MASSES FOR AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 6

Monday, 31	8:30 am (SF)	**Rita & Vic Ventolo *(Family)*** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday, 1	8:30 am (SJ)	**Kristal Cronin *(Steve & Jennie Herrick)*** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday, 2	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday, 3	8:30 am (SJ)	**Evelyn Byers *(Janice McClain)*** 1 Cor 3: 18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday, 4	8:30 am (SF)	**Cheryl Vukelic *(Linda Antonucci)*** 1 Cor 4:1-4; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday, 5	5:00 pm (SF)	**Edward Smith *(Mr. & Mrs. Chris Manbeck)***
Sunday, 6	9:00 am (SJ)	**Larry Mosti *(John & Janice Scalley)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Leslie Leavitt *(Rebecca VanNuys)*** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY: Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 08/25/2026: Trinity West: **John Carducci; Sandra Rawson;** Trinity East; Weirton: **;** Pittsburgh: **Mary Ann Shuma.** Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.***

Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion: The first class begins this week **September 2, 2026 at St. Joseph Church Hall beginning at 6:00pm.** There will be paperwork for a parent to sign, so it will be **required for one parent to attend the class that night.** If a parent is unable to attend, it will be your **responsibility to contact the parish secretary to obtain the correct paperwork and return it to the parish office before the next class on September 16, 2026.**



O.C.I.A.: The **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** (formerly RCIA): If you or someone you know is interested joining the Catholic Faith, please contact the rectory office. I anticipate beginning the program in the Fall.



FOLDING CHAIRS: We have about 100 folding chairs that never get used. They are in excellent condition and I would like to sell them for $5 each. Please contact the rectory for additional information. We don't deliver.



Seven Sorrows of Mary Chaplet Walk: In honor of the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**, all are invited to join us for a **Seven Sorrows of Mary Chaplet Walk** on **Tuesday, September 15, at 5:00 p.m.** at **Mount Calvary Cemetery in Steubenville**. Led by **Fr. James Dunfee**, we will walk the Seven Sorrows of Mary trail, visiting each of the **Seven Sorrows stations** along the way as we pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows and reflect upon Mary's sorrows. **All are welcome to walk with Mary and unite our prayers with her Seven Sorrows.**



Rest in Peace: We extend our sympathy to **Dave and Tracy Ziarko**. Dave's uncle, **Paul Ziarko** passed away last week. May God grant Paul eternal rest and peace.

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $2,255.00; Loose: $62.00; Candles: $53.00. St. Joseph: Adult: $1,015.00; Loose: $126.00; Candles: $26.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for August 23rd***: ***5:00pm****: 86;* ***9:00am:*** *70;* ***11:00am:*** *98.*

MASSES: For **Betty Rock Utzler** by Linda Durbin & Jane Hanuscin; for **Gib Taggart** by Jake Dobbs

MEMORIALS: To **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Betty Rock Utzler** by Jane Hanuscin & Linda Durbin.

MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 5and 6

Altar Servers:

5pm: Hank & Haley Bodnar; **9am:** Carmen, Lincoln, & Royce Abdalla; **11am:** Sylas Trimmer, Levi Trimmer, Luca Provenzano

Lectors:

5pm: Sally Wenner; **9am:** Steve Zdinak; **11am:** Judy Koehnlein

F Y I Do you have any religious articles that you would like to donate? **In September, St. Mary Recycle Mission Group** will be in the area to collect Crucifix, Statues of any size, Rosaries (damaged are ok), Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Prayer Books or Bibles (***Please, no story type/ regular books or pamphlets/ magazines/DVD/ or VHS tapes***), or Framed Pictures. **Please bring your donated items to Church and place them in the back and place them in the boxes indicated with signs.**

GROW AND GO
GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Peter, understandably, responded to Christ's foreshadowing of his death with shock and horror – insisting that Jesus would not suffer and die. But Christ's words to his disciples taught them all to respond with humble obedience, trusting in the mission of God without fully understanding it. And Jeremiah in the first reading felt that God had "duped" him. Perhaps the message here is to expect the unexpected when taking on a life of holiness. In my own vocations of marriage, motherhood, and teaching, I regularly encounter challenges and surprises. As disciples, when we discern the will of God in our lives and choose to live according to his will, we do so not because we know all that it will entail, but because we know and trust the One who calls us. We are not promised an easy life, but we are promised abundant life. God calls us to a life of holiness because he knows that is what will bring us fulfillment and peace.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the process of discernment, we consider our gifts and talents, humbly reflect upon what is needed to build the kingdom of God, and listen carefully in prayer to the voice of God. We have the immense gifts of Sacred Tradition and Scripture to facilitate the "renewal of [the] mind" (Rom 12:2) as we allow our minds and hearts to be transformed by God's will. And in humble obedience, we must be honest with ourselves about whether we are fully open to God's call, even when it is contrary to our plans. When we believe with our entire being that we are living according to God's will, we will not be able to remain quiet or live in a mediocre way. Just as Jeremiah was unable to keep himself from speaking on the Lord's behalf, the Good News of Christ will come pouring forth from our being in everything that we do. And in this outpouring of God's love, we will give others the opportunity to encounter Christ through us.

REFLECT

Spend some time this week considering the vocation to which you are being called. Reflect upon how you can grow in trust of God to depend upon his care and guidance as you serve according to his will. Although our specific call may be challenging and may seem overwhelming, we can trust in the promise that following God's will leads to a life of joy and peace.