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Week of August 23, 2026

Saint Joseph: \$4,529

Saint Michael: \$2,126

Saint Mary: \$2,638

2026 CSA UPDATE

September 1, 2026

Saint Joseph

Diocesan Assessment: \$34,807

Total Pledged: \$50,080

Total Paid: \$41,590

Saint Michael

Diocesan Assessment: \$38,740

Total Pledged: \$41,887

Total Paid: \$37,087

Saint Mary

Diocesan Assessment: \$23,034

Total Pledged: \$28,904

Total Paid: \$24,774

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UPCOMING

St. Michael Parent Meeting

K-5 Program on September 6 at St. Michael Hall before 11am Mass.

Labor Day Picnic

St Michael Labor Day Picnic is Monday Sept.. 7 from 11am - 4pm. Please come and enjoy!

Parish Office

Closed Monday, September 7.

St. Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341

Meeting: September 8 at Stutz Hall 6pm

Breakfast: September 19 at Stutz Hall 8am

St. Joseph Rosary Society

Meeting September 10 at 6pm in the hall.

Day of Remembrance for Unborn affected by Abortion

Praying Joyful Mysteries of Rosary on September 12 at 10 am at St Michael Church

Second Collection for Catholic Education September 19/20

This collection supports Catholic Education and Faith Formation throughout the Diocese. This one is unique, though: 50% of every dollar *remains* in our parishes to support SJS and Faith Formation! Your generosity strengthens our ministries here, and supports those throughout the diocese.

St. Joseph Rosary Society

Super Bingo on September 27 at Noon.

MINISTER SCHEDULE • SEPT 12-13

4:00pm, Saint Joseph

Lector: A. Ochs

Eucharistic Minister: A. Ochs, D. & M. Banner

Altar Server: None

Ushers: D. Baker, J. Harvey, E. Carroll, J. Lutz

Rosary: D. & M. Banner

6:00pm, Saint Mary

Lector: J. Bauer

Eucharistic Minister: D. Thimons, L. Letot

Altar Server: J. Carroll, C. Carroll

8:00am, Saint Mary

Lector: K. Martz

Eucharistic Minister: C. Schettler, C. Schettler,
S. Sepan

Altar Server: P. Weiser

9:30am, Saint Joseph

Lector: *Please volunteer*

Eucharistic Minister: *Please volunteer*

Altar Server: *Please volunteer*

Ushers: *Please volunteer*

11:00am, Saint Michael

Lector: E. Weaver

Eucharistic Minister: B. Hoover, A. Smerkar, E.
Weaver

Altar Server: L. Weaver

Ushers: M., N. & I. Gilara

Rosary: C. Longacre

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 7:

8:30am, Saint Mary

Special Intention for Bonnie Dworek (Ken Dworek)

Tuesday, September 8:

8:30am, Saint Michael

+Mary & Bob Smerkar (Rosie)

Wednesday, September 9:

8:30am, Saint Mary

+Bonnie Kriebel (Gib & Darlene Wolbert)

Thursday, September 10:

8:30am, Saint Michael

+Jim Beichner (Ginny)

6:00pm, Saint Ann

No Mass

Friday, September 11:

8:30am, Saint Joseph

+M/M Eugene Carroll (The Family)

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12:

4:00pm, Saint Joseph

+Mike & Marilyn Carroll (George & Lisa Carroll)

6:00pm, Saint Mary

+Charles & Mildred Barklow and George & Katharine Lorch (Bill & Kathy Barklow)

Sunday, September 13:

8:00am, Saint Mary

Parish Family

9:30am, Saint Joseph

+Denny Greenawalt (The Family)

11:00am, Saint Michael

+Margaret Joanne Uzelac (St Michael Choir)

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Saint Michael

B. Beichner Jr, J. Lauffer, J. Eisenman

Saint Joseph

A. Wielock, R. Wielock

Saint Mary

H. Karg, T. Karg, J. Smail, J. Smail

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Saint Michael

Bob Zacherl & Mark Zacherl (Todd & Sue Beichner)

Saint Mary

Lynette McHugh (Jim)

A Word from Father Brandon

Among my favorite things to do as a priest is to walk with people desiring to come into the Church, or with those who have fallen away or did not complete their sacraments and want to experience the full life of Christ in His Church! Some of my favorite memories as a priest are tied to the RCIA (now known as OCIA) process and spiritual direction with people...again, it's just so suited for how I'm wired and what I find so fulfilling in this vocation! In my first year of priesthood, I asked my pastor, Msgr. McGee, if I could handle the RCIA that year and if I could just do it my own way. He was tickled to let that obligation go and put that yoke on my shoulders, and from that year onwards, I have been doing the formation work myself for whatever parish I have been in. I am someone who finds it far more effective for the person coming into the Church or seeking full communion in the Church to meet with the priest and that way the priest is able to understand where that individual needs to grow in wisdom and in faith - and make it personal for them. That is not to say the priest (I'm not sure why I keep referring to myself in the third person) is an expert himself, but if I put myself in the shoes of someone inquiring about the faith, I wouldn't want to just be handed a textbook and be treated as just some generic person learning a generic faith. A hill I'm often fighting on is the tearing down of generic Christianity, a generic spiritual life, or a generic sense of faith! The amount of people who have crippling weak faith, absolutely no sense of God's voice, and whose foundation and core is some silly arts and craft Jesus they 'met' in the first grade is so sad! God didn't create us, came to be Incarnate as us, went to Hell for us, proclaimed the Gospel to the souls trapped in the hell of the enemy's lair, burst through the grave and torpedoed with saints in tow to tear open the veil separating us from The Father just so we can memorize some stale facts from a textbook in a class, and where I don't meet the priest except for a guest class everyone lauds as being some great sacrifice for Father and then you see him again at the Easter Vigil...ok, like I said, it's a hill I'm familiar with and am fighting on far too often!

That entire rambling prelude is just to formally invite all who seek to enter the Church, finish your Sacraments of Initiation, enter full Communion with the Church - or if you are merely inquiring - to please reach out to me! Already, I am regularly meeting one on one with four, and I have two more I have yet to begin with. I have more time! Please, if you are someone who wishes to go deeper in this amazing and breathtaking adventure into the depths of the Faith, reach out! The 'plan' I operate under is that twice a month we'd meet one on one, and then we'd all get together once a month to share our faith and journeys and questions together. Those common group sessions will begin in October, and be once a month, and be in addition to us meeting individually twice a month. That is the 'program or plan' for OCIA / coming into the Church or Full Communion with the Church.

If you are someone interested, please reach out to me this month of September. Everyone will need to be under way come October. The Easter Vigil is March 27, so that gives us a solid block of time to get ourselves prepped. It's important to note about marriages - this is often something not considered immediately, but there is a chance you may need a convalidation (marriage 'blessed') or an actual annulment before coming into the Church depending on a myriad of factors, so this is another reason why it's really important to start asap. EVERY situation is easily handled, but sometimes we just need a little extra time- no big deal! But, it'd be good to have us all going by October so we can be working towards an amazing (and very full!) Easter Vigil! I CAN'T WAIT!

*Love,
Father Brandon*



Tickets

Labor Day Cash Giveaway (\$10) and Farm to Table (\$1) tickets are available at the doors of the church and at local businesses. Cash Giveaway prizes every 10 minutes from 1pm - 4pm.

Donations

Our dinner donation list is available at the doors of the church and in the bulletin. Chinese Auction prizes can be dropped off at the side door of St. Michael church or coordinate with Jess Kaltenbach at 814-758-7876.

For monetary gifts, please place in the collection basket marked "Chinese Auction".

Dinner and Volunteering

We are having turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, coleslaw, and dessert. We would truly appreciate your help with prep work, busing tables and running desserts on the day of the picnic. If you can lend a hand, contact Tammy Ochs at 814-354-2891.

Labor Day Committee

Tim Gilara, Emily Weaver, Becky Vickers, Cathie Zacherl, Janet Fesenmyer, & Jill Foy

St Joseph Rosary Society Super Bingo

Tickets available by Advance Sale-\$30 or at the door-\$35. To purchase call/text Holly Bradybaugh 814-227-8617 or at Steve's Bees Hive Café.



Day of Remembrance for the Unborn affected by Abortion

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed in the back parking lot of St Michael Church near the stone of the unborn.

Mass Intentions

Masses are still available for the rest of 2026. Parishioners are limited to 2 weekend mass requests throughout the year. Weekday masses are available for additional mass intentions. Please call the parish office to schedule.

St. Michael Church's 140th Anniversary of Consecration

If you have a story or photo/document you would like to share, or if you would like to help in this effort, please contact Emily Weaver at 814-673-1623 or e.hoover18@gmail.com.

Funerals

Please note that when a family member passes away, the funeral home is the first contact. They will contact the parish office to coordinate all details.



SCHOOL NEWS

School Fundraiser

Please consider purchasing RADA Cutlery through the QR code below to support Saint Joseph School. All proceeds go to support the ministry of Catholic Education.

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FAITH FORMATION

Locations

- St. Mary Church: PK -5th Grade
- St. Michael Church: K - 5th Grade
- St. Joseph Church: Edge and Confirmation

Faith Formation programs for students will be starting in September! Most parents and families should have already received their registration information in the mail or by email.

Contact the church office or Faith Formation directors if you have not received registration information, you have any questions or your child is new to the program. As a reminder, there is no cost to enroll your child in the program.



In preparation for the upcoming year, please take note of the various parent meetings

St. Michael Parent Meeting (K-5) - September 6

COMMUNITY NEWS

North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry

Located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. Always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. Make checks payable to: North Clarion-Marienville food pantry. Mail any donations to Marienville Community Methodist Church, PO Box 281, Marienville PA 16239. For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items currently needed for September and October 2026 are: Boxed stuffing; boxed scalloped or au gratin potatoes; canned pumpkin; cake mix; jello or pudding; cream of mushroom soup; canned pasta; Spic & Span spray; baby wipes. Distribution dates are: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 and Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

"Here I am God", Catholic Rural Ministry Overnight Retreat

November 1-2, noon to noon at Olmsted Conference Center in Ludlow, PA. Presenters, Sisters Colleen Leathley & Ann Muczynski OSB. Price per room (meals included), \$75 single, \$60 double. Register by calling (814) 945-6512. Deadline, October 2. For questions, email crmludlowretreat@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception and St Dominic Fall Festival

September 11, 12 & 13th located on our school grounds at 82 Summit St, Brookville PA. Festival hours are 8am to 7pm Friday & Saturday and 10am to 2pm on Sunday. The schedule of events can be found at icbrookville.com.

Wreaths Across America

Ceremony December 19, 11:00am



Consider sponsoring a wreath to honor those in St Joseph Cemetery that fought for us. Wreaths can be purchased at Lander's General Store for \$17 each; donations are also accepted. Checks payable to Kay Lander or Lander General Store. Pay online by scanning the QR Code.



Any items for the bulletin need emailed to Julie two weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Bulletin announcements are on a first come, first serve basis.

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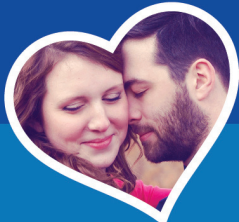
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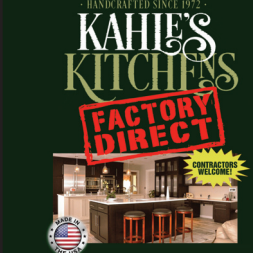
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