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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JANUARY 30, 2022 • 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 29

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

Tuesday, February 1

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

Friday, February 4

9:00 am.....Anointing of the Sick

9:00 am to Noon.....Adoration

Saturday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 8

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

Saturday, February 12

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

Sunday, February 13

9:30 am Youth Mass

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

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

10:30-11:30 am.....Adult Faith Formation, school

Tuesday, February 15

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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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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.



When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But

Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28-30 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Jim Rebmann Sr.** as requested by **Bob and Carolyn Rebmann.**

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: **Crista Monat, Jay Bowers, Karen Swinson, Mary Stelley, Carol Regan, Joan Cain, Leo Gassman, 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...**Robert B. Hooper.**

2021 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Please contact the rectory at 716-532-5100 or email rectory@stjoesgowanda.com if you would like your 2021 statement of financial contributions.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” So it is with the call to ministry—we are destined for it by God before our birth. Don’t miss the chance to fulfill your destiny! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 16

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3381.00
Loose Money.....	\$198.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$15.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$85.00
Bishops Overseas.....	\$200.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$50.00
Total.....	\$3929.00

Sunday, January 23

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3018.00
Loose Money.....	\$316.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$50.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$125.00
Fuel.....	\$25.00
Bishops Overseas.....	\$20.00
Total.....	\$3554.00

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ’s** love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.uscb.org/catholic-relief.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccce.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

When you are lonely, we are hope. One of the many things the pandemic has taught us is that we are social beings, and interactions with others are vital to our wellbeing. Catholic Charities programs like Friendly Phones, the Telephone Assurance Program, and Home Visitation work to keep homebound and disabled older adults socially connected with phone calls and home visits. Help continue these important social connections and extend HOPE to those who are lonely by donating to the Appeal 2022. To make a donation today, visit cewny.org/donation or text **GIVEHOPE22** to 44321. Catholic Charities of Buffalo is **HOPE for All Seasons.**

MY SINCERE APPRECIATION

Beloved Parishioners,

I want to thank you from my heart for your gifts to me at Christmas and my Birthday – the cards, the food and the cash. You spoiled me!

I think a lot of what goes into making these gifts available to me—driving to the stores and taking time to sort out the recipes for the baked goods and the food; then the preparation and the baking and the cooking.

The same applies to the cards - the time it takes to drive to the store, choose the right card and the right message/wordings. The thought of these resolute efforts and sacrifice, make me deeply value and appreciate these gifts.

Thank you also for putting smiles on the faces of my Nigerian dependents - some of who may die if I do not send something. Thank you for fostering deep sighs of relief in these paupers.

May the Good Lord meet you at your own points of need! Amen!

Thank you very much my beloved ones.

Father Innocent

LINDSAY ANN REBMANN SCHOLARSHIP

The Lindsay Ann Rebmann scholarship was established 18 years ago, in honor of Lindsay's strong Catholic faith and strong Catholic values. This scholarship continues again this year, with the purpose to encourage young adults to apply God's Word in their lives and in their Christian community in their adult life. To qualify for awards up to \$2,000.00, the applicant must be a 2022 graduate of a public High School, 2022 Catholic High School graduate or a 2022 Home School graduate. The applicant must also be a practicing parishioner at St. Joseph's Church in Gowanda and exemplify God's Spirit in his or her life. Applications are available at St. Joseph's Rectory and must be turned in before May 4th, 2022.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION

"Do you feel you are called to serve Christ in a deeper way? Do you want to know something about the Permanent Diaconate? If you are a male between the ages of 30 and 55 and have asked yourself this question, please join us on **Saturday February 12 from 9am – 12 noon** to talk, pray, and discover more about the Permanent Diaconate with no commitment. We will gather at St. Rose Retreat Center, 217 Winston Rd. Buffalo, NY 14214 - Please RSVP to Deacon Howard Morgan at hmorgan@buffalodiocese.org and let him know you are coming. God is calling you, will you follow?"

BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Bison Children's Scholarship Fund is a tuition assistance program helping economically eligible children attend private grammar schools of their choice. The application process is now open for new families. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2022. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms. If you have questions or need further information call 716-854-0869.

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities

of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 29

4:30 p.m. Mary Linde † by the Purdy Family

Sunday, January 30—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Annette Gominiak † by Bob and Carolyn Rebmann

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

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Monday, January 31—Saint John Bosco

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Tuesday, February 1

8:30 a.m. Dale Koch † by Dorothy Holocinski

Wednesday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Thursday, February 3

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

Friday, February 4

8:30 a.m. David Sisti † by Family

Saturday, February 5

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

Sunday, February 6—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Angelo Dicembre † by the Dicembre Family

9:30 a.m. Mary Raiport † by Estate

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 5/6

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Pat Volk

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Max Comstock

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

9:30 AM

Altar Server: Chase Bolen

Lector: Lisa Rebmann

Eucharistic Minister: Bill Rebmann

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other _____

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