

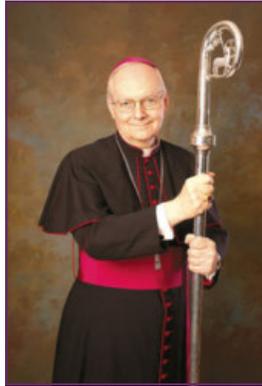
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Mission Statement

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

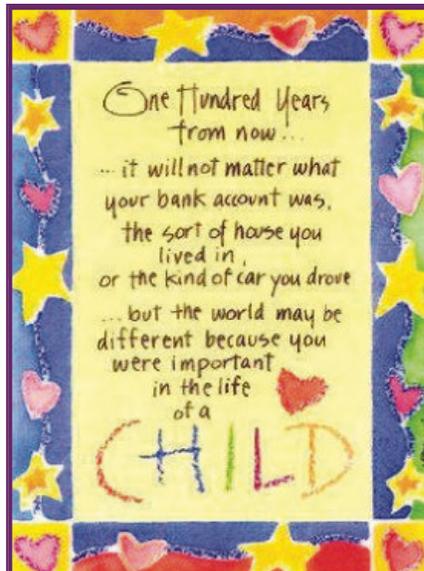


"I happened to be the only bishop at this liturgy with Pope John Paul II," says Bishop Trautman. "It was a special honor to celebrate Mass with him."



FAMILY HONOR will be presenting Real Love & Real Life, a chastity program series at St. Marys Church Parish Center on Mondays, March 21, 28, & April 4, 2022. Real Love & Real Life is for parents with your 7th or 8th grade son or daughter. This Family Honor program includes communicating effectively in families; respecting the gift of our sexuality and the incredible power we have to give life; discusses other topics all teens are facing, such as peer pressure, dating and avoiding risky behaviors. This is an incredible opportunity to spend quality time with your teen and open the door to communication on some really important issues.

To register or find out more about this program, call **Laurey Kraus 781-6746.**



40 DAYS FOR LIFE began on March 2nd. Please, take a few minutes each day and pray to **END ABORTIONS.** You can make a difference.

Elk County Right to Life will be meeting on **March 8th at 6:30 p.m.** In the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex. For additional information, please call Mary Bea at 814-834-3834.

March 5(S): 4:00 p.m. **Vigil of First Sunday of Lent**
L/D of Geist & Kronenwetter Families

March 6: 7:00 a.m. **First Sunday of Lent**
For Sacred Heart Parishioners
9:00 a.m. †† Gerald & Dorothy (An.) Lenze
11:00 a.m. † Jeff Gordon (An.)

March 7(M): 6:15 a.m. †† **First Week of Lent**
Leo & Ida Kranking

March 8(T): 6:15 a.m. † **First Week of Lent**
Jack Fields

March 9(W): 6:15 a.m. **First Week of Lent**
Greg & Susie Tornatore

March 10(Th): 6:15 a.m. † **First Week of Lent**
John Ritter (An.)

March 11(F): 6:15 a.m. †† **First Week of Lent**
Chester & Frances Hammer

March 12(S): 4:00 p.m. **Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent**
L/D of Harry (An.) & Martha Plows Families

March 13: 7:00 a.m. †† **Second Sunday of Lent**
Bernard & Ellen Leuschel
9:00 a.m. L/D of Clarence & Beatrice Simbeck Family
11:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

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 Rita R. Wehler. 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.

THANK YOU

For the donations to the Church
In memory of **Stephanie R. Lecker-Garner**: \$10
In memory of **Elizabeth F. "Betty" Giordano**: \$200
For the donation to the Social Committee
In memory of **Roger Brennen**: \$50, \$20, \$15

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 March 6, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:
L/D of Geist & Kronenwetter Families Special Intention

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: March 19, 2022 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. **Place:** Sacred Heart 814-834-7861



PRE-CANA SESSIONS

Date: April 3, 2022 **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Place:** Queen of the World 814-834-4701
Includes Mass



WORD OF LIFE!!

Lent is not just about giving up favorite foods for 6 weeks. Consider not only what goes into your mouth but what comes out of it. "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." (Romans 10:8) Try expressing a daily word of comfort or appreciation to your beloved this week.

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. 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.



"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.
- 7th Jake Meyer, Fuzzy Cappello
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

PLEASE consider being a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, call the Parish Office at 814-834-7861 #1 or #4

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS~

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2:00 a.m., clocks are turned forward 1 hour **OR** change your clocks before you go to sleep.



PARISH COUNCIL will be meeting on March 22 @ 6:00 p.m. NOTE the date change.

Thank You!

To everyone that gave of their time, talent and baking skills to make this Lenten season of Keuchels a **HUGH SUCCESS!** Thank you also to all that ordered the Keuchels this year. We are sorry if you missed out. Hopefully we will have the help for next year. Don't wait, order early.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)- 2022

Thank you so much to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share your blessings to help advance the mission of the church. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked **"CSA"** in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Also, you will have the gold colored envelope in your monthly packet in which you can make payments monthly for the Catholic Services Appeal. **God bless you for your generosity!!**



THE STORY TOUR Gather on the Grass Worship, Inc., is so incredibly honored for the opportunity to bring "The Story Tour" to our area on **Saturday, March 26, 2022**, at the St. Marys Area High School. "The Story Tour" is a night of hope & healing for the hurting & struggling, featuring encouraging "God" stories from across the U.S. **Check out the bulletin boards in Church for a flyer to take with you.**

U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING ~ Learn about Labeling for Lent, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays	Praying the Rosary in Church	6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Rosary in Church	6:00 p.m.
Fridays	Rosary in Church	1 :00 p.m.
March 8	Elk County Right to Life	6:30 p.m.
March 21	Saint Anne Society Meeting	12:00 p.m.
March 22	Parish Council Meeting	
	(Note the Date Change)	6:00 p.m.

AREA NEWS

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 3rd birthdays in need are welcome. **Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. & Thursdays 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**



TRIDUUM OF ST. JOHN OF GOD St. Leo Church three days of Prayer with the Patron of the Sick, **March 6, 7, 8, at 6:00 p.m. Tues., March 8** will be a Mass with Anointing of the Sick.



AYCE FISH FRY Save the Dates for St. Boniface AYCE (All You Care to Eat as they aren't promoting gluttony!) Dinners. Starting Ash Wednesday (March 2) and all Fridays in Lent., 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the St. Boniface Social Hall. Menu will include all your traditional Lenten favorites plus some new specialties.



ST JOSEPH CHURCH IN FORCE~ will have their great Lenten Fish/Shrimp dinner starting **Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent.** Start time is noon until 6:30 p.m. or until sold out. The cost is \$13.00. Menu is choice of fish or shrimp. Dinner includes, potato choice, side choice with roll, dessert and drink. **This Lent Dinner will be Eat-in as well as Take-out Only. Call 814-787-4151 #6 to order.**



ECCSS PTO IS HOSTING....

Girls Night Out!
Saturday, March 19, 2022
Sacred Heart Activity Center
Doors Open @ 5:30 p.m. Tickets- \$25.00 (Includes admission, buffet meal, and a chance on a designer bag!) Purchase tickets @www.eccss.org/eccss-ptg-girls-night-out/ Join us for a night of fun and fabulous prizes!!



RELAY FOR LIFE~ American Cancer Society 25th Show Celebration Comedy Night Fundraiser! Sat., March 12, 2022~ Ridgway Fire Hall~ 30 N. Broad St. Ridgway

\$30 Advance~\$35 at the Door
Includes Dinner & Soft Drinks~ BYOB~
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.~ Showtime 8:00 p.m.
Purchase Tickets Call: 814-389-3488
Tickets Online: slapsticksproductions.com
Proceeds benefit Relay For Life of Elk County

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR MARCH

20th Support of School Children



St. Marys Inter-Parish



Sun., March 6 No First Grade Sacred Heart Session Confirmation

– Students are to attend the last Mass at their parish with their sponsor or parent with class to follow after Mass with your pastor

Queen of the World - 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Church 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart 11:00 a.m.

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and

Life Teen (grade 9 – 10) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wed., March 9 Elementary Faith Formation

(grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

2nd grade students from Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church only will have First Reconciliation practice at their parish from 6:00 p.m. - till 7:00 p.m. Parents are allowed to stay.

Sun., March 13 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.

Mon.. March 14 **First Reconciliation for

St. Mary's Church students at 6:00 p.m.

Tues., March 15 **First Reconciliation for

Queen of the World students at 6:00 p.m.

Wed., March 16 **First Reconciliation for

Sacred Heart students at 6:00 p.m.

Elementary Faith Formation

(ONLY grade 1, 3,4 and 5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., March 20 First Grade Sacred Heart Session

10:45 a.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation – 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

No class for Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and

Life Teen (grade 9 – 10)

****Confirmation Students and their Sponsors:**

Mark your calendars. Confirmation is May 1, 2022

at 1:00 p.m. at Queen of the World Church. **



Faith Formation

THANK YOU

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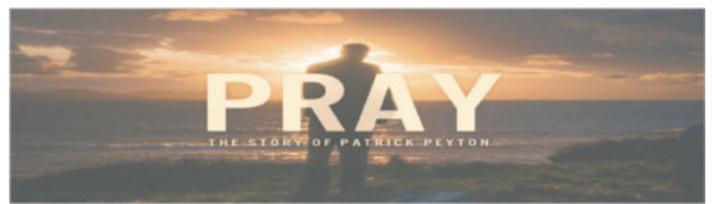
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“The Family That Prays Together Stays Together,” and spent his life calling families to unite in prayer.

Watch PRAY with us.....

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

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or “giving something up” for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, “and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to “fill your basket,” it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

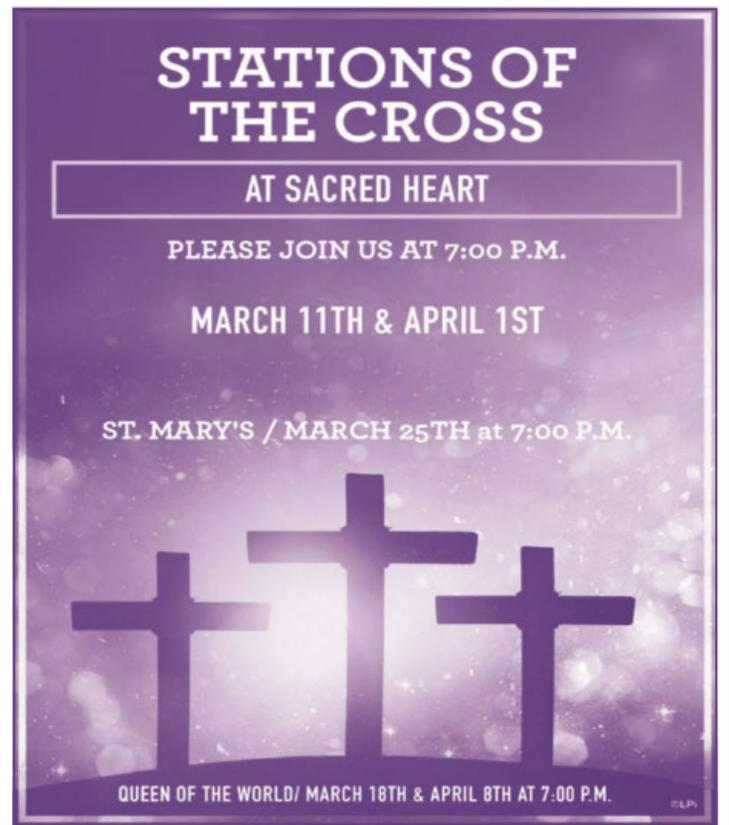
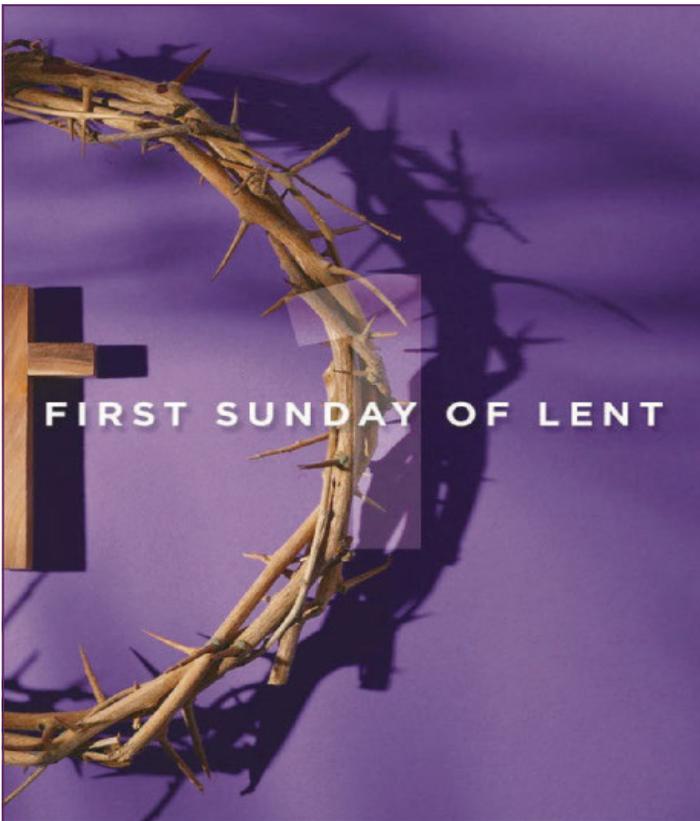
What is keeping you from being prayerful?

When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them? (Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi)



1st Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

REFLECT

First Reading: Moses taught the Israelites the importance of remembering and thanking God for how God saved them from Egyptian slavery. What has the Lord done for you that warrants your gratitude and thanksgiving?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of the importance of sincerity of heart and speech in one's belief in Jesus. How well do you uphold this spiritual exercise?

Gospel: Jesus confronts and defeats the devil before he begins his public ministry. As we begin the season of Lent, in what ways do you think the devil is present in your life?

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