



2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from January 3 thru January 10, 2022 . . . \$4,032.00
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,380.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$20,600.00

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“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph



Mass Intentions for February, March and April are available. Please call the church office at 814-787-4151 #3 if you would like to have a Mass during these months.



Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Louise (Skryzpek) DeSio** who passed away December 25. May she rest in she rest in peace. Amen.



St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

“**Care & Concern**” Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Call 814-787-4151 #3



2022 Pro Life Rosary Rally!

St. Joseph Church in Force will have a Rosary to Our Blessed Mother *for the legal protection and the ending of abortion of the unborn*. The Rosary will be prayed in the Church at Noon on Saturday, January 22. Come join us as we pray to the Blessed Mother for Her Intercession for these innocent babies.



Classes for K -10 Faith Formation students and the Confirmation Class will resume after Sunday Mass, January 16.



Parents of First Communion Students: There will be a Parent Meeting Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Faith Formation Center



Confirmation Students: Remember to bring your permission slip with you for the trip to the Guardian Angel Center Sunday, January 16.



The Season for Giving Continues at the Food Bank. Non-perishable food donations may be placed in the vestibule in the church or at the church office.

Thank you for your generous and ongoing donations to the Christian Food Bank. You are helping many others during these struggling times. December’s total dona-



Cemetery Reminder: Please remember the **deadline** to remove all items except for the solar lighting will be by **Tuesday, February 1, 2022.**

St Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Spaghetti Dinner Sunday 1/16 from 10-1 or until sold out. **Take-out only.** Bring own container.



The Wedding of Cana and Our Faith

Aren’t wedding ceremonies happy experiences for all of us who attend? We are especially very happy for the man and woman because the two of them had just become one—united to each other and no one else. Also, we are happy because they have made a covenant with each other—an unbreakable covenant. They are in love with each other and so becoming one, unbreakable covenant where even the words — “*for better or worse; in sickness and in health*” should be exactly what they want to vow to each other.

The Sacrificial love for each other as they will be called upon to have as life goes on images Jesus’s Sacrificial Love for us in giving Himself entirely for us.

Our First Reading from Isaiah and the Gospel uses the example of weddings and how God in His Mercy called the people of Israel back to His Covenantal Love. It is also a reminder of God’s endless Love for each of us. “As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bride-groom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you. (Isaiah 62:1-5)

In the Gospel Reading we hear about the wedding feast of Cana where the wine at the banquet ran short. Our Blessed Mother approached Her Son Jesus about the matter. Even though Jesus’s response was that His final hour had not yet come, He responded to the need. So, our Blessed Mother directed the servers “to do whatever He tells you”. (John 2:5) This was an obedient response to the need at hand and to trusting that Jesus will bring this miracle about if they do what He says. As the wine at the wedding feast was provided for the guests, so too does Jesus provide the Holy Spirit in our lives.

My friends, pray that this special love, the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and the mercy God has for us would be experienced everyday — *on good days and not so good days*. Also, let us always keep in our prayers all who are married that the blessings they received and vows they made on their wedding day would be continually renewed.

God Bless, Father Mark



A Saint in January

Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622), bishop of Geneva, sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings, especially his *Controversies* and several devout treatises, including his *Introduction to the Devout Life*. He was co-founder with Saint Jane Frances de Chantal of the Visitation Order (feast day August 12). Saint Francis is also known as the patron of writers, journalists, and the deaf.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 17, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	George E. Berasi (12th anniversary)	Marlene, Bob, Sandy and Joanne	Saint Anthony, Abbot	1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Youngmark	Richard and Denise Watkavitch	Weekday	1 Sm 1:1-13 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 20, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Terry Smith	Father Mark — cousin	Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr	1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 21, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Carol, Whendy and Patrick Kozminski	Family	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 22, 2022 No Mass			Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23:27 Mk 3:20-21
Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:30 p.m.	Stanley and Mary Gusherowski and grandson Steven Perkins	Barb and Dave Lease	Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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Church Hours

St. Joseph Church: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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