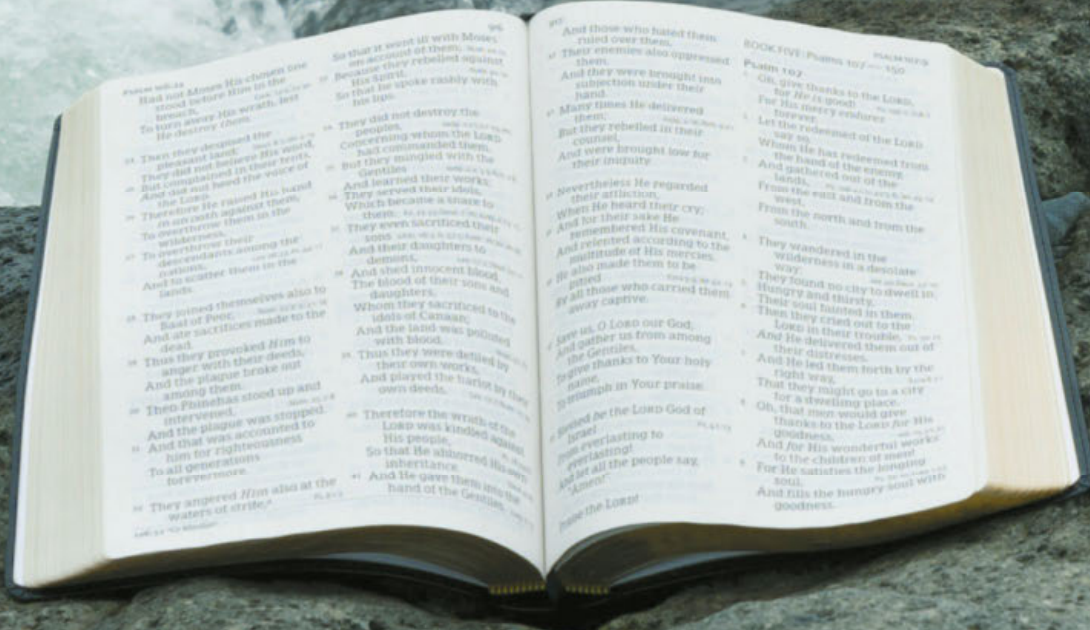


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PSALM 19

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Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from January 10 thru January 17
 will be available in next week's bulletin
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,380.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$20,600.00

Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



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.



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



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: Our next Confirmation Class will be Sunday, January 30th. The delivery of the Giving Tree items is rescheduled for February. The date for delivery to the Guardian Angel Center will be announced in the upcoming bulletin.



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.



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



Prayer of Fulton J. Sheen:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life Of the preborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

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The Power of Words

Words always had and will continue to be a powerful and effective way of communication. The use of words in describing things, people, places, facts, truths, and experiences can touch our deepest emotions, intellect and imagination.

If I were to describe a beautiful winter day, the sun shining in a bright, blue sky, snow on the ground with the branches of each tree encircled with a beautiful glaze of ice and snow, you would be able to see it in your mind and perhaps the exact place where you last saw that description of nature's artwork. Words have a way of taking us there. So does God's Word take us there. Where, you might ask? To the happiness of eternal life that begins here and now and the power of the Holy Spirit you have within you now.

The First Reading from the Book of Nehemiah and the Gospel from Luke are about reading and listening to God's Word as recorded in the Sacred Scriptures. The head of the people Nehemiah and his priest/scribe, Ezra encouraged the down-trodden people after reading from the Book of the Law by saying to them ... “Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.” (Neh 8:10b) The people of God were able to freely imagine this joy.

In a like manner in our Gospel Reading Jesus returned “to Nazareth, where He had grown up” (Luke 4:16a). He read from the Prophet Isaiah the words that would begin to be Jesus's own mission statement:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19) The people in Nazareth were happy to hear these words. They were able to freely imagine this *Good News*.

My friends, find the daily Readings at Mass which are listed in our bulletin each week, or get the *Laudate app* for your smart phone and go to the link “Daily Bible” verse.

Let the Word of God transform your day.

God Bless, Father Mark

A Saint in January

Saint Thomas Aquinas: priest and doctor (teacher) of the Church. (1225-1274) Saint Thomas Aquinas's greatest contribution to the Church is entitled “*The Summa Theologiae*” which is the summing up of the whole of Catholic Theology— interestingly enough he stopped his work of completing the *Summa*. After celebrating Mass in December, 1273, he realized that all that he wrote “was like straw” compared to the heavenly ecstasy he experienced that day. **Saint Thomas, Pray for us.**



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 24, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victoria & Raymond Gornati (90th birthday)	Vicki and Kim Peters	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Agnes Caliarì	Family	Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 No Mass			Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 4:1-20
Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	The Living and Deceased Members of the Glen and Elda Benigni Family and Deborah Dillon		Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25
Friday, January 28, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald and Mabel Cameroni (wedding anniversary)	Frank Michelini Family	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday, January 29, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41
Saturday, January 29, 2022 5:30 p.m.	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, January 30, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Inez Hoskins	Father Mark—grandson	The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Lk 4:21-30

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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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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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