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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.

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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

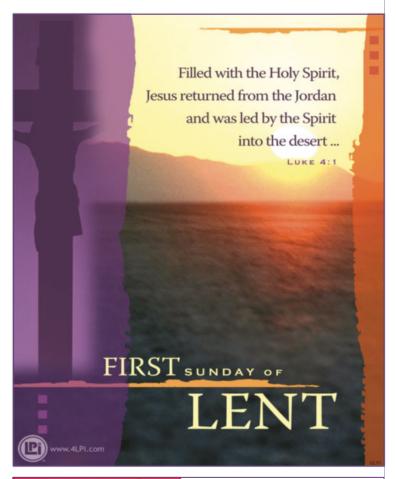
Parish Office - Will be closed for all Holy Days



FAMILY HONOR will be presenting Real Love & Real Life, a chastity program series at St. Marys Church Parish Center on Mondays, March 20, 27, and April 3, 2023.

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 or text Laurey Kraus 335-0124 or 781-6746.

WELCOME WE ARE GLAD YOU JOINED US!





CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

By now you should have received our Pastor Fr. Tom's letter and also your pledge card for the CSA.

Let us work together so we can make it possible for parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic charities, clergy and the Catholic faithful to live and share Christ's teaching. You may wonder why you should support the CSA. The truth is, as members of the Diocese of Erie, we play an important role in the diocesan activities of Catholic education, evangelization, promoting justice and serving people in need throughout our diocese. Our diocese has work to do on behalf of the Lord and we are all asked to share our gifts to help advance the mission of the church.

Your Gift is so Important!! Please help us to reach our goal of \$45,305. Thank you for Giving!!

February 25(S): Vigil of First Sunday of Lent 4:00 p.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

February 26: First Sunday of Lent 7:00 a.m. †† Wil (An.) & Dan DeLullo

9:00 a.m. †† Harry (An.) & Jeanne (An.) McGowan

11:00 a.m. † Rocky Smith

February 27(M): First Week of Lent
6:15 a.m. † John J. Murone

February 28(T): First Week of Lent

6:15 a.m.†† Margaret (An.) & Clarence Sporner

March 1(W): First Week of Lent

6:15 a.m. †† Victoria & Edward Karoleski

March 2(Th): First Week of Lent

6:15 a.m. † Jack Skok

March 3(F): First Week of Lent 6:15 a.m. † Robert Weisner

March 4(S): Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent 4:00 p.m. L/D of Geist-Kronenwetter Families

March 5: Second Sunday of Lent 7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

9:00 a.m. † Dorothy Lenze (An.)

11:00 a.m. † Jeff Gordon

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 Norman R. McCoy (Father of Shawna Ritter) and Jane M. Meyer (Sister of Jeff Meyer). 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, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Miranda J. Halpin, Anita Kosmowski, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Keith Schreiber, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Nini Tamburlin, Fr. Eric Vogt, & 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 Rosary at Sacred Heart Church will be held at **4:00 p.m.** "Pray the Rosary everyday for Peace in the World".



The week of February 26, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

† Orma Pontzer (An.)

†† Margaret (An.) & Clarence Sporner

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2023 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: Time: Place:

March 7, 2023 7:00 p.m. St. Boniface/Kersey 814-885-8941

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

Date: Time: Place:

March 26, 2023 9:00 a.m. to Queen of the World 5:00 p.m. Mass included 814-834-4701

WORD OF LIFE!!

Marriage is a mutual improvement society. This can seem self-serving as you try to give feedback to your beloved about how she/he can be a better person. How do you receive critical feedback? Listen with openness more than defensiveness.



Congratulations to
Maura Bon & Patrick Jones
who were married on February 18, 2023.
May God grant them many blessings.

"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.

27th Pamela Hunt, Marge Gerg
28th Patsy McAllister, Mark Bauer
1st Rose Johnston, Terri Bish
2nd Catherine Labant, Joe Lynch
3rd Sue Dornisch, Andy Dornisch

4th Tom Nellis, Sr., Sue Kneidel Werner

5th Leona Fritz, Dorothy Terry

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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PARISH FUNDRAISER

By now you should have received your Parish Raffle Tickets in the mail.

We mailed them earlier this year because we will be having the drawing on June 24, 2023 at the Parish Picnic instead of live streaming the drawing. We are so excited because the SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC IS BACK!! With that in mind, please make every effort to either sell your tickets or consider purchasing the book yourself. This is a Major Fundraiser for the parish so we appreciate your help to make it a success. God bless you for your support. Patsy McAllister/Chairperson.

ST. MARY'S PARISH ~ Throughout Lent, Fr. Thomas More will provide a series of presentations on ways that the Holy rule of St. Benedict can offer insights to all Catholics. Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the St. Mary's Parish Center Cafeteria. The first one will be on Tues., Feb., 28th.

LENTEN RETREAT - ALL ARE WELCOME

Queen of the World will host a Lenten retreat featuring Fr. Ben Daghir on the evenings of **Sunday March 19th thru Tuesday March 21st at 6:30 pm.**

Fr. Ben, a native of St. Mary's Church and a priest of the Diocese of Erie, will lead us each evening in prayer and reflection with the theme, "Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me."

Let us look forward to this sacred time in our Lenten season as our community gathers with Fr. Ben and with one another.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Lenten Fish or Fantail Shrimp Dinners **Every Friday during Lent.**

Social Hall: 17724 Bennetts Valley Hwy, Force Eat-in Hours: Noon-6:30 p.m.

All dinners \$14.Call (814)787-4151 #6

All Dinners include Baked or Fried Haddock Fish or Fantail Shrimp, choice of Potato (Baked or French Fries), cup of Soup, choice of Cole Slaw, Applesauce or Macaroni Salad plus a Roll, Dessert, & Drink.

Delivery in Bennetts Valley only.

(Soup and drink not included with take-outs)

SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ Sunday, March 12th
11am till sold out at Shiloh Presbyterian
Church Hall in St. Marys. Dinner is Spaghetti,
Meatballs, Bread, Butter, Salad, Dessert and Drink.
Dine in or Take out. Cost \$12. All proceeds will benefit
the SMA Drumline, Color Guard and Dance Team

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church 4:00p.m.

Fridays Rosary after 6:15 a.m. Mass 40 Days for Life
Fridays Rosary in Church 1:00 p.m.

NO Saint Anne Society Meetings. See you in March
March 3 SH Super BINGO doors open at 4:00 p.m.

AREA NEWS

ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every Thursday following the 7:00 AM Mass. Closing: Benediction: 5:00 PM.



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.

There are great books on St. Pope John Paul

There are great books on St. Pope John Paul II. It is opened Monday thru Friday, from 9 am to 4 pm. Not open Weekends or Holidays.

THAT MAN IS YOU Catholic Men's Group meets Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Join them at St. Leo's for Mass and a meeting.



ST. BONIFACE Knights of Columbus breakfast buffet. The breakfast buffet is March 5th from 8 until 11:30 am or till (sold out). Price is \$10 for adults & \$5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy a very good breakfast.

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. Are you able to spare 2.5 hours per month, be a volunteer at the Gift Shop & receive 15% off all purchases. Join their team by calling St. Mary's Parish Office 814-781-1019.

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SMCES Christmas Store Project?
Cleaning your closets?? Please save any of your gently used T-shirts from any school, college, or pro sports team for next year's Christmas Store. We need bags of Poly-fill stuffing, too. Items may be dropped off at the SMCES office by March 1st.

PENN STATE MASTER GARDENERS~
Seminar on Saturday, March 4th from
12:30pm to 2:30pm hosted by St. Marys
Church located at 554 Maurus Street. Free to the
public and parking available in the lot located at 554
Maurus Street. You will learn: Why pruning is an
important maintenance practice. Best practices for
pruning apple trees & blueberry bushes. How to
prune correctly. No registration is necessary and all
are welcome to attend this event. Please call:
Alyssa M. Schmidt Master Gardener Coordinator for
Penn State Extension Elk & Cameron County
Offices at 814-776-5331 Ext. 308 for more
information. Or Jane at 814-594-6333.



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.



Dunkin' and Discussion Come for an evening of fun & purpose with Rooted Youth Ministry!!

Where: Dunkin Donuts on the Million Dollar Highway

When: 1st Wednesday of each month

Time: 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Who: Grades 6th thru12th (The drinks are on us!)



Confirmation

Confirmation is April 23, 2023 with Bishop Persico Queen of the World and St. Boniface students will be confirmed at the 1:30pm Mass.

Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church students will be confirmed at the 4:30pm Mass.

If you have any questions regarding Confirmation please call the Faith Formation office at 814-781-1042.

*Sun., Feb. 26 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. Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. with candidate and sponsor or parent.

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

*Sun., March 5 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., March 7 Confirmation class for SMA student only after 3rd period

*Wed., March 8 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Sat. March 11First Reconciliation retreat (time and location to be determined)





FINAL CALL~ Speakers have been confirmed for the tenth annual 22:32 Men's Conference scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2023. The conference, sponsored by the Reason for our Hope Foundation, will be held at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 2801 W 6th St., Erie. The event will begin at 8:30 am and end with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Persico at 12:00 pm. For more information, please contact Dave Wayman at info@2232men.com or 814-397-2809. Register for the event at https://www.2232men.com/. Livestream options are available.





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Weekly Offering (5 Sundays)	
Other Income	\$1,439
Monthly Expenses	\$58,209
Short	

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL RECENT ESSAY CONTEST AND WINNERS:

The Judith Manno Stager Right to Life Fund, administered by the Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF), awarded a grant to Elk County Catholic High School for a recent essay contest. The students were asked to create a convincing piece of writing that portrayed life as a beautiful choice. In the end, three poems, a short biography, and two fables took the top prizes and are great examples of truth, beauty and goodness so needed in our current culture..

Madison Marzullo

her and the baseball boy

March; the two blue lines on the gray-hued screen on the small, white stick the cold, tiled floor of the dorm's community bathroom decorating her bare feet the initial heart drop, the shock, the *fear* only 21 years old it seems nearly impossible but life goes on

April; thoughts have drowned her, as if she has been thrown around like dust the announcement turns her parents loving, her partner into denial she loves him, she does not want to be alone he just wants to play baseball, he has no time she has so much work to do for her education it seems nearly impossible but life goes on

May; it has progressed, the *situation is official* she cannot bring herself to leave all he wants to do is run through the bases, *it is all he knows how to do* one is 20, the other is 21 it seems nearly impossible but life goes on

June; the summer heat makes her sweat, as does her *situation* his arms swell from the weights, using frustration as his motivation she loves him, the baseball boy he is confused, the plan simply cannot go through it seems nearly impossible but life goes on

July; the last month she had promised herself she would *get it done* he begs, mercifully, *how would he manage?* this month would be the deciding factor; whom will she choose? her parents, supporting her to choose her *situation*, him, supporting her to choose a *restart the choice* it seems nearly impossible but life goes on

August; she started buying clothes, decorations, asking family for support he's been at practice, asking his dad for guidance they are both feeling lost the girl and the baseball boy it seems nearly impossible but life goes on

September; she has grown, significantly he feels the movements and sees the photographs *the situation is real* she begins to let tears stroll down her gentle, flushed cheeks he begins to hold her hand and caress her forehead, for the first time in awhile it seems nearly impossible but life goes on

October; the final two months, the moment is near she is stressfully writing papers while swallowing vitamins he is working out his financial situations they are both becoming responsible it's beginning to seem possible life has gone on

November; the nursery is ready, the items are bought she has packed a bag, full of items to celebrate what is coming he knows the event is near, so he decorates her finger with a diamond they have come together, slowly it is possible now life has gone on

December; the snow has fallen and the yellow-tinted street lights show through the darkness it is the 26th day of the month, the year 2004 he holds her hand and wipes her tears she is *exhausted*, *but her decision is final she is here her baby girl is born* it wasn't impossible, it was done life went on *her baby girl's life went on*

October 2022; her baby girl writes a poem, dedicated to her mother's courage and strength she talks about her mother and father: the girl and the baseball player who had chosen to let her have life her baby girl is an athlete, a friend, a scholar, a lover, a *person*

it is always possible *life will always go on life should always go on.*— the baby girl who was given the chance of life.



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