

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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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.



WELCOME !!

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

Weekday Masses:

Sacred Heart Church~ 6:15 a.m.
Mon., Wed., Friday

Saint Mary's Church~ 8:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs., Saturday

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.

Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – IN WRITING

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2

Jan., 6(S): Christmas Week
Saint Mary's Church
 8:30 a.m. † David Gutowski
Saint Mary's Church
 4:30 p.m. † David Auman

Jan., 7: The Epiphany Of The Lord
Sacred Heart Church
 7:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners
Saint Mary's Church
 9:00 a.m. † Helen Petruna
Sacred Heart Church
 10:30 a.m. L/D of Armanini & Pollick Family
 Jim Armanini & Bucky Pollick

Jan., 8(M): Baptism of Our Lord
Sacred Heart Church
 6:15 a.m. L/D of Pete & Joan DePrater Family

Jan., 9(T): 1st Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Mary's Church
 8:30 a.m. L/D of Arthur, Mercedes, & David Krieg Family

Jan., 10(W): 1st Week in Ordinary Time
Sacred Heart Church
 6:15 a.m. Marion S. DeLucia & Sarah C. DeLucia

Jan., 11(Th): 1st Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Mary's Church
 8:30 a.m. L/D of Engelberg/Lecker Family

Jan., 12(F): 1st Week in Ordinary Time
Sacred Heart Church
 6:15 a.m. † Deceased Members of
 John A. & Marie Fox Kuntz Family

Jan., 13(S): St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saint Mary's Church
 8:30 a.m. L/D of Edward & Elizabeth Flannigan Family
Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 p.m. Diana (Meyer) Prowell

Jan., 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacred Heart Church
 7:00 a.m. L/D of John & Grace Cyone Family
Saint Mary's Church
 9:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners
Sacred Heart Church
 10:30 a.m. † Father Eric T. Vogt, O.S.B.

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, 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.



The week of January 7, 2024 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:
 †† Howard & Dorie McAllister
 L/D of Charles & Beatrice Rigard Family

Tabernacle Angel Candles are available here at Sacred Heart for you to remember your loved ones or your intention.
 To schedule a particular intention, please call the Parish Office at 814-834-7861 Ext.#1.
 The donation is \$10 and should be mailed to Sacred Heart Parish Office.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: Feb., 9th **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Place:** St. Joseph, Force
 814-787-4151



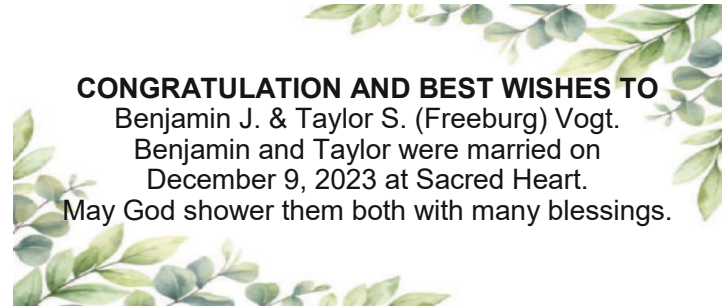
PRE-CANA SESSIONS

Date: Sat., March 16th **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. **Place:** Queen of the Mass included RSVP 814-834-4701 World Parish



CONGRATULATION AND BEST WISHES TO

Benjamin J. & Taylor S. (Freeburg) Vogt.
 Benjamin and Taylor were married on December 9, 2023 at Sacred Heart.
 May God shower them both with many blessings.



"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 Dagher St. Mary's Seminary 5400 Roland Avenue Baltimore MD 21210
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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.
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| 8th | Dorothy Mallette, Alice Lynch, Marsha Meyer, Jim McAllister, Lisa Werneth, Dick Wolfe |
| 9th | Gretchen Meyer, Julie Lecker, Mary Benigni |
| 10th | Don Weis, Bonnie Pearson |
| 11th | Gretchen Meyer, Sue Kneidel Werner, Amy Detsch |
| 12th | Tom Dornisch, Dick Wolfe |
| 13th | Carleen Koch, Alice Weisner, Kim Kerchinski |
| 14th | Phylis Haberberger, Peg Gorlowski |



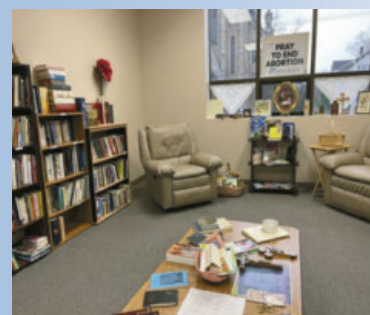
ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ~ will meet on Tues., Jan., 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Mary's Church Parish Annex. All are welcome. For more information please call Mary Bea at 814-834-3834

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Tues., Jan., 16 – Wed., Jan., 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

KERSEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BREAKFAST BUFFET ~breakfast will be on **TODAY Sunday Jan. 7th** from 8:00 am till 11:30 a.m./or sold out. Price is \$10 for adults \$5 for kids. All are welcome. The breakfast is at the St. Boniface Social Hall.



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.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF

Jan., 21 Support of Our Parish School Children

Jan., 28 Faith Communications Collection

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church **4:00 p.m.**

Fridays 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., 9 Elk County Right to Life Meeting **6:30 p.m.**

Jan., 16 Parish Council Meeting **6:00 p.m.**

NO Saint Anne Society until March

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 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.**



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 PM.**



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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.



SAINT MARY'S CHURCH ALTAR SOCIEY GIVE AWAY WINNERS~

Afghan and Pillow ~ Gloria Harvey

Ticket Raffle Winners:
\$250 ~ Linda Lecker
\$150 ~ Nikki Proske
\$100 ~ Carol Smith
\$ 50 ~ Shirley Hoffman

Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to everyone for your support.



St. Marys Inter-Parish



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)

Rooted Youth Ministry
Middle School Youth Group
Meeting Dates for January
TUES. JAN 9th 6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM
TUES. JAN 23rd 6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Inspirational growing games
service community
fun prayer together
YOUTH GROUP friends play
serve connect caring share love encourage purpose
talk learning

CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOCATION
TOP FLOOR OF THE SAINT MARY'S CHURCH PARISH CENTER
325 CHURCH STREET, SAINT MARYS, PA

SAVE THE DATES

First Reconciliation

Tues., Feb. 27 Queen of the World students at 6:00 p.m. at Queen of the World Church
Tues., Feb. 27 St. Boniface students at 7:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Church
Wed., Feb. 28 Sacred Heart Church & Saint Mary's Church at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's Church

Frist Communion

Sun., April 28 St. Boniface students at 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Boniface Church
Sat., May 4 Sacred Heart and Saint Mary's Church students 10:30a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Sat., May 4 Queen of the World Students at 1:30 p.m. at Queen of the World

Confirmation

May 19 at 1:30 p.m. for Queen of the World, Saint Mary's Church, Sacred Heart and St. Boniface.
Mass will be held at Queen of the World Church

From the Pastor's Desk



The Parish Staff and I would like to **Thank You** for your thoughtfulness in remembering us with cards, delicious treats, gifts and prayers. May all of our parishioners be blessed with a healthy and prosperous 2024.
Fr. Tom and Staff

Saint Marys Inter-Parish Faith Formation Middle School News

MAKE-UP RETREAT

Saturday, January 30th
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Saint Mary's Parish Cafe
Parents please stop in at 3:15 to join us for 4:00 Mass at Saint Mary's Parish which will be the conclusion of the retreat.
Lunch will be provided



Middle School Parent Component Night

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



Rooted Youth Ministry

2024 CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP MISSION TRIP

Sunday, June 9th to Friday, June 14th
New Castle, PA

A weeklong extraordinary experience to build Friendships, Serve, and Deepen your Faith. Open to any teen entering 8th grade in the Fall of 2024 or older.



MAKE YOUR MISSION THIS SUMMER TO LOVE, SERVE, AND CONNECT.

FIND OUT MORE:

TUESDAY JAN. 16th @ 7:00 pm
Saint Mary's Church Parish Center Youth Room
(Top Floor of Parish Center, 325 Church St.)

Donations accepted at sminterparishff.com (Rooted Youth Ministry) .



Sponsored by Rooted Youth Ministry of Saint Marys Inter-parish Faith Formation. If you are unable to attend call Hannah Cheatle 814-781-1042 for more information.



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HELP is truly needed to take done and remove the decorations on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



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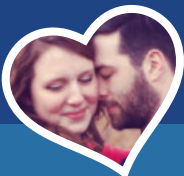
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