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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



Parish Office will be closed on Mon., Sept., 4th for Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tues., 5th at 9:00am

Ministries & Committees

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	Cub Scout Pack 95	
	911 9	

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!! SO NICE YOU ARE HERE!!



MATERNITY CLOSET ~

The number of mothers and grandmothers visiting the Maternity Closet has recently increased. In addition to the mothers who visit on a monthly basis, we also



have an outdoor cabinet filled with free diapers, wipes, and other miscellaneous items. We are asking your **HELP** in supplying these items. There will be a collection drive the weekend of Grandparent's Day, September 10, 2023. We thank you in advance for supporting our pro life efforts.

Sept., 2(S): Vigil of Twenty-Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Mickey Pfingstler

Sept., 3: **Twenty-Second Sunday**

in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. †† LaVern & Rachael Schaberl 9:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners 11:00 a.m. L/D of James Weidow Family,

George Bullers Family, & Joe Michuck Family Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Sept.,4(M):

6:15 a.m. †† Gerald & Dorothy Newell

Sept., 5(T): Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time 6:15 a.m. †† Lou Ann Nellis & Thomas Nellis, Jr. Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time Sept., 6(W): L/D of Nick & Helen Solic Family 6:15 a.m.

Sept., 7(Th): Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time L/D of Charles & Beatrice Young Family 6:15 a.m.

Sept., 8(F): Nativity Of The Virgin Mary

6:15 a.m. † Evelyn Fox

Sept., 9(S): Vigil of Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m.†††† Doug & Ele Andrews and Tony & Zora Frank

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept., 10:

For Sacred Heart Parishioners 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. † Mildred Cheatle 11:00 a.m. † Peggy (Wolf) Bauer

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.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. 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, Patty Brock Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Don Geci, Irene George, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Anita Kosmowski, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Emily Saline, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Sandy Tucker, Lucy Weis, and 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 September 3, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

†† Lou Ann Nellis & Thomas Nellis, Jr. L/D of Marconi Family

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Time: Place: Date:

Tues., Sept 5, 2023 6:30 p.m. Queen of the World, 814-834-4701

MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE:

"A wedding is one day, but 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 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. For more information and to register visit https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/.

All couples are welcome.

The next EE weekend is scheduled for Jan., 19-21, 2024. at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.

"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 and **Deacon Brian Mevers** Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary 7880 W. Denton Road Denton, NE 68339

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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

- 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.

4th Tom Nellis, Sr., Sue Kneidel Werner 5th Leona Fritz, Dorothy Terry, Sarah Erich

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

If you would like to be a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, please call the Parish Office at 834-7861 #1.



August 25, 2023

Letter to be read to parishioners at all Masses August 26-27, 2023

TO: All Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish and St. Mary Parish, both in St. Marys, PA

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

After collaborative consultations with Archabbot Martin Bartel, OSB, and the priests currently assigned to the three parishes in St. Marys, I have decided to establish Sacred Heart Parish and St. Mary Parish as partner parishes, according to the particular law of the Diocese of Erie. This means that they will share a pastor and parochial vicar, and collaborate closely with each other as much as possible. This status of partner parishes will be effective September 20, 2023.

Upon the presentation of Archabbot Martin, I have appointed the Reverend Thomas Curry, OSB, as pastor of both parishes and the Reverend Thomas More Sikora, OSB, as parochial vicar of both parishes. These appointments will also take effect on September 20, 2023.

Finally, in order to coordinate sacramental life, I have approved the following weekend Mass schedule for the two parishes:

Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m. – St. Mary Church Sunday Masses

7:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church

9:00 a.m. - St. Mary Church

10:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church

This new schedule will take effect on the weekend of September 23-24. Please note, the current Mass schedule at Queen of the World Parish will remain for the time being.

Allow me to offer some background to these decisions. Currently, the Diocese of Erie has 93 parishes – 40 of them are partnered with at least one other parish, and under the leadership of one pastor. This structure facilitates the close collaboration of the parish communities, parish staff and parish councils. While the finances of each

parish are separate, the parish finance councils frequently interact to maximize the impact of parish revenues and streamline expenses. Faith formation, liturgical planning, outreach and evangelization all benefit from a collaborative partnership. Ultimately, parishes working together reduces the burden on the priests, whose numbers are declining, both in the Diocese of Erie and St. Vincent Archabbey.

In St. Marys alone, we can see the need to make changes, just as they are happening across the diocese. While three parishes in St. Marys each have their own history and identity, I recognize the unique working relationship of St. Mary Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, both staffed by Benedictine priests. In October 2000, there were 8570 parishioners attending ten Sunday Masses at the three separate parishes in St. Marys, and these parishes were staffed by six priests. This past October, 1600 parishioners attended eight Sunday Masses staffed by four priests, including Fr. Eric Vogt who passed away in April. In addition to the significant drop in the number of Catholics who attend Mass in St. Marys each Sunday — again, similar to what we are seeing across northwest Pennsylvania — the Diocese of Erie and the Archabbey have far fewer priests with which to staff parishes.

Even though I know change is always challenging, we are fortunate to be able to keep all three parishes open for the time being, and to have three priests serving in the St. Marys area.

I would like to thank Archabbot Martin for his generosity, as well as Father Thomas Curry, Father Thomas More Sikora, and Father Jeffery Noble for ensuring that these changes are implemented effectively for your pastoral benefit. They are committed to continue working together so that the cooperation of the three parishes in many endeavors continues and even expands.

If our mission is to care for souls, celebrate the Eucharist, proclaim and live the Gospel, catechize the faithful and help others develop a personal relationship with Christ, we have no choice but to be open to change. I cannot emphasize strongly enough that although our structures may change, the mission Christ gave us to go forth and make disciples remains.

I look forward to working with you in a collaborative spirit, knowing we are doing what needs to be done to create parish communities that are vibrant, life-giving places of worship where people find encouragement and hope as they grow in their relationship with Christ, his Church and each other.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL

Bishop of Erie

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ~

Will meet on Tuesday, September 12th in the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex at 6:30 p.m. For additional information please call Mary Bea at 814-834-3834.



Special Thanks to:

Linda Brunner.

Connie Miller.

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Thanks to all the golfers and we hope to see you next year.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF

Sept., 17 In Support of Our Parish School Children Sept., 24 Catholic Education Collection

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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. Sept.,12 Elk County Right To Life Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sept.,18 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting Noon

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TUES. SEPT. 5TH, 2023 SAINT MARYS PARISH CHURCH CENTER CAFE

Middle School and High School students Come join us for some fun and games at Dunkin Donuts

Where: Dunkin Donuts on the Million Dollar Highway, St. Marys When: Sept 6, 2023 Time: 6:45pm-8:15pm

> Who: Students in grades 6-12 The drinks are on us!!







OPEN HOUSE DATES: TUES. SEPT. 12th 2:30 PM TO 4:00 PM TUES, SEPT. 12th 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM WED. SEPT. 13th 2:30 PM TO 4:00 PM THURS. SEPT. 14th 2:30 PM TO 4:00 PM

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Registration is **NOW** open for Faith Formation at sminterparishff.com Faith Formation Orientation Nights

Elementary Level Grades 1-5 Orientation

Wednesday Sept. 6, 2023 6:00pm - 7:30pm St. Mary's Church Parish Center Café. 325 Church St. St. Mary's (Former Catholic Middle School)

At least One parent and student must attend Grade 1 options Wednesdays at Sacred Heart 5:50pm - 7:20pm or St. Marys Church from 6:00pm - 7:30pm Tuesdays at Sacred Heart from 6:00pm – 7:15pm. Grade 1 Classes limited to 10 each and you can pick class when registering till class is full First day of class will be Wed. Sept. 13 at

6:00pm - 7:30pm at St. Mary's Church Parish Center, 325 Church St.

Middle School Orientation Grades 6 - 8

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 6:00pm - 7:45pm St. Mary's Church Parish Center Café 325 Church St. (Former Catholic Middle School) At least One parent and student must attend First class for Middle School level will be Sept. 17 at 6:00pm - 7:45pm at St. Mary's Church Parish Center cafe, 325 Church St.

Confirmation Orientation

Grades 9th, 10th Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 6:00pm – 7:45pm In the St. Mary's Church

At least One parent and student **must** attend First Class will be at St. Mary's Church Parish Center Café. 325 Church St. on Sept. 17 at 6:00pm - 7:45pm

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