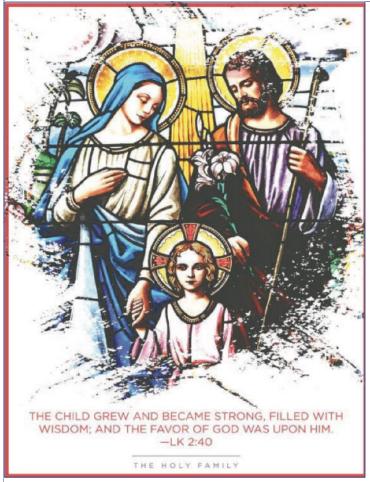
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

PA Charitable Trust Partnered With Saint Mary's Church 337 Center Street – St. Marys, PA 15857 Sacred Heart Parish Office: 814-834-7861 Fax: 814-834-1376 • Sacred Heart Parish Center: 814-834-4017 e-mail: sacredheartparish@windstream.net • Website: www.sacredheartparish.us

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mission Statement

Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

WELCOME TO ALL!

Confessions: Saturday: Saint Mary's Church 3:30-4:15 p.m.

> First Friday Week: Sacred Heart Church Thursday 4:00 p.m. Till all are heard Anytime by Appointment

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Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart Church Sunday - 7:00 & 10:30 a.m. Saint Mary's Church Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Saint Mary's Church Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

> Parish Office will be closed on Holy Days & Holidays

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord.

With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is a gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen. ©LPi

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too. — Father John Muir ©LPi

	Vigil of Holy Family
Saint Mary's C	hurch
4:30 p.m. †	L/D of Alfred J. Bauer Family
Dec., 31:	Holy Family
Sacred Heart (Church
7:00 a.m.	Mass for the Parishioners
Saint Mary's C	hurch
9:00 a.m. †	Verena Cuneo
Sacred Heart (Church
	D of Herman & Catherine Lenze Family
	Solemnity of Mary,
	The Holy Mother of God
Sacred Heart (
6:15 a.m.	
Saint Mary's C	
	L/D of Casmir Gorlowski,
0.00 4	Frank & Helen Gorlowski and
	Edward & Mary Lecker Families
Sacred Heart (
10:30 a.m.	
Jan., 2(T):	St. Basil the Great and
oun., 2(1).	St. Gregory Nazianzen,
	Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Saint Mary's C	
	L/D of Ken & Janet Wolfe Family
	Christmas Week
Sacred Heart (
0.10 a.m.	L/D of John & Margaret Gausman & Albert & Mary Bickmire Families
lan 4(Th)·	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Saint Mary's C	burch
8.30 a m	L/D of Earl & Alma Wingard Family
lan 5/E).	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Sacred Heart (St. John Neumann, Dishop
	Janet & Edward "Skip" Heigel
lan 6/91	Christmas Week
Saint Mary's C	
Saint Mary's C	David Gutowski
Sant Mary SC	
1.30 pm +	Vigil of The Epiphany Of The Lord David Auman
	The Epiphany Of The Lord
Jan., 7: Sacred Heart (
	Mass for the Parishioners
7:00 a.m.	
Saint Mary's C	
	Helen Petruna
Sacred Heart (
10:30 a.m.	L/D of Armanini & Pollick Family
	Jim Armanini & Bucky Pollick

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.

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.



The week of December 31, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions: **† Joseph Scutella** L/D of Dinsmore & Bankovich Families

To schedule a particular intention or week, please call the Parish Office at 814-834-7861 Ext. 1. The donation is \$10.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: Jan., 9th Time: Place: 6:30 p.m. Queen of the World 814-834-4701



WISHING ALL OF YOU A VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Fr. Thomas Curry, Pastor Fr. Thomas More Sikora, Parochial Vicar Deacon Andy, Deacon Bill, and Deacon Ray and the Parish Staff from Sacred Heart and Saint Mary's Sacred Heart Parish Office will open on January 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS~ Now that all of the Mass Intentions requested have bee scheduled, there are extra weekday Masses available, the 6:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart and 8:30 a.m. at Saint Mary's. There are **NO** weekend Masses available. You may choose one extra Mass at this time. Please fill out the "pink" slip or contact the Saint Mary's Office 814-781-1019.



Sacred Heart Church & Saint Mary's Church PA Charitable Trusts Partnered Parish Update



Mass Time Changes for all <u>Weekday</u> Masses beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Sacred Heart Church: 6:15AM Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Saint Mary's Church: 8:30AM Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Chrissy Aikens, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Don Geci, Sara Geitner, Irene George, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Dave Nellis, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Emily Saline, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Mary Jo Wheeler, and Dominick Herbstritt, Brooks Murphy and Lucy Weis. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.



THANK YOU!! The Maternity Closet staff would like to express our thanks and prayers to you for the overwhelming response to the Giving Tree. We are grateful for all the gifts and thoughtful "extras" you placed on the packages. May God bless you in the New Year and continue to bless our mission of helping mothers and babies.



NEW NAME FOR

The Religious and Pro Life Lending Library

Now called "LIFE AFFIRMING SPIRITUAL LIBRARY"

Sacred Heart's once little pro-life library has grown through 2023 into a fully stocked, just-right space for private reading, viewing, listening, seeking and finding God's Guidance on vital Spiritual Matters. "The Life Affirming Spiritual Library" Offers everyone quiet refuge for reflection and discernment across changing life circumstances and stages. Keep "The Life Affirming Spiritual Library" in mind to recommend when friends, neighbors and family members seek safe and certain stepping stones along their journey toward CHRIST's way, truth, life.

The Library is still located in the Sacred Heart Parish Center and is opened Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is closed on the Weekends, Holy Days and Holidays.





CHILDREN & Youth Services Elk County, PA. Foster The Change Somewhere, Someone Incredible Needs a Family Like Yours! Become an Elk County Foster Parent

More Information

CONTACT US

Children & Youth Services

814-776-1553

Foster Care

- Agency support
- Financial aide
- Open your heart & home

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church 4:00 p.m		
	Adoration after the 6:15 AM Mass	
Fridays	Rosary in Church	1:00 p.m.
Fridays	Divine Mercy Chaplet in Church	3:00 p.m.
Jan., 5	S.H. Single Bingo Doors Open at	4:00 p.m.
Jan., 9	Elk County Right to Life Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	NO Saint Anne Society until March	-
Jan., 16	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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.

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".

ADORATION AT SACRED HEART

every Friday following the 6:15 a.m. Mass. At **3:00 p.m.** the Divine Mercy Chaplet Closing: Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

ADORATION AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH every Tuesday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Closing: Benediction: 4:00 PM.

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

THE BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP~

139 Church Street in St. Marys is your one-stop shop for Religious Items. Carrying on the tradition of the Benedictine Sisters of Elk County, they strive to provide quality merchandise at the lowest price possible. Check out their Facebook page to see what is new. Open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed on Sundays, Mondays and Holy Days.

PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP

Hours: Mon., thru Thurs., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stop by and check it out!



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SCRIP PROGRAM?

You can earn money towards tuition at ECC schools by buying gift cards to your favorite online and local businesses. You can buy for a family member, neighbor, or just to "Help A Student". The Scrip office is located in the downstairs of Queen of the World Church. For their hours and more info, call Cathy Bille, 814-594-9036.



SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF Jan., 01, 2024 Solemnity of Mary







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St. Marys Inter-Parish

FORMATION

OLIFE TEEN

Wed., Jan. 3 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Grade 1 CGS at Sacred Heart Atrium (5:50 PM– 7:20 PM)

Sun., Jan. 7 St. Boniface Whole Family Catechesis 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM Middle School Faith Formation 6:00 PM- 7:45 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Tues., Jan. 9 Confirmation class for SMA students after 3rd Period in Room 205

Wed., Jan. 10 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (4th and 5th grade Family Night) Grade 1 CGS at Sacred Heart Atrium (5:50 PM – 7:20 PM)



St. Marys Inter-Parish Faith Formation Middle School News

Middle School Parent Component Night Sunday, January 14, 2024 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm Youth Group/Media Room (top floor of Saint Mary's Parish Center) What is My Identity? Discovering Who I Am? Discussion on Teen's Identity Development



MAKE-UP RETREAT Saturday, January 20th 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm Saint Mary's Parish Cafe Parents please stop in at 4:15 p.m. to join us for 4:30 p.m. Mass at Saint Mary's Parish which will be the conclusion of the retreat. Lunch will be provided Please RSVP to smmiddleschoolff@gmail.com



First Reconciliation Retreat

Saint Boniface Students January 27, 2024 1:00 PM—4:00 PM Will meet in the Saint Boniface Church Retreat is for students but parents are always welcome to stay.

Sacred Heart and Saint Mary's Church Students February 3, 2024 9:00 AM—NOON Will meet in the Saint Mary's Church with dismissal from the Saint Mary's Church Parish Center Retreat is for students but parents are always welcome to stay.

Queen of the World Students February 3, 2024 9:00 AM —NOON Will meet in the Queen of the World Church Retreat is for students but parents are always welcome to stay.

Rooted Youth Minist

All Confirmation and Middle School Students Works of Mercy Opportunity

Serve Donuts and Coffee after Mass On Feb. 11th for your Parish



Planning Meeting for Social: January 7th 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm Saint Mary's Parish Center Café' This hour of planning will count as a Work of Mercy.

RSVP Send a Remind or E-mail to smmiddleschoolff@gmail.com



Northern Tier Settlement Services, LLC Real Estate Closing "Your Convenience is Our Priority" 122 Center Street, St. Marys, PA 15857 Telephone: 814-834-1311 Fax: 8148341116 Email: NTSS@windstream.net



Where: Dunkin Donuts on the Million Dollar Highway, St. Marys When: Jan. 3, 2024 Time: 6:45pm—8:15pm Who: Students in grades 6-12 The drinks are on us!! Sponsored by: Rooted Youth Ministry







NEW

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"SPECIAL THANK YOU"

Many, many thanks to our wonderful **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** for their very generous Gift to Sacred Heart Church in the amount of **\$50,000**. God Bless you for all your many volunteer hours that you devote to Sacred Heart Parish!! May God reward you with peace, joy and good health In the New Year!!

BINGO

Sacred Heart Parish Center Center St. St. Marys 814-834-7861 Friday, January 5, 2024 BINGO WILL NOW BE <u>SINGLE BINGO</u> Doors open at 4:00 p.m. FREE Delicious Lunch at 5:30 p.m.

EARLY BIRD GAME RED HOT SPECIAL starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by Break the Bank SAME NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED AND SAME GIVE AWAY AMOUNT

16 Regular Games Single Bingo @ 100 4 Specials @ 250 (1) Mystery # <u>HUGE Jackpot @ 2,500 in 52 #'s</u> <u>Guaranteed 1,000 Every Month</u> (10) "DOOR PRIZES" @ \$10 each (4) "DOOR PRIZES" @ \$25 each **Come to Sacred Heart Parish Center** get out of the house and cold and PLAY BINGO!!

> HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! Benefit: Sacred Heart Parish

> > R P. P. Britter Land

"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 Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary 7880 W. Denton Road Denton, NE 68339

Deacon Luke Daghir St. Mary's Seminary 5400 Roland Avenue 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 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.

1st	Rose Johnston, Terri Bish, Yolanda Wolfel
2nd	Catherine Labant, Joe Lynch, Dick Sweeney
3rd	Sue Dornisch, Andy Dornisch, Diane Neubert
4th	Tom Nellis, Sr., Sue Kneidel Werner,
	Steve & Rose Ann Silveri
5th	Leona Fritz, Sarah Erich, Phylis Ryden
6th	Cathy Dornisch, Amy Gorman, Dick Wolfe

7th Fuzzy Cappiello, Martin Hammer

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM~ JOIN OUR TEAM ~ WE ARE HIRING CHECK OUT THE AD'S BELOW & CONTACT US!







OPEN POSITION

ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER

PRESCHOOL-8

LOCATION

- St. Marys Catholic Elementary School
 St. Leo Catholic School
- Full and part-time applicant: will be considered.

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iend your CV & resume to emo layd@eccss.org

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

Elk County Catholic High School Part-Time High School Mathematics February-April 2024 Contact: John Schneider, Principal

Elk County Catholic High School

+ 600 Maurus Street St. Marys, PA 15857 email: <u>schneiderj@eccss.org</u> 814-834-7800



ENGAGED? CONGRATULATIONS!

Next to your own wedding day, Engagement Encounter is a weekend you will never forget! EE still has a few openings for its **January 19-21** weekend at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or mail <u>familylife@erieRCD.org</u>. Visit <u>https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/</u> to register. Space is limited; register today! Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.

Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime".



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