

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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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

Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing



REFECTION

First Reading~ In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

Second Reading~ Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

Gospel Reading~ John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?



March 6(S): Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent
 4:00 p.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

March 7: Third Sunday of Lent
 7:00 a.m. L/D of Ed & Estelle Heary Family
 9:00 a.m. †† Gerald "Fuzzy" & Dorothy (An.) Lenze
 11:00 a.m. † Edward J. Hornung

March 8(M): Third Week of Lent
 6:15 a.m. † Nadine Ruth Landis
 6:15 p.m. Special Intention

March 9(T): Third Week of Lent
 6:15 a.m. † Jack Skok

March 10(W): Third Week of Lent
 6:15 a.m. † John Ritter (An.)

March 11(Th): Third Week of Lent
 6:15 a.m. †† Norman and Mildred Cheattle

March 12(F): Third Week of Lent
 6:15 a.m. L/D Harry (An.) & Martha Plows Family

March 13(S): Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent
 4:00 p.m. †† George & Dottie Froberg

March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent
 7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. †† Dorie (An.) & Howard McAllister
 11:00 a.m. †† Richard & Alice Fleming



The week of March 7, 2021 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

† **Paul Shearer**
 † **Dolores (Dolly) Shearer**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not just from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date:	Time:	Place:
March 20, 2021	10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart
Please wear a mask		814-834-7861

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

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



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.
NO Adoration or Rosary on Good Friday.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. 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, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Kathleen Glatfelter, Beth Gornati, Beula Kestler, Thomas Macelhatten, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, John Peterson III, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Matthew Sharrow and Louise Georgevich. 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. The names of those listed on this prayer chain will not be published in the bulletin. If you want a name to be listed in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office.

THANK YOU

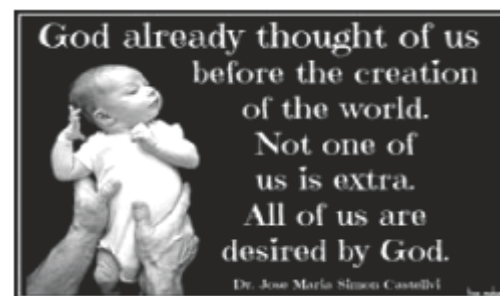
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 In memory of **Verna Sennett**: \$50
 For the donations to the Church
 In memory of **Tim Heindl**: \$15
 In memory of **Sr. Victoria Marconi, OSB**: \$50

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.

WORD OF LIFE!!

Intl. Women's Day is March 8. So what's that got to do with your marriage? Hopefully each of you already have times when you take the lead. This day is mainly notable because women were not *always* valued to lead as much as men. Honor each other today.



"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.

8th	Dorothy Mallette, Alice Lynch, Marsha Meyer, Jim McAllister
9th	Gretchen Meyer, Julie Lecker
10th	Don Weis, Kathy Clark
11th	Gretchen Meyer
12th	Tom Dornisch
13th	Carleen Koch, Alice Wiesner
14th	Leonard Chalot, Phylis Haberberger

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



Do you want to fast this Lent?
WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

FINANCE REPORT for January 2021

Weekly Offering (4 Sundays).....	\$36,618
Other Income	\$1,236
Monthly Expenses	\$62,433
Short.....	\$24,579

**NEWS FROM ELK COUNTY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, INC.**

MOUNTAIN FEST~ March 12-14th, St. Leo School will be running a Cornhole tournament .

For more information, email Andy Messineo at amessineo@messnet.net

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 21, 2021 Easter Flower Offering
March 21, 2021 Support of School Children

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.
March 9 Elk County Right for Life Meeting	6:30 p.m.
March 16 Parish Council	7:00 p.m.
March 17 Rosary for Seminarians will be at	5:30 p.m.
Friday March 19 Confessions/Sacristy	6:00 p.m.
Friday March 19 Stations of the Cross	7:00 p.m.

AREA NEWS

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT

ST. MARYS PARISH~ - on the Cross Prayer Pathways - located at "The Grove" (The horseshoe path near the Sister's Cemetery). You are welcome to walk the path and pray, **8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

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.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Any questions, please call Theresa at 781-1137.



ST. BONIFACE FISH DINNERS~

Serving Dinners every Friday during Lent from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. or until sold-out. Place your order by calling: 814-885-8611 until 6:00 p.m.

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~

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~ Fish and Shrimp Fries

on Fridays during Lent.

Dates: Fridays – March 12th, 19th and 26th.

Time: 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Location: Eat in at St. Leo Social Hall or Take out.

Call 814-772-4705 after 3:00 p.m. 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



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 sminterparishff.com to see an updated schedule.

March 7 Grade 1 (CGS Sunday at Sacred Heart)

10:45 a.m. - Noon

Confirmation, Grade 11, in person 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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 p.m.

March 10 Elementary, Grades 1-5, in person

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

March 14 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 please log on at 6:00 p.m.

Life Teen, grades 9 & 10, in person, 6:00 p.m.– 7:45 p.m.

March 17 Elementary, Grades 1-5, in person

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

March 21 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 p.m.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-

Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their family members through the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, VAC for short, Dr. Gerard Tobin, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com.

Victims or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543.

For particular questions you may call: **Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.**

From the Pastor's Desk



St. Paul says that the cross is offensive to the Roman world. One reason the cross is so hard to understand is that we were not created to live in a fallen world. We were created to live in a world where justice, truth, and peace were the norm. But after original sin, injustice, ignorance, and strife have become our daily bread. And so, in our hearts we know this is not the way it's supposed to be.

But then we make the mistake of thinking that it's up to us to make everything right. It isn't. We need a Savior. We don't take away the sin of the world; the Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world. And he takes it away with his cross. By letting us share in his cross, in his suffering and sorrow, he gives us a chance to share in his work of salvation, and to prove that we love the giver of all good gifts (God) better than the gifts. This is why all the saints love and embrace the cross.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who received the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, put it like this: "What should I do, had I not a cross to bear? ...It is my whole treasure in the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ, and there it is the cause of all my happiness, my delight and my joy."

Sharing in Christ's cross helps purify our hearts of selfishness. And the less selfishness we have in our hearts, the more room for Christ's love - the true source of lasting joy, wisdom, and peace.

That's why St. Margaret Mary can give advice like this:

"Trust to the goodness of our Lord in the crosses which He sends you; He will never abandon you, for He knows how to draw good from our ills and His glory from our trials."

Father Michael

Next weekend March 13th & 14th "Lenten Works of Mercy" will be "Feed the Hungry." Donations to help the St. Marys Christian Food Bank. If donating by check, please make it payable to the Food Bank.

Thank You!

CEMETERY NOTICE:

The following activities are **not permitted** on Cemetery Property—

Sledding, Snow Boarding, Skiing, Snowmobiling, or Off-Road Cycling and 4-Wheeling.

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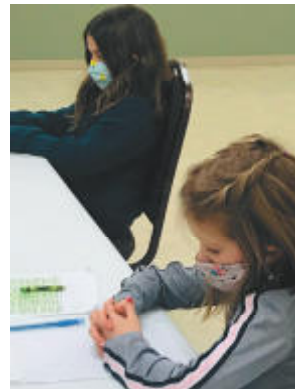
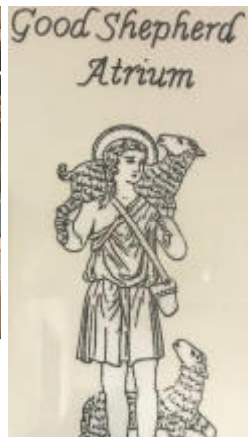
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Isaiah 49:15-16 gives us this assurance, "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you; your walls are ever before me."



On February 20, 2021 the Second Grade Students of Sacred Heart attended their retreat in preparation for their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their day started in Church where they participated in the Stations of the Cross and then questions and answers with Fr. Michael. After time in Church the students headed to the Activity Center to learn of Jesus the Good Shepherd. The students were placed into groups and then went to different activities to learn more of their Savior Jesus Christ Our Good Shepherd. Their Sacrament of Reconciliation was held at Sacred Heart Church on March 2, 2021, please continue to pray for these students.



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