



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.'"  
Mt 5:20

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection 02/08/26 .....	\$2,975.00
Weekly budget .....	\$3,425.00
Difference .....	<b>\$450.00</b>

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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.

We will start serving our fish dinners on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and every Friday during Lent, from NOON until 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Fish or Shrimp dinners will cost \$16. Pastor's Platter will cost \$19. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner! See the insert in this weekend's bulletin.

**CSA Commitment Weekend is this weekend.**

(Feb. 14/15) You may have already received your personal invitation in the mail recently. Every CSA donation above our 2026 assessment of \$30,986.00 brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project of repairing and improving the area in the front of the Church. We want to make it a more level area, which would make it a safer place to walk and easier access in the event of a funeral. Please give as generously as you can! Pledge envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket, mailed, or brought into the office. **Thank you!**

**40 Days For Life Campaign** Feb. 18 thru March 29.

40 Days is an International, twice a year campaign of fasting, praying, and community outreach. Sponsored by Elk County Right To Life.

**Our New Social Hall**

I begin my message by first saying that I am very grateful to our Lord for all of the prayers and work that has been put into reconstructing our beautiful social hall this past year! It was such a joy for myself and all of us who participated in coming to our Valentine blessing, fellowship and food last Saturday evening and Sunday morning! We enjoyed the delicious food from Shannon's Catering, Scotty's Donuts, and DD's Bakery. Thank you, thank you to all of you who attended our celebration.

We are all looking forward to our wonderful Lenten fish dinners that will be starting this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 18th. And they will continue each Friday, up to and including Good Friday. We especially look forward to the fellowship, meeting new people from out of town, and the wonderful welcoming spirit of our workers, as well as our delicious food. I want all of us, together, to thank our people from our parish who work long hours doing many preparations days before the dinners begin and each week thereafter. I thank all of the parishioners, and their families and friends, who support our dinners by coming to join us in the social hall from NOON to 6:30 pm each Friday, and those of you who come and get a take out dinner! I am also so very grateful that we will start having funeral dinners in our social hall.

In conclusion, I want to thank Daghir Construction and their expertise in restoring our social hall into a more practical and beautiful parish hall, where we can have public dinners, parish events, and community happenings here again, in a new atmosphere. I say thank you, thank you to all of our building and grounds committee members and to those who work constantly from behind the scenes to make our social hall and parish a loving, welcoming community.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for bringing the people into our lives, who together, make this world a better place! Thank you for all of the people who worked long hours in restoring our social hall! Bless them Lord, and all of us, who work together and enjoy all of the functions we will have in our new social hall! Protect this social hall with Your Divine Presence. May all who come through these doors always feel and know that they are welcomed by Your Love! Amen!

God Bless,  
Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 16, 2026 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Rachael Zambanini 4th anniversary	daughter Rita and family	Weekday	Jas 1: 1-11 Mk 8: 11-13 (335) Presidents' Day
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Maryanne (Secco) Swisher 1st anniversary	cousin-Rita	Weekday <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	Jas 1: 12-18 Mk 8: 14-21 (336)
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 <b>9:00 a.m. Mass</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Mass</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church  Veronica Brown	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	ASH WEDNESDAY	Jl 2: 12-18 2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18 (219)
Thursday, February 19, 2026 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Lena Volpe	David & Cynthia Rearick	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Dt 30: 15-20 Lk 9: 22-25 (220)
Friday, February 20, 2026 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Mike Chiodo birthday	Family	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Is 58: 1-9a Mt 9: 14-15 (221)
Saturday, February 21, 2026 <b>No a.m. Mass</b>			Saturday after Ash Wednesday <i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Is 58: 9b-14 Lk 5: 27-32 (222)
Saturday, February 21, 2026 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of First Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, February 22, 2026 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Connie Otteni	John & Becky Bricen	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Gn 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 Rom 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19 Mt 4: 1-11 (22)

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**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

## Why We Receive Ashes

We receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, with the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, to remind us that we are dust from the earth; that we will pass from this life someday, and our bodies will return to the earth. Hopefully, our soul will live on throughout eternity with God. It is also a reminder that we are to let go and rid ourselves of the sins and distractions that get in the way of our relationship with God. We do this by repenting of our sins and asking God for forgiveness. This especially happens in the Sacrament of Confession.

Lent is the season of opportunity for personal and spiritual renewal by means of acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

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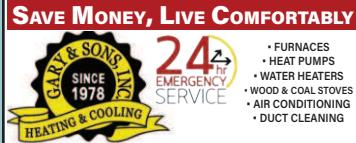
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