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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.



INTERPARISH CELEBRATION "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, November 20, 2022 Sacred Heart Church

Vespers and Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

Jesus is waiting for us to sit and spend time with him.

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St. Marys Catholic Cemetery Office814-781-7275		
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Cub Scout Pack 95smtroop95@gmail.com Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Mass Schedule Weekday Mass -

6:15 a.m. (Monday—Friday) Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Holy Days - Listed in Bulletin November 19(S): Vigil of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 p.m. †† Walter Bauer, Sr. and Krista Gregori November 20: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

9:00 a.m. † Jerome Lanzel, Sr. (An.)

11:00 a.m. ††† Thomas Cunningham and Edward & Catherine Cunningham

November 21(M): Presentation of the Virgin Mary

6:15 a.m. † Deceased Members of the

Benedictine Association of Saint Marys

November 22(T): St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

6:15 a.m.†† John T. (An.) & Edna M. (An.) Uhl

November 23(W): 34th Week in Ordinary Time

6:15 a.m. † Lance Froberg

November 24(Th):St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest,
Martyr and his Companions, Martyrs
Thanksgiving Day

6:15 a.m. † All Souls

November 25(F): 34th Week in Ordinary Time

6:15 a.m. L/D of Joseph & Elizabeth Mayer Family

November 26(S): Vigil of First Sunday Of Advent

4:00 p.m. † Mary Jane Johnson (An.)
November 27: First Sunday Of Advent

7:00 a.m. † Ken Bauer (An.)

9:00 a.m. L/D of Al & Catherine Pfeufer 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. 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, Carol Bullers, Dennis J. Cunningham, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Miranda J. Halpin, "Puggie" Iorfida, Beula Kestler, Anita Kosmowski, John Murone, Darlene Nappe, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Eileen Spence, & Mary Jo Wheeler. 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 November 20, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

† Jerome Lanzel, Sr. (An.)

†† Walter Bauer, Sr. and Krista Gregori

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: Time: Place:

November 29, 2022 7:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish 814-781-1019

WORD OF LIFE!!

During this week of Thanksgiving, take a moment to share with each other one thing that makes you thankful for your beloved and your marriage.

PARENTING POINTERS

November is Adoption month. Have you ever considered adopting or becoming a foster parent? This may not be your call but you might still mentor a child who needs a little more attention. Remember, Jesus was a foster child.

"Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross."

-Ordination Rite of Priests-

"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

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

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CANDLE INCREASE

Due to the rising costs of prices, handling & delivery charges of candles, we have to increase the price of our candles, effective December 1, 2022, as follows:

Small Votive Candles: From 25 cents to 50 cents. Large Ruby Votive Candles: From \$2.00 to \$3.00. Case of Large (12) From \$24 to \$36 This price increase will help to balance our books. God bless you for your understanding & most importantly God bless you for remembering your loved ones!!

SAINT ANNE SOCIETY ~ will meet on Monday, November 21, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Parish Center Social Hall. Group #2 will be providing the lunch and will be served at Noon. More information contact Helene (814) 594-0439.



NOW HIRING

The Elk County Catholic School System is currently accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year for following positions:

Middle School:

 Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher Applicants forward a resume, transcripts, letters of reference, and all applicable clearances to: St. Marys Catholic Middle School Attn. John Schneider, Principal 600 Maurus Street | St. Marys, PA 15857 email: schneideri@eccss.org

Elementary School:

- Cafeteria Worker
- Part-time 8:00-1:30 pm
- Monday-Friday
- \$9.42/hour

Elk County Catholic School System Attn. Kim Schlimm-Cafeteria 600 Maurus Street | St. Marys, PA 15857 email: schlimmk@eccss.org | 814-834-7800 x 231 applications will be accepted on a rolling basis).

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- Nov., 20 In Support of Our Parish School Students Nov., 24 Thanksgiving Offering St. Vincent De Paul
- Nov., 27 Human Development

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church 6:00 p.m. Fridays Rosary in Church 1:00 p.m. Nov., 21 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting Noon Nov., 23 Thanksgiving Pumpkin Roll Pre Order Sale pick up 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dec., 2 S.H. Super BINGO doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Dec., 10 Bah-Humbug Festival 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dec., 13 Elk County Right to Life Meeting 6:30 p.m. Dec., 19 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting

NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Dec.,

AREA NEWS

ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every Thursday following the 7:00 AM Mass. Evening prayer and **Benediction**: 5:00 PM.



THE BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP ~

Stop in and see what's new for Christmas! 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



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RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING LIBRARY~ The library, located on the

main floor, front room of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, is open to all in the community. Hours 9 am to 4 pm.



REMEMBER~ to check out Penn Highlands Elk Peppermint Stick Gift Shop for your Holiday Gift Shopping. Shop hours: Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



MERRY WIDOWS~ Christmas Lunch will be at Hoss's on Monday, Dec., 12th at Noon. Please bring a \$10.00 Gift Exchange.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP -ST. MARYS

Penn Highlands Community Nurses 757 Johnsonburg Road, Suite 200 No reservations are needed. Questions? Call MaryLou, Bereavement Coordinator @ 814-788-8002



CHRISTMAS STORE DONATIONS ~

St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School is currently looking for donations for their Christmas Store that will be held in December. Items Needed Are As Follows:

- Tissue Paper
- Wrapping Paper
- Scotch Tape
- Gift Bags (Small Medium size) Homemade Craft Items:



- Ornaments/decorations
- **Paintings**
- Candles
- Etc.

All items can be dropped off at the Elementary School office for the Christmas Store. Questions call Jessica Bolden 814-594-6516.





St. Marys Inter-Parish





All classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center 325 Church Street, unless otherwise noted.

Schedule changes as the school calendar changes because of CDC guidelines.

Sun., Nov. 20 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. - noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium Confirmation class 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. with candidate and sponsor or parent.

Middle School class 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (Watching Child Protection Video) Life Teen (Grade 9) 6:00 p.m.- 7:45 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 23 No Elementary Faith Formation -Thanksgiving break

Sun. Nov. 27 No Classes -

Thanksgiving break



Thanksgiving GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR HE IS GOOD

Wed., Nov. 30 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm – 7:30pm 4th and 5th grade Family Night

Sun., Dec. 4 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. - noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium Middle School class 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Life Teen (Grade 9) 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 6 Confirmation class for SMA student only after 3rd period

FINANCE REPORT for OCTOBER, 2022 Weekly Offering (5 Sundays) \$11 27/

Weekly Ollelling (5 Sundays)	
Other Income	\$1,710
Short	
	Other Income

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) Update

Parish Assessment	\$44,718
Amount Pledged	
Received as of 11/09/2022	



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On behalf of the Parish Staff and myself, we would like to wish you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the special time that you will share with family and friends.

Keep Christ the center of your Thanksgiving now and always. Father Tom

Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 24th, Friday, November 25th and Monday, November 28th. Parish office will reopen on Tuesday, November 29th at 9:00 a.m.



THE ST. MARYS HERITAGE **PRESERVATION GROUP** ~ Presents

A Victorian Christmas 1910 Sunday, Dec., 4, 2022 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Holiday House Tour 139 & 316 N. Michael St. Circa 1910 ~ Donation \$5.00



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"Christmas is Coming"

Tuesday, Nov., 29th at St. Leo's Church in Ridgway and Saturday, Dec., 3rd at Sacred Heart Church in Saint Marys Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by a Social.

No admittance charge/Free will offering Questions call Lois at 814-834-2321 Please join the Concert Choir of Elk County as they usher in the Christmas Season.

"FIND A WAY TO SERVE"

Our Veterans The Ceremony will begin at Noon on December 17th at the St. Marys

Catholic Cemetery. The cost for each wreath is \$15.00 and checks made

payable to: Wreaths Across America.

Deadline: Nov., 25, 2022.

Mail To: Wreaths Across America P.O Box 364 St. Marys, PA. 15857 Questions call: Dolly @ 814-512-2968

or Joann @ 814-594-6977.





Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death,

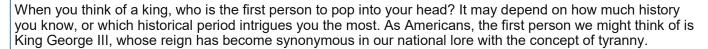


and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.©LPi

Is Christ King in Our Hearts?





We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

REFLECT

First Reading:

The Israelites recognized that David was anointed by the Lord to shepherd and rule over them as their King. What do you think it takes to be a really good leader?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Colossians that through the death and resurrection of Christ, God has redeemed and reconciled all of us and creation, and "transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son." How should we celebrate this incredible gift from God?

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While the rulers and soldiers ironically mocked Jesus as "King of the Jews" as they were crucifying him, Jesus offered words of comfort to the repentant criminal crucified beside him. What words of comfort do you need to hear today from our Lord Jesus Christ?



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