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JANUARY 16, 2022 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday—Friday8:15 am—4:00 pm Bulletin DeadlineMon. at 10:00 am

St. Marys Catholic Cemetery 604 Joseph Road

MASS SCHEDULE

LORD'S DAY:Saturday....5:00 pm Sunday.......6:30, 8:30 &10:30 am Radio Mass .10:30 am (WKBI AM 1400) WEEKDAYS (Mon.—Sat.):......8:30 am Holy Days......6:30 pm Vigil 8:30 am and 5:30 pm day of

DAILY ADORATION

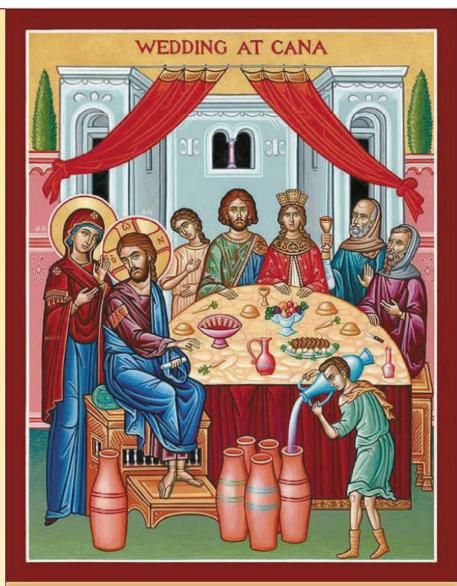
Monday-Sunday9am-8pm
Except during Mass times

DEVOTIONS

Prayer Hour(Tues.)..2:00 pm-3:00 pm Rosary & Stations (silently)..every day

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30PM.
And Thursday before 1st Friday from 4:00-5:00PM.



We are still in need of sacristans AND lectors for Saturday 5PM Masses. (Duties are minimal: arrive 10 minutes before Mass, ring the consecration bells, and secure the collection donations after Mass.) You won't be scheduled until you feel comfortable. If you're at Mass anyway, why not help out.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptism are held on Sundays following the 10:30AM Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Parish Office by at least one parent. Parents and God-parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the baptism.

RECONCILIATION

Thursday before 1st Friday 4:00-5:00PM and every Saturday 3:30-4:30PM. Anytime by appointment, 781-1019.

MATRIMONY

Couples should contact the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Pre-Cana or Engagement Encounter is required.

SICK AND HOME BOUND

Please inform the Parish Office if a member of your family is sick and in need of anointing or would like their name placed on our First Friday Communion List.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA process is offered for those interested in joining the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Sandy Reider, 781-1216.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the parish office by calling 781-1019, M-F 8AM-4PM.

MEANINGFUL MEMORIES #12 OUR BLESSED MOTHER, MARY

Do you remember the "Block Rosaries" back in the early 1950's, when devoted Catholics gathered in their homes and backyards together across our St. Marys community to pray the rosary for "peace and unity", just as Our Lady of Fatima had requested? This devotion was nationwide, even worldwide. Maybe you can recall the song "Our Lady of Fatima. It was so popular (and accepted) that it was on the Hit Parade for several weeks. Imagine that!!! If you remember the melody, you can sing along with these familiar words:

Our Lady of Fatima, We come on bended knee...
To beg your intercession for Peace and Unity...
Dear Mary, won't you show us the right and shining way...
We pledge our love and offer you a rosary each day.

As we begin this New Year, perhaps these could be among your resolutions:

To pray the Rosary every day;

To whisper the Hail Mary reverently throughout the day;
To offer prayers for peace and unity throughout the world;
To reach out to others, whether with a fist-bump,
a hug, or just a heart-felt wish for their peace and well-being.

With COVID 19 taking over our lives in so many ways, the thought of death is all around us. With every rosary we pray, we are repeating the Hail Mary 53 times. Just think, we are begging for Mary's intercession "Now and at the Hour of our Death" with each Hail Mary. We are entrusting our last moments to Her tender care. This should not only be reassuring, it should make us feel safe in the hands of Our Mother Mary and Jesus Christ Himself.

We should do this...we CAN do this. So fill your life with "good works" and **DON'T WORRY - - - BE HAPPY IN GOD'S HANDS!!!**

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BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

Store Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday 9:30AM-5PM Saturday 10AM-1PM Closed Sunday, Monday, and Holy Days

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES

Wed. Jan. 19 7:00-8:00PM Holy Rosary/Jburg 965-2819
Tues. Feb. 1 7:00-8:00PM St. Joseph/ Force 787-4151
PRE-CANA SESSIONS (Erie locations on request)

Contact your pastor for information.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

January 23– Help Spread the Faith – proceeds help fund "Faith" Magazine, the weekly Diocese of Erie-news, and our social media platforms.

January 30– St. Vincent De Paul – proceeds help our own parishioners in financial need.

"31" DAY VOCATION CALENDAR



- 1 –17 Irene Gregory
- 1 −18 Barbara Little
- 1 19 Patty Stebick
- 1 20 Kathy Hoffman
- 1-21 Gloria Harvey
- 1 –22 Sue Meyer/ Bill Storer
- 1-23 Georgia Wagner

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Candles will be burned this week for the following intentions:

L/D Leonard & Irene Schreiber Family &

L/D Patrick & Margaret Daley Family

To schedule an intention or week, please call the Parish Office; the offering is \$10 per intention per week.

PRAYER CHAIN

For needed prayers, please call Charlene @ 335-5098; or Mary Lou @ 781-6953.

Or drop your intention in the prayer box at the side entrance of the church to be prayed during the office staff Tuesday prayer hour from 2-3pm.

SANCTUARY CANDLES
STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2022 \$10 each

MASS INTENTIONS		
DATE	MASS	REQUESTED FOR
Saturday January 15	5:00 PM	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † George & Rose Schieler
	(6:30 AM)*	CONVENTUAL MASS Private Intention
Sunday January 16	8:30 AM	† Tammy Friedl, & Betty & Clyde Friedl
	10:30 AM	L/D Richard & Mary Lou Reuscher Family
Monday January 17	8:30 AM	ANTHONY, ABBOT † Leonard & Gertrude Jacob
Tuesday January 18	8:30 AM	2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME † Sharon Largey
Wednesday January 19	8:30 AM	2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME † Catherine & Louis Hoffman
Thursday January 20	8:30 AM	FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR & SEBASTIAN, MARTYR † David F. Auman
Friday January 21	8:30AM	AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR † Those Enrolled in the Benedictine Association
Saturday January 22	8:30 AM	VINCENT, DEACON, MARTYR † Leon Lenze
Saturday January 22	5:00 PM	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † Darlene & Melinda Hudson
Cunda	(6:30 AM)*	CONVENTUAL MASS Private Intention
Sunday January 23	8:30 AM	L/D Alfred Sorg Family
	10:30 AM	L/D Arthur & Ethel Rimer Family

Our 2021 CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) is drawing to an end (Jan. 30, 2022), and we are still short of our goal. Money assessed to us has to be paid to the Diocese whether we reach our goal or not. So if you are able to help finish out our fundraising for 2021, please send your donation into the office soon. Thanks so much for your consideration. The 2022 CSA Appeal Commitment Sunday will be February 27th.

THE LORD BE WITH YOU!



Dear people of St. Mary's,

On this **2**nd **Sunday in Ordinary Time** we are reminded by GOD through His prophet Isaiah [62:1-5], of the intimate nature of the relationship GOD intends to have with His people [His bride]—which is all of us made in His image and likeness.

In the second reading [1 Corinthians 12:4-11] GOD makes it possible for each of us to be that person we are intended to be, as a result of Him bestowing upon us a variety of spiritual gifts. St. Paul lays these out for us as he wrote to the Corinthians—who are having trouble understanding their purpose in life and most importantly their relationship with GOD. And this brings us to the Gospel for today.

It seems the wine has run out—the Party's over!—A disaster at a wedding—an embarrassment for the hosts and a disgrace for the newly married couple. Mary notices, goes to her son, JESUS, and says ever so quietly, "They have no wine" [John 2:3]. [This is one of only two recorded exchanges in the Gospels between JESUS and Mary—the other occurs in Luke 2:41-52]. JESUS response is not exactly enthusiastic: "woman, how does your concern affect Me? My hour has not yet come" [John 2:4]. Nevertheless, the result is six water jars, each holding 20-30 gallons of water, turned into what the headwaiter declares to be the "really good stuff."

The first half of St. John's Gospel is called the Book of Signs, so we should look deeper than JESUS coming through at the last minute to keep the party going and save embarrassment for a newly married couple. True enough, JESUS didn't shy away from parties and didn't draw the line regarding with whom He would eat and drink [yet, another sign!]. So what are we to learn from this "water made into wine" event?

First, JESUS is more than a wedding guest in St. John's Gospel—**He is the bridegroom**, sent by GOD, come to woo and wed a new bride, a new Israel, joining the Jews and Gentiles into one body. Having a deep awareness of what was happening, the poet Richard Crashaw says, "The conscious water saw its GOD—and blushed."

The **ultimate wedding celebration** was held at "the hour" JESUS spoke of, when He was lifted up on the cross, drawing all things to Himself. So, the joy of that early wedding at Cana was merely a shadow of the joy awaiting us in the kingdom, one that we anticipate even now whenever we lift the wedding cup [the chalice] to our lips at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. For as surely as JESUS turned water in wine, at the Cana wedding, JESUS turns wine [mixed with water] into His own blood at the Last Supper and every time He celebrates His "Sacred Mysteries" which He invites us to participate in at Mass.

Fr. Peter Augustine, OSB



RELIGIOUS ITEM RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having another "Religious Item Rummage Sale" in the Parish Center Cafeteria on Saturday, March 5th from 9AM-Noon. If you are cleaning out your closets/attic/garage and you find religious items that are **still in good condition** that you would like to donate, bring them to the St. Mary's Parish Office and we'll try to find them a home.

The "Rummage Sale" will be donation only, benefitting the Benedictine Gift Shop. We just want to find good homes for the items.

Call the parish office, 781-1019, with any questions.

MUCH GRATITUDE ~ from the Maternity Closet for all of the gifts that were collected this Christmas Season through the Living Nativity Tree. Once again the gifts will continue to help small children with the necessities for their everyday life. May God continue to send down His blessing to you and your families for your generosity. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ECCSS 2022-23 Registration Dates

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School

Preschool-5th Grade

Tours by appt: 2/1/22-2/3/22 | 9 am & 6 pm

Registration Night: 2/9/22 | 6-7 pm

Contact: 814-834-4169 | slayd@eccss.org



Elk County Catholic High School/St. Marys Catholic Middle School

6th-12th grade

Information Night: 2/3/22 | 6:30-8 pm

(Transfer students and new families to ECCHS/SMCMS)

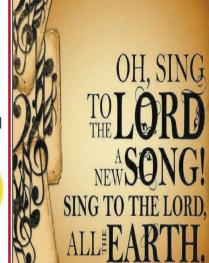
Contact: 814-834-7800 | schneideri@eccss.org



Preschool-8th Grade

Registration: 2/7/22 | 5:30-7:30 pm | St. Leo Church Social Hall

Contact: 814-772-9775 | kucenskil@eccss.org



ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Sam MacDonald, President 834-7812 Bob Breindel, Director of Finance 781-3144 Deborah Slay, Principal, Catholic Elementary 834-4169 Susan Jansen, Director of Advancement 834-1480 John Schneider, Principal, Catholic Middle/High 834-7800 Jessica Fritz, Director of Communications 834-1480



1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

ST. JUDE PARISH / 2801 West 6th Street, Erie 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM / REGISTRATION: Begins at 8:00 AM ACTIVITIES: Adoration, confession and Mass / Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards COST: \$20, College students \$10, High school students \$5, Religious are free ATTENDANCE:

 Live in-person at St. Jude Parish.
 Virtually at satellite parishes via Zoom. Participating churches will be in a drop down on the registration link.

3. Virtually via Zoom at your own home.



PATTY BREEN Patty Breen has worked in parish ministry for over a decade and vrites online in different spaces, including Blessed is She, FemCatholic, Grotto Network, and CatholicMatch.





Lisa M. Hendey is the ounder of CatholicMom.com and a bestselling author of fiction and non-fiction for

tuke 1:38 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

> For more information: www.138women.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon Event

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If we get enough interest, St. Mary's Parish will be a satellite site for this event. (You can stay right in town.)



Please consider donating to the CSA <u>now</u>, we are still \$3,000 short of our Diocesan Goal, which we have to pay whether we reach our goal or not. We have until the end of January, consider giving.

Commemorative Convent Bricks

Are available at the Benedictine Gift
Shop while supplies last. We are
currently cleaning a new batch of
bricks that will be available in the next
couple weeks. If the Gift Shop runs out
of bricks, put your name on a waitlist
and we will call you when the bricks
are available again.

Gift Shop Hours: Tues-Fri 9:30AM-5PM, Sat 10AM-1PM Closed Sunday & Monday, and Holy Days

*Proceeds benefit the Benedictine Gift Shop

Share your favorite "Sister/Father" Story

If you have a happy or memorable story about the Benedictine nuns/fathers or the St. Mary's Church, we would love to share it in our Parishioner Spotlight. Send in your story to the Parish Office at 325 Church St, or email us at smchurch1@windstream.net. We're excited to share your memories with the rest of the congregation.

ST. HUBERT'S COMMITTEE BIG BUCK CONTEST

Open to **active** parish members only.

Prize– a plaque and a \$100 gift certificate to

Ammo and Arms. Call Matt (781-3588) or Shane
(512-1045) to have your buck measured. The deer
must be legally harvested during the 2021-22
hunting season.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE~

will sponsor a Prolife Prayer Service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Tom Curry officiating, on **THURSDAY**, **JANUARY 20**, **2022**, **at Noon** at the Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys and will conclude with Benediction at 4:00 p.m. We will also be saying the Rosary and Divine Mercy. Sign up sheets will be at both entrances of Sacred Heart Church for Adoration. The Prolife service is in support for the March for Life event taking place in Washington, DC on January 21, 2022.





<u>For everyone's safety</u>, the Former Convent Property is CLOSED to <u>ALL</u> foot and vehicle traffic. If you would like to watch, you <u>MUST</u> stay outside the perimeter fencing. It is an official construction site!

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Nick Heiseext. 5

LifeTeen(9-10)/Youth Minister/ **Confirmation Coordinator**

781-1042

High SchoolNick Heise "Rooted" Youth Ministry Program

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Middle School Youth Group will meet on the 1st and last Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, January 26 at the iCafe/CYMA building from 5:30-7:30PM. Come over and see what youth group is all about. All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

FORMATION

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Andy & Cathy Dornisch 512-0818

RCIA

If you want to become a Catholic or you are a Catholic who wants to know more about your Faith, call Sandy Reider, 781-1216. Usual sessions are on Sundays at 1:30PM in the Cafeteria.

Faith Formation

(Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street

Sun. Jan. 16 First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 - noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation – No class

Life Teen retreat 10:30 - 4:30pm at St. Mary's Church Parish Center. Will start with Mass

at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's Church. Middle School (Grade 6- 8) 6:00 – 7:30pm

Wed. Jan. 19 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Sun. Jan. 23 First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 - noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation class 1:00pm – 2:00pm with Confirmation candidate and their sponsor or

parent.

Middle School (Grade 6-8) and Life Teen (grade 9 - 10) 6:00 - 7:30

Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm - 7:30pm Wed. Jan. 26

GRANT awarded to Faith Formation

Recently the Diocese of Erie awarded a grant to our Inter parish Faith Formation team for enhanced technology. The Religious Education Endowment Fund (REEF), established by YOUR gift to the diocesan campaign several years ago, continues to bring money to our area directly. In this case, our Faith Formation program was awarded a grant from the REEF to create a media room (photo on pg. 6) where a Laptop computer, television, and conference camera were purchased. This will give the students access to the numerous high quality resources available online during Faith Formation instruction. It will also allow us to further educate and certify our catechists in a group setting.



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