



• 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**“THERE IS NEED OF
ONLY ONE THING.”**

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 07/13/25. n/a
 Weekly budget goal\$3,425.00
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 CSA 2025 Assessment Goal \$30,504.00
 CSA Pledges to date \$30,345.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY
For Formation in Discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



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 2025

August 7th	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	814-787-4151
August 28th	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569

Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10th.



MASS will be at 10:00 a.m. Picnic to follow. We will eat at NOON. Food will be provided by the Church. **You are welcome to bring a non-refrigerated dessert for all to enjoy!**

Please see the insert included with the bulletin this week. The reservation form is on the insert. Please complete and return your reservation form by August 4th. You can drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the office during the week M-Th from 9 am to 4pm.

Our **5th Annual Golf Outing** will be held on Sunday, August 17th, at Treasure Lake Silver Course in DuBois. Shotgun start @ 1:00 PM. The cost will be: \$80/person. \$65/member. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. You can call Jude Lander at Treasure Lake @ 814-913-1480 OR Jim Allegretto @ 814-594-9708. Get a team together for a day of fun! See the flyer in the bulletin for more details.

A Family Perspective Facebook, messenger, messages, phone calls, emails, texts, and tweets can turn our lives into a series of constant interruptions. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "You are anxious about many things" reminding us that these distractions steal the precious time we need to truly be with others. Quality time is intentional time--free from distractions.

Marriage Moment #1155

Is it any wonder that couples are finding it more difficult to make and keep marriage vows when promiscuity is portrayed as normative on sitcoms, is snuck into our emails, and annoyingly pops up on websites? This week, be mindful of what the media is feeding your psyche.

Are you like Martha or Mary?

In our Gospel Reading this weekend, we have the famous story of Jesus visiting Martha and her sister, Mary. They invited Jesus to dinner. At one point, Martha complained to our Lord that she was stuck with all the responsibility of getting the table set and the dinner ready and that her sister needs to help her. Jesus responded "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Mt 10: 41-42)

Brothers and sisters, in actuality, both Martha and Mary were living and serving Jesus in their own unique way. Martha shows love of neighbor by serving our Lord. Mary shows love for God by listening and paying attention to all that Jesus is saying to her.

A good question for you is **Are you like Martha, who mostly serves your neighbor in some active way or are you like Mary, who would rather sit at our Lord's Feet and absorb everything He teaches?**

The good news is that we all need to be like both Martha and Mary. The good challenge is that if we are more like Mary, where we pray often and find comfort in being with the Lord, this is good. However, a person like Mary needs to have a balance in her life with active service and good works. **Therefore, what should she do? What can we do?...**Be open to some active service for our Lord and His People...such as, participating on one of the many parish committees, joining the choir, volunteering your time by helping serve at one of our dinners, or assisting in the Faith Formation program by being a catechist teacher or a substitute.

Now, if you are more like Martha, slow down a little and spend more quiet prayer time with our Lord. Some examples can be...strive to come to Mass earlier for this prayer time, share the Gospel with your family, recite bedtime prayers with your children, and go online to FORMED.org to learn more about your faith.

May we learn in our lives a healthy balance of the necessary prayer time of Mary and the loving service of Martha.

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 21, 2025 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	Ex 14: 5-18 Mt 12: 38-42 (395)
Tuesday, July 22, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Guido & Cass Berasi	Nieces: Dolly, Judy, and Polly (Berasi)	Saint Mary Magdalene	Sg 3: 1-4b or 2 Cor 5: 14-17 Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18 (603)
Wednesday, July 23, 2025 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint Bridget, Religious</i>	Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15 Mt 13: 1-9 (397)
Thursday, July 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mike Chiodo	Dianne & Vince Olewnik	Weekday <i>Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest</i>	Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13: 10-17 (398)
Friday, July 25, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph & Wanda Mastrian 80th wedding anniversary	Father Mark and family	Saint James, Apostle	2 Cor 4: 7-15 Mt 20: 20-28 (605)
Saturday, July 26, 2025 No Mass			Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ex 24: 3-8 Mt 13: 24-30 (400)
Saturday, July 26, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, July 27, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Germaine Olewnik 1st anniversary	Tim & Lori Sims	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Gn 18: 20-32 Col 2: 12-14 Lk 11: 1-13 (111)

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Ministry to the Homebound

Every first Thursday and Friday of the month, parishioners of St. Joseph Church who are homebound, or who are unable to attend Mass because of their physical challenges, are visited by Father Mark. During the visit, they receive both Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick with Holy Oils.

This experience of receiving both of these Sacraments is very important for these dear brothers and sisters of our parish. It first of all enables them to receive the healing graces that these sacraments give and it keeps them connected to our Church during this time in their life now, when they cannot attend Mass.

If you or your loved one or anyone you know who are homebound and would like to start receiving Holy Communion on the first Thursday or Friday of the month, please feel free to call Father Mark at 814-787-4151 Extension 4.

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