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Mass Schedule

Lord's Day Masses
Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday, 7:30AM
Holy Day Masses: 7:30AM & 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30–5PM (or by appointment)

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Please call to arrange for date and instruction.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the rectory office at least one year prior to the marriage to make arrangements.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital, that we might keep them in prayer and, if possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in Church is urged to advise us so that we might bring the Eucharist to them at home.

Your Family Parish

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00 AM -12:00PM

Mass Intentions

Week End Schedule

Sat. August 13th 5:30pm Mass ✝Dorothy and Dario Morvillo
Sun. August 14th 8:30am Mass for Parishioners
Sun. August 14th 10:45am Mass of Health and Healing for James McDonald Sr., requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald
Sat. August 20th 5:30pm Mass ✝Hamel Family, Normand, Alice and Normand Jr., requested by Richard Hamel
Sun. August 21st 8:30am Mass, Anniversary Blessings Mr./Mrs. John Hurd, with love, Aunt Nancy and Uncle Jack
Sun. August 21st 10:45am Mass ✝John Wrobel, requested by the Family

Week Day Mass Schedule

Mon. August 15th– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Tues. August 16th– 7:30am Mass of Health and Healing for Lisa Spinney, requested by the Family
Wed. August 17th – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Thurs. August 18th – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Fri. August 19th– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please Note: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to heaven is Monday, August 15 It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass will be held Monday morning at 7:30 am
Please bring bouquets of flowers and/or fruits to be blessed at Mass.

Tabernacle Light, August 14th – August 20th
In loving memory of Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph the Good Provider

Stewardship – Time - Talent –Treasure

Sunday Collection	**$**	**-**
Parish Repairs & Cap. Improvement	**$**	**-**
Fall Fair	**$**	**-**
Total Collection for 8/7/22	**Not**	**Available**

Pope Francis has called upon the Universal Church to pray and fast for peace in Ukraine. Catholics in the U.S. may show solidarity by participating in the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, CCEE *this* weekend. The collection will help the Church in Ukraine bring the light of Christ to the faithful affected by the darkness of war and loss of families and homes, and provide essential funding in the region. CCEE also strengthens Catholic education, charitable programs and development in 27 other countries which were subject for many decades to Communists regimes. Thank you for your help.

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is to be with Christ" - St. Ambrose

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Holy Saints this Week
Mon. Aug. 15th – *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Sat. Aug. 20th – *Memorial of St. Bernard*

Intercessions for Life
For those grieving after a miscarriage:
May they be comforted by
God's everlasting love and
His presence amidst their sorrow;
We pray to the Lord

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Join Fr. Tokarz for our weekly novena to St. Joseph our patron saint on Wednesdays, after morning Mass. St. Joseph is our patron and we must pray to him for favors and blessings.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Luke 12:51
Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

Prayers for the sick: Bill Flynn, Brian Harrington, Joan Richardson, Paul, Dennis Murphy III, Ted, Mark, Susan, Steve, Jan, Skip Sawyer, Brian, Gregory, Nancy, James, Chris, Eleanor, Grace Shelia Chace, Maryanne MacLeod, Skip Spinney, Wes, Paul, Kayleigh, Jerry, Mary, Marty, Jean, Theresa, Laura, Jacqui, Lindsey, Terry, Ray Renzoni, Cathy Simmons, Karen Baum, Jason, Don, Michael Shutt, Robert Wild, Evelyn Centeno

Liturgical Ministers

Sat. Aug. 13th - 5:30 pm	**Sunday Aug. 14th- 8:30am**	**Sunday Aug. 14th – 10:45am**
Altar Servers:	**Altar Server:**	**Altar Server:**
Acolyte:	**Acolyte:**	**Acolyte:**
Lector: Bob Rainville	**Lector:** Lucille Roux	**Lector:** Jim Wrobel

Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider, Jesus usually speaks of peace; today's Gospel he spoke of division and his willing to go to Jerusalem and be put to death. It is the Holy Spirit who gives comfort to the divided. It is Jesus who inspires us to go forth and spread the Gospel and not lose heart. We must stand up for peace and not evil. Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters. The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. Following Jesus might be hard sometimes, but making good choices helps us be closer to God and have peaceful hearts and minds. Jesus tells his disciples he has come to set the world on fire. Jeremiah set the earth on fire with his fiery preaching against injustice. God watched over them. Jeremiah was rescued; Jesus was raised from the dead. May we not lose heart on our mission. God of all, watch over and protect us as we stumble and fall, leading us always onward to your kingdom.

NIECH BEDZIE POCHWALONY JEZUS CHRYSTUS! PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST! - *Fr. Tom Tokarz, Pastor*

We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven this Monday. It is a holyday, but not a day of obligation to attend Mass. Honor our Blessed Virgin; Mass is at 7:30am with a blessing of flowers, herbs, & vegetables. Come celebrate Mary's entrance into heaven!

70th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Will meet on Monday, August 15th at 6:00pm
In the Church Hall
All those interested in attending are invited to join!

Special Fall Fair Envelope

In your packet of collection envelopes is a special envelope for the Fall Fair. Usually donations made are for fair expenses. This year in lieu of the Fair we are hoping you might consider making a donation based on what you may have spent at the event or contributed. We recognize these are difficult times, but if you are able, the parish could use your help and support. Thank you!

Morning Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; to lean on your great strength, trustfully, restfully; to wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; to meet others, peacefully, joyfully; to face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.

- St. Francis of Assisi

PROJECT NAZARETH
FAITH BEGINS AT HOME

St. Joseph the Good Provider is pleased to offer this new resource to help parish families grow in faith.

Project Nazareth: "Faith Begins at Home" has resources giving suggestions for how to Pray, Listen, Act and Ponder each week. Guided by Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, series will explore the Gospel message, Sunday Mass readings and special topics such as the Year of the Eucharist.

Look for the reg. link on flocknotes or contact Mary Jo Kriz

In Lieu of the **Fall Fair** the **70th Anniversary Committee** has set the date for a parish wide gathering on Sat. Sept. 17 in the Parish Hall following the 5:30 Mass at 6:00

"Saturday Soup Supper"

50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold after all the Masses starting this weekend and at the Soup Supper!

Building a vibrant Faith Community!
Anyone who is contemplating joining the parish as a parishioner please join us now. Registration forms are available. We would love to have you as new members! If you are not receiving envelopes please be patient. The envelope company was on vacation. Please see Fr. Tom

Offertory Masses & Tabernacle Light
It is always nice to remember a loved one who has passed. When a memorial Mass is said prayers are offered for the departed soul to be united in heaven with our Lord. An announced Mass offering is $10. Remember you loved ones in prayer or light the Tabernacle Candle in their honor for the week. Contact the office for scheduling.

National Eucharistic Revival - Year of the Eucharist
Bread and Wine symbolizes the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ. **Bread** is a symbol of the Eucharist because it represents life. It is also a symbol because the breaking of the bread, was performed by Jesus so we accept the bread as the body of Jesus.
Wine in communion represents the blood Jesus shed on the cross to atone for our sins. Blood also represents life. By partaking in communion we are symbolically intermingling his blood with ours to represent intercommunion and a pledge of oneness.

Berlin Family Food Pantry will be collecting items August 28th, the 4th Sun. of the month. The Food Donation Box is at the Church entrance. *Thanks for your continued generosity!*

REMINDER Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers

St. Joseph the Good Provider

"Saturday Soup Supper"

Sat. Sept. 17
in the
Parish Hall

following
the
5:30 Mass
at 6:00

Join us as we celebrate
70 years as a Parish Community with a
"Saturday Soup Supper!"

$5.00 per person

Includes: Soup, Bread,
Beverage & Dessert

Soup Selection includes:

- Chicken Vegetable
- Hamburger Soup
- Seafood Chowder
- Butternut Squash

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