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. |
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| Deacon | William "Bill" Gibson |
| Deacon | Andrew "Andy" Froberg |
| Office Manager / Finance | Patsy McAllister |
| Receptionist / Sec | |
| | Kathy Reuscher |
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St. Marys Catholic Cemetery Office .. 814-781-7275

Faith Formation Team

| Elk County Catholic School System |
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| Sally Smith, (Pre Thru First Grade)814-781-6422 |
| Good Shepherd Program |
| Youth Ministry |
| Nick Heise, Middle/Life Teen/Confirmation Coordinator, |
| Middle School Coordinator |
| Samantha Nedzinski, |
| Kathy Cheatle, Elementary Coordinator814-781-3009 |
| Mary Lynn Carnovale, Sec./Admin. Assist814-781-1042 |

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| Sam MacDonald, President | 814-834-7812 |
| Bob Breindel, Director/Finance | |
| Susan Jansen, Director/Advancement | 814-834-1480 |
| Jessica Fritz, Communications/ Marketin | ng814-834-1480 |
| School Principals | |
| Debbie Slay, Principal, Catholic Elementary John Schneider, Principal, ECCHS & Middle | |
| • • • | 814-834-7800 |
| Cafeterias | 66 |
| Elementary | 814-834-4927 |
| Middle/High | 814-834-7800 |
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Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing

Ministries & Committees

| Finance Council | Patty Brock |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pastoral Council | Christopher Martini |
| RCIA | |
| Liturgical Committee | |
| Music Director | Lois Sadley |
| Care & Concern | |
| Cursillo Coordinators | Mike & Kim Sloff |
| Social Committee Hel | ene Burdick / Linda Brunner |
| Buildings & Grounds | Ron Herbstritt |
| Sacred Heart Parish SUPER | BingoHelene Burdick |
| Saint Anne Society | Helene Burdick |
| Small Faith Communities | |
| Saint Vincent dePaul Society | /Tom Dornisch |
| Pre-Cana Coordinators | |
| Natural Family Planning | |
| ProLife 814-834-3834 | |
| Post-Abortion Counseling | |
| Youth Ministry Website | |
| Boy Scout Troop 95 (smtroo | |
| Cub Scout Pack 95 | Cheryl Cuneo |
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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

We believe that when God's people pray and fast with a broken, repentant, and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father will hear from heaven and heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world, God has already given us His word that He will listen:

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

DAYSFORLIFE. life is precious -defend it

HEAL

HEAL me when I seek Your touch, HOLD me near Your heart. LOVE me as I trust You will MOLD me so I'll never part... **FROM** the plan You have for my life.

Poem by: Sue Kneidel Werner



| March 19(S): 4:00 p.m. †† | Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent Celine & Earl Feldbauer |
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| t† | Rose & Mack Newell (An.) |
| March 20: | Third Sunday of Lent |
| 7:00 a.m. | Sacred Heart Volunteers |
| 9:00 a.m. †† | Dorothy & Howard McAllister |
| 11:00 a.m. | For Sacred Heart Parishioners |
| March 21(M): | Passing of Our |
| | Holy Father Benedict, Abbot |
| 6:15 a.m. † | Deceased Members Of The |
| Be | nedictine Association of Saint Marys |
| March 22(T): | Third Week of Lent |
| 6:15 a.m.††† | Robert, Marilyn & Steven Hammer |
| March 23(W): | Third Week of Lent |
| 6:15 a.m. †† | Ray & Louise Withington |
| March 24(Th): | Third Week of Lent |
| 6:15 a.m. †† | Charles & Doris Schloder |
| March 25(F): | Annunciation of the Lord |
| 6:15 a.m. † | Ruth Whitford |
| March 26(S): | Vigil of Fourth Week of Lent |
| 4:00 p.m. † | Emilio "Mert" Uberti (An.) |
| March 27: | Fourth Sunday of Lent |
| | Barney (An.) & Mary Kronenwetter |
| 7:00 a.m. †† | Frank & Rose Kneidel |
| 9:00 a.m. †† | |
| 11:00 a.m. | For Sacred Heart Parishioners |
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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 Jeanne Cavalline (Sister in law of Julie Cavalline). 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 and Darlene Nappe. 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 March 20, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions: **† Skip Heiberger** L/D of Clarence & Beatrice Simbeck Family

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

| BAPTISMAL | PREPARATION | CLASSES |
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| Date: | Time: | Plac |

April 19, 2022

Time: Place: 7:00 p.m. St. Leo Ridgwa



St. Leo Ridgway 814-772-3135

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

Date:Time:April 3, 20228:30 aIncludes Mass

Time: Place: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Queen of the World 814-834-4701

REMEMBER~

Rodney (Andy) & Bonnie Housler are the new custodians of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady can travel from home to home in St. Marys. Please call the Housler's (814-834-3214) if you would like to have Our Lady spend some time in your home.

"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

<u>PLEASE</u> consider being a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, by calling the Parish Office at 814-834-7861 #1 or #4

SAINT ANNE SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETINGS~

will resume on MARCH 21, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Parish Center Social Hall. Group #3 will be providing the lunch and will be served at Noon. Further information, please contact Helene (814) 594-0439.



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



Gather on the Grass Worship, Inc., is so incredibly honored for the opportunity to STORY 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.



CURSILLO NEWS~

The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found at

www.eriecursillo.org. or by calling

the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask Kim or Mike Sloff or someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor. It's a **GREAT** experience and you won't be disappointed.

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S **PRODUCTION OF DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Thursday through Saturday April 7th, 8th and 9th at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 p.m. ECCHS Auditorium



Adults \$8.00 / Students \$5.00 Based on Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman and John Musker and written and directed by John Musker and Ron Clements Disney's The Little Mermaid is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

SPECIAL ENVELOPE FOR MARCH 20th Support of School Children

DATES TO REMEMBER

| Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church | 6:00 p.m. | |
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| Wednesdays Rosary in Church | 6:00 p.m. | |
| Fridays Rosary in Church | 1 :00 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.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP~

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

AYCE FISH FRY at St. Boniface

Dinners 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 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.

THE CHOSEN~ is a multi series about the life of Jesus & His followers. Join us at Queen of the World as we



will bring the second series to YOU! We are viewing an episode a week and discussing what we watched. All are welcome, including children. Adults should accompany anyone under the age of 14. Being held in the Queen of the World Church (There are enough pews for everyone.) Thurs., at 7:00 p.m. starting March 17th. No RSVP necessary. Come and see The Chosen

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER ~



For Steve Wendel~ March 27, 2022 at the CMF. Starting at 11:00 a.m. till Sold Out. Cost: \$10.00 Dinner will include: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert.

Dine In or Take out. Sponsored by Family and Friends.

ST. LEO SCHOOL is seeking a long-term substitute teacher for 1st grade with full-time duties to commence immediately and will end no later than Thursday, June 2, 2022. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter of interest to Principal Lynne Kucenski at kucenskil@eccss.org.



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OLIFE TEEN

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. <u>No</u> class for Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 – 10)

Wed., March 23 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Confessions for grades 3, 4 and 5

Sun., March 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.

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

Sun. April 3 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. Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 – 10) 6:00 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.

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

Sun., April 10 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.

Wed., April 13 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 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. **

ST. BONIFACE ~ Wednesday Suppers to Benefit Parish Youth Saint Boniface is teaming up with Just Ben Catering to offer **Wednesday Suppers** to benefit their youth programs. Dinners are \$12. Eat in or take out. 4:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. or sold out.

Call 814-885-8941 to pre-order a take-out for a specific time. **Wednesday, March 23rd** menu is Chicken Madeira.





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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.**





QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MISSION "Were you There?" Fr. Eric Vogt, OSB, will ask us as he leads us on our Lenten retreat beginning <u>Sunday,</u> <u>March 20 through Tuesday, March 22.</u>

March 20 through Tuesday, March 22. Each night at 7:00 p.m., he will lead us in Prayerful reflection. We look forward to having our native son home and his leading us through our participation in the Passion of the Lord in his unique way. Plan on being with us those three nights. Let everyone know that while this is the focus of our Lenten experience as a parish, all are welcome.

Please encourage especially anyone you know who has been "opting out" of church or who might benefit from some special prayer time.

NOTICE~

The new Christian Religious book/ ProLife Library is in need of several 3 to 4 foot high bookshelves. Contact Mary Bea at 814-834-3834



PARISHIONERS NEEDED FOR~

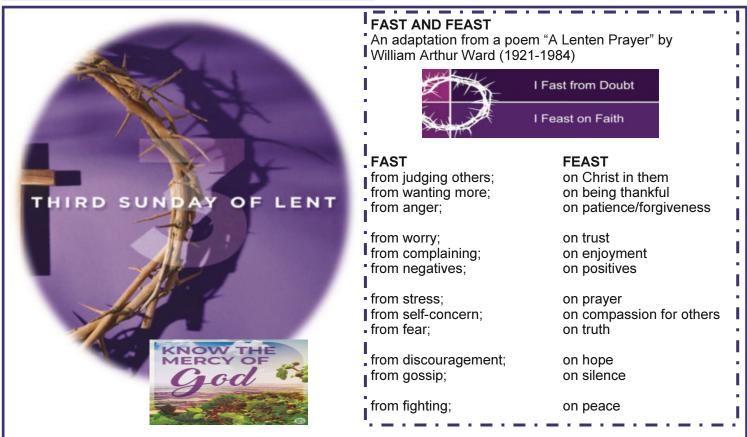
Bible Faith Sharing Ministry at Elk County Jail. Are you looking for a way to share your faith with others who need encouragement and support? Elk County Jail Ministry is accepting



volunteers to help with Bible faith sharing with the inmates at the Elk County Jail on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Father Justin Pino, pastor of St. Leo's Parish in Ridgway, will conduct a training session on Thursday, April 28 at St. Leo's.

This ministry, started by St. Mark's Parish in Emporium in 2001, invites volunteers from both Elk and Cameron counties. Interested parishioners are asked to call Father Justin at 814-772-3135.



KNOW THE MERCY OF GOD

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

Most of the sins I confess when I approach God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation are sins I committed on the way to approaching Him in the Eucharist.

Listen, I'm not proud of this, and I'm not making excuses. But it's really hard getting a family of five out of their beds and into a church pew on a Sunday morning. Everyone has to be wearing clothes (usually clothes they don't particularly enjoy). The long hair of little girls needs to be brushed and arranged (cue screaming). The little ones have to be fed and clutching whatever stuffed animal they have decided is The Chosen One this week, the magical talisman they assure me will help them be quiet and not dissolve into a shrieking meltdown just as Father elevates the Host (and — spoiler alert! — they usually have the shrieking meltdown anyway).

I say this in jest, partially — of course my sins are far more numerous in quantity, and often more serious in kind, than the orders I bark and the rebukes I hand down from the passenger seat of our van on a Sunday morning. But it's only partially in jest, because here's the cold, hard truth: I am consistently at my worst in that seat, in that moment, stressed out and tired and resentful. I'm laser-focused on the failures of the people I love and preoccupied with the weight of the burden I carry.

I've said some pretty terrible things to my husband in those moments, and I've snapped so hard at my kids that I've wondered if God even wants me to come to church that day. So, I take it all to Confession and I lay it out, and God embraces me and tells me we'll try again next time.

But in recent months I've been plagued by an aversion to Confession — a restless self-consciousness that kept me away for longer than it should have. A voice was whispering: Why go in that little room and kneel down and say all the same things, over and over again, when you know you're not strong enough to stop doing the very things you keep confessing? When you know you're headed right back to the front seat of the van?

I shared this with the priest the last time I went to Confession. I literally told him: "I feel so lame coming in here and saying the same things over and over again. I mean the Act of Contrition when I say it, but then I go back out there and do it all again. I hate it." What I left unsaid, but what I know he understood, was my real question: If this sacrament is working, why do I keep needing it?

God bless him for not rolling his eyes (maybe he did — I was behind the screen, after all). But he patiently explained to me that the sacrament is working exactly as it was designed, again and again and again. Because it brings me, kneeling, before the mercy of God — again and again and again. It is reminding me that I am not better than these temptations. I am not better than these failures. I am not better than these weaknesses.

I am the fruitless fig tree, slated for the ax. I exhaust the soil of the orchard. But still there is a Gardener who has not given up, who looks at me and says: "Wait — I'm not done with that one yet." **Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

