# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### **Mission Statement**

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

## Parish Staff

Pastor	. Father Thomas Curry, O.S.B.
Deacon	William "Bill" Gibson
	Andrew "Andy" Froberg
Office Manager / Finance	Patsy McAllister
Receptionist / Sec	
	Kathy Reuscher
Custodian	Ďave Farley

St. Marys Catholic Cemetery Office .. 814-781-7275

#### **Faith Formation Team**

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Nick Heise, Middle/Life Teen/Confirmation Coordinator,
Youth Ministry
Good Shepherd Program
Sally Smith, (Pre Thru First Grade)
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Sam MacDonald President 814 824 7812

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	814-834-7800
Cafeterias	0.0
Elementary	814-834-4927
Middle/High	

#### **Ministries & Committees**

Finance Council	Patty Brock
Pastoral Council	Christophor Martini
RCIA	Katny Cheatle
Liturgical Committee	Lois Sadley
Music Director	
Care & Concern	
Cursillo Coordinators	Mike & Kim Sloff
Social Committee Helene E	
Buildings & Grounds	Ron Herbstritt
Sacred Heart Parish SUPER Bing	o.Patsy, Jim & Helene
Saint Anne Society	Helene Burdick
Small Faith Communities	Sam & Barbara Glatt
Saint Vincent dePaul Society	Tom Dornisch
Pre-Cana Coordinators	Phil & Sandy Hoh
Natural Family Planning	Andy & Cathy Dornisch
ProLife 814-834-3834	
Post-Abortion Counseling	
Youth Ministry Website	
Boy Scout Troop 95 (smtroop95.c	
Cub Scout Pack 95	
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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

**DID YOU KNOW!!** That over 40 years ago; Sister Evangelist O.S.B. along with Sarah & the late Bill Erich; made it possible for the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to travel home to home here in St. Marys? The **NEW** custodians are Rodney (Andy) & Bonnie Housler. They are now keeping Our Lady in their home. They invite you, your family or friends to call and arrange to bring the statue to your home for a visit.



When you pray to Our Lady, she always leads us to Her Son. Call the Housler's (814) 834-3214.



## REFLECT

#### First Reading:

King David exercised great restraint and forgiveness in not taking the life of Saul. What do you think is needed to live one's life with this kind of spiritual disposition? Second Reading:

Paul speaks of believers in the present age bearing the image of the "earthly one" (Adam) and in the future bearing the image of the "heavenly one" (Christ). What do you think bearing the image of Christ looks like? Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples some very challenging moral imperatives, such as love of enemy, non-retaliation, and unconditional forgiveness. In what ways are you able to live out these ethical standards in your life? ©LPi

February 19(S):	Vigil of Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. †	Paul L. Jesberger
February 20:	Seventh Sunday in
	Ordinary Time
7:00 a.m.	For Sacred Heart Parishioners
9:00 a.m. †	Alfred Sporner
11:00 a.m. †	William M. Bauer (An.) &
11.00 a.m.	Kathleen M. Bauer
February 21(M):	St. Peter Damian, Bishop,
	Religious, Doctor of the Church
6:15 a.m. †	Deceased Members of the
	nedictine Association of Saint Marys
February 22(T):	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
6:15 a.m.	· •
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February 23(W):	St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr John Ritter
6:15 a.m. †	
February 24(Th):	
6:15 a.m. †	Abby Dobson (An.)
February 25(F):	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
_6:15 a.m. †	Orma Pontzer (An.)
February 26(S):	Vigil of Eighth Sunday in
	Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. †	Mary Pfingstler
February 27:	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 a.m.	For Sacred Heart Parishioners
	arry (An.) & Jeanne (An.) McGowan
11:00 a.m. ††	Margaret "Peg" & Glenn Bauer

## 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. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

**PRAYER LIST** - Let us remember all the sick especially Chrissy Aikens, Sharon Boylan, Alice Feldbauer, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Louise Georgevich, Deacon Bill Gibson, Kathleen Glatfelter, Beth Gornati, Mary Jo Gutowski, Beula Kestler, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, John Rettger, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Kathryn Samick, Matthew Sharrow, Joanne Weidow, Steve Wendel, & Judy Wolfel. 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 814-781-6430, or Ann at 814-834-6534. 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.

## FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Group will pray the Rosary at Sacred Heart Church starting at 6:00 p.m. **All are welcome.** 



The week of February 20, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions: **†** Paul L. Jesberger **†** Orma Pontzer (An.)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

## **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES**

 Date:
 Time:

 March 1, 2022
 7:00 p.m.

Place: St. Boniface Kersey 814-885-8941

## WORD OF LIFE!!

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27) Usually your spouse is not your enemy (aside from occasional minor irritations). So join together to support each other in letting go of anger that either of you hold against someone who really annoys you.

## THANK YOU

For the donations to the Church In memory of **Peg & Glenn Bauer:** \$25 In memory of **David Hoy:** \$25

For the donation to the Sacred Heart Social Committee In memory of **Roger J. Brennen:** \$200, \$50, \$25

## "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.
- 21st Carl Loeffler, Barb Linder
- 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, Amy Gorman
- 27th Pamela Hunt, Marge Gerg

## PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING AND BEING

a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, please call the Parish Office at 814-834-7861 ext. 1 or ext. 4

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) 2022

By now everyone should have received their CSA info in the mail and also their Faith Magazine issue explaining the Appeal. February 26 & 27 will be Commitment Weekend. Hopefully, you have read over the info sent to you by the Parish Office and also Father Tom's letter to all parishioners. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to join together in doing the work of the Gospel. CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church. Our goal this year is \$44,718. Last year we were short by \$4,000. This shortage has to be made up by the parish. If every family in our parish would give their "fair share", we could meet our goal this year and have money remaining for Parish improvement projects. Your gift is so important. Please give as generously as you can.

"NO Gift is Too Small."

## FINANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

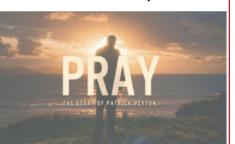
Weekly Offering (5 Sundays)	\$42,585
Weekly Offering (5 Sundays) Other Income	\$1,399
Monthly Expenses	\$61,654
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#### PRAY!!

Are you looking for peace in your heart? In the new documentary, **PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON,** you will meet the extraordinary man who dedicated his life to reminding people that true peace comes from God and a relationship with Him. Father Peyton's deep friendship with God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, combined with his tireless zeal, inspired millions of families around the world to discover how prayer would bring them together and transform their hearts. **SEE THE FILM~ PARISH SCREENING EVENT** 

WHEN: Sunday, March 6, 2022 - 1:30 p.m. WHERE: Elk County Catholic Auditorium In addition to the movie we'll have local speakers:

Aaron Pfoutz, Bonnie Housler, Andy & Jill Sidelinger. This event is sponsored by: C.D. of A., Court St. Mary 95



## SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR FEBRUARYFeb., 20Support of School Children

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church		
Wednesdays Rosary in Church 6:00 p.		6:00 p.m.
Fridays	Rosary in Church	1 :00 p.m.
Feb., 28	Pre-Ordered Keuchel Sale	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
March 4	S.H. BINGO - Doors Open	4:30 p.m.

**AREA NEWS** 

**BOWLS OF LOVE** is a free meal served **every Wednesday** at the First United Methodist Church **from 4-5:00 p.m**. Everyone is welcome.

ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every Thursday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass. Closing: Evening prayer & Benediction: 5:00 p.m.

THE MATERNITY CLOSET~ OPEN the 1st three weeks on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each month. Babies and children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> birthdays in need are welcome. Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. & Thursdays 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.



COMMEMORATIVE CONVENT BRICKS

Are available at the Benedictine Gift Shop while supplies last. We are currently cleaning a new batch of bricks that will be available in the next couple weeks. If the Gift Shop runs out of bricks, put your name on a waitlist and we will call you when the bricks are available again. Gift Shop Hours: Tues-Fri 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sat 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Closed Sunday & Monday, & Holy Days \*Proceeds benefit the Benedictine Gift Shop\*

K of C, Ridgway is having a Pierogi Sale (Potato & Cheese Pierogies...Great for Lent!) 1 Dozen homemade Pierogies, frozen and ready to cook. Cost: \$10/bag for Sale weekend of Feb., 26/27 at St. Leo Church before/after Masses - 5:15 p.m., 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. They will also be for sale at the K of C building, 331 Main St. from (note time change) <u>12 - 1 pm on Sunday Feb. 27.</u> To benefit Ridgway K of C.

ANNUAL PRE-LENTEN RETREAT ~ Longing for a deeper encounter with the Lord this Lent? Singles and couples are invited to participate in a retreat Feb. 25-26 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry. For more info, visit www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat. Questions? Call or email Jacob Kessler at 814-824-1216, jkessler@eriercd.org. The retreat is sponsored by the Diocesan Chastity Education Office.

#### RELIGIOUS ITEM RUMMAGE SALE~

We will be having another "Religious Item Rummage Sale" in the Parish Center Cafeteria on <u>Saturday, March 5th 9:00 a.m. till Noon</u>. Religious items that are still in good condition that you would like to donate, bring them to the St. Mary's Parish Office and we'll try to find them a home. The "Rummage Sale will be donation only, benefitting the Benedictine Gift Shop. We just want to find good homes for the items. Call the parish office, 781-1019, with any questions.





St. Marys Inter-Parish

FORMATION

**CLIFE TEEN** 

All classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center (Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street, unless otherwise noted.

Sun., Feb. 20 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – Noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium Confirmation – Class 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Middle School (Grade 6) and Life Teen (grade 9 – 10) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Middle School Grade 7 and 8 – No Class

Wed., Feb. 23 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 27 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium Confirmation – No class Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 – 10) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



\*\*Confirmation Students and their Sponsors: Mark your calendars. <u>Confirmation is May 1, 2022</u> at 1:00 p.m. at Queen of the World Church. \*\*



## SYNOD: KEY TERM # 4

What is discernment? Discernment is the process for finding out what we should be doing. It might involve doing research or making a list of pros and cons, as you would for any major decision, but it is more than that. Especially in a religious context, discernment means trying to recognize God's will. Fruitful discernment takes place in a space of prayer and study. It includes sincere conversations with appropriate people, self-reflection, and attempting to read the signs that God may be placing around us. We often speak of someone "discerning their vocation," which is something every person should do. In a similar way, discernment also happens on a communal level, from the local all the way up to the universal Church. Councils and Synods are always attempting to discern the will of the Holy Spirit, so that what they decide and teach may be what God wishes in that particular context. For communal discernment, dialogue is always more helpful than debate. Discernment should help us to understand our own needs and desires, but the final goal is to accept the will of God.

Please visit https://www.eriercd.org/synodality.html



IS BACK!! Sacred Heart Parish Center Center St. St. Marys - 814-834-7861 Beginning- Friday, March 4, 2022

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. - **FREE** Delicious Lunch at 5:30 p.m. Early Bird at 6:30 p.m. - Regular Games 6:45 p.m.

## MANY GREAT REASONS TO ATTEND THIS BINGO

4 Early Bird Starburst Games @ 50 Double on Starburst 16 Regular Games @ 100 4 Specials @ 250 (1) Mystery # <u>HUGE Jackpot @ 2,500 in 52 #'s</u> <u>Guaranteed @ 1,000 Every Month</u>

(10) Door Prizes @ \$10 each(4) Door Prizes @ \$25 each

FOR MARCH BINGO ONLY Golden Gate Progressive Game Will Be a <u>MUST GO</u> @2000 (THE FINAL GAME)

Other OLD and NEW Games will Be Announced at Future BINGO'S

## HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Benefit: Sacred Heart Parish 337 Center St. Saint Marys, PA, 15857 Gift Certificates available



## Page Five

## SAY YES !!

The Seventh Annual Catholic Women's conference in Erie is less than one month away! Be a part of it! The name 1:38 Women is based on the theme of Luke 1:38: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." The conference will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the women from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in three different ways:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, located at 2801 W. 6th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania.

2. Virtually via Zoom at your own home.

The morning program consists of two amazing speakers, and Mass with Bishop Persico.

If you attend at St. Jude's or a satellite parish, you will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The event is \$20.

For more information or to register visit www.1:38women.com or call (814) 455-7364.







Guest Speaker: Patty Breen

Guest Speaker: Lisa Hendey

## ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

If you can't attend the Women's Conference in person St. Mary's Parish will be hosting the conference virtually.

Consider giving yourself a morning of relaxation to spend with other women talking about our faith. Don't wait...Register Today!

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

- 1) Go to https://www.138women.com
- 2) Click "Register" under picture icon
- 3) Fill out the information completely.
- 4) If attending in St. Marys, click St. Mary's in St. Marys for your location
- 5) Click Submit when done

If you encounter problems in registering or wish to register over the phone, please call 814-455-7364.





'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this. Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips." If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in ©LPi this world.

