



## 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.

### Schedule of Events:

- ⇒ 3:30 Youth Rally in MC
  - ⇒ 4:15 March for Life and Rosary on Maple Road
  - ⇒ 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 appropriate signs to show our intentions.

**NOTE: The driveway off St. Gregory Court (closest to the Church) will be CLOSED from 4:15-5:30 pm for the march.**



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

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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 Vigil Masses

**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 16, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Thursday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR. . .

My Dear Parish Family,

We are now in Ordinary Time. The Christmas Season came to an end last weekend with the Baptism of the Lord, and in the Bulletin last week I reflected with you about the importance of each of us living out our Baptismal promises and living as a member of the Body of Christ in the world today.

To that end, I would like to acknowledge six of our young men from St. Greg's Troop 440 who last week officially became Eagle Scouts. They include:

Alex Uzarowski, whose Eagle Scout project involved cleaning, restoring, and staining the gazebo on the grounds of Williamsville North High School.

Colin Marzec, whose Eagle project involved planting trees for *Re-Tree WNY*, an organization devoted to re-foresting every public area that was destroyed by the October storm in 2006.

Ian Donnachie, whose Eagle Scout project involved building an information kiosk for Glen Park in Williamsville. The kiosk provides information on upcoming events in the community as well as a list of plants found in the park. The project also included the removal of invasive plants and debris cleanup. It is important to note that Ian has served as a regular teen lector at St. Greg's.

Logan Marzec, whose project involved the construction of garden boxes at the *Family Help Center* in Buffalo. This Center supports children and parents in a safe and comfortable environment.

Gregory James built a "Ga-Ga" Pit for use in our Youth Ministry programs. This is a very popular game played by our youth today. It is important to note that Gregory is also a very active parishioner at St. Greg's. He is one of our Sacristans, and also has been serving our weekend Masses. He is active as a participant in our parish's AMPED ministry for young adults and he is also a core member serving the Junior High youth in our parish's EDGE program.

Jacob Balling's project involved building park benches for the Amherst State Park in Williamsville.

Congratulations to all our new Eagle Scouts. We are proud of this great accomplishment in your life, we pray you continue to serve our parish family of St. Greg's and the larger community in the name of Jesus Christ and our Church. Congratulations to their parents and to all our Scout leaders here at St. Greg's Troop 440. Thank you for your contribution in forming these fine young men.

Ordinary Time is really not ordinary. Ordinary time calls us to reflect on the three years of Jesus' ministry. We hear His teaching, witness His miracles, participate in His life of prayer and are encouraged by His challenging of others to change and be open to the truth of the Gospel. Jesus was not "ordinary" in any way. He was divine and extraordinary. We are also called to be "extraordinary" people in our "ordinary" lives as we bring the life of Christ alive within our own. It is not that hard to accomplish. If you do not believe me, please re-read the accomplishments of our six new Eagle Scouts and see that they have accomplished some extraordinary things as teenagers. We are all called to do the same.

I think last Sunday's reflection on our Baptism and our beginning of Ordinary Time calls us to reflect on the distinction between believing in Jesus versus belonging to Jesus. It is very easy to say that we are Baptized and that we believe in Jesus, but to what extent do we belong to Him? I was watching the news on Tuesday evening and there was a segment about the bitter cold temperatures predicted for this coming weekend and its effect on those planning to go to the Bills game on Saturday. One man who was interviewed said that even if it went below zero (I do not remember the exact temperature he mentioned), nothing would keep him and many others from filling the stadium on Saturday. That man not only believes in the Buffalo Bills; he belongs to them. Nothing will keep him from supporting his team. Is that where we are in our relationship with Jesus Christ? Do we belong, or do we just say we believe? Is there anything that will keep us from belonging to Christ?

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED. . .

Last weekend Deacon Greg in his homily made the following statement (paraphrased here): "If you are elderly or ill or very concerned about Covid19 and do not leave the house to go anywhere, please stay home and join us on livestream or YouTube to pray with us for Mass. However, if you're going to the grocery store, to work or school or to the Bills game or restaurants and more, then you also need to be back here at St. Greg's in person in prayer with us. We need you." I applaud this statement. Has the convenience of worshipping at home on-line kept us from belonging to Christ and our parish family? Has wearing a mask kept you from receiving the Eucharist? We have had people come to Mass and refuse to wear a mask and when asked to put one on chose to leave rather than wear a mask and pray with us and belong to Jesus in receiving the Eucharist. At times some may let political ideology, popular thought or personal opinion outweigh belonging to Jesus. Perhaps the best way to be extraordinary in this ordinary world is to belong to Christ in every facet of our lives. Something to think about as we begin Ordinary Time.

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.



### TIME COMMITMENT FORM

In gratitude to God for His gift of time to me, I intend during 2022 to spend time nourishing and developing my personal relationship with God by:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in FIAT, the monthly Eucharistic Conference
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in Bible Study (details will appear each week in the Bulletin)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Join Fr. Moses for *Luke & Lunch* at 12:45 pm in the Gathering Rooms every Wednesday in March
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend the Parish Lenten Retreat April 4-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spend \_\_\_ minutes in Eucharistic Adoration

Please drop this form in the collection basket or in the drop box in the Parish Office vestibule. Thank you. Your signature below is optional:

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

Receive spiritual quotes, 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**



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED AND MASS SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The only daily Mass will be at 8:00 am.

The Parish Office, Catholic Store and Café will be closed on Wednesday, January 26, as the staff attend a retreat. We will have our normal daily Mass schedule this day. The Parish Office will resume normal hours on Thursday, January 27.



*Join us for a fun-filled evening of fundraising, Funniest Videos of St. Greg's Awards and more ...*

### WHAT IS A VIRTUAL EVENT?

A virtual gala is where we can all come together on the internet from our own homes to help celebrate St. Greg's.

### DINNERS, SPONSORS AND MORE ...

Families and friends can put together watch parties with sponsored gourmet dinners in your home and enjoy our award show and fundraising to benefit St. Greg's.

### ST. GREG'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS

Kids ages 3-14 of the Parish and School community can submit videos for our Funniest Videos contest.

Categories are:

- Pet Olympics
- Backyard Bloopers
- Greg the Cougar
- Best Sports
- Best Entertainment
- Best School Spirit
- Best Dance

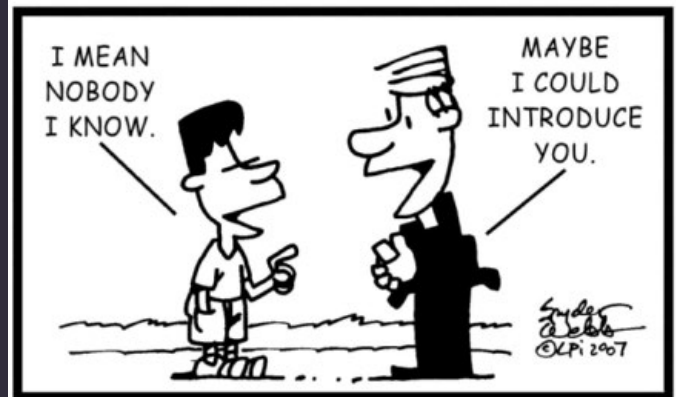
*Check out [Stregs.org](http://Stregs.org) and click on No-Go Gala Auction for more information*



### CATHOLIC STORE CHRISTMAS SALE

Stop in the Catholic Store for our FLASH AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE. Select Christmas items up to 50% off until January 31. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grab a couple fabulous items.

### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### A VOCATION VIEW

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

### RESPONDING TO THE CALL...

Do you feel you are called to serve Christ in a deeper way? Do you want to know something about the Permanent Diaconate? If you are a male between the ages of 30 and 55 and have asked yourself this question, please join us on **Saturday February 12 from 9am – 12 noon** to talk, pray, and discover more about the Permanent Diaconate with no commitment. We will gather at St. Rose Retreat Center, 217 Winston Rd. Buffalo, NY 14214 - Please RSVP to Deacon Howard Morgan at [hmorgan@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:hmorgan@buffalodiocese.org) and let him know you are coming. God is calling you, will you follow?



## “EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE WOMB!”

The Respect Life Committee invites you to remember January 22 in any of the following ways:

**\*JOIN US for the Youth Rally,**

**March, and Mass for Life with Bishop Michael Fisher on January 22 at 3:30 PM in the Ministry Center. Show your commitment to protecting ALL human life with people from across the Diocese.**

**\*PLEASE stop by the Respect Life Committee information table in **Gathering Room #2** after all the Masses on January 23. Learn more about the Dobbs Supreme Court case as well as important state and national government legislation. “Little feet” pins, car magnets, and other items will be available as well.**

**\*USCCB Novena for Life:** On January 19 through January 27, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites Catholics to participate in the Nine Day Novena for Life. Go to [www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-2022-novena](http://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-2022-novena) for the prayers and reflections.

**\*The Nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life** will be broadcast live from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on January 20-January 21. Go to [www.usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life](http://www.usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life) for details.

**\*Observe Saturday, January 22, as a day of penance and PRAY FOR DOBBS:** Please pray and fast for a just decision in the Supreme Court case Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization. Dobbs v Jackson is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the Roe v Wade. The possibility for future laws protecting the unborn hangs in the balance.

**\*Donate** to a pregnancy care center such as the Mother Teresa Home, St. Gianna’s, or St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy. Go to the Diocesan Pro-life webpage [buffalodiocese.org/pro-life](http://buffalodiocese.org/pro-life).

**\*On the evening of January 22, please “Light a Candle for Life”** and place it in your front window. This is a reminder of the nearly **62 million** unborn and almost-born babies who have been aborted since the Roe Vs Wade decision.

**\*Please pray** for the end of abortion and respect for all life.

**“Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God.” --Pope Francis**



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At St. Gregory the Great, our goal is to develop students who learn, live and lead as Disciples of Christ. We focus on prayer, positive relationships and a rigorous academic curriculum while instituting a COVID safe learning environment.

**Offering Preschool 3 & 4, Early Kindergarten and K - 8 academic programs**



**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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## CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Sign up for great movies, audios, eBooks and Bible studies! Free!

- 1) Go to **www.FORMED.org**
  - 2) Click ‘Sign Up’
  - 3) Then click ‘I belong to a parish or organization’
  - 4) Type in ‘St. Gregory the Great, Williamsville NY’
- And away you go...

Did you know we have a Catholic Radio station right here in Buffalo? Tune into WLOF. FM 101.7 or go to **www.thestationofthecross.com** and give a listen to learn more about our Faith.

Do you have a question about our Faith or are curious about how to best explain our Faith to someone? Check out Catholic Answers at **www.catholic.com** Maybe watching TV programs is more your preference? Check your local listings for EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network).

Perhaps you’re looking for a good book or thoughtful gift for a friend? Browse through our bookstore located at the Parish Ministry Center across the parking lot from the Church. If you would like to learn more about Catholic resources in our parish, please look us up at **www.stgregs.org** or call us at 716-688-5678.





## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

- There are **NO** classes on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **Grades 5-8 in Virtual Classes can pick up their Gospel Weeklies** from the FFF Office during the following hours:
  - Monday – Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
  - Saturday, from 8:30 am - 10:30 am, or
  - Monday from 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm.
- Just a reminder for all our in-person classes: please remember to **fill out the COVID screening at least 2 hours prior to class time.** Thank you for your kind cooperation, and welcome back!

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**First Communion Online Registration** began January 3 for all Grade 3 Public and Catholic School children. Last day to register is January 28. To register, go to <https://stgregs.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FirstCommunion2022>

### Confirmation:

- All candidates should have submitted their **Confirmation name** already. Please remember to ask the saint whose name you have chosen to pray for you in your final months of preparation for the Sacrament.
- **Sponsors who are not members of the St. Greg's Parish should have a letter of recommendation** sent from their home parish to the FFF office. A letter will be sent home in the next few weeks letting each candidate know how they are progressing on the road to Confirmation.
- **Responses from the Candidate/Sponsor workbook** must be submitted to the FFF Office by the Sponsor by February 1st.



### Does This Sit Well with You?

**Q.** After receiving Holy Communion, which is more appropriate, sitting or kneeling?

**A.** Because Holy Communion is such a sacred encounter with our Living God, may I suggest we enter our prayer after Communion with the most reverent posture possible. There is a document the Church turns to that explains the liturgical norms of the Mass called the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal." Article #43 of that Instruction states: "... if appropriate, you may sit or kneel during the period of sacred silence after Communion." So, it looks like we have the option.

Above all, strive to tune everything else out and enter into deep prayer with God. If you do that, you can be sure that your Communion will be fruitful.

**Youth/ Young Adult  
SPRING SEASON  
KICKS-OFF  
2022**

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"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." *Pope St. John Paul II*

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### MEN OF GOD

Join us for our monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 19, as we pray the Rosary, have group discussions and enjoy fellowship with one another. Feel free to bring a friend, brother, dad, uncle or cousin with you! For more information please contact Jeff Criden at 716-207-4878 or via email at [jeffcrd@aol.com](mailto:jeffcrd@aol.com).

### 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. Voluntary donation is dish detergent. All Covid protocols will be followed. New members are always welcome to attend.

### UPDATE ON THE NEW ALLEN ORGAN

The installation is nearly complete! The new console arrived just in time for Christmas, all the new speakers are installed, and the main computer is up and running. The last stage of installation awaits Rudy Lucente, the designer of the Allen 66 Stop, 3 Manual Organ, to voice all the stops so that they sound as they were intended. Gary Shipe and his crew have created a truly customized installation for our beautiful Sanctuary. Stay tuned for plans for a concert, hopefully at the end of February. Donations are still welcome and very much appreciated. Please know of my deep appreciation for your support. Gratefully yours, Nancy Erdman, Director of Music Ministry

### SAVE THE DATE - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**When:** Sunday, February 6

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Where:** Ministry Center Gym

**Tickets:** \$8.00 each. Children 4 and under are free. PreSale Tickets on St. Greg's Website or Purchase at the Door. **Menu includes:** Pancakes, egg, sausage, juice, and coffee. This breakfast is open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Proceeds will benefit various charities. To learn more contact Bob Moses at 716-908-4223.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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 noon 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.



**MEAT RAFFLE**  
Proceeds benefit  
St. Gregory the Great School HSA

**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.

We will comply with all CDC, NYS, Erie County and Parish Covid guidelines. No outside alcohol permitted.

Questions email: [meatraffletime@gmail.com](mailto:meatraffletime@gmail.com)

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

### Bible Study Opportunities

*“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” – St. Augustine*

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR:** Invest twenty minutes a day in developing a personal relationship with God and better understanding His word in the Scriptures. Father Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes in this free podcast. Each episode includes two or three Scripture readings, a reflection, and a guided prayer to help you hear God’s voice in his Word. Google “Bible in a Year Podcast”.

**OUR STORY: A BASIC INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE FOR CATHOLICS:** The ABC’s of the Scriptures in nine five-minute video presentations. Or **LECTIO: MARK WITH DR. TIM GRAY.** A 14-part video series on Mark’s Gospel. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that presents St. Peter’s account of Christ’s life and teaching. Access these two programs, and more, by going to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), click “Sign Up”, then “Sign Up as Parishioner”. Type in “St. Gregory the Great Williamsville, NY” and click “Next”. Our Parish pays an annual subscription fee so our members and guests can access programs free of charge.

**LUKE AND LUNCH:** Join Father Moses in exploring the Gospel of Luke on Wednesdays (March 9, 16, 23, 30) during Lent at 12:45 in the Gathering Room. Bring your Bible and a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. No pre-registration needed.

Stay tuned for more Bible Study opportunities and if you are in need of a new Bible, visit our Catholic Store; they are sure to have one that will meet your needs!

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YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
*Soiree D'Amore*

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

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\$45 PER TICKET | \$85 PER COUPLE  
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CHAMPAGNE, HORS D'OEUVRES,  
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ROSES FOR THE LADIES

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, January 15 - Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Blase Thurston (anniv) by Thurston Family  
5:30 pm Richard MacVittie, Sr by The Voltz F Family

### Sunday, January 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jeanne Goergen (anniv) by The Goergen Family  
9:30 am Rose Tomasulo by Dayer Girls, Peggy, Phyllis & Nancy  
11:00 am Joe Lamastra by Sam & Gina Giammusso  
12:30 pm Mary & Vinnie Lesh (anniv wedding) Nancy & Mike McGory  
Anna & Peter DiSalvo (anniv) by Rosalia Montagna

### Monday, January 17 – St. Anthony

- 8:00 am Judith Kaczmarek (anniv) by Michelle Schifferli & Family

### Tuesday, January 18

- 7:00 am David P. Eaton by Stephen Mercurio  
8:00 am Bertola Family by Betsy Utnik  
12:00 pm Thomas Doran by Nina Doran  
Joseph Coutu by Ann Marie & Tim Spellman

### Wednesday, January 19

- 7:00 am Gloria Carlisi by Joan Rischmiller  
8:00 am David C. Meyer by The Rossi Family  
12:00 pm For the People of St. Gregory the Great Parish

### Thursday, January 20 – Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

- 7:00 am Alexander Susan by Barbara Wilbur  
8:00 am Richard Schilio by Jean Basior  
12:00 pm Denny Alfano by The Breakfast Club

### Friday, January 21 – St. Agnes

- 7:00 am Richard Kessler by Kathleen Genander  
8:00 am Brian Szary by Diana Raguso  
12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Marinoff, Sr by Granddaughter, Denise  
Paige Natiella (living) by Joan Natiella

### Saturday, January 22

- 8:00 am Members of St. Gregory the Great Parish by Deacon Joseph Tokasz

### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Jerome Romano by James & Sharon Kulach  
Charles F. Priore by Wife, Fanny Priore  
5:30 pm Margaret Gajedski by Deacon Gregory & Christine Gaulin

### Sunday, January 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Gregory Bruno (birth) by Donna, Marissa & Christian Bruno  
9:30 am Michael O'Neil by Paul & Greta Haggerty  
11:00 am Elizabeth Dempsey by The Iannarelli Family  
12:30 pm Salvatore Sanfilippo by Rosina Kowalski & Family  
Donald & Mark Collins by Fran & Billy Gabler

## CANDLE, HOST AND WINE OFFERINGS

You may commemorate or honor someone by having the offerings for the Host (weekly \$55; monthly \$220), Wine (weekly \$40; monthly \$160) and the Sanctuary Candle (weekly \$35; monthly \$140). They are noted in the Bulletin and there are many of these offerings are available for 2022. Call the Parish Office at 688-5678 for more information.

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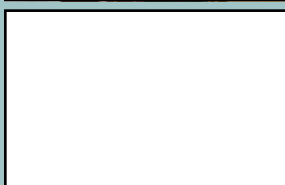
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