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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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First Friday Week:

Elementary...

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

#### THE CATHOLIC BUBBLE

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up.

Don't misunderstand me: I love a good devout Catholic parish. I live for a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. But.

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." - Romans 8:27 **©LPi** 

# IT'S GREAT THAT YOU ARE HERE!!





July 22(S): Vigil of Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Bryon Resch (An.)

July 23: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

9:00 a.m. † Elsie Cashmer

11:00 a.m. L/D Rudolph & Barbara Dallasen Family

July 24(M): Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:15 a.m. † John Ritter

July 25(T): St. James, Apostle

6:15 a.m. L&D of Anthony & Amanda Pfeufer Family

July 26(W): St. Joachim & St. Anne,

Parents of the Virgin Mary

6:15 a.m. † Donald "Brownie" Meier

July 27(Th): Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time 6:15 a.m. † For the Innocent Victims of Abortion

7:00 p.m. Cursillo Mass

July 28(F): Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time 6:15 a.m.+++ Robert, Marilyn & Steven Hammer

July 29(S): Vigil of Seventeenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Aaron Murray (An.)

July 30: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners 9:00 a.m. L/D of Harold & Doris Sherry Family 11:00 a.m. †† Sandra Sell & Francis Fox, Sr. (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. Fridays at 3:00 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said by Vern Kneidel, and continue each Friday.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed Kenneth J. Coppolo (Brother of Vicki Coppolo). 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, Irene George, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Anita Kosmowski, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Sandy Tucker, & 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 July 23, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

†† Lawrence & Caroline Woelfel

†† Edward & Elmer Lanzel

#### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "went out of the house" so He could connect with the people he loved. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate the people you love.

## **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES**

Date: Time: Place:

**Mon.,Aug.,07, 2023** 6:30 p.m. St. Mark, Emporium

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#### WORD OF LIFE!!

"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" (George Eliot) What might your spouse be struggling with today? Can you do anything to make it less difficult?



WE WELCOME Theo William Brem into the Catholic Community.
Theo William is the son of Adam L. & Kassie J. (Leuschel) Brem
May God bless him as he grows in his faith and

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

Gabriel Kraus

love of God.

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#### "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.

24th Sylvia & B. G. Kronenwetter

25th Dutch Wegemer, Cathy Schneider, Karen Dick

26th A.J. Feidler, Amy Gorman27th Pamela Hunt, Marge Gerg

28th Patsy McAllister, Mark Bauer 29th Myra Trgovac, John Kosco

30th Jeanne Dippold, Gary Lang

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**WOMEN WHO CARE GRANTS** All Nonprofit Organizations Are Invited to Apply for Women Who Care Grants ~ If your organization has who care been looking for a way to fund a project or

program, consider applying for a Women Who Care (WWC) grant. WWC, a women's giving circle, is a project of the Elk County Community Foundation.

Grant applications for the 2023 granting cycle are now available until August 15. All nonprofit organizations, municipalities, schools and churches that benefit the public in Elk County are eligible to apply. Awards may be considered for start-up funds, new projects or to enhance well-established programs. The grant application is available on the ECCF website at www.elkcountyfoundation.org. The maximum grant award is \$5,000. Feel free to call the Community Foundation at 814-834-2125 for more information or assistance.

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING** AND ADOPTION SERVICES

Is holding our 28th Annual Diaper Drive during the month of July. Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, helps expecting families with newborn infants and parents of children under 1 year of age. We aid individuals of all faiths in the form of free diapers, infant clothing, baby formula and foods, car seats, and hygiene products. Our ability to provide these items is largely determined by donations either material or monetary. "Diaper Sunday" is on July 30th Thank you!

WHAT WE BELIEVE PROGRAM by Ascension Press Wednesday evenings thru August 16th 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting Questions? Contact Sue: 856.745.1550 or cswheeler45@gmail.com Please join us when you can!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY** we join the parishes of our diocese to make a special offering to the "National Needs" collection. In particular, this collection supports two Catholic agencies who work wonders among our own people: The Catholic Home Missions Appeal and the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Both groups support ministries and needs among the marginalized here in the U.S. We show our solidarity with the poor in our own land, and our help does make a difference in the lives of many. Place your envelope in the regular collection today. Thank you.

#### SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

23rd National Needs Combined Collection for: Catholic Home Mission Appeal and Black and Indian Home Missions

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church 4:00 p.m. Fridays Rosary in Church 1:00 p.m. **Fridays** Divine Mercy Chaplet in Church 3:00 p.m. **NO PARISH COUNCIL for August** 

#### **AREA NEWS**

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



#### **RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING**

LIBRARY

Located on the main floor, of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, is open to all in the community. Mon., thru Fri., from 9 am to 4 pm. Not open on Holidays or Holy Days

THE MATERNITY CLOSET ~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. Remember that in front of the Maternity Closet is a cabinet filled with items should you need something at anytime. Questions: Call Theresa at 814-781-1137.

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ST. TOBIAS will be offering an evening Mass at 6:00 pm once a month for the remainder of the year on the following dates: Aug., 6, Sept., 3, Oct., 8, Nov., 5, and Dec., 3.



#### **ECCSS SUMMER CAMPS~**

SMCES Kindergarten Readiness Camp July 24-27, 2023 Little Spikers Volleyball July 31- Aug., 3, 2023 Band Camp July 31- Aug., 11, 2023 SLS Kindergarten Readiness Camp July 31- Aug., 3, 2023 Soccer Camp August 8-10, 2023 More Info: https://eccss.org/summercamps





#### St. Marys Inter-Parish





#### Youth and Young Adult Minister/Middle School **Faith Formation Coordinator**

St. Marys' Interparish Faith Formation in St. Marys is actively seeking a youth and young adult minister/middle school faith formation coordinator. The candidate should be energetic with a deep commitment to supporting youth in building a relationship with Christ as well as an openness to the Holy Spirit working within them. A full job description is available upon request. Competitive wage and benefits are offered. Interested candidates should contact Mary Lynn Carnovale at sminterparishff@gmail.com or 814.781.1042.



Where: Dunkin Donuts on the Million Dollar Highway, St. Marys

When: Aug. 2, 2023 **Time:** 6:45pm—8:15pm Who: Students in grades 6-12 The drinks are on us!!

Sponsored by: Rooted Youth Ministry Come for an evening of fun and Purpose. Join us as we walk together in faith through seeing Christ

in all things and situations!!

**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends** ATTENTION LADIES: Are you ready to revitalize your soul? Ladies, please consider joining us for a beautiful retreat experience to deepen your faith, and bathe in the love of God? Cursillo means "a short course" in Christianity. It is a three-day experience of men, or women, run by a passionate group of leaders who are already preparing for your spiritual experience. Cursillo will bring JOY into your life that you have never experienced.

### Women's Cursillo #260: August 11 -13, 2023 **Elk County Catholic High School**

For more information please contact the parish office, visit the Erie Cursillo website at: http://eriecursillo.org or email Julie at elkcameroncursillo@gmail.com. Women's Cursillo #260 is open to women of all ages & faiths. Women no longer need to wait until their spouses have made a Cursillo.

CURSILLO ULTREYA ~ Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. Sacred Heart Church. Please bring something to share for the Social. Hope to see YOU there!



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#### **RCIA News** WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH'S RCIA PROCESS.



The RCIA is a process through which our church welcomes those who wish to inquire about the Catholic Christian faith. The first step in the RCIA process is the Period of Inquiry. Inquiry is the "just looking" stage, when persons who feel drawn to Catholicism can ask questions about the faith.

Inquiry is a gentle process with no pressure. If inquirers find they are not ready or willing to belong to the Catholic community, they leave with the blessings of the community to further search for spiritual meaning. Others find that they are attracted to the Catholic way of life and decide to move to the next stage of the journey.

Want to learn more? Call Kathy Cheatle at 781-3009, or the Parish Office at 834-7861, Option 1

#### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Did you know that modern methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) can be used to reliably space children, help infertile couples achieve pregnancy, increase body literacy, and help diagnose and wholistically treat women's health issues? In honor of Natural Family Planning Awareness week, explore information.





New to the Erie Diocese, "Behold!" is a cycle tracking class for high school girls and their moms. In this single 2-hour session, teens learn how to track, what to look for in an app, tips for keeping a cycle 'normal', and what to do when it isn't. Interested in hosting a class? Call for more information!





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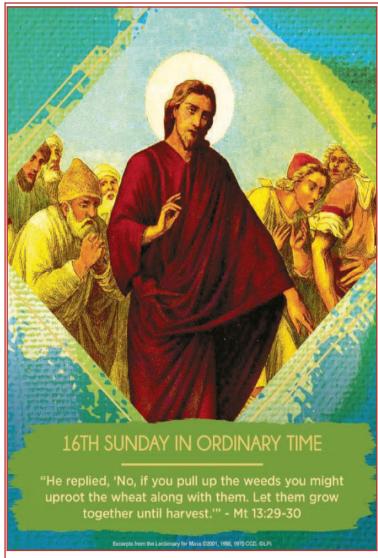
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The Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, Pa. (eriercd.org) Mother/Daughter Teas are held every spring in two Erie Diocese locations and are designed for girls age 10+ and their moms. Through talks and activities (and food, of course!) girls learn how to navigate their fertility changes alongside their #1 supporter!





#### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### First Reading:

Our Jewish wisdom writer describes God as lenient, powerful, and kind.

What words would you use to describe God?

#### Second Reading:

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that the Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us what to pray for. What could you pray for this week?

#### Gospel

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks privately to his disciples of the presence of the evil one, the devil in this world.

How can we best defend our family and loved ones from evil? ©LPi

# Prayer for Increased Faith

Dear Lord.

You say that faith needs only be the size of a mustard seed but even that seems like a lot some days. Increase our faith!

Let's move mountains, together. Amen.



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great).

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— Father John Muir ©LP

#### Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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