, 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...*Rev. Dennis Fronczak and Robert W. Zilliox Sr.*

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“*You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*” Did you know a priest on earth remains a priest in Heaven? Marriage is for this life only, which is why one can remarry after the death of a spouse, but priestly ordination lasts for all eternity. Find out more! Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**MEMORIAL MASS**

There will be a Memorial Mass here at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, November 6th at 11 am for Werner Stang. The Stang family invites you to join them for Mass and a reception after in the church basement. Please come to remember and honor Werner with his wife and family.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2937.00
Loose Money.....	\$1415.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$150.00
Respect Life.....	\$160.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4662.00</b>

**Sunday, October 16, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3509.00
Loose Money.....	\$229.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$100.00
Respect Life.....	\$30.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3868.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Giving as God does**

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we’re afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.


Do we doubt God’s readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we’re not really afraid that God can’t do something. We know He can do anything. What we’re afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn’t so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn’t what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don’t want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God’s generosity is always reckless, and it’s always perfect. —

*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 Kusowski - 532-5397.

**MARRIED IN CHRIST**

Tom Ruper and Rebecca Stang have sealed their love in the Sacrament of Matrimony. May God bless their love and keep them always in His care. May they know true happiness all the days of their lives.

**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".

**BASKET RAFFLE**

The Faith and Fun Bunch is holding a basket raffle after all Masses on October 23/24, 30/31, Nov. 6 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 M-F from 9 am to 2 pm. We are planning to use the proceeds toward the costs of maintaining St. Joseph Church. We will be drawing the winners after the Crash Cadillac Dance. You do not need to be present to win.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate the day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

**RENEWAL LEADERS NEEDED!**

"HERE I AM LORD! IT IS I LORD!"

Renewing the Diocese of Buffalo requires skilled leaders to move the Renewal Initiative forward. Now is the time for parishioners who have the needed skills and talents to demonstrate their discipleship by offering their time and talents.

The Renewal needs: Faith Filled People, Project Managers, IT Experts, Leaders/Managers.

So, if you have a Passion for the church, a few hours a week to give God and His people, a desire to participate in the **renewal of our diocese**. Please send a note describing your qualifications to: [Renewal@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:Renewal@buffalodiocese.org) or mail to: Office of Renewal 795 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203.

**BOOKKEEPER NEEDED**

St. Mary's—Cattaraugus is hiring a part-time Bookkeeper. Approximately 2-3 hours per week. We will train but must be computer proficient to learn PDS programs. Contact Deacon Wally for an interview at [stmcoord@stjoesgowanda.com](mailto:stmcoord@stjoesgowanda.com) or 716.257.9351.

**GOSPEL MEDITATIONS****30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation. ©LPi

**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.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, October 25**

8:30 a.m. Angela Herrington † by Family

**Tuesday, October 26**

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

**Wednesday, October 27**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Thursday, October 28—Saints Simon and Jude**

8:30 a.m. Rich Ulmer † by Phyllis and Family

**Friday, October 29**

8:30 a.m. Maria Barrett † by Carl Jacob

**Saturday, October 30**

4:30 p.m. Jack Bobsein † by Keith and Donna

**Sunday, October 31—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Halloran † by Mark and Deb Halloran

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 30/31**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Logan Lukonaitis

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Sinare

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Bob O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Christopher

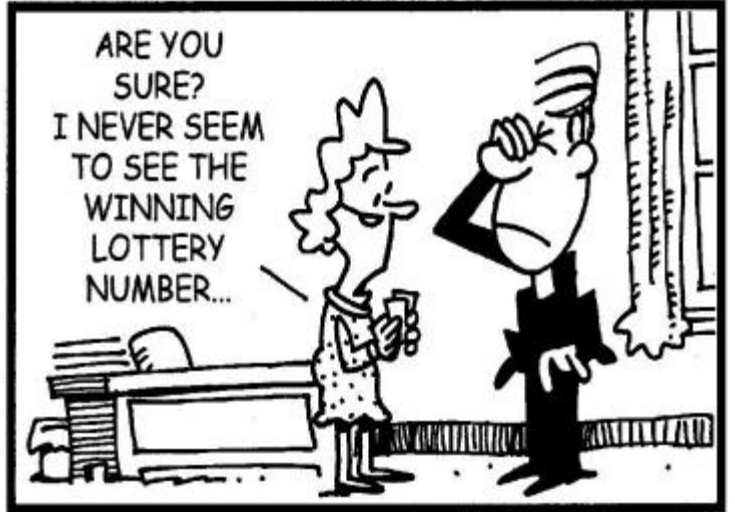
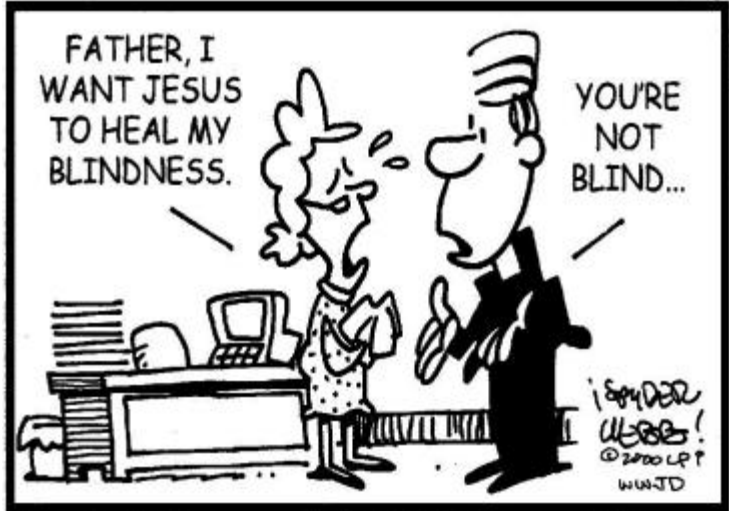
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Altar Server: Daniel Stang

Lector: Don Maziar

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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