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Mission Statement
Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.

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Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
First Friday Week:
Thursday: 4:00 p.m. Until all are heard
Anytime by Appointment

Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Weekday - 6:15 a.m. (Monday—Friday)
Holy Days - Listed in Bulletin

REFLECTION~

First Reading~ God promises Noah to use a "bow in the clouds" (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible's first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

Second Reading~ Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead– those dead dating back to the days of Noah– and connecting us through baptism.
What do you find intriguing about this idea?

Gospel Reading~ We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

February 20(S): Vigil of First Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. † Walter Clark (An.)
February 21: First Sunday of Lent
7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Benedictine Association of Saint Marys
11:00 a.m. †† Harry (An.) & Jeanne (An.) McGowan
February 22(M): Chair of Peter, Apostle
6:15 a.m. L/D of Joseph & Angela Lynch Family
6:15 p.m. Special Intention
February 23(T): First Week of Lent
6:15 a.m. † Chad Cunningham (An.)
February 24(W): First Week of Lent
6:15 a.m. † John Ritter
February 25(Th): First Week of Lent
6:15 a.m. †† Harry L. & Laura C. Shaffer
February 26(F): First Week of Lent
6:15 a.m. † Orma Pontzer (An.)
February 27(S): Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. † Laura Clark
February 28: Second Sunday of Lent
7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners
9:00 a.m. † Margaret Sporner (An.)
11:00 a.m. † Anthony Celin, Jr.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Friday from 7:00 a.m. until closing with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Sister Mariella Hathorn, OSB (Sister of Jeanne Klaiber and Sally Lanzel), Debbra Ovell (Sister of Roger Ovell), Ethel Young (Mother of Donald E. Young), Timothy Heindl (Brother of Jim Heindl, Jr.) & John Thorwart (Brother of Mary Jane Pontious, Daniel Thorwart & Robert Thorwart).
May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Ken Bish, Sharon Boylan, Alice Feldbauer, Don Geci, Kathleen Glatfelter, Beth Gornati, Beula Kestler, Thomas Macelhatten, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, John Peterson III, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Matthew Sharrow and Michael Gary. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.

SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN - If you want to be placed on the prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 781-6430, or Ann at 834-6534.

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP
Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Group will pray the Rosary at Sacred Heart Church starting at 6:00 p.m. Mass will follow. **All are welcome. Confessions at 5:00 p.m. in the Sacristy.**

The week of February 21, 2021 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:
†††† Celine & Earl Feldbauer/Rose & Mack Newell
† Orma Pontzer

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date:	Time:	Place:
March 2, 2021	7:00 p.m.	St. Boniface 814-885-8941

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

Date:	Time:	Place:
Queen of the World Church		814-834-4701

WORD OF LIFE!!
"Yeah, you won," said the irate wife to her husband, "and now you get to live with the loser."

CONFESSION in addition to the regular Saturday Confession, beginning **Monday, February 22, 2021** and **all Monday's of Lent**, Fr. Michael will be hearing Confessions in the Sacristy at 5:00 p.m. before the 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Mass.
Confessions will also be heard in the Sacristy before Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 26th and March 19th at 6:00 p.m.

"31 DAY" VOCATION CALENDAR - Please consider joining the Parish "31 Club" for Vocations to the Religious Life. Try to attend a Mass, Holy Hour, Pray a Rosary **OR** pray on your chosen date and offer it for:

- Priests/religious who have served our parish in the **past.**
- For those priests, religious and deacons serving **now.**
- To ask the Lord of the harvest for **future** vocations.

22nd Sally Smith, Kathy Reuscher
23rd Mary Bowser Gee, Heidi Bach
24th Sylvia & B. G. Kronenwetter
25th Dutch Wegemer, Cathy Schneider, Karen Dick
26th A.J. Feidler
27th Pamela Hunt, Marge Gerg
28th Patsy McAllister, Mark Bauer

If you would like to be a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, please call the Parish Office at 834-7861 #1.

February 17— March 28, 2021

40 Days for Life is a peaceful International Campaign to pray for the end of abortion. Please consider joining together with many thousands of good people throughout the world to prayerfully STORM HEAVEN to stop the Killing of God's precious innocent unborn babies. How appropriate for this crusade to coincide with the 40 Days of Lent, to honor our Savior Jesus Christ's sorrowful Crucifixion and Glorious Resurrection. On every Tuesday during Lent, following the 8:30 A.M. Mass at St. Marys Church, please join us in offering the recitation of the Rosary for an end of abortion.

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM NEWS:
Winter/Spring 2021 Fundraiser!
Order your ECCSS gear by visiting our Xtreme Wear's online store **by 2/21/21!**
Estimated delivery mid March.
Questions on ordering or sizing please call Xtreme Wear @ 814-375-9961 or
PTO chairperson Ashley Steele @ 814-594-2074
Money raised from the clothing order contributes to the PTO's yearly commitment to ECCSS which aids in operating cost, supplies, and student activities.
We appreciate your continued support!
Students visit: store.xtremewear.com/eccss
ECCSS staff use link: store.xtremewear.com/eccstaff

All you chocolate lovers out there order your **Gardners Candies** now! Students at St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School, Middle, and Elk County Catholic High School are currently selling Gardners Candies now through **2/25/21**. Delivery and pickup is scheduled for 3/25/21 just in time for Easter! Not local, no problem! You can order online and have it delivered directly to your home while still supporting the ECCSS PTO.
Just visit https://www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com/ and enter Organization Name: Elk County Catholic School & Group ID: 10-0919

ST. LEO SUNDAY SUPPER~ February 28, 2021
Handmade Cavatelli and meatballs, Caesar salad, & homemade bun for $10!
Drive-thru pickup held in the St. Leo Church parking lot 3 pm-sold out.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays During Lent		
	Confessions/Sacristy	**5:00 p.m.**
Mondays	Praying the Rosary in Church	**6:00 p.m.**
	Mass following the Rosary	
Wednesdays	Rosary for Seminarians	**6:00 p.m.**
Fridays	Rosary in Church	**1:00 p.m.**
Friday	Feb., 26 Confessions/Sacristy	**5:00 p.m.**
Friday	Feb., 26 Stations of the Cross	**6:00 p.m.**
March 6	First Friday Mass	**6:30 p.m.**
March 9	Elk County Right for Life Meeting	**6:30 p.m.**
March 16	Parish Council	**7:00 p.m.**

AREA NEWS

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP (Phone 834-1353)
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THE MATERNITY CLOSET~ OPEN
the 1st three weeks on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each month. Babies and children up to 3rd birthdays in need are welcome.
Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and
Thursdays 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
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Any questions, please call Theresa at 781-1137.

ST. BONIFACE FISH DINNERS~
Serving Dinners every Friday during Lent from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm or until sold-out. Place your order by calling: 814-885-8611 until 6:00 pm.
Price: $12 for several menu options that combine the dinner options served at St. Boniface & Brandy Camp sites. The choices will include a Haddock fillet, potato, side salad, beverage, and homemade dessert for dine-in. $6 extra piece of fish. Dining Options: Take-out or limited dine-in
Please Note: The Dine-in experience will begin with your order being taken at the porch entrance of the school. From there you will head to the cafeteria where you will be seated and receive your dinner. This is to assist in maintaining appropriate social distance and to facilitate your order.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH in Force, PA ~
Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners~ Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and Every Friday during Lent
TAKE-OUT ONLY OR DRIVE-THRU!
Call 814-787-4151 #6. Hours from Noon to 6:30 p.m. or until sold out. All dinners include… Choice of fish or shrimp… Choice of potato...Baked or French fries, Cole slaw or applesauce, Dinner Roll & Dessert.

ST. LEO CHURCH~ will be having Fish and Shrimp Fries on Fridays during Lent.
Dates: Fridays – February19 - March 26
Time: 4:30-6:30 pm
Location: Eat in at St. Leo Social Hall or Take out.
Call 814-772-4705 after 3 pm to order.
Cost: Fish Dinner $12.00 Shrimp Dinner $14.00
Dinners include: Baked or Battered Haddock or Shrimp, French Fries or Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Warm Apple Sauce, Dinner Roll and Dessert

ST. MARYS MOOSE~ Haddock Fish Fries
Only $10.00 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. or sold out.

St. Marys Inter- Parish ~ Faith Formation

LIFE TEEN

All classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center (Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street, unless otherwise noted.
Students/Parents you can go to sminterparish@gmail.com to see an updated schedule.

Feb.21 Rite of Enrollment for First Reconciliation at Mass
9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
10:00 a.m. at Queen of the World
10:30 a.m. at St. Marys Church
Grade 1 (CGS Sunday at Sacred Heart)
10:45 a.m. - noon
Middle School, grades 6, in person, 6:00 p.m.- 7:45 p.m.
Middle School, grades 7 & 8 in person,
6:00 p.m.- 7:45 p.m.
Life Teen, grades 9 & 10 online, please login at 6:00

Feb. 24 Elementary, grades 1 – 5, in person,
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 28 Grade 1 (CGS Sunday at Sacred Heart)
10:45 a.m. - noon
Middle School, grades 6, in person, 6:00 p.m.- 7:45 p.m.
Middle School, grades 7 & 8 online, log on at 6:00 p.m.
Life Teen, grades 9 & 10, in person, 6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Confirmation, class for candidate/sponsor with your **Pastor after the last Mass at your parish**
11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
10:00 a.m. at Queen of the World
10:30 a.m. at St. Marys Church

From the Pastor's Desk

The knowledge of where we have come from and where we are going has always been a source of courage for Christian saints and martyrs. It can be source of courage for us too. And we need courage, because doing what is right and staying faithful to our friendship with Christ is not always easy.

St. Tarsicius found this out the hard way. He was a young Christian living in Rome during the early centuries, when Christianity was illegal and the Church experienced frequent waves of violent persecution. He was either a deacon or an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist - and some sources say that he was only a teenaged altar boy.

One day while he was carrying the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Rome to Christian prisoners, he was stopped and questioned. It seems that someone had recognized him as a Christian. He didn't deny his faith, but when they demanded that he hand over the Sacrament, he refused. The disagreement turned violent, and when Tarsicius still refused to surrender his precious burden, he was beaten to death right there with stones and clubs. Through it all, he never stopped clutching the small container in which he kept the Eucharist.

When the mob had finally finished him off, they pried open his hands only to find them completely empty. God had honored the young Christian's faith and miraculously protected the Sacrament from desecration.

In today's world, there are times when we have to hold on to our Christian principles as tightly and courageously as St. Tarsicius held onto the Eucharist, and there are even times when we have to be ready to suffer for them.

Keeping the bigger picture in mind - that we are living in the "time of fulfillment" - helps us do that.

Father Michael

LENT 2021 VIRTUAL RETREAT~ All ages are welcome to join Father Mike Polinek and youth ministers from the Diocese of Erie for a virtual Lenten retreat on **Mondays Feb. 22, March 1, March 15 and March 22.** These Zoom sessions will include discussion of how to personally strengthen your relationship with God. See the attached flier for details.
Sign up through JotForm at https://form.jotform.com/210333866089157.
Contact Father Polinek with any questions at mpolinek@ErieRCD.org.

Thank You.

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First Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church
March 2, 2021
at 6:00 p.m.
by Fr. Michael Gabler

Logan Bille
Leon Boschert
Kade Brem
Chloe Carlson
Jill Cunningham
Jaxson Friedl
Myah Gerber
Jakob Gerg
Ash Karlik
Kianna Mohney
Blake Oskorus
Akira Schloder
Grace Skrzypek
Madelyn Thorwart
Madelyn Weisner

Queen of the World
March 2, 2021
at 6:00 p.m.
by Fr. Jeff Noble and Fr. Kevin Holland

Teagan Auman
Isabella Bennett
Kaylie Bennett
Brantley Brennen
Austin Garbic
Charli Herzing
Ella Herzing
Emersyn Hoffman
Dane Housler
Maria Jovenitti
Brooklyn Meyer
James Neubert
Lillian Newell
Ava Rettger
Jacob Sarginger
Avery Stebick
Brayden Steinbach
Easton Straub
Charlie Warmbrodt
Kaylee Wingard
Gabriella Young

St. Mary's Church
March 3, 2021
at 6:00 p.m.
by Fr. Peter Augustine

Alexis Bennett
Nora Bickford
Eva Cheatle
Jackson Colello
Jase Dellaquila
Jasey Herbstritt
Anna Keneske
Ava Krise
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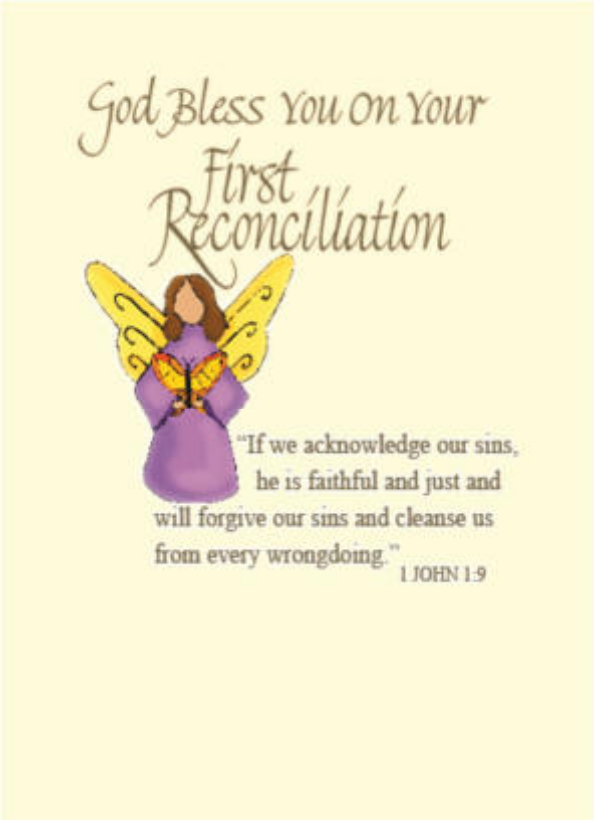
Mila Thorwart
Will Zore



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