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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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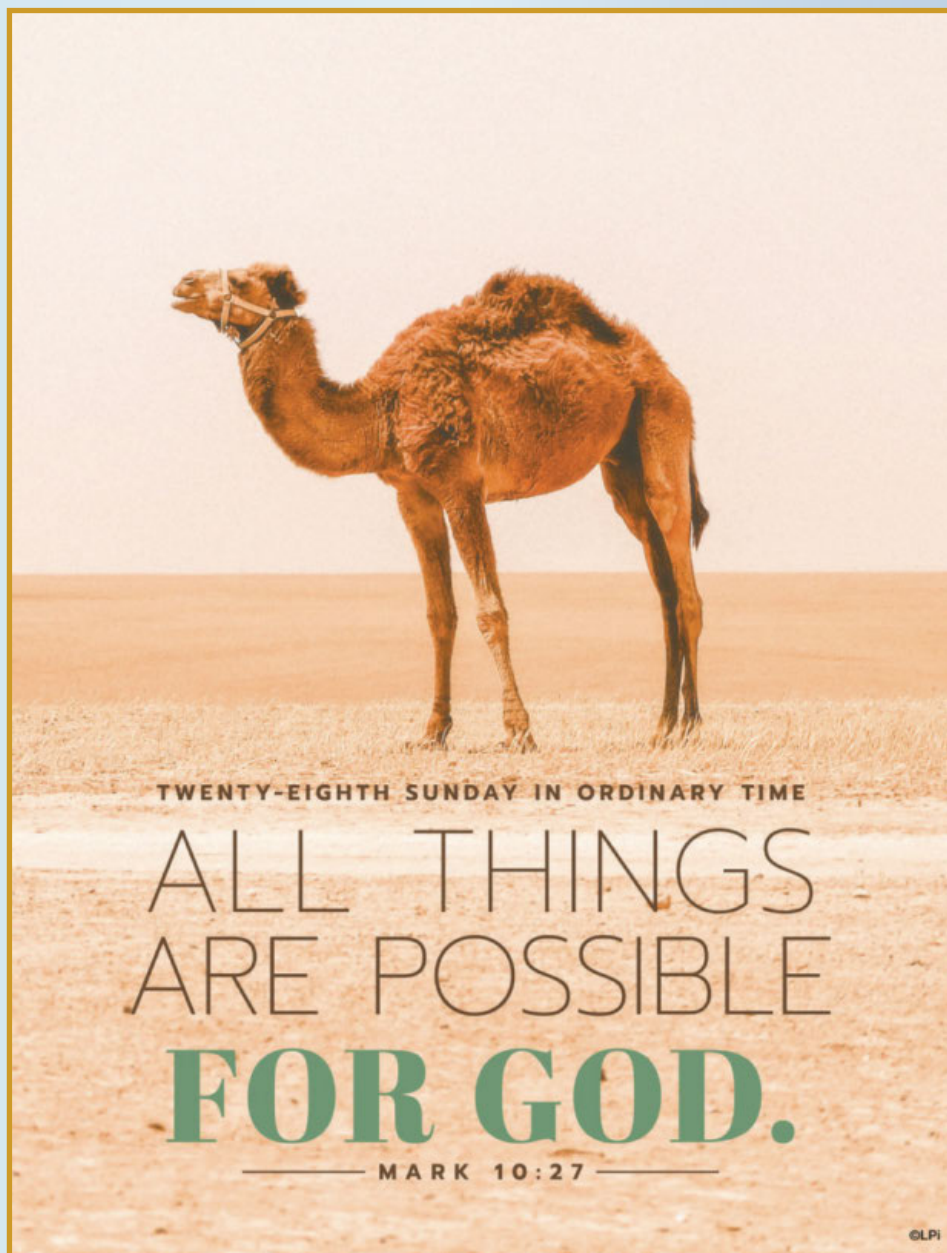
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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO – Bishop Persico writes from the Chancery in Erie about this year’s World Mission Sunday appeal:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2024, World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on the weekend of October 19 - 20. Donations collected at these worldwide Masses go entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Mission Sunday supports over 1,150 mission territories specifically in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. In the 1800’s, it was the Catholic Church in the United States that benefitted from this collection. Now is our chance to give back.

This year’s theme is: “Go and invite everyone to the banquet.” (cf. Mt 22:9). This message, rooted in the parable of the wedding banquet, calls us to a renewed sense of our missionary responsibility. Pope Francis emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit. As we prepare for World Mission Sunday, may we be inspired by the words of Pope Francis. Let us pray that the Lord may help us to be a more missionary Church, reaching out to every corner of the earth with His message of love and salvation.

With gratitude for your generosity, and with prayers for a fruitful celebration of World Mission Sunday, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY - Why not pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary this week using the Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions? They were created by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. There are free Rosaries and prayer pamphlets on the book rack in the lobby.

The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan: That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and always bear witness to the sanctity of all human life.

The Wedding Feast at Cana: For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God: That those who pray and work for greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

The Transfiguration: That our world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being.

The Institution of the Eucharist: That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

FALL FLOWER MEMORIALS –

The floral arrangement at the altar is given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Tony Lapinto by Carol Lapinto and family.



GOSPEL MEDITATION — This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus’ invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, “At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions” (Mark 10:22). The man’s heart wasn’t centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don’t know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God’s call to test Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent renouncing of them is. This week, especially if you’re noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally yours. They are God’s and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, “mine.” At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, “Lord, all I have is yours.” And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.

— Father John Muir

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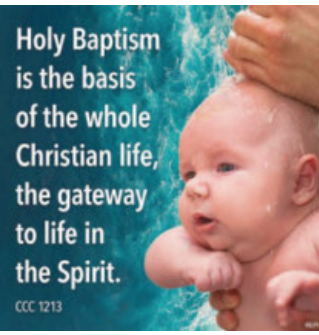
SAINT LUKE | OCTOBER 18

Saint Luke, sometimes called The Evangelist, is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles and a physician. There is some debate about how he came to Christianity, though many believe he was a gentile convert. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, Syria, possibly a slave. Most of what we know of Luke comes from Scripture, he was an eloquent and proficient writer, penning with accuracy the events he recounted. He is viewed as one of the best historical sources of the time.

Luke was a close companion of Paul’s, joining him at Troas about year 51 and going with him to Macedonia and Philippi. Their paths diverged and met again as they journeyed to spread the Good News. Luke remained with Paul until the latter was martyred in Rome.

Saint Luke’s Gospel is viewed as one of social justice, giving special attention to the poor. He also emphasizes gentiles hearing the message of Christ. It is the only Gospel with Mary’s Magnificat, and spends the most time illuminating the lives of the other women around Jesus.

Accounts of Luke’s death are conflicting, some say he was martyred shortly after Paul others that he lived a long life completing his Gospel in Greece and dying at 84. He is the patron saint of physicians



A BAPTISM FORMATION SESSION is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the parish faith formation office. This one-time session is for first time parents who are asking to have their child baptized at Immaculate Conception parish.

To register, go to icclarion.org, click Sacraments on the page

header, scroll to the Baptism paragraph. Questions can be directed to Linda Summerville, Adult Faith Formation Director, at lsummerville@icclarion.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for Saturday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m. (or by appointment).

THE IMPORTANCE OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Part 2 of 4 — Why World Mission Sunday Matters
World Mission Sunday, observed on October 20th this year, is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on this day is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories.

These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme “Go and invite everyone to the banquet,” let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God’s love.

**QUESTIONS of the WEEK
FOR FAITH SHARING**

Danger of Riches
Jesus said, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:15)
Adults: How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?
Kids: What favorite toy, game, video, etc., of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

iGiveCatholic Projects:
The parish
will use the funds to remodel the Reconciliation Rooms.
The school
will be purchasing 2 new water refill stations.



Addition to the Prayer List:
Nancy L. Ganoë



**Monday, October 14 – Saint Pope Callistus I
Columbus Day**

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 15 – Saint Teresa of Jesus

11:00 a.m. Jess Copenhaver (Madge Copenhaver)

**Wednesday, October 16 – Saint Hedwig and
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**

NO MASS

Thurs., October 17 – Saint Ignatius of Antioch

11:00 a.m. For the People

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Holy Hour

Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction

Friday, October 18 – Saint Luke

NO MASS

**Saturday, October 19 – Saints John de Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues and Companions
and Saint Peter of Alcantara**

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters (Catholic Daughters)

**Sunday, October 20 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time and World Mission Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Penny McCleary (Amanda Stitzer and Family)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Member of the Joseph and Florence Heinrich Family

11:00 a.m. Richard Keenen (Rose Keenen and Family)

Readings for the week of October 13, 2024

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 /Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 /Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 /Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22) /Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Offertory	October 5 - 6
Envelopes	\$ 6,536.00
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