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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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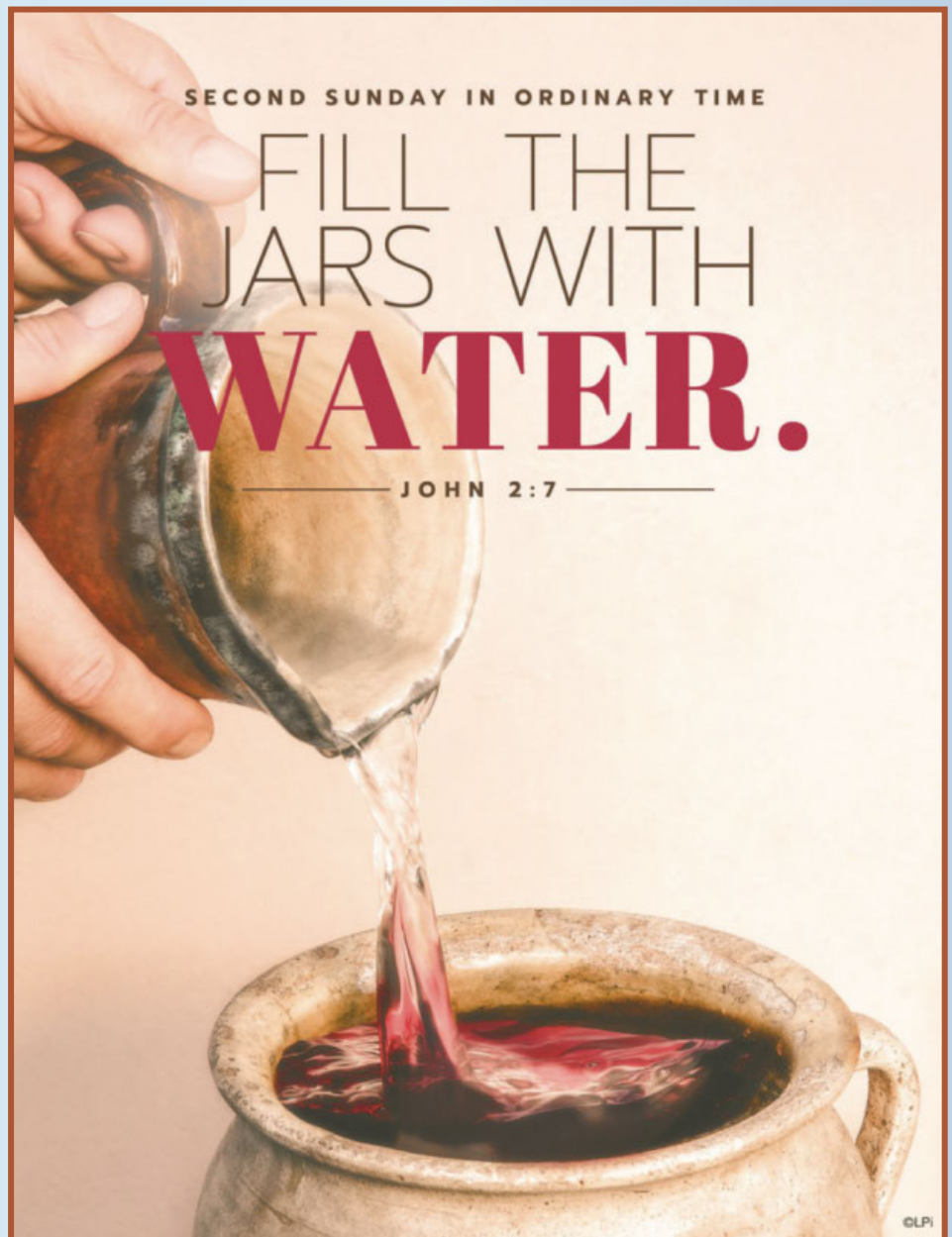
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### Parish Membership

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** – The Bishop writes from the Chancery about the annual Help Spread the Faith collection.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take a moment to express how deeply inspired I am by your faith and generosity. As we celebrate this Holy Year, your support allows us to share the Good News of Christ in every corner of our diocese, which is why I ask you to consider making a gift to the ***Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection, held the weekend of January 25-26.***

The 2025 Jubilee invites us to be pilgrims of hope, and this month celebrates the Jubilee of the World of Communications. Mark 16:15 states: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”

Our diocesan Office of Communications is central to this calling. It supports me in uniting and evangelizing our Catholic family across all 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie. Through Faith Magazine, Diocese of Erie-News, and social media, we proclaim the Gospel, connect our community and inspire discipleship.

This year, I ask you:

- Were you inspired by an article shared in Faith Magazine?
- Have you learned about an historic event in our Catholic Church by reading Diocese of Erie-News or through our social media channels?
- Did your family find a new way to connect by reading the new Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope newsletter?

These vital communication tools are made possible through your contributions to this special collection. Faith Magazine reaches over 34,000 households and organizations – at no cost – sharing uplifting stories and reflections to deepen connections with Christ. On social media, we extend Christ’s love beyond diocesan borders, inviting others to encounter him in new ways.

Your gift enables us to collaborate with parishes, schools and ministries, sharing their stories and providing resources to enrich their missions. Thank you for making this vital work possible.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Bishop of Erie

**THERE IS AN ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET FOR THE 2025 HELP SPREAD THE FAITH APPEAL.**

**APOLOGIES FOR THE ERROR** in last week’s bulletin. The mass intentions for **this** Sunday’s masses were incorrect. They should have been:

- 8:30 a.m. For the People  
8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Mrs. Arnold Frampton (Betty Boroughs)  
11:00 a.m. Shirley Bracken (Kim and Clay Kroh)



**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY** – Next Sunday, January 26, is the sixth annual observance of the Sunday of the Word of God. According to Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter (2018) this observance on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, “is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God.”

Though it is an annual occurrence, Pope Francis wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign. “A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord.”

The motto chosen by the Holy Father for the 2025 edition, within the Jubilee Year, is a verse from Psalm 119, “I hope in your Word”. “It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him.”

As Catholics, you receive extensive exposure to the Scriptures at the Sunday and daily liturgy.

My personal goal is to guide you in developing a daily habit of Bible reading that leads to personal devotion and prayer with Scripture. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are continually spurred on to a deeper knowledge of Scripture, for, as St. Jerome reminds us, “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY.**

Immaculate Conception Parish School's 11th Annual  
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Last week's bulletin talked about the aspects of the holy year which are **PILGRIMAGE, HOLY DOOR, RECONCILIATION, PRAYER, LITURGY, PROFESSION OF FAITH,** and **INDULGENCES.** This week, let's take a closer look at Reconciliation as

explained at <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

**RECONCILIATION** — A Jubilee year is a sign of reconciliation because it establishes a “favorable time” (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:2) for conversion. We are called to put God at the center of our lives, growing toward Him and acknowledging His primacy. Even the Biblical call for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth stems from a theological reality: if God is the creator of the universe, He must be given priority over every reality and partisan interest. It is God who makes this year holy by bestowing on us His own holiness.

As Pope Francis recalled in the 2015 Bull proclaiming the Extraordinary Holy Year, “Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. [...] God’s justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the Cross of Christ is God’s judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certainty of love and new life” (Misericordiae Vultus, 21).

In practical terms, reconciliation involves receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, taking advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and experiencing God's personal words of forgiveness. There are some Jubilee churches that stay open continuously to make available the sacrament of Reconciliation. You can prepare yourself to receive the sacrament by following a guide.

**“BEING PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
Living Catholic Social Teaching”**

Sisters Marian and Tina from Catholic Rural Ministry along with guest speaker Elizabeth Slaby, Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Erie’s Office of Social Justice and Life, invite you to

**“Fan the flame of hope”** with them through prayer, reflection, presentations and sharing.

This is an overnight retreat at Olmsted Manor Conference Center, Ludlow PA Feb. 4-5, 2025 noon to noon

**Please register asap - deadline by Mon., Jan. 27, 2025**

Contact Sr. Tina at [srtinag@gmail.com](mailto:srtinag@gmail.com) with your name and phone number

Send \$30 non refundable registration fee to: Catholic Rural Ministry 7 Pulaski St., Oil City PA 16301

Total retreat cost is \$60/person for a double room or \$75 for a single room. The cost includes 4 home-cooked meals, room, and the presentation

**MASS Intentions**

**Monday, January 20 – Saint Pope Fabian and Saint Sebastian  
Martin Luther King Day**

———— NO MASS ————

**Tuesday, January 21 – Saint Agnes**

11:00 a.m. Germaine Schill  
(Linda Smith and Judy Poad Families)

**Wednesday, January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

———— NO MASS ————

**Thursday, January 23 – Saint Vincent and Saint Marianne Cope**

11:00 a.m. Robert Donahue  
(Jim and Mary Lou Delaney)

**Friday, January 24 – Saint Francis de Sales**

———— NO MASS ————

**Saturday, January 25 – The Conversion of Saint Paul**

4:00 p.m. Edward “Pete” Hartle (Rhona Ritts)

**Sunday, January 26 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Dennis and Dawn Kidney  
(Children and Grandchildren)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Mothers and Fathers of Immaculate Conception

11:00 a.m. For the People

**Readings for the week of January 19, 2025**

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c /Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 /Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 /Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 /Mk 16:15-18

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 /Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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