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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.

John 12:13 NIV - Word To All

They took palm branches
and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king
of Israel!”

Please join us ~Thursday, Morning Prayers 9:00 a.m., Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., and Adoration until 10:00 p.m., Friday, Morning Prayers, 9:00 a.m., Good Friday, 1:00 p.m. and Tenebrae 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Morning Prayers 9:00 a.m., Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. Easter Sunday are regular times.

A Blessed Palm Sunday and Blessing for a Happy Easter with renewed Faith in Jesus Christ.

The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday and re-opening Tuesday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m.


THANK YOU: To the many volunteers that helped to make the Spring Food Fest a **SUCCESS**. We are sure that there were many long hours that each of you gave up to make all of the goodies that were sold.
Fr. Tom and the Parish Staff.

A Palm Sunday Prayer~

O Lord Jesus Christ,
when you entered Jerusalem,
great crowds waved palm
branches
and cried “Hosanna.”
Save us now from our sins,
and make us to rejoice in you,
our only Redeemer;
through your mercy, O our God,
you are blessed,
and live and govern all things,
now and forever.

Amen.

April 9(S): Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
 4:00 p.m. † Joseph Mahovich (An.)
April 10: Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
 7:00 a.m. † Joseph Labant (An.)
 9:00 a.m. L/D of McGill & Piccolo Families
 11:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners
April 11(M): Monday of Holy Week
 6:15 a.m. † George M. Uhl (An.)
April 12(T): Tuesday of Holy Week
 6:15 a.m. † Lucille Harkens
April 13(W): Wednesday of Holy Week
 6:15 a.m. L/D of Sebastian & Margaret Sorg Family
April 14(Th): Holy Thursday
 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
 7:00 p.m. †† Edward & Victoria Karoleski
April 15(F): The Passion of the Lord
 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayers/ Divine Mercy
 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae
April 16(S): Holy Saturday
 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayers/ Divine Mercy
 8:30 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant
April 17: The Resurrection Of The Lord Easter Sunday
 7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Intention of the celebrant
 11:00 a.m. Patients & Staff of Pinecrest, Elk Haven, & Silver Creek



The week of April 10, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:
 † Joseph Labant (An.)
 †† Dick Sporner and Clarence Sporner

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: April 19, 2022 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Place:** St. Leo Ridgway 814-772-3135

WORD OF LIFE!!

In life and marriage there are also times of joy and celebration – like Palm Sunday. What is something that your beloved has done that makes you proud of him/her? Rejoice together today and remember it when the hard times of life also creep in.

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, Darlene Nappe, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, John Rettger, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Kathryn Samick, Matthew Sharrow, Steve Wendel & Judy Wolfel. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.

THANK YOU

For the donation to the Social Committee
 In memory of **Roger Brennen: \$25**

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.**



Sunday, Day 40~ Holy God,
 We praise You and thank You for hearing our petitions over these past 40 days, for we know that You have used our prayers to do great and mighty things. Thank You for the lives You have saved and for hearts that have changed! Help us to continue to pray for the unborn, standing steadfast in the faith. Let us never forget their needs nor turn a blind eye toward their helplessness. Place Your prayers in our hearts each and every day as we commit these precious innocents to You and as we continue in our efforts to end this horrible chapter of death in the history of our nations. Rebuild America's heart, Lord, that we may honor You once again. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen. **Elk County Right to Life Meeting on April 12 at 6:30 p.m., St. Marys Parish Annex**

"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.
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| 11th | Gretchen Meyer |
| 12th | Tom Dornisch |
| 13th | Carleen Koch, Alice Wiesner |
| 14th | Leonard Chalot, Phylis Haberberger |
| 15th | Frank Fodge, Delores Frey |
| 16th | Jerry & Ann Brennen |
| 17th | Kathy Cheatle, Sue Lynch, Dave Shaffer |

IT'S TIME AGAIN: "Rosary Walk For The Poor Souls"

Beginning Wednesday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m.
we'll again be praying for our departed loved ones.

NOTE: New Location

We'll be walking the cemetery beside St. Mary's Catholic Church.

We'll meet under the new Pavilion and proceed around the paved path where the stations of the cross are located and pass through the cemetery of our Beloved Benedictine Sisters, and continue around the circle.



This walk will be easier for folks of all ages; and provides ample parking.

We'll meet every Wednesday until September 28th. In case of rain, we will pray inside the Church or under the Pavilion. Bring your rosary and wear comfy shoes. Strollers and Wheel Chairs are welcome. Can't walk? Bring your chair. Please join us in praying for Suffering Souls. **Sorry: No Pets** allowed on the grounds. Any questions, call Bonnie at 814-834-3214 or Kathy at 814-781-1109.

Remember Every Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Group prays the Rosary in Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 p.m. and **ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

THE LADY OF FATIMA ~ First Saturday Children's Rosary will begin on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Housler's Residence on the Patio. Time is from 10 to 11 and will continue the first Saturday of each month until October. Dress according to the weather for that day. Light refreshments will follow. Any questions, call Bonnie at 814-834-3217.

The last Wednesday for Seminary Rosary will be April 27th, 2022.
See you at the Rosary Walk For The Poor Souls.

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5. Returning users, login at top right with your email.
6. You're in! Start Watching, listening and reading.

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.
April 12	Elk County Right to Life Meeting	6:30 p.m.
April 18	St. Anne Society Meeting	Cancelled
April 19	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.

AREA NEWS

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA ~ Will begin on Good Friday and be Celebrated daily at 3:00 p.m. for 9 days. Ending Saturday, April 23rd. **It will be prayed in the St. Mary's Church and will also be Live-Streamed on their Facebook page.**



ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every **Thurs.**, following the **7:00 a.m. Mass.** Closing: Evening prayer & **Benediction: 5:00 PM.**

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WHAT MORE COULD HE DO FOR YOU?

A riveting, dramatic explanation of the PASSION OF JESUS presented by Fr. Larry Richards **Wed., April 13, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community, 147 West 24th St., Erie, PA. 814-452-2982. Confessions to follow at 8:30 p.m. Visit TheReasonForOurHope.org for more information. **FREE AND OPEN TO ALL**



ECCSS Hiring ~ St. Marys Catholic Elementary Cafeteria Worker 8 am-1 pm (M-F) \$9.06/hr. Contact: Kim Schlimm 814-834-7800 x 231Or schlimmk@eccss.org

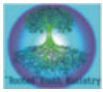


ST. LEO SCHOOL is seeking a long-term substitute teacher for 1st grade with full-time duties to commence immediately and will end no later than Thursday, June 2, 2022. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter of interest to **Principal Lynne Kucenski**~ kucenskil@eccss.org.



SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR APRIL

- April 17** My Easter Offering
- April 17** Support of Our Parish School Children



St. Marys Inter-Parish



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.

Sun., April 17 No classes for Grades 6-11 and CGS at Sacred Heart

Wed., April 20 Elementary Faith Formation
(grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sat., April 23 First Eucharist Retreat
9:00 a.m. – noon at your parish

Sun., April 24 First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment
9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart

10:00 a.m. Mass at Queen of the World
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church
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 27 First Eucharist practice for **
St. Mary's Church students at 6:00 p.m. in the church

Last class for Elementary Faith Formation
(Grades 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



TEA TIME ~ Mark your calendars for the annual Mother-Daughter Tea, hosted by the Office of Chastity Education.

The tea is set for **April 23 at**

St. Boniface Parish Social Hall, Kersey from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. This special event is designed for girls ages 10 and above and their moms. Topics to be discussed include the emotional and physical changes of puberty and strengthening the parent-child bond through adolescence. The cost is \$15 per family.

For more information, visit

<https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/tea.html>.



THANK YOU, to each and every business that advertises each week in the Sacred Heart Bulletin. It's because of **YOU** and **YOUR** business that the bulletin can be published each week. For more information on how you can advertise your business call Kathy at 814-834-7861 #4

From the Pastor's Desk



I would like to welcome the following who have joined Sacred Heart during the month of March. Harry J. Crissy, Steven & Maureen Gorman, Nicholas & Kindred Burdick and Jay. May God bless our journey together. **Father Thomas**

THANK YOU ~THANK YOU: To **ALL** of the volunteers that worked hours preparing all the Baked Goods, Breads, Easter Eggs, Soups and of course Sandwiches. It was wonderful and appreciated to see everyone come together for Sacred Heart Church. Also to all the patrons who supported the sale. God Bless each one of you! Social Committee Chairpersons, Helene and Linda.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
Slavery is far from over as pimps and traffickers sell people and buyers continue to buy. It is a worldwide, criminal business of which we all need to work.
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Child Abuse Prevention Month: Reporting known or suspected child abuse: Be Vigilant- Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church and for our communities. It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. 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.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Recent statistics tell us one out of every four girls and one out of every 6 boys are sexually abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to all victims/survivors of abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Counseling assistance for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse is available by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues."

Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.



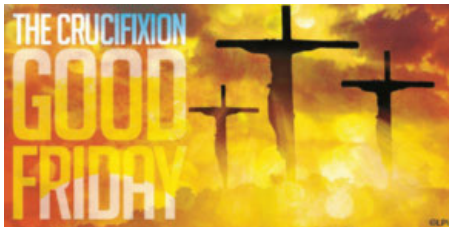
God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable.

The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

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A GOD WHO KNOWS HOW IT FEELS

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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