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

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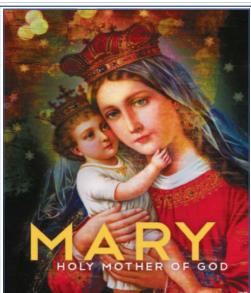
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Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m. First Friday Week: Thursday: 4:00 p.m. Until all are heard Anytime by Appointment

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 Parish Office - Will be closed for all Holy Days

IT'S A NEW YEAR AND WE ARE **GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**



The Magnificat

My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;

for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm,

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,

he has put down the mighty from their thrones,

and exalted those of low degree;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent empty away.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.

(Luke 1:46-55)

December 31(S): Vigil of The Solemnity of

Mary the Holy Mother of God,

Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 p.m. † Micki Pfingstler

January 1: Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

9:00 a.m. † Steve Lion (An.)

11:00 a.m. † Fr. Vernon A. Holtz, OSB

January 2(M): St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

of the Church

6:15 a.m. † John J. Murone

January 3(T): Christmas Week

6:15 a.m.†† Rosie & Carl Whalen

January 4(W): St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 6:15 a.m. †† Chester & Frances hammer

January 5(Th): St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:15 a.m.† Lucille Harkens

January 6(F): Christmas Week
6:15 a.m. † Rosemary Bauer

January 7(S): Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 p.m. † Beth A. Gornati

January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

9:00 a.m. †† Jim Armanini (An.) &

Bucky Pollick (An.)

11:00 a.m. † Betty Crawford

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. On <u>January 13, 2023 Adoration will be 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and then from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</u> There will be a Wedding at Noon. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Helen Herzing, John J. Murone (Father of Lisa Bauer & Brother of Rosemary Carnovale), Dr. Robert Mallison (Brother in Law of Joseph Lynch) & Edith J. Cortina (Sister of Alfred "Corky" Marconi). 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, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Keith Schreiber, 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 week of January 1, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

L/D of Charles & Beatrice Rigard Family †† Howard & Dorie McAllister

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

Date: Time: Sat., Jan., 28, 2023 8:00 to

Place: Sacred Heart

5:15 p.m. 814-834-7861

Mass included

VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the Social Committee for their very generous Gift to Sacred Heart Church in the amount of \$40,000. God bless you for all your volunteer hours you devote to Sacred Heart.

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FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart Church will be **NOW** held at **4:00 p.m.** instead of at 6:00 p.m. **effective on Mon., Jan., 2, 2023.** It's our hope that this earlier time will be more convenient due to the darkness & weather conditions. **Won't you please join us for the Rosary as we heed Our Ladies request at Fatima?**

"Pray the Rosary everyday for Peace in the World".

"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

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.

2nd Catherine Labant, Joe Lynch 3rd Sue Dornisch, Andy Dornisch

4th Tom Nellis, Sr., Sue Kneidel Werner

5th Leona Fritz, Dorothy Terry6th Cathy Dornisch, Amy Gorman

7th Fuzzy Cappiello

8th Dorothy Mallette, Alice Lynch, Marsha Meyer,

Jim McAllister

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beautiful monthly calendars. We hope that all parishioners have picked one up. May God bless Lynch - Green and Lynch - Radkowski Funeral Homes for their generosity!

Happy New Year!!

GIVING YOUR LOVED ONES A GIFT OF ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center on January 13-15th. Space is limited. Call the Family Life Office for details at 814.824.1265 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org

Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Inter-faith couples are encouraged to attend. More info at www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html.



PLANNING YOUR WEDDING IN 2023

A wedding is one day; but your marriage is for a

lifetime! Invest in your marriage by attending Engagement Encounter. Spend a weekend away from the stress of planning for the wedding, and enjoy the special moments of creating your future marriage together. Call the Family Life Office at 814.824.1265 or familylife@erieRCD.org to register!

All couples are welcome; scholarships are available

All couples are welcome; scholarships are available for those in need.



THE ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP~

will meet on Tuesday, Jan.,10th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex. For more information please call Mary Bea at 814-834-3834.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church
Effective Jan., 2, 2023 the time will change
Fridays Rosary in Church
Jan., 06 SH Super Bingo Doors Open at
Jan.,10 Elk County Right to Life Meeting
Jan.,24 NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR Parish Council

Meeting 6:00 p.m.

NO Saint Anne Society Meetings. See you in March

AREA NEWS

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

ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every **Thursday** following the **7:00 am Mass.** Closing: Prayer and **Benediction: 5:00 p.m.**



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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP -

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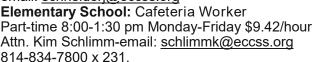


No reservations are needed.
Questions? Call Mary Lou, Bereavement
Coordinator @ 814-788-8002

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

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until you feel completely comfortable. Call St. Mary's
Parish Office for info. 814-781-1019.



St. Marys Inter-Parish



OLIFE TEEN

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., Jan. 1 No Faith Formation Christmas Break

Wed., Jan. 4 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 8 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., Jan. 10 Confirmation Class for SMS students only after 3rd period

Wed., Jan. 11 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 4th and 5th grade Family Night

Sun., Jan. 15 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. - Noon at Sacred heart Parish Center Atrium No Class for Middle School or Life Teen

Wed., Jan. 18 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

FOSTERING INTIMACY WITH GOD THROUGH SILENCE AND STILLNESS

The Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville is hosting an Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat with Sister Ruth Ann Madera, **Jan. 27 to 29** at the Bethany Retreat Center, 1031 Germania Rd., Frenchville. Six additional follow-up sessions will be scheduled throughout 2023. Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares a person to receive the gift of contemplative prayer.

Visit <u>www.bethanyretreatcenter.org</u> to learn more.



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From Fr. Tom and the entire staff of Sacred Heart, have a blessed 2023 New Year. We would also like to say Thank You to everyone for their Christmas Cards and treats that we received for Christmas. May the love of Jesus bring you JOY.

> I would like to also welcome the following who have joined Sacred Heart during the month of December 2022, Erin R. Brock, Jared, Danielle & Amelia Heiberger, May God bless our journey together

> > **Father Thomas**



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered upon us. We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses. Make the new year a more fruitful and blessed one.

We also thank You for every test of time that has brought us stronger in faith and trust in You. Bestow upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path.

Isaiah 40:31 But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger.

They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls.

The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign.

This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

— Father John Muir ©LPi

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become. I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

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Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19

REFLECT

First Reading:

This priestly prayer was originally for the ancient Israelites who dedicated themselves to the Lord in the time of Moses. The prayer is filled with the hope of God's blessing, generosity, kindness, and peace. Which part of this prayer (God's blessing, generosity, kindness, or peace) do you most need this week?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches "the fullness of time had come" in Mary's birth of Jesus in that all believers are now "heir" (adopted sons and daughters) to God's promises made to Israel. Have you ever been "heir" to something from your family?

Gospel:

Luke teaches us that Mary — even as a young woman — reflected in her heart the events she was experiencing with her newborn son, Jesus. How often do you pray and reflect on events within your own life or in the life of others?



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