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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

OCTOBER 31, 2021 • THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, October 30

5:30 pm...Basket Raffle, Church basement  
8:00 pm.....AA Meeting, school

#### Sunday, October 31

9 am.....Basket Raffle, Church 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

#### Friday, November 5—First Friday

9:00 am....Anointing of the Sick, following morning Mass.

9:00 am—12 Noon.....Adoration

#### 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, Church basement

#### Tuesday, November 9

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

#### Wednesday, November 10

9:00 am.....Bible Study

#### Thursday, November 11—Veterans Day

Rectory Closed

#### Saturday, November 13

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

#### Sunday, November 14

9:30 am.....Youth Mass

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

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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.



## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher, You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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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.



Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*" - Mk

12:29-30 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...

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Today is All Hallows' Eve, which means tomorrow is All Saints' Day. As we celebrate the saints, we must remember our personal call to sainthood. How is God calling you to live a holy life on earth? If it's through a Church vocation, 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 24, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3677.00
Loose Money.....	\$676.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$100.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$312.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4765.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**The Daily Examen of Stewardship**

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

- How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?*
- What did God give me today? With whom did I share it?*
- What did I give to Him?*
- To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?*
- Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

**REQUESTING A MASS**

There are infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit the souls of our loved ones living and departed. Many times Masses are requested for the dead, but you may request a Mass to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, sacrament or for someone's special intentions. A Mass may also be requested for someone who is sick or suffering. Please call the rectory at 532-5100 if you would like to schedule a Mass. There is a stipend of \$15 requested for each Mass.



**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 30/31, Nov. 6 and as a part of our Crash Cadillac Dance on November 6th. 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**

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$312.00. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting [MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org).

**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.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**

Father Innocent will anoint the sick every First Friday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass and before Adoration begins.

**ADORATION OF OUR LORD**

Adoration will take place on the First Friday of November, November 5th from 9 am to 12 noon. It is a privilege to spend time with our Lord in the presence of the Eucharist. Please come and spend an hour or just a few minutes with Jesus. "The best time you will spend on earth." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

**GOSPEL MEDITATIONS****31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental

prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©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 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

**Monday, November 1—All Saints**

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Selan † by Jonette Ewell

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

8:30 a.m. All Souls

**Wednesday, November 3**

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

**Thursday, November 4—Saint Charles Borromeo**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, November 5**

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

**Saturday, November 6**

11:00 am Memorial Mass for Werner Stang †

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

**Sunday, November 7—Thirty-Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. Dorothy Selan † by Bob and Carolyn  
Rebmann

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**November 6/7**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Pat Volk

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Kevin Regan

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

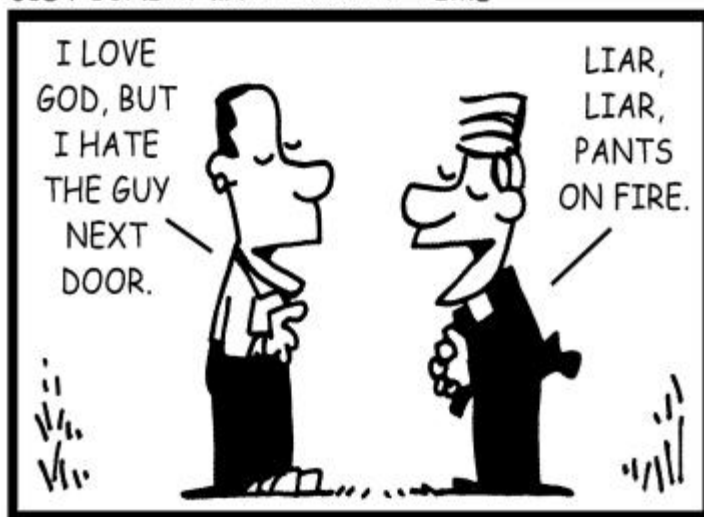
**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Weston Bolen

Lector: Wendy Samick

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Rebmann

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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