



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection 01/25/26 \$2,035.00
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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY
 For Children with Incurable Diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

February 24	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569
March 21	10:00 am	Sacred Heart	814-781-1019

Faith Formation: There will be a **MANDATORY** Safe Environment training for our students and teachers on February 22nd during class. CAPSEA will be conducting the presentation. Training is mandated, annually, by the Diocese of Erie. Please plan on having your child attend this very important class on this day.

Safe Environment Training –The Diocese of Erie requires all diocesan, parish, Catholic school, and agency personnel and volunteers to complete the Diocesan “Creating a Safe Environment” training before working with minors. The Diocese also mandates all parishes and Catholic schools to provide age appropriate training and education on safe environments/personal safety for all children. In addition, parishes and Catholic schools are required to share the Diocesan provided information regarding child abuse and safe environments to all parents and/or guardians of minors in their parishes/schools.

Finance Council: Father Mark recently appointed the following parishioners to our Finance Council. They are: Leon Calliari, Michael Carcella, James Allegretto, and Barbara Allegretto.

Fish Dinners will be starting next Wednesday, February 18th, Ash Wednesday. Choices of dinners will include a Fish dinner, Shrimp dinner, or a Pastor's Platter, which includes fish, shrimp, and fried clam strips. Fish and shrimp dinners will cost \$16.00 and the Pastor's Platter will cost \$19.00. All dinners will include a baked potato/french fries, coleslaw, roll, drink, and dessert. Donations of a dessert would be greatly appreciated! Dinners will be served from NOON until 6:30 pm. See you there!!

A Family Perspective: Today's Gospel challenges us to be a “light” to our community. Parents illuminate the path through their actions, inviting their children to follow the light of their “good deeds.”

**Recognize the Beatitudes Within Your Life
 (Part 2)**

I continue in this weekends bulletin to share with you the remaining Beatitudes that Jesus gave His Followers during the Sermon on the Mountain, according to Matthew Chapter 5: 1-12.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” One of the most important ways we can show love to another person is to be merciful, understanding, and compassionate. We do this by patiently listening to someone who is looking for help. We practice this Beatitude in action by visiting or sending a card to someone who is sick or in the hospital. We practice this by also forgiving a person who has wronged us. God then has mercy on us and forgives our sins.

“Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.” Striving to keep our thoughts, words, and actions holy and pure is a major part of this Beatitude. The reward of this Beatitude is that, being holy and pure, we will see God's Actions in our life now, and in our life to come in heaven some day.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Very simply: Jesus was a peacemaker. He brought peace to those who were suffering and those who were sick. Jesus gave peace to those who needed His Forgiveness. Whenever you and I reach out to those in need, the ill, the suffering, and the sinner who needs God's Forgiveness, we are then “Children of God.”

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Whenever a person gets criticized or gets laughed at for doing a good, righteous deed, they need to pray for those who are persecuting them and believe they are doing what God wants them to do.

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven.” Do God's Will and God's Plan for your life. And, if you are persecuted or even harmed in doing what God wants, your reward is great in heaven when you pass from this life to the next life with Jesus.

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 09, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	David Kronenwetter	John & Becky Bricen	Weekday	1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13 Mk 6: 53-56 (329)
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lena Krulia and Sam Berasi	Paulette & Woodrow Yeane	Saint Scholastica, Virgin	1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30 Mk 7: 1-13 (330)
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 No Mass			Weekday Our Lady of Lourdes	1 Kgs 10: 1-10 Mk 7: 14-23 (331)
Thursday, February 12, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday	1 Kgs 11: 4-13 Mk 7: 24-30 (332)
Friday, February 13, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Howard Gillen	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday	1 Kgs 11: 29-32, 12: 19 Mk 7: 31-37 (333)
Saturday, February 14, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop	1 Kgs 12: 26-32, 13: 33-34 Mk 8: 1-10 (334)
Saturday, February 14, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Mary & Stanley Gusherowski	Barb & Dave	Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 15, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sir 15: 15-20 1 Cor 2: 6-10 Mt 5: 17-37 or 5: 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 (76)

St. Joseph Church

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Rev. Mark J. Mastrian Pastor

Parish Secretary: **Barb Allegretto** Faith Formation : **Emily Luchini** Domestic Administrator: **Miriam Pane**
Pastoral Council President: **Bryan Chiappelli** Finance Council Moderator: **Leon Calliari**

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm **Sunday:** 9:15 am **Holy Days:** 9:00 am & 7:00 pm **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

Salt and Light

Table salt is very good, and useful, in order to spice up our food. It would be very bland to eat a baked potato or a cooked vegetable without a little bit of salt. A little salt does bring out the flavor of food.

Rock salt is also very important, especially during this time of year, in order to melt the snow and ice, to make walking and driving safer. Jesus told the Disciples that "You are the salt of the earth." (Mt 5: 13a) In other words, our lives as Christians can "spice up" our world with positive, creative ideas and ways that bring about peace and joy. The love within Disciples of Christ can melt the coldness of some people.

Light is also another image that Jesus uses with the words "You are the light of the world." (Mt 5: 14a) We as disciples of Christ have this light of Faith, Love, Hope, Good Works, and Joy. This light shines in and through our lives. Some days, it is hard to see it in ourselves and in others because of suffering or illness. But, when we talk to someone, pray, and receive the Sacraments of our Church, we can make our light shine again "before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father." (Mt 5: 16b)

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