



## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22



### Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget ..... \$3,425.00  
Weekly collection 08/30/26 ..... \$1,887.00  
Difference ..... **\$1,538.00**  
CSA Assessment (2026) ..... \$30,986.00  
Pledges to date ..... \$27,145.00

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### **POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

#### **For The Care of Water**

**Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.**



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**

October 10 10:00 am Sacred Heart Church 814-781-1019

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We congratulate the following members of our St. Joseph Parish, who graduated from high school this past June.

Congratulations to:

**Lilly Philips**, who graduated from DuBois Central Catholic High School

**Gavin Mosier**, who graduated from St. Marys High School

**Leanna Smith**, who graduated from St. Marys High School.

**FAITH FORMATION:** We want to thank Emily Luchini for being our Faith Formation leader these past two years. At this time, Father Mark will be leading our Faith Formation program.

Faith Formation classes will begin on Sunday, September 20th, Catechist Sunday. Parents and students are to attend Mass at 9:15 am and classes will start at 10:30 am. Father Mark asks that all parents meet with him in the conference room of the Faith Formation Center at 10:30 am, just to go over some things. It will be a fifteen to twenty minute meeting.

There will be a special blessing of all of the catechists (teachers) during the 9:15 am Mass.

## **Healing Between Others**

In our Gospel Reading today, Jesus is giving His Disciples a teaching on how to deal with someone who wrongs them. Jesus' Method to bring about a resolution is not based on pressuring the person to confess, but rather, it is about winning back your brother and sister by first speaking to them privately. Jesus says at this point, *"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."* (Mt 18: 15b) Hopefully, that is when it can be resolved and not have to go any further. The result of this is when the issue is talked about thoroughly, out of love to the one who caused the wrong, that person will ultimately feel loved by the victim, and reconciliation for both people will happen.

**Healing between people sometimes takes time.** But, with trying and trying again, and possibly with the help of others, it will eventually bring reconciliation and a restored relationship where both people feel that good and right have won. This miracle will happen between two people for any reasonable need because Jesus promises His Gift to us in the concluding words of the Gospel: *"Again, amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst of them."* (Mt. 18: 19-20) Ask for this promise.

God Bless, Father Mark

### **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan requirements for working with children:**

The Diocese of Erie takes child safety seriously. Working with the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth ensures that policies and procedures are in place to protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children must complete state mandated criminal record checks. They must also follow screening guidelines and complete abuse prevention training. These steps help ensure that everyone who has access to children in our schools and parishes is properly vetted and trained. **Parents: stay vigilant!** Make sure anyone who interacts with your child has completed the application process and obtained the required clearances and training. For details on what is required for those working with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and agencies, visit: [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/). For additional information, contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date                                                  | Intention                                      | Requested by              | Celebration                                                                                                                                | Scriptures                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, September 14, 2026<br><b>8:30 am Mass</b>     | Poor Souls in Purgatory                        |                           | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross                                                                                                           | Nm 21: 4b-9<br>Phil 2: 6-11<br>Jn 3: 13-17 (638)                      |
| Tuesday, September 15, 2026<br><b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>  | Deceased members of the Winkler Family         | Bob Cortina               | Our Lady of Sorrows                                                                                                                        | 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a (444)<br>Jn 19: 25-27 or<br>Lk 2: 33-35 (639) |
| Wednesday, September 16, 2026<br><b>No Mass</b>       |                                                |                           | Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs                                                                                       | 1 Cor 12: 31--13: 13<br>Lk 7: 31-35 (445)                             |
| Thursday, September 17, 2026<br><b>8:30 am Mass</b>   | Mary Jo Gutowski                               | Donald & Nancy Chiappelli | Weekday<br><i>Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;<br/>Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> | 1 Cor 15: 1-11<br>Lk 7: 36-50 (446)                                   |
| Friday, September 18, 2026<br><b>8:30 am Mass</b>     | Betty Leair                                    | Donald & Nancy Chiappelli | Weekday                                                                                                                                    | 1 Cor 15: 12-20<br>Lk 8: 1-3 (447)                                    |
| Saturday, September 19, 2026<br><b>No AM Mass</b>     |                                                |                           | Weekday<br><i>Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr;<br/>BVM</i>                                                                              | 1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49<br>Lk 8: 4-15 (448)                            |
| Saturday, September 19, 2026<br><b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b> | Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church |                           | Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                                                                  | (see below)                                                           |
| Sunday, September 20, 2026<br><b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>   | Ken O'Veil                                     | wife-Rita                 | 25th SUNDAY<br>IN ORDINARY TIME                                                                                                            | Is 55: 6-9<br>Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a<br>Mt 20: 1-16a (133)               |

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am  
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## Holy Water Bottle

My brothers and sisters, many of us were taught that it is important to keep a bottle of Holy Water in our homes and even in our cars, trucks, and SUV's. The reason for this is because each one of us Catholics were blessed by Holy Water at our Baptism, either by pouring or being immersed into the Baptismal Font or Pool. The water we carry in our Holy Water bottle has been prayed over and blessed by a priest, who also prayed over the water before we were baptized.

So, blessing ourselves with a bottle of Holy Water, reminds us of our Baptism. This blessing can also protect our body and soul as we live out our days. As we bless ourselves, we say: "I bless myself, my house, my car, my family in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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