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WELCOME HOME!!



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What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held on January 19-21, 2024, in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. For more details and registration visit https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/. Remember, "A wedding is one day,

but marriage is for a lifetime."

STRUGGLING TO SEE GOD

If right now you are facing life's challenges, grieving the loss of someone or something, caught in a pattern of sin, or enveloped in a blanket of darkness and you are inclined to shout, "Where are you God," do not lose hope! Matthew 5:8 gives us this assurance,



"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Psalm 34:18-19 tells us,

"The righteous cry out, the LORD hears and he rescues them from all their afflictions. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed."

EXCERPT 4TH DAY LETTERS FROM BROKEN DOOR~ October 15, 2023 By Brian Pusateri

Spirit Filled

I am learning and growing, You are loving and showing. Me how to live.

Growing is knowing, Faith keeps on glowing, As You are bestowing, The grace to forgive.

Poem by: Susan Kneidel Werner

Nov., 4(S): Vigil of 31st Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's Church

4:30 p.m. L/D of Lewis & Catherine Hoffman Family 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov.. 5:

Sacred Heart Church

7:00 a.m. Mass For The Parishioners

St. Mary's Church

9:00 a.m. † Irene (Iny) Rettger

Sacred Heart Church

10:30 a.m. L/D of Lang, Dell'Aere & Beck Families

† Thomas G. Herzing (An.)

Nov., 6(M): 31st Week in Ordinary Time 6:15 a.m. ††† Robert, Marilyn & Steven Hammer

Nov., 7(T): 31st Week in Ordinary Time 6:15 a.m. ††† Bud, Nadine & Jeanne Weber Nov., 8(W): 31st Week in Ordinary Time

6:15 a.m. † Herbert B. Lenze (An.)

Nov., 9(Th): **Dedication Of The Lateran Basilica**

In Rome

Dave & Nancy Plows In Thanksgiving 6:15 a.m. Nov., 10(F): St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of

the Church

John Ritter & Adam Wolfel 6:15 a.m. †† Nov., 11(S): Vigil of 32nd Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's Church

4:30 p.m. L/D Mike & Theresa Eberl Family

† Laura Clark

Nov., 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart Church

7:00 a.m. † Abby Dobson

St. Mary's Church

9:00 a.m. L/D Joseph & Marie Hoffman Family

Sacred Heart Church

10:30 a.m. Mass For The Parishioners

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 .

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, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Don Geci, Irene George, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Anita Kosmowski, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Tom Nellis, Dave Nellis, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Emily Saline, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Sandy Tucker, Lucy Weis, and Mary Jo Wheeler.

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

† Laura Clark (An.) **Rose Williams**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of marriage and parenting: "The greatest among you must be your servant." Children receive our genes, name and resources; and spouses share a lifelong commitment. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception, and the marriage covenant begins on the wedding day. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

WORD OF LIFE!!

Election Day in the USA is Nov., 7.

Do you and your beloved share the same politics? If so, good, problem solved. Just make sure you vote. If not, that's also fine, but have you ever had a calm, respectful discussion about your views. You still don't have to agree, but it will probably strengthen your relationship. Then still vote – even if differently.

THANK YOU

For the donations to the Church In memory of Kelley A. Hritz: \$10 In memory of Lawrence J. Nicklas: \$10

"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 Meyers Deacon Luke Daghir Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary St. Mary's Seminary 5400 Roland Avenue 7880 W. Denton Road Denton, NE 68339 Baltimore, MD 21210

"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.

Cathy Dornisch, Amy Gorman, Dick Wolfe 6th

Fuzzy Cappiello, Martin Hammer 7th

Dorothy Mallette, Alice Lynch, Marsha Meyer, 8th Jim McAllister, Lisa Werneth, Dick Wolfe

Gretchen Meyer, Julie Lecker, Mary Benigni 9th

Don Weis, Bonnie Pearson 10th

11th Gretchen Meyer, Sue Kneidel Werner, Amy Detsch

Tom Dornisch, Dick Wolfe 12th

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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HELP IS NEEDED~ Sacred Heart SUPER BINGO

would like to know if you are able to volunteer. What help is needed: Co-Chair for BINGO, Floor Workers, Admission, and Clean Up. Workers may work every other month. If you are willing to volunteer with any help, please call Helene at 814-594-0439 OR Kathy at the Parish Center 814-834-7861 ext. 4 (leave a message) it would be truly appreciated.

Thank you so much!



ST. MARY'S CHURCH~ is looking for Religious Items that you no longer want or don't know what to do with. Bring any items, even broken ones, to the Parish Office (325 Church St) for their Religious Item

Rummage Sale. Tentative date is Sat., Nov., 25th. So get you items to them before that date.



MERRY WIDOWS~ Luncheon & meeting Widow Monday, Nov., 13 Noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Cost is \$10.00.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ~ Will meet on Tuesday, November 14th in the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex at 6:30 p.m. For additional information please call Mary Bea at 814-834-3834.

ST. ANNE SOCIETY ~ will meet on Monday, November 20, 2023 in the Sacred Heart Parish Center Cafeteria. Lunch will be served at Noon with group #2 followed by meeting and cards. New members are always welcome.



SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING~ **NOVEMBER 21, 2023 PARISH CENTER AT 6:00 P.M.**

"WALKING TOGETHER ON OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY"

Overnight Retreat Olmsted Conference Center Ludlow, PA., Nov. 16-17, 2023, Noon to Noon.

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Catholic Rural Ministry 7 Pulaski St., Oil City PA 16301 by Nov. 8, 2023 Any questions: srtinag@gmail.com

Sister Marian and Sister Tina



SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF

Nov., 19 In Support of our Parish School Children

Nov., 23 Thanksgiving Offering-St. Vincent De Paul

Nov., 26 Human Development

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. Nov., 14 Elk County Right to Life 6:30 p.m. Nov., 20 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting Noon Nov., 21 S.H. Parish Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dec., 09 Bah Humbug

AREA NEWS

BOWLS OF LOVE is a free meal served every Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church from 4-5:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.



ADORATION AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH every Tuesday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Closing: Benediction: 5:00 PM.



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



BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP at 139 Church St. is fully stocked for Fall. And while you're in the area, please take time to stop by our renovated '1886 Chapel' at 315 Church St. (Right beside the St. Mary's Catholic Church).



RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING Located on the main floor, of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Mon., thru Fri., 9 am to 4 pm. Don't miss the opportunity to stop by and look around at all of the wonderful books, videos, DVD and other information that the library has to offer everyone. 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. Notice 4th Thurs., 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. will no longer be opened.

PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP Hours: Mon., thru Thurs., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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: Nov., 5, and Dec., 3.

SMAHS MUSIC SMA Band Boosters' Holiday Bazaar Sat., Nov., 11, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Located at the St. Marys Area High School Over 140 vendors & over 100 items in a basket raffle.

BETHANY RETREAT CENTER FRENCHVILLE~ **NOVEMBER 2023**

Icon Writing Workshop November 6th - 10th Led by Fr. Peter Pearson The Grieving Spirit: Loss of a Parent November 14th Led by Dr. Jan Satterlee Advent Centering Prayer Retreat November 30th - December 3rd Led by Sr. Ruth Ann Madera





St. Marys Inter-Parish



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Discussion

Faith Formation Calendar

All classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center (Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street, unless otherwise noted.

Sun., Nov.5 Middle School Faith Formation 6:00 p.m. 7:15p.m. (Note time change of Dismissal) Parent Component session 6:00 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m.–7:45 p.m. (Sponsor name is due. Sponsor to go to sminterparishff.com to fill out sponsor form.) **Tues., Nov.7** Queen of the World

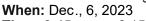
First Communion Parent/Pastor meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Queen of the World Church.

Wed., Nov. 8 Sacred Heart / St. Mary's First Communion Parent/Pastor meeting at 6:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

St. Boniface First Communion Parent/Pastor meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Boniface Church.

Where: Dunkin Donuts

on the Million Dollar Highway, St. Marys



Time: 6:45 p.m.—8:15 p.m. Who: Students in grades 6-12

The drinks are on us!!

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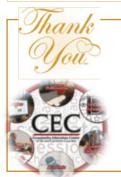
Christ in all things and situations!!

Shining Hearts Group for Families

Shining Hearts is open to any families with children up to 6th grade. We get together monthly and create family time and meet other families. The kids have enjoyed meeting other children and creating great friendships for the whole family. We recently met at Sacred Heart for Family Fall Fun Day and the children had free play in the gym. Some children with their parents enjoyed a game of dodgeball. Watch for our next family event in November and come join us.









Call the CEC at 814-781-3437 or Email communityedcenter.com Check out online program offerings



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INFORMATIONAL NIGHT THURSDAY NOV. 9th @ 6:30 pm

Saint Mary's Church Parish Center Youth Room (Top Floor of Parish Center, 325 Church St., St. Marys)

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Saint Theresa of Calcutta



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Info meeting on Nov. 9th at 6:30 at St. Mary's Church Parish Center Youth Room, 325 Church St., St. Marys or contact Hannah Cheatle 814-781-1042.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS ST. LEO CHURCH ~

Three Days of Prayer, Adoration, & Inspiration Centered on the Holy Eucharist. November 8-9-10, 2023.

Wednesday, November 8th ~ 8:30 a.m. Mass (Votive Mass for the Holy Eucharist) 9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins. *We will pray the Stations of the Eucharist after Mass.* 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance. 7:00 p.m. Forty Hours Devotions with Fr. Justin Pino as Homilist. Thursday, November 9th ~ 8:30 a.m. Mass (Feast of the Lateran Basilica) 9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins. *We will pray the Rosary after Mass.* 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance, 7:00 p.m. Forty Hours Devotions with Fr. William Laska as Homilist.

Friday, November 10th ~ 9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins with Morning Prayer. The Relic of Saint Leo will also be available for veneration. 1:00 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer. 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance. 7:00 p.m. Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Leo Magnus with Fr. Mark Greoger Homilist.





Fr. Justin

Fr. William

Fr. Mark

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman 27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they think they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt. When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40 ©LPi







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