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Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men

Matthew 4:19



A Word from Father Brandon

This week the US Church honors and celebrates Catholic Schools with Catholic School's Week! Here, in our community, we celebrate the presence of this ministry, the sacrifice of families who choose this ministry for their children, and the faculty and staff who give so much of themselves to make this ministry viable and enormously effective in the lives of our students!

I have said it a bit over my few months here with you, but I want to reiterate: there is no Father Brandon and the faith within Brandon if it were not for Catholic Education! No way, no chance, no how! God used Catholic Education to break through to me, to plant the seeds of faith, to create a heart that yearns for something more than this world can offer, and to create the interior life where I'd be able to one day lay down on the cold marble of the Cathedral and lay down my life for Him! The only reason I am here is because my mom and dad chose to send me and my siblings to Sacred Heart School, and then I, along with my older brother, went on to Villa Maria Academy where I really began the work of discernment for the priesthood and just began to realize that my faith and God were just bigger than what I could ever conceptualize...I needed to devote my time - and my life - to the pursuit of both! For years now, I have called and thought of Catholic Education as "The Eighth Sacrament"! Outside of the first Seven, I can't think of another setting so ripe for the revelation of God than our schools! I mean, I could go on and on...and I tend to quite often! Since August of 1991 when I went to the first day of Kindergarten until now, Catholic Schools Week of 2026, I have never not been part of Catholic Education! I love it! I don't know myself apart from it! My identity is intimately and intricately wrapped up in it! I love it!

In my previous assignment in Greenville, I had to lead the parish through the most difficult thing I have ever done in my life: discern that it was time to end the ministry of Catholic Education at that parish. I cannot begin to elaborate upon just how tortuous that process was, how many sleepless nights I had, the number of notebooks and legal pads I used up trying to make the math and mission work...I am positive that I will die earlier than intended because that took years off my life! *(I also assume that when I was announced as your new pastor this summer, many of you looked me up and saw that I had just 'closed the school' and probably had preconceived ideas about me! Don't worry, I would've done the same thing!)* I love Catholic Education so much - and those faculty and students were so great - that I felt for some time (and to a point, I probably still do) that I let them down or I wasn't wise or shrewd enough to make it work. In my parish before there, we nearly doubled our school in about four years before covid hit... every community is different and every need is unique and different. A joy of mine, here, has been to get to know and fall in love with Saint Joseph School! I love being a school pastor, in general, as I have said, but I love the process of getting to know a new community of faculty and students and just being present with them! We have such amazingly faithful and joyful students in our halls and getting to know each of them has been a blast! We have a tremendous faculty who labor in love for these kids and it's so inspiring - Catholic School teachers are my heroes! And Betsy is a phenomenal leader at the helm! We are so lucky here to have a small, but full of life school! I have no special talent or skills - I just LOVE our Catholic Schools and I promise you that I will love intensely the ministry we do here and do all in my power to keep it a ministry that is vibrant and so full of life and the presence of God so we can change and shape the lives of our students...as my years in Catholic School did and has done for me! I promise to devote myself to Saint Joseph School as among the most important things I will ever do here - for it is, afterall, the eighth sacrament!

Love,

Fr Brandon

Liturgy Schedule January 31st - February 1st

4:00 p.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Theresa Seitz

Euch Min: Mary Caye Stecki

Altar Server: None

Ushers: Bernie Hoover, Sam Smerkar, Todd Beichner, Mike Beichner

Rosary: Mary Caye Stecki

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Kerry Wolbert

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Ashton Bogel

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Keith Martz

Euch Min: Andy Gilmore

Altar Server: Nathan Karg

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Heather Reisinger

Euch Min: Robert & Annette Wielock

Altar Server: Gavin Kunselman

Ushers: Rick Best, Ted Schmader, Chip Wolbert, Scott Ochs

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Jack Lauffer

Euch Min: Alisha Smerkar

Altar Server: Joey & Brooklyn Spence

Ushers: Tom Cyphert, John Griebel

Rosary: Walter Jakopac

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Annette & Robert Wielock

St. Michael: Bernie Beichner Jr, Jack Lauffer, Judy Eisenman

St. Mary: Jana Wolbert, Joel & Tamra Schettler

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael:

St Joseph:

St Mary: Steven Lencer Family by The Stan Rathfon St Hubert Memorial Council #10341

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31st – February 1st

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3 3:12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Masses For The Week



++Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each
weekday Mass at 7:30 a.m.++

Monday, January 26

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) All Deceased Fathers

Tuesday, January 27

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Betty & Gus Ditz by John Habjan

Wednesday, January 28

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Wayne Wolbert Sr by Marge & Family

Thursday, January 29

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Hank Hargenrader by Rosie

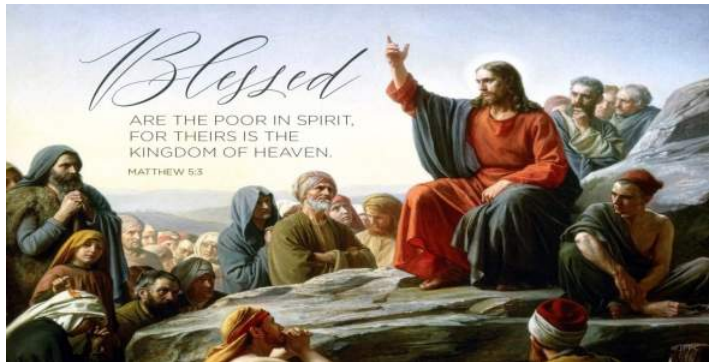
6:00 p.m. (St Ann) Father Edward Stutz by Chuck Baxter

Friday, January 30

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) M/M R L Johnston by M/M C J Schwabenbauer

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) The Souls in Purgatory

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 31

4:00 p.m. (St Michael) Intention of the Priest

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) All Deceased Mothers

Sunday, February 1

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) George & Adeline Karg by Barb Karg & Family

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. (St Michael) Rosary

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Intention of the Priest



BLASPHEMY

Blasphemy is directly opposed to the second commandment. It consists in uttering against God—inwardly or outwardly—words of hatred, reproach, or defiance; in speaking ill of God; in failing in respect toward him in one's speech; in misusing God's name. St. James condemns those "who blaspheme that honorable name [of Jesus] by which you are called." The prohibition of blasphemy extends to language against Christ's Church, the saints, and sacred things. It is also blasphemous to make use of God's name to cover up criminal practices, to reduce peoples to servitude, to torture persons or put them to death. The misuse of God's name to commit a crime can provoke others to repudiate religion. Blasphemy is contrary to the respect due God and his holy name. It is in itself a grave sin. Catechism of the Catholic Church 2148

2026 Mass Intentions



Masses are now being scheduled for the first 6 months of 2026 — **January 1 to June 30, 2026.**

Parishioners are limited to **Two Weekend** mass intentions throughout the year. Weekday masses are available to accommodate additional mass intentions. These are on a first come, first serve basis.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry: They are located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. They are always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items needed for January 2026 and February 2026 are: cake mix; boxed potatoes; canned meat; canned beef stew; muffin or quick bread mix; jello or pudding; canned tomatoes dish soap; baby wipes. Distribution dates are: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 and Tuesday, February 24, 2026 **"Volunteers Needed"**

Do you have a favorite quilt that is keeping you warm this winter? Do you have a quilt with a special story? Do you have a quilt project you'd like to share? Please bring your quilt(s) to the St. Joseph Hall at 10:30 am on Sunday, January 25, for a **"Quilt Show and Tell."** The St. Joseph Rosary Society is sponsoring this event, and refreshments will be provided. You will have an opportunity to show your quilt and tell everyone why it is special and who made it. Let's warm up this winter with some quilts! Everyone is welcome, and please bring a friend.

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Steven Lencer Family and the 50/50 winner is Bill Wolbert. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on **Saturday, February 14th** at 8 am in Stutz Hall.



Online & Text Giving are now available for all three partnered parishes!

Go to our website: watch4deercatholic.church

Click on **"Ways to Give"** and then click on **"Online Giving."** Click on the parish name you want to donate to.

Please notify the parish office if you elect to give online and no longer need envelopes.

Any items for the bulletin need to be emailed to the Parish Office 2 weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Bulletin announcements are on a First Come, First Serve Basis and must have proper grammar and spelling.
Email to: secretary@stjosephlucinda.com

Walking with Moms in Need

Please support Next Step, Clarion's pregnancy resource center, during their Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. Next Step is donor-funded, and provides Christ-centered, life-affirming pregnancy and postabortion care locally, as well as education and family resources. This is a great way to love our neighbors, moms and families in our own community! Bottles will be available in our churches from Jan.18-Feb.15. Just put your donation in the bottle and return it to the box. Thank you for your generosity!

Bottles need to be turned in by February 22.

Please join us for **First Friday Fellowship** at 9 am (following the 8:30 am mass) at St. Joseph Hall on Friday, February 6. There is no meeting, just refreshments, conversation, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.



January 25, 2026

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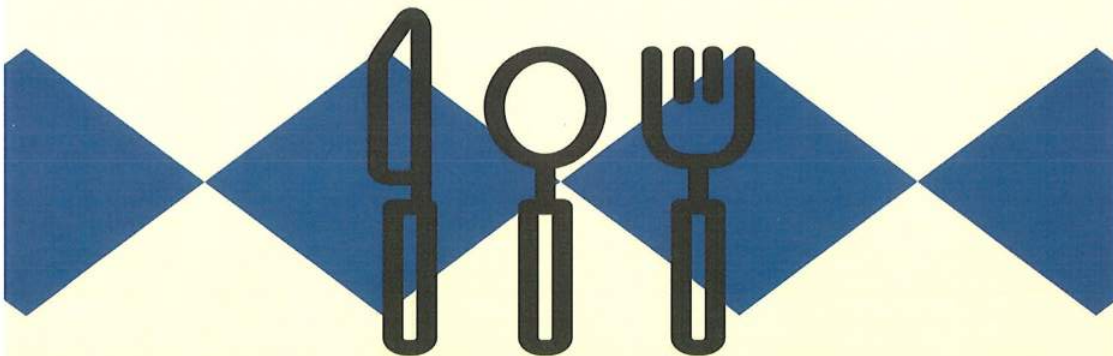
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Just bring your bag(s) of gently used clothes and shoes only to St. Joseph Hall for the Goodwill Drive Fundraiser. You can set the bags outside of the hall if there isn't anyone there.

Drive will be from January 12th - February 13th.

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph School.

St. Joseph School

Growing in Knowledge, Faith, Family, & Community
Investing in the Future of Our Students

At St. Joseph School, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to grow academically, spiritually, and socially in a nurturing, faith-filled environment. Through our "Come Grow with Us" fund, we invite you to become a valued partner in shaping the future of our students and strengthening our school community.

Your support directly impacts the lives of our students by helping us:

- Provide a strong, values-based academic education
- Foster spiritual growth rooted in our Catholic faith
- Maintain a safe, caring, and welcoming learning environment
- Ensure St. Joseph School remains accessible and affordable for families

Every gift makes a meaningful difference in helping our students grow into confident learners, compassionate leaders, and faith-filled individuals prepared for the future.

Thank you for Your Support

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and continued commitment to St. Joseph School. Your support allows us to carry out our mission and ensures that our students continue to thrive in a community grounded in faith, excellence, and care.

Donations may be made by:

- Placing it in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Come Grow with Us"
- Dropped off at the school office
or
- Mailed to: St. Joseph School
P.O. Box 9
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May God bless you abundantly for your kindness, generosity, and support of St. Joseph School.
With sincere gratitude,
Mrs. Betsy Ochs, the Staff, and Students of St. Joseph School



Memorial / Prayer Requests

If you would like your donation to St. Joseph School in memory of a loved one and/or a prayer request, please fill out this form and submit it with your donation.

All memorials and/or prayer requests will be displayed on the school's memorial/prayer wall.

Your Name: _____ In Memory of: _____

Prayer Request: _____

SECOND COLLECTION



January 6, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Communicating the Gospel has always been at the heart of the Catholic Church's mission. Today, that mission takes on renewed urgency as we work to reach the faithful across our 13 counties through meaningful stories, clear teaching, and accessible outreach.

That is why I am inviting you to support the **Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection**, taken up on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026, which sustains two vital ministries in our diocese:

- ***Faith* magazine**
- **Catholic Communications (digital, video and news outreach)**

Your generosity makes it possible for us to:

- **Deliver *Faith* magazine** to tens of thousands of households – sharing stories of hope, service and discipleship.
- **Reach those on the margins** who no longer attend Mass regularly but stay connected through our publications and digital presence.
- **Strengthen our digital evangelization**, including video messages, online storytelling and social outreach.
- **Provide clear, trustworthy communication** during moments of celebration, challenge or transition in the life of the church.

Many parishioners have shared how a single article, homily quote or online reflection brought comfort in grief, encouraged a return to the sacraments or reignited a desire for deeper faith. These moments are grace at work – and your support makes them possible.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to this year's collection. Your contribution directly helps us:

- Preserve *Faith* magazine as a free resource for every Catholic household.
- Expand our ability to proclaim the Gospel in innovative and compelling ways.
- Ensure that the Good News reaches every corner of northwest Pennsylvania.

You have my heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you support the mission of the Catholic Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

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