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JANUARY 23, 2022 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OFFICE

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

St. Marys Catholic Cemetery 604 Joseph Road

Phone/Fax781-7275 Email: 604cemetery@windstream.net

MASS SCHEDULE

LORD'S DAY:Saturday.....5:00 pm Sunday6:30, 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.



WELCOME HOME

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.

Memory of the Benedictine Sisters

I worked at the convent for 10 years as one of the nurses caring for the older sisters. We helped them shower, gave out their medication, and took them to doctor appointments and shopping. These became my greatest days as a nurse. They were nothing like the strict nuns you remember as a child (ruler in hand). I hope everyone can forgive and forget those nuns. They had been taught that the only way children listened was by being tough. The sister's I cared for were kind and loving.

I remember the day that I was helping one with her shower and we were singing loud and clear. Another sister ran up and said, "Mass is going on and your singing is louder than the organ!" We couldn't help but to laugh.

I fell in love with every one of them. Each were prayerful and loving to me. I made a promise to each sister that I would be there when God called them "home"; and I kept that promise even at 3 o'clock in the morning if the need arose. Now when I feel like I need a little help, I just go over to the Convent Cemetery to pray and they always help me.

I once witnessed a miracle caring for the nuns... For a few years I brought communion to the 2nd floor. I was told not to give it to the sister with advanced dementia, because she wouldn't understand. I really didn't think that was a good reason to refuse her communion, so I asked the Bishop one day at lunch what he thought of sister receiving communion. He said that if she could chew and swallow, it was fine with him. By this time, she was just staring into space most of the time. We told her that Jesus was coming, so she opened her mouth and had the most beautiful smile on her face. She definitely still understood Holy Communion. Jesus is greater than dementia.

Memory from Chris Haberberger

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

Tues. Feb. 1 7:00-8:00PM St. Joseph/ Force 787-4151
Thurs. Feb 17 7:00-8:00PM St. Mark/ Emporium 486-0569
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



- 1-24 Peg Gabler
- 1 –25 Lois Bauer
- 1 26 Linda Safran/Judy Tate
- 1 27 Mary Lou Schutz
- 1-28 Dee Pontzer
- 1-29 Jerry & Patty Prechtl
- 1-30 Dick Wolfe

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Candles will be burned this week for the following intentions:

† Max Stanisch &

† Alvin Zimmett & John & Mary Braun

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
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	MASS INTENTIONS		
2	DATE	MASS	REQUESTED FOR
	Saturday January 22	5:00 PM	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † Darlene & Melinda Hudson
	Sunday January 23	(6:30 AM)*	CONVENTUAL MASS Private Intention
		8:30 AM	L/D Alfred Sorg Family
		10:30 AM	L/D Arthur & Ethel Rimer Family
	Monday January 24	8:30 AM	FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP † Gilbert J. & Dorothy E. Hoehn
	Tuesday January 25	8:30 AM	CONVERSION OF PAUL, APOSTLE † Victor, Kathleen & Vic Jr. Benigni
	Wednesday January 26	8:30 AM	ROBERT, ALBERIC & STEPHEN, ABBOTS OF CITEAUX † LJ, Mallie, Larry & Helen Hoffman
	Thursday January 27	8:30 AM	TIMOTHY TITUS, BISHOPS, & ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN For the People of the United States
	Friday January 28	8:30AM	THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST † William Erich
	Saturday January 29	8:30 AM	2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME † Luke Wehler
	Saturday January 29	5:00 PM	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † George & Rose Werner
		(6:30 AM)*	CONVENTUAL MASS Private Intention
	Sunday January 30	8:30 AM	L/D George & Isabel Rettger Fam
	, , , , , ,	10:30 AM	† Helen Petruna

Our 2021 CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) is drawing to an end (Jan. 25, 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,

The **3**rd **Sunday in Ordinary Time**, casts the spotlight on JESUS [GOD's word become flesh]. We are being shown that the divine plan found in the Torah [the Law & the Prophets, and other writings of the Old Covenant, is becoming the mission of JESUS—GOD's Son whom He

promised would bring a time of favor—as accounted by **the prophet Nehemiah [Chapter 8]** in the first reading, today.

The Book of Isaiah has been called the fifth Gospel, so often do saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John quote from it to proclaiming JESUS as Christ, the long-awaited Messiah and Son of GOD. In today's Gospel, JESUS begins to move through His home territory of Galilee "in the power of the Spirit" [Luke 4:14]. This is the same Spirit that descended on JESUS after His baptism. JESUS then goes to His hometown of Nazareth and to the synagogue on the Sabbath.

A hush must have fallen on the room as JESUS to read from the Torah, the passage from Isaiah. They had been hearing about His time in Galilee and how all had praised His teaching. What would He say to them? JESUS chose GOD's words spoken through Isaiah [61:1-2a] about one anointed by the Spirit who would preach good news to the poor, bring liberty to captives, and, at the heart of these lines, exercise a ministry of compassion—also spoken of by Isaiah [42:6b].

This three-part mission continues to be the work of JESUS through His church which He established on His apostles. Today His church preaches the Gospel, works for social justice, and reaches out to people with compassion. As JESUS began, He announced to those listening, that this work was being fulfilled by what He Himself was doing [identifying Himself as the messiah in their midst]. The Spirit works to continue the mission of JESUS today through <u>us</u> [as members of JESUS' body, the church, each of us doing his/her own part of that work].

There is an important question which we should be asking ourselves: **How am I personally engaged in** this "work of Christ JESUS" each and every day of my life—by my words, my deeds, and the way I live?

Let us pray—Loving GOD we are followers of your Son, JESUS Christ—we are Christians—help us to be busy about the work He has given us. Bless us for we want to be Your faithful followers! Help us realize that we gain the strength and courage we need from the Holy Eucharist and other Sacraments JESUS gives to us through His church.

Fr. Peter Augustine, OSB



Every Tuesday evening at 6:30PM

Online or In Person. No need to Register. Ridgway K of C (next to St. Leo's Church) *Call Rena at the Parish Office, 772-3135.

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.

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

Enter at the SMCES main entrance Age cutoff:

Pre-3 must be age 3 by 8/15/22 Pre-4 must be age 4 by 8/15/22 Kindergarten must be 5 by 8/15/22

Copy of child's birth certificate, & immunization record

\$10 registration fee (preschool only)

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



St. Leo Catholic School

Preschool-8th Grade

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

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



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 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 has worked in parish ministry for over a decade and writes online in different spaces including Blessed is She, FemCatholic, Grotto Network,



PATTY BREEN and CatholicMatch.





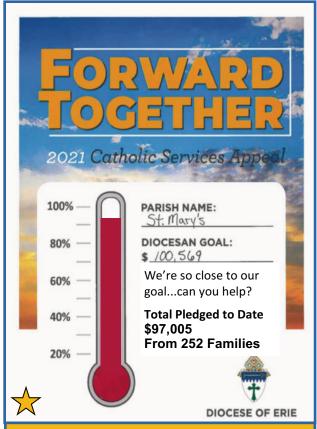
Lisa M. Hendey is the ounder of CatholicMom.com and a bestselling author of fiction and non-fiction for children and adults

Luke 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



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



As a reminder, if you made a pledge for the CSA last February, please get your final payment in soon. We are still \$3,696.50 off our goal which includes the money still owed by previous outstanding pledges not paid.

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.

Commemorative Convent Bricks

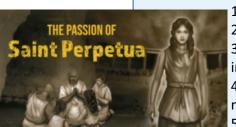
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- 6. You're in! Start Watching, listening and reading.



<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. <u>It is an official construction site!</u>

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skirun@windstream.net Samantha Nedzinski.....ext. 3 Middle School (6-8)

smmiddleschoolff@gmail.com Nick Heiseext. 5 *LifeTeen(9-10)/Youth Minister/*

Confirmation Coordinator

781-1042

High SchoolNick Heise "Rooted" Youth Ministry Program

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

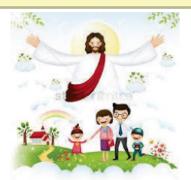
The Middle School Youth Group will meet on the 1st and last Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, January 26 at the iCafe/CYMA building from 5:30-7:30PM. Come over and see what youth group is all about. All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

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.



ADULT CONFIRMATON CLASSES

Are you an adult Catholic who was never confirmed? Have you been asked to be a Godparent to an infant or child about to be baptized? Does someone you love want you to sponsor them for their Confirmation? Classes for practicing Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation will be starting soon. Members of all area parishes are welcome. Classes will be held one evening a week for six weeks, and participants will be confirmed by the Bishop in the spring. The cost to you is some time; the rewards are beyond measure.

For more information, please contact your parish office, or Kathy Cheatle at 781-3009.

Faith Formation

Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street

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

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

Sun. Jan. 30 First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 - noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation - No class

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. Feb. 2



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