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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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YOUTH RALLY, MARCH , AND MASS FOR LIFE WITH BISHOP FISHER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

We are excited to host the Youth Rally, March, and Mass for Life with Bishop Fisher on January 22, starting at 3:30 pm. This will be in place of the Diocese sending a group of individuals to the March for Life in DC this year. We are honored to have St. Greg's be the gathering place for this inspiring, peaceful, and vibrant event.

Date: Saturday, January 22

Schedule of Events:

- ⇒ 3:30 Youth Rally in Ministry Center
- ⇒ 4:15 March for Life and Rosary on Maple Ave
- ⇒ 5:30 Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher
- ⇒ Reception to follow in the Ministry Center

All are welcome to attend. We ask for parental oversight to help with safety. Face coverings will be required. We ask that you dress appropriately, as we will be marching outside regardless of the weather. Everyone is encouraged to make signs.



Use your phone's camera to scan QR code to learn more today!

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 and 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

For those who are unable to join us, daily Masses can be viewed on our website via livestream, weekend Masses via YouTube and livestream.

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am-2:00 pm; Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915): Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 am-2:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30 -7:30; Saturday 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

ADORATION CHAPEL: The chapel is open 24 hours. Closed for cleaning from 4:00 to 4:20 daily.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday of the month from 8:45 to 9:30 am; Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:45 pm in the Church.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

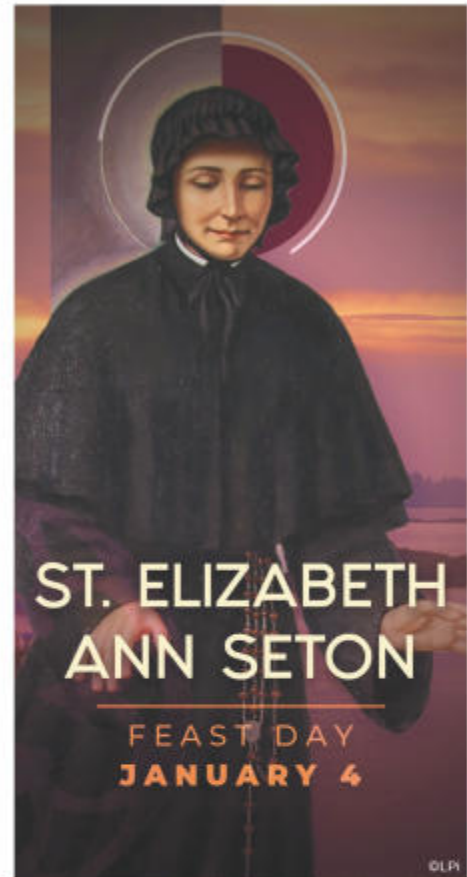
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Tl 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR. . .

My Dear Parish Family,

MERRY CHRISTMAS! I love saying that as we celebrate the Epiphany (also known as “a little Christmas” or the feast of the “Three Kings” or the visit of the Magi.) As we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season, much of the outside world has moved far beyond Christmas day. I have seen many a Christmas tree already taken down and waiting to be picked up and transformed into mulch. Within the Church, we continue to celebrate the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Today is traditionally a day that we pray God’s blessings on our homes. We have available in Church today little packets of incense and chalk to use (safely burn the incense) to bless your home. Please be sure to take one of these packets home with you. Traditionally, you mark the top inside threshold of the entry ways of your house with the initials of the three Kings, along with the year. It would look like this: “20 + C + M + B + 22” – this represents our current new year “2022” along with the initials for the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Another explanation of “C + M + B” is: “Christus mansionem benedicat,” or “May Christ bless this dwelling place.”

It is a wonderful opportunity to gather your family in prayer. Perhaps read the Gospel from today again at home (Matthew 2: 1 – 12) and then proceed to mark the top of your thresholds with the chalk. It is a wonderful and special custom to safely burn the incense to fill your home with its aroma. To this day, I remember doing this custom with my family. Along with the reading and the marking of the threshold, you may wish to offer a prayer of your own asking God to bless your home. If you wish you may use the following prayer:

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; by the guidance of a star you
Led the Magi to your child, and by the light of faith you bring us to know
Christ as Lord, the Messiah you have sent.*

*Bless us as we use this chalk to mark our doors in your honor;
May our home be a dwelling place of goodness, humility, self-control,
Mutual respect for one another, hospitality toward strangers,
And loving obedience to your Word.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Whether you chose to continue or to begin for the first time this beautiful custom, or not, please use this day and this week to pray God’s blessing upon your family and upon your home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parishioner Aaron Filk for the donation of the beautiful stained-glass window of the Nativity that you see in our Sanctuary. Not only did Aaron donate this window, he also made it. I believe you will agree that it is a beautiful work and enriches our Church. The “liturgy” is really the work of the people giving praise and thanks to God. The liturgy and the appointments of our Church are vehicles by which we, the faithful, express our love and worship of God. They are also ways that we use our talents and abilities to give greater glory to God. The liturgy is to be the best of what we can offer in praise of God. We are instructed in **Vatican II** that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our lives in faith. The Eucharistic liturgy is where we ground ourselves and the source or foundation of our entire lives. At the same time, it is the summit of our faith experience to offer ourselves, and what we have as the summit of worship of God, and to become the best version of ourselves. Thank you, Aaron, for using your talents and abilities to give greater glory to God and for sharing them with our parish family!

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What's happening at St. Greg's Youth & Young Adult Ministry?



Middle School Mayhem 2021

ADORATION CHAPEL DAILY CLOSURE

The Chapel will be closed every day from 4:00 pm to 4:20 pm to allow for proper sanitizing and cleaning. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we continue to create a clean environment for our faith community to safely adore and pray.

TEMPORARY ENVELOPES

“Oh No! I forgot my envelope again.” Has this happened to you? For your convenience we have blue temporary envelopes available on tables in the Vestibule as well as on the tables in the back of Church.

PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that St. Gregory's has had a Prayer Chain for 30 years, with approximately 80 members who will pray for your intentions? You may call the Parish Office at 688-5678 to place a name on the Prayer Chain list and your intention will be remembered for 30 days.

WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

If the School is closed due to inclement weather and the faculty and students do not report, the Parish Offices are not immediately closed. It will be up to the discretion of the Pastor if the Parish will close and all activities will be cancelled (including Adoration). Please check our website, subscribe to notifications on our app, or tune in to local TV stations for cancellations.

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. GREG'S THIS YEAR BY FOLLOWING US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

Receive spiritual quotes, to learn about closings, cancellations and updates within the Parish, School, Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

- ◇ Update your contact information with the Parish, especially your email, to receive weekly updates
- ◇ Subscribe to our YouTube Channel [@stgregswilliamsville](#) to view daily Mass, weekend services, special liturgical events and so much more!
- ◇ Download the **St. Gregory the Great Parish Mobile App**.
 - ◇ Iphone Users Text: *ParishApp1* to 555888, Andriod Users Text: *ParishApp2* to 555888, follow prompts.
- ◇ Follow St. Gregory the Great Parish [@StGregsBuffalo](#), School [@stgregsthegreat](#), Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry on **Facebook!**
- ◇ Follow the Parish on Twitter [@StGregsBuffalo](#)
- ◇ Follow Youth Ministry on Twitter, and Instagram [@stgregsyouth](#) and [@stgregsyounadults](#)



PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED. . .

This is also an appropriate time to thank everyone for their contributions in making our Christmas celebration a wonderful experience. Thank you to Michael Henseler and his "elves" who assisted in decorating the Church. Thank you to Nancy Erdman and Michael Cygan and their "choirs of angels" leading us in music and song. Many thanks to our technology support team in the Sacristy for keeping us connected to our brothers and sisters at home by way of livestream and YouTube. Thank you to our Sacristans, Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for their continued service, especially during the Christmas Season. Finally, many thanks to all our St. Greg's team, staff and volunteers, for your dedicated service. If your work be in maintenance, business, logistics, pastoral or the day-to-day operations of St. Greg's, we thank you for all you have done for Christmas and every day to make our parish family run smooth and strong!

May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you, and St. Joseph, St. Gregory the Great and Blessed Carlo Acutis intercede for you, always.

Happy New Year – 2022!!!

FIAT

St Gregory the Great Parish invites you to join us for FIAT, our monthly Eucharistic Conference, Saturday, January 8, at 7:00 pm, in the Church. Open your heart to the Lord and allow Him to make a difference in your life! Our guest speaker will be Fr. Dan Young, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, who will share with us the life of Fr. Nelson Baker. Come, for a solid faith-filled talk, great music, prayer ministry and most importantly time with our Lord before the Eucharist. All are welcome!

PARISH COVID UPDATE

A face covering is required at all times while on our property attending a liturgy, meeting, event or program. All participants attending in-person meetings or events on St. Gregory the Great campus are required to wear a face covering at any indoor meeting/program *regardless* of vaccination status; complete Health Screening Questions; and sign in. For our complete Covid Guidelines please see our website at www.stgregs.org/covid-

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to purchase tickets for the Soiree D'Amore today! Purchase soon to reserve your spot.



YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Soiree D'Amore

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM
ST. GREG'S MINISTRY CENTER

\$45 PER TICKET | \$85 PER COUPLE

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WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS &
ROSES FOR THE LADIES

LIVE COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT

DESSERT & COFFEE AFTER THE CONCERT

Complimentary concert featuring songs from ...Andrea Bocelli, Ed Sheeran, Christina Aguilera, Loren Allred, Christina Perri, Ellie Goulding, Bradley Cooper/Lady Gaga and more ...

Must be Age 21+
Purchase tickets at:
<https://givebutter.com/SoireeDamore>

**IN HONOR OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD
A PRAYER FOR LIFE**



O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in Your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life."

--Saint Pope John Paul II

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

The First Penance Parent Workshop is on Wednesday, January 5, from 7:00-8:00 pm, **OR** on Saturday, January 8, from 9:15- 10:15 am in the School Cafeteria. **Parents, please make every effort to attend one session;** children do not need to attend. If you haven't registered your child online for First Penance, please do so ASAP.

The First Penance Mass of Enrollment is on Sunday, January 9, at 9:30 am in Church.

First Communion Online Registration begins Monday, January 3, for all Grade 3 Public and Catholic School children. Last day to register is January 28.

NEXT FAMILY MASS

The next Family Mass is scheduled for Sunday, January 9, at 9:30 am. This will also be the First Penance Mass of Enrollment. The Enrollment books will be blessed. If you and your family are interested in Greeting or Ushering for this Mass, please contact the Parish Office.



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**Our Open House is Sunday, January 30, 2022
10:30-12:30 pm**

By appt. only, register today using the QR Code



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Call Adam Jarosz at 688-3578
Ext. 316 **OR**
email ajarosz@stgregs.org to learn more.

CAFÉ AND STORE HOURS

The Café and the Catholic store will be closed starting Friday, December 24, until Tuesday, January 4. From books to CD's to movies and jewelry there is something for everyone, regardless of their age. Shop first, dine second in one location! See you in 2022!



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

- **FFF Office Hours:** Mon - Fri , 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

- The Family Faith Formation Office will also be closed until Monday, January 3. Classes will also resume this day.

- **A Heartfelt Thank you to Kelly Hillery for organizing a Special Collection of warm winter accessories for needy children!** Her PreK families brought their donations in at the Children's Christmas Concert (see pictures below). We are so thrilled with what they were able to collect; the children from St. Luke's Mission of Mercy and WNY Children's Psychiatric Center were so appreciative! Thank you Kelly and all the families who generously donated-God Bless you all this Christmas!



THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

This Christmas season we invite you to take home a free book entitled "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen." Fulton Sheen was a great pioneer in American television. He is famous for reminding millions of television viewers each week that "Life is worth living!" and was literally the face of Catholicism in the United States for forty years. The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen is a beautiful collection of short daily inspiring quotes from Sheen's life and works. With each turn of the page, it is easy to see why his witty and practical messages influenced so many during his lifetime and continue to move so many people today.



Happy New Year! Is *giving* back on your to-do list for 2022? If so, consider becoming a Catholic Charities

volunteer. View all current opportunities at www.ccwny.org and become a beacon of HOPE right here in Western New York. Thank you for your support throughout the year! Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If someone you know needs help, go to www.ccwny.org or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419.

A VOCATION VIEW

The greatest gift we can place before the newborn Jesus is the gift of our life's work. What is He calling you to accomplish in your life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

OUR PARISH, YOUR HOME

As a gentle reminder, please refrain from leaving books or religious items in the Church or Adoration Chapel. Although this is a wonderful gesture to share, we do not have the infrastructure to redistribute them.



MINISTRY UPDATES

ADULT FAITH FORMATION HEBREWS: THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT

This 8-week study program presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins on the Book of Hebrews draws connections between the Old and New Testaments, the Liturgy, the Eucharist, the priesthood, and so much more!

When: You can choose either Monday nights beginning January 24, in the Gathering Rooms from 6:45 pm until 8:15 pm **OR** Thursday afternoons beginning January 27, in the Gathering Rooms from 12:45 pm until 2:15 pm. If you are more comfortable joining us virtually through 'Zoom' we can explore that option.

Register: Contact Brian Ruh, by January 17, at 688-5678, ext. 313 or bruh@stgregs.org. Study material required (\$29.95). This includes: Hard copy workbook and online video access (one year). To purchase your study set go to <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/hebrews-the-new-and-eternal-covenant-study-2> OR call Ascension Press at 1-800-376-0520.

GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 5, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 2. The topic is *Complicated Grief*. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

ST GREGORY'S SENIOR ORGANIZATION

It's January and that means that it is time to celebrate the birthdays of our members for all of 2022. If you are a senior, please join us for your party on Monday, January 10, at 1:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Our meeting will be followed by a birthday party featuring birthday cake and a magic show courtesy of Ted Burzynski of "It's Magic of Course." Please join us - you'll be glad you did.

LADIES OF CHARITY

The next meeting for the Ladies of Charity will be Monday, January 24, at 1:00 pm in Gathering Rooms 1 and 2. All Covid protocols will be followed.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COUNCIL CHAMPIONSHIP



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in St Gregory's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to be held in the **Ministry Center Gym** on Saturday, January 22, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Participation is free. Contests are by age and gender. Winners are determined by best of 15 free throws. Participants are required to furnish date of birth (copy or original birth certificate/passport/etc.). Competition based on age on January 1, 2022. Parental/guardian consent forms are available at the event.

All participants receive recognition. Winners receive special certificates and patches. Winners are invited to the District Championship (February 5 at St. Greg's), with an opportunity to keep advancing all the way to the State Championship.

Questions or requests for parental consent forms can be directed to Jim at 481-0986. Call to make arrangements if player can't make start time or needs to leave early.

BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION THE KINGDOM YET TO COME

Using videos featuring Jeff Cavins and supplemental materials from Scott Hahn and Brant Pitre, we will explore the real message of hope found in the Book of Revelation. There will be TEN 90-minute sessions. Both morning and evening sessions will be available virtually via Zoom. The morning session will also be held in person. The cost will be \$33 for workbook and on-line access to videos for one year. Please register no later than January 5.

Starting: Weekly on Thursday's, starting January 20
Times: 11:30 am, or 7:00 pm via Zoom.

In person at 11:30 am in the St. Amelia Rectory, Tonawanda.

Register: Contact Arlene Meyerhofer at 716-430-5575 or ameyerhofer@verizon.net

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make known your requests to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:6-7

OUT OF PARISH

BASEBALL EXCURSION

NY YANKEES VS THE CLEVELAND GUARDIANS

When: Saturday, July 2, 2022

Game Time: 4:00 pm

Cost: \$115 per person. Includes private suite with bathroom, unlimited food and beverage (non-alcoholic) from arrival until 1 hour after the first pitch. You can either stay in the air conditioned suite or sit outside in your upper reserved seat.

Departure: St. Amelia's Parking lot at 12 noon

Return: Anticipated around 11:00 pm

For more information or to make reservations please contact Joe Kroczyński at 716-876-2616 or jkroczyński@stameliaschool.org. Reservations accepted until all seats are filled. Please note: This is a family friendly event and excessive drinking will not be permitted as per our bus company and crew.

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE

Learn how they helped to rebuild the Catholic Church and your Faith. Rebuild and recharge your Faith with other Catholic women in a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome.

When: June 26-July 8, 2022. Limited spots available.

Information Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, at 6:30 pm at St. Leo's Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd. Parking is in the back of the Church.

RSVP: Call or email Nadine Bargnes at 716-830-8530 or ngbargnes@aol.com

ST. PIUS X FRIDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Many of us can easily pick out the Bible verses found in our liturgies, prayers, songs, books, movies, radio, TV, etc. But how many of us, when we actually open our Bibles to search, begin with enthusiasm only to find ourselves getting bogged down by the long stretches of unpronounceable names and unfamiliar places? Join our Bible study to "Unlock" the story of God's love for us and give us greater confidence and familiarity with the Scriptures.

When: Starting on Friday, January 7, through February 25. There are 8 lessons.

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SPX-UMB-Register> or call the St. Pius X Parish Office at 716-688-9143.

MEAT RAFFLE
Proceeds benefit
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**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 4, 2022**
6 PM DOORS OPEN | 7 PM FIRST SPIN
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
MINISTRY CENTER
100 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville

RESERVE TICKETS NOW

Attend in person - must purchase a table of 8.
Attend virtually - watch live on Facebook.

Multiple ticketing options: advanced tickets for meat rounds, basket raffles, big raffle items, and split club.

All Diocesan COVID Regulations will be followed. No outside alcohol permitted.

Questions email: meataffletime@gmail.com

REGISTER: <https://form.jotform.com/213057351858156>

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Would you like to use your time to develop a personal relationship with God AND better understand His living Word? Then we invite you to consider checking out "The Bible in a Year Podcast." Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection and prayer. Unlike any other Bible podcast, this **FREE** podcast follows a reading plan inspired by 'The Great Adventure Bible Timeline', an excellent approach to understanding salvation history by renowned Catholic Bible Scholar Jeff Cavins. With this **FREE** podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together. This podcast promises to give you confidence and understanding of Scripture.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- ⇒ two to three Scripture readings
- ⇒ a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- ⇒ and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in His Word.

If you're interested in learning more go to <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration> or simply Google 'Bible in a year podcast.'

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1 - The Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am Rae Wyatt by Anthony Pegnia, Sr. & Family
 10:00 am For the People of St. Gregory the Great Parish

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Rosie Spoth (living) by Fr. Leon & St. Gregory's Parish Family
 Hartigan & Reidy Families by Tom & Dianne Higgins
 5:30 pm Anthony Ulicki (birth) by Edward & Sylvia Stachura

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am The Utnik Family by Betsy Utnik
 9:30 am G. Brian Roberts by James & Sharon Kulach
 11:00 am Grace Norman by The Norman Family & Friends
 12:30 pm Michael Mendola by JoMarie Buscarino
 Joseph E. Ortolani by The Riordan Family

Monday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 am Helen Gormley by Lyn Leopold
 8:00 am Concetta Kendziora by Family Medical Pharmacy
 12:00 pm Thomas Brennan by Joan & Ron Resetarits

Tuesday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 am Frank Fechter & Family by Bill & Lee Grunert
 8:00 am G. Brian Roberts by Michael Klauk & Family
 12:00 pm James & Andrew DeMario by Laura Pegnia & Family

Wednesday, January 5 – St. John Neumann

7:00 am Louis Polito by Mary & Jeff Criden
 8:00 am Andrew John Sobczyk (anniv) by Mom, Dad, Amanda & Family
 12:00 pm Jane Deakin (birth) by Kathy Deakin
 Marie Pullman by Daughter, Patricia Smith

Thursday, January 6 – St. Andre Bessette

7:00 am Robert Boeckel by Joe Guercio & Family
 8:00 am Trisha Hartmayer by Doug Hartmayer
 12:00pm John E. Hebblethwaite, Jr. (birth) by Plavan Family

Friday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Penafort

7:00 am Harold Wagner (anniv) by Linda & Bill Dohn
 8:00 am For the People of St. Gregory the Great Parish
 12:00 pm Andrew Grimaldi by Douglas & Virginia Knorr

Saturday, January 8

8:00 am Margaret Wild by The Hennessey Family
 Holy Souls in Purgatory by Ladies of the Lord

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Claire Meany by The Hogg Family
 Susan Michaels by Sharyn & Bill Miller
 5:30pm Noworyta Family by Marcia & Jerry Piskorowski

Sunday, January 9 – Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am D. Michael Waldo by Son, Michael Waldo
 9:30 am Richard Panepinto by Marianne Boccabella
 Adele Kloch by Mr. & Mrs. James Smyczynski
 11:00 am Gertrude Bauer by Joan & Ron Resetarits
 12:30 pm Charles Elardo by Carolyn Priore
 George & Marion Michael by Schwarz Family

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