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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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Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing

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

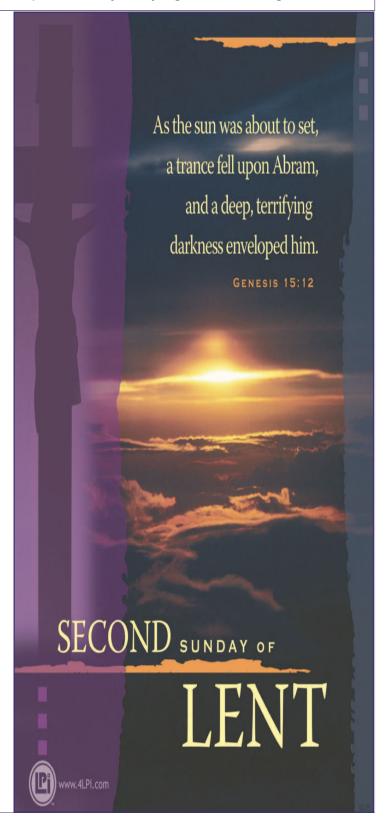
Mass Schedule

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

WELCOME TO MASS THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT

John 6:35 "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Matthew 4:4 "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."



March 4(S): Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent 4:00 p.m. Vigil 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

March 6(M): Second Week of Lent
6:15 a.m. †† Chester & Frances Hammer
March 7(T): Second Week of Lent
6:15 a.m.†† Elwood & Margaret Smith
March 8(W): Second Week of Lent

6:15 a.m. † Clara Mayer

March 9(Th): Second Week of Lent

6:15 a.m. L/D of Harry (An.) & Martha Plows Families

March 10(F): Second Week of Lent 6:15 a.m. † John Ritter (An.)

March 11(S): Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. †† Paul & Elizabeth Keller

March 12: Third Sunday of Lent
7:00 a.m. †† Gerald & Dorothy Newell

9:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

11:00 a.m. L/D of Bob & Mary Ann Gregory Family

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 Henrietta M. "Muffie" Cheatle (Sister of Frank Chileski). 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.

NEW ADDRESS FOR

Fr. Eric Vogt, OSB Select Specialty Hospital One Mellon Way Third Floor Room 333 Latrobe, PA. 15650

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 March 5, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

Special Intention

L/D of Geist-Kronenwetter Families

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

March 10th St. Mary's Church
March 17th Sacred Heart Church
March 24th Queen of the World
March 31st Sacred Heart Church

* St. Mary's Church will also host Stations of the Cross every Friday at 12:00 p.m.*

** Remember you can say the Outdoor Stations of the Cross at the St. Joseph Convent Cemetery.**

"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.

6th Cathy Dornisch, Amy Gorman

7th Fuzzy Cappiello

8th Dorothy Mallette, Alice Lynch, Marsha Meyer,

Jim McAllister

9th Gretchen Meyer, Julie Lecker

10th Don Weis, Kathy Clark

11th Gretchen Meyer, Sue Kneidel Werner

12th Tom Dornisch

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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RITE OF SENDING~ Sunday, March 5,2023, at 9:00 a.m. Mass, Sacred Heart Parish will send Samantha Copello, Melissa Burroughs, & Jordan Swanson, to St. Catherine's Church in DuBois to meet Bishop Persico. Sam, Melissa & Jordan have been part of the RCIA since last Fall, and are about to enter more deeply into this process of joining the Catholic community. Sandra Knight, a resident of Elk Haven Nursing Home, is also in the RCIA. Although unable to travel, Sandy joins spiritually in the prayers and rites of this step of the process. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 14th @ 6:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex. For more information please call Mary Bea @ 814-834-3834

40 Days for Life~ 12th Day

Holy God, Help us to stand for Your powerful truth and to recognize that the babies that are being mercilessly kill are our own brothers and sisters in Christ—fully human, fully created by You, Our God. Let us remain silent no more. We Cry out to You on their behalf, knowing that You are the God who hears the prayers of His children. In the Name of Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

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

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."

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. These series will take place on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the St. Mary's Parish Center Cafeteria.

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. March 14 Elk County Right to Life Meeting 6:30 p.m. March 20 Saint Anne Society Meeting 12:00 p.m. March 21 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 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

The library, located on the main floor, front room of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, is open to all in the community. 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.



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.

PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP~

Hours: Mon., thru Thurs., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



THE MATERNITY CLOSET is located at 139 Church St. It is open to Elk County mothers, who have children from birth up to 3yrs. They are eligible to come once a month to receive diapers, wipes, lotion, onesies and an outfit. Hours: the 1st three weeks on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each month. Babies and children up to 3 years. Wed's 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. & Thurs's 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. 4th Thurs., 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Questions: Call Theresa at 814-781-1137.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH~ Lenten Fish or Fantail Shrimp Dinners Social Hall: 17724
Bennetts Valley Hwy, Force Eat-in Hours: Noon-6:30 p.m. All dinners \$14. 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). Call 814-787-4151 #6.

ST. BONIFACE~ Lenten Fish Fry every Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Menu: Fried, Baked, Beer Battered Fish or Chicken, French Fries, Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Desserts & Beverages. Adults: \$15 (Fish) Adults: \$10 (Chicken) Children Under 10: \$8. Take outs Available. All proceeds benefit St. Boniface Parish.



St. Marys Inter-Parish





*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 11 First Reconciliation retreat (Sacred Heart Children meet in Church 9:00 a.m.) Dismissal will be at Noon from the Church.

*Sun., March 12 First Penance Rite of Enrollment at your parish

9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m. Mass at Queen of the World Church 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church

A NOTE FROM NICK HEISE When God calls and His Spirit moves within we are faced with a choice, to listen and go, or to ignore and stay. I've been blessed with my 'yes' to that calling that moved me to St. Mary's. Having met so many beautiful people and getting to serve both physically and spiritually with many of you has brought great joy and courage to my heart and the heart of this community. The same God and Spirit that called me here in August (2019) has called me back to my native place where my wife (Sara) and child (soon to be born) still reside. When my heart aches from thoughts of leaving the relationships made (with the young and wiser alike) I'm reminded of the Apostles of the Early Church; they established churches and walked with their brothers and sisters, for years, catechizing, praying, eating, and worshiping together. At the end of the day, however, God called and onward the Apostles went. Though I have not built any churches, I believe God used me to strengthen a few, and so the obedient carpenter does, restoring the beauty that has always existed. In recognizing these truths my heart can laugh and cry in joy of the memories I've had with all of you! Though my journey here will not be finished until the end of May (2023) know of my continued service and love to you all! Please, do not hesitate to contact me for whatever needs you may have, that I can justly tend to. Never forget, thanks to Jesus we will always find one another in the Eucharist. Glory be to God!

Thank You!

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From the Pastor's Desk



I would like to welcome the following who have joined Sacred Heart during the month of February,

Kyle, Karisa & Karter Garner and David & Mary Sicheri.

May God bless our journey together.

Father Thomas



FAMILY HONOR will be presenting Real Love & Real Life, a chastity onor 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS,

has reserved a school bus to the Eighth Annual 138 Women's Conference to be held in Erie on March 25, 2023, "Walk with Purpose". The cost will be \$30.00 and that includes the bus ride and registration for the conference. This cost does not include lunch, however we will be stopping for lunch.

ALL ARE WELCOME!! To reserve your seat or more information call Nancy Plows 814-335-6359 or Lori Schreiber 814-594-3972.

Deadline for reservations is March 15, 2023.

1:38 Women

ANNUAL SAINT JOHN OF GOD EVENINGS OF PRAYER AT ST. LEO

Join us in asking the powerful intercession of this holy man - who has special meaning for the parish, especially for those who are sick.

Monday, March 6th 6 p.m.

Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with **Rosary** and devotions. **Tuesday, March 7**th **6 p.m.**

Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction with Veneration of the Relic of St. John and devotions. Wednesday, March 8th 6 p.m.

Mass with **Anointing of the Sick** and devotions.

**Please bring members of your family, friends or guests for anointing.

Fable

William MacDonald

Once upon a time, in the deep, dark forest; there lived four bears: Brown Bear, Black Bear, Panda Bear and Polar Bear. One day, all four bears woke up to find flower sprouts in each of their individual gardens, yet none of them had planted any.

Brown Bear saw the flower sprout and thought, "This flower will suck all the water from my other plants, my carrots will die!" So, Brown Bear rooted out the sprout before it could bloom into a beautiful flower. After a while, though; Brown Bear regretted it; his carrots became overgrown and took over his garden. He couldn't even remove the carrots; and now there was no room for even the smallest dandelion.

Black Bear discovered her flower before it blossomed, but a little bit later than Brown Bear. Black Bear thought "Hmmm, I know this flower will take water from my other plants, but I know this flower will be beautiful; and I'll always have next season to grow potatoes." So Black Bear took out her potatoes and let the flower grow, and after it had blossomed into a beautiful flower, went back to growing her potatoes. She had a delightful flower and lots of potatoes the next season.

Panda Bear was very excited to see a flower seedling in his garden, for he had been trying to grow one for a while, but hadn't had any luck finding seeds. He spent all of his time caring for the growing flower; watering it, and preparing flower pots for it. However, just before it was time for it to bloom, the shoot wilted. Panda was very sad.

Polar Bear saw her flower, and like Brown Bear, was going to weed it out. Polar Bear was allergic to the flower's pollen. Just when she was about to pull it from the ground, she saw Panda Bear crying. Polar Bear knew that he had been trying to grow a flower, and that his had just wilted. She thought "Since Panda Bear wants a flower, but can't grow one, I'll grow my flower and give it to Panda Bear." So, Polar Bear raised her flower, and when it had bloomed, she gave it to Panda, and they were both happy. Panda thanked her very much and was overjoyed about finally having a flower of his own, and Polar Bear was happy that Panda was happy, and she could get back to her own garden.

You see, even if it's unplanned, you or someone else will enjoy the beauty of a flower; more than a successful garden of potatoes and carrots.

Most bears are very protective of their territories, their children (and according to this fable, most are protective of their gardens and flowers). We should all try to be like Black Bear, Panda Bear, and Polar Bear; and protect our flower seedlings. We should nurture them, make space in our garden (life) for them by taking carrots and potatoes out and planting them next season, after our flower has bloomed.

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL RECENT ESSAY CONTEST AND WINNERS:

Happy to announce the winners of the LOVE LIFE: Pro Woman, Pro Babies, Pro Love, Pro Life Writing Contest sponsored by:

The Judith Manno Stager Right to Life Fund in conjunction with the English Department at ECCSS short biography, and two fables took the top prizes and are great examples of truth, beauty and goodness so needed in our current culture..

Anabella Chemelli

One fateful day a brushfire sparked in the depths of Africa. Herds of elephants became engulfed in smoke, filling their eyes and lungs until breathing became unbearable. Escape from this treacherous scene looked to be impossible. Among the group was a mother, almost to term with her baby .The survival of the other elephants was improbable, so the chances of the mother making it was not likely. As fate was almost certain, a feeling of love and protection overtook them. Realizing the future of the herd was in this baby's hands they did whatever they could to save this child. These elephants sacrificed helping themselves for another to have a future. This baby became a true reality, something so pure should never be second guessed. After all, life is a timeless privilege all living beings have the right to experience.

The inspiration behind this story is very personal, and comes from my own life and my mothers own experiences. She possesses qualities I strive to acquire. She is my biggest inspiration and who I mold my own morals after. The mother elephant represents her, my voice, protector, and first love. The baby is me, the one she chose to love. Much like fire, hate and selfishness can spiral out of control. Finding out about her pregnancy encased her with smoke, there seemed to be no escape from the explosion. The herd of elephants that helped the mother elephant represents everything my mother stands for. She stands for courage, kindness. temperance, and above all life. All of these virtues led my mom to prevail. She sacrificed everything she had for me, leaving her old life behind to give me a future. I hope women across the world can be as strong as her, and to have the courage to fight for what's right. I am forever grateful for my mother giving her baby girl a chance.

As the product of a saved abortion, I feel called to advocate for all unborn babies. My mother had the strength to save me, and by using her morals I can save more. From her I have learned that life is a beautiful reality worth sharing reality worth sharing.



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