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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

Mass Schedule

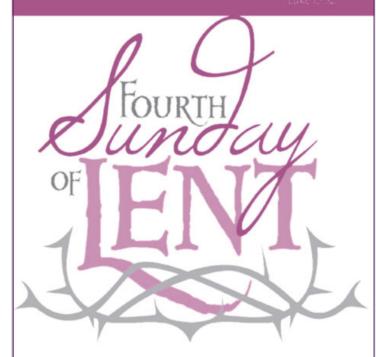
Anytime by Appointment

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

"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family. **Mother Teresa**

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART CHURCH THANK YOU FOR ENTERING THE DOORS
FOR MASS But now we must celebrate and rejoice, he was lost and has been found.



REFLECT:

First Reading:

Much to Samuel's surprise, the Lord instructed him to anoint the youngest of Jesse's sons, David, to be the next king of Israel. When have you been surprised by God?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Ephesians:

"Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." What do you think pleases the Lord?

Gospel:

Jesus' healing of the blind man created confusion, anger, and fear among some of the people witnessing this event. In a real sense, Jesus' healing exposed the blindness of others. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent? ©LPi March 18(S): Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent L/D of John & Winnie Schreiber Family 4:00 p.m.

March 19: **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:00 a.m. L/D of Ed & Estella Heary Family 9:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners 11:00 a.m. † † † Mack & Rose Newell (An.) and Earl & Celine Feldbauer (An.)

March 20(M): St. Joseph Spouse of the Virgin Mary

6:15 a.m. † Ken Bish

March 21(T): **Fourth Week of Lent** 6:15 a.m. † Deceased Members of the

Benedictine Association of Saint Marys

March 22(W): Fourth Week of Lent 6:15 a.m. †† Dorie & Howard McAllister March 23(Th): Fourth Week of Lent

6:15 a.m. † Elise Cashmer

March 24(F): **Fourth Week of Lent** 6:15 a.m. † Emilio "Mert" Uberti (An.) March 25(S): Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent 4:00 p.m.††† Harold "Tracy" & Elaine Yeager & Christine Saline

March 26: Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †† Barney (An.) & Mary Kronenwetter 9:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

11:00 a.m. † Ruth K. Whitford (An.)

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. We are still in need of extra people to sit with Jesus during Adoration. If you are able to share time with Jesus please do so.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Lucille Jacob and Patricia I. Pfeufer (Sister in law of Alice Lynch). 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, & Eileen Weber. 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.

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 19, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

Skip Heiberger t **Emily Shifflet**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: Time: Place: Sat., March 25, 2023 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart 814-834-7861 #1

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

Time: Place: Date:

March 26, 2023 9:00 a.m. to Queen of the World

814-834-4701 5:15 p.m. Mass

THANK YOU

For the donations to the Church

In memory of Kathy Clark: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 In memory of Florence "Puggie" lorfida: \$20

In memory of Lucille Jacob: \$80 In memory of Eileen Spence: \$25 For the donation to the Social Committee In memory of Kathy Clark: \$10, \$25



WE WELCOME Ellie Jane Haines into the Catholic Community. Ellie Jane is the daughter of Martin M. & Rebecca J. (Rocco) Haines May God bless her as she grows in her faith and love of God.

"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.

20th Gretchen Meyer, Mary Jo Scott Carl Loeffler, Barb Linder 21st 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 Page Three March 19, 2023

SACRED HEART PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S

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BUS TRIPS TO LANCASTER SIGHT & SOUND THEATER

Wed., July 26th ~'Moses'~ \$190. Includes bus, tickets, lunch & tips. Leaving

at 7:30 a.m. and having lunch in Lancaster before the 3:00 p.m. show.



Fri., Nov. 10th ~'The Nativity'~ \$200 ~ Includes bus, tickets, lunch or supper TBD & tips. *Call St. Mary's Parish Office 814-781-1019 to reserve your seats.*

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

19th Support of Our Parish School Students

26th Easter Flower Offering

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church
Fridays Rosary after 6:15 a.m. Mass 40 Days for Life
Fridays Rosary in Church
March 20 Saint Anne Society Meeting
March 21 Parish Council Meeting
NO April S.H. Super Bingo see you in May

4:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

SPRING FOOD FEST APRIL 1st 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AREA NEWS

BOWLS OF LOVE is a free meal served **every Wednesday** at the First United Methodist Church from **4:00** to **4:30** p.m.. Everyone is welcome.

ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every Thursday following the 7:00 AM Mass. Closing: Evening prayer and

Benediction: 5:00 P.m.



QUEEN OF THE WORLD WALNUT ROLL SALE April 1st & 2nd. Pick up after 5:15 p.m.,

7:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Masses.
Full loaf: \$10; Half loaf: \$6 Orders can be placed by calling the rectory at 814.834.4701.
Don't miss your chance to delight in the famous Solic Walnut rolls. **Orders due by March 28th.**

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER CAFETERIA

Every Tues., 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. during Lent, Fr. Thomas More, series of the Holy rule of St. Benedict.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH~ Lenten Fish or Fantail Shrimp Dinners Noon-6:30 p.m. All dinners \$14. 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.

ST. BONIFACE~ Lenten Fish Fry every Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. 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.

will be held on April 22-23, 2023 in Ridgway. Tagged fish range in value between \$1,500-\$10. Registration and rules available @ www.stleosfishingderby.com Stop by the Trout Derby Headquarters @ the Ridgway Fireman's Grounds for food, music, games, kids derby, and raffles! Camping will be available on site. The Trout Derby committee is currently accepting vendors. Please visit the website for more

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information.

Walleye Fishing Trip for 4! Lampe Marina, Erie Charter departs at 6:00 a.m., July 22nd Tickets just \$5 each!! Winner drawn June 18th

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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. AND Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church students will be confirmed at the 4:30pm Mass, at Queen of the World If you have any questions regarding Confirmation please call the Faith Formation office at 814-781-1042.

Sun., March 19 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – noon at the Sacred Heart Parish Atrium No Middle School class Faith Formation No Life Teen (Grade 9) Faith Formation

Wed., March 22 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., March 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 make up class 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for candidate only

Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sun., March 26 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 p.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium Middle School Class 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Middle School Parent Component 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Life Teen (Grade 9) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Wed., March 29 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Confessions for grades 3, 4 and 5.

with candidate and sponsor or parent

ST. BONIFACE LENTEN MISSION ~ March 19-21, will host Fr. Dan Molochko, a priest of the Diocese of Richmond, VA, & a close friend of Fr. Kevin.

Fr. Dan will explore the practical ways to live out our faith by comparing Mary and Martha.

Confessions will be offered following his presentations at 7 p.m. on Sunday (3/19) and Monday (3/20) with a reception following on Tuesday (3/21). Each talk will last roughly 45 minutes and will surely be an excellent way to encounter God in our busy lives.



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LENTEN RETREAT - ALL ARE WELCOME

Queen of the World featuring Fr. Ben Daghir starts this

evening Sun., March 19th thru Tues., 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."





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.



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Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community 147 West 24th Street, Erie, PA. 814-452-2982

Confessions to follow at 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by:

St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community, The Reason For Our Hope Foundation, and DME Retreat Program. FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

FINANCE REPORT for February 2023

| Weekly Offering (4 Sundays) | \$38,507 |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Other Income | |
| Monthly Expenses | \$49,095 |
| Short | \$9,613 |

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..

The Parable of the Cabbage Farmer: A Parable for Life

Grace Neubert

There once was a cabbage farmer who had been growing and cultivating his beloved cabbage patch for years — it was his pride and joy. Every day, the farmer would rise early to go out to the field to tend to his plants. Tenderly, he watered the cabbage and gave it fertilizer so that it would grow to become large and strong. Daily, he walked the rows inspecting each and every plant making note of which plants were struggling and which were flourishing. The farmer sought the best for his cabbage plants so that they would grow to nourish the people and communities that they would be delivered to at harvest time. Many other farmers in the area began to wonder about how the cabbage farmer had been so successful, as year after year he produced a bountiful harvest.

His neighbors noticed that throughout the rows of plants, the farmer planted herbs such as hyssop, peppermint, rosemary, sage, and thyme. "Why in the world," they wondered, "would the farmer clutter his rows with all these other plants?" "Any successful farmer," they thought, "would keep their crops separated, neat, and tidy."

They also noticed that the farmer could often be found outside late into the night watching over the plants. Again they ridiculed the farmer, "He is so strange, why would he stay awake with plants?"

As the cabbage farmer continued to excel in his field year after year, the other less successful, jealous farmers finally humbled themselves and approached the cabbage farmer. They said, "Every year, you harvest almost 100 percent of the crops you plant in the spring, but most other farmers only harvest 80 percent of their crops. So, how do you do it?," they asked. The farmer replied with a question, "What do you do to protect your crops from the insects threatening to destroy them?" "We spray them in the spring, but it is inevitable that the bugs will destroy them. You know that." they responded. The farmer nodded and asked another question,

"How do you protect your plants from predators and animals seeking to destroy them?" The farmers responded, "We set traps, but the animals still surpass the traps and destroy our crops. You know that." Again the farmer nodded. And he asked them one last question, "If you are all so willing to give up hope for your harvest every time you are faced with minor inconveniences like the bugs and animals attempting to destroy your crops, how do you expect that you will harvest the largest, highest quality of crops as I do?"

The other farmers, rattled by his questions, began to observe the cabbage farmer through a new lens. In the spring, like all the other farmers, he sprayed his crops to protect them from the bugs, but he also planted his herbs amongst the cabbage so that if the spray would fail, the bugs would be deterred from the cabbage plants by the aromatic herbs. He placed his traps strategically amongst the growing plants to remove predators from the field, but if the traps would fail, the farmer stayed awake and ready with his plants to save them from harm's way.

The cabbage farmer taught the other farmers a great lesson that day: that love, whether it be for one's crops or for another person means that one must sacrifice what is comfortable and convenient for the other.

So is life. Like the cabbage farmer, we all must come to appreciate and value the little plants— the babies, born and unborn— in our lives. We must cultivate and value our little plants, as much as the cabbage farmer did his, from the moment they entered the ground until they were grown and ready to make a difference for those that hungered. We must be like the cabbage farmer, then, and ask ourselves and others the challenging questions: Why is humanity allowing ignorant farmers to destroy 20 percent of our precious little plants? How can we as a society protect these little plants and be more proactive in protecting their lives from the moment of conception? What can society do to become more like the cabbage farmer?









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