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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.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays - Consult the bulletin or phone the parish office

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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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**A GOOD**  
TREE DOES NOT  
BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.

LUKE 6:43





**THE 2025 CATHOLIC  
SERVICES APPEAL**  
*One Faith, One Family*  
**Commitment Weekend**

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family*. The CSA is essential to carrying out the Church's mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need, beyond what any parish can provide on its own.

As baptized Catholics, the Lord calls each one of us to share His love and build up His Church. Through our gifts to the CSA, we unite as *One Faith, One Family* in carrying out His life-giving mission. Thank you for your faithful generosity and prayers for the CSA

**NOTICE – LENTEN PRACTICES 2025**

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025.

The following practices and regulations are promulgated and binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent and the Paschal Triduum, 2025. Eastern Rite Catholics who may be attending Latin Rite parishes have their own proper regulations and should consult their own eparchy or parish.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. **ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (*On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.*)
4. On **HOLY THURSDAY**, no celebration of the Mass is to begin anywhere in the diocese earlier than 4:30 pm without the explicit approval of Bishop Persico.
5. Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the **GOOD FRIDAY** service is celebrated by a priest only.
6. All celebrations of the **EASTER VIGIL** are to begin *after nightfall* (which is defined as approximately one hour after local sunset.) Nightfall is about 9:00 pm this year. To balance pastoral need and liturgical prescriptions, Bishop Persico has decreed that the Easter Vigil in the Diocese of Erie is to begin at 8:30 pm or any later time. Any start time earlier than 8:30 pm must receive explicit approval from the Bishop.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop

**CRS RICE BOWL** — During Lent, we are invited to deepen our relationship and unite our hearts more fully with God and with one another. We can do this in an intentional way through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program—invites us to encounter God and our global family by practicing these Lenten pillars.

This year, CRS Rice Bowl celebrates its 50th anniversary. At this very moment, millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. At the root of this crisis is a perfect storm of poverty, climate change, conflict and inequality. There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger, but we can answer Jesus' invitation to share with our sisters and brothers during Lent by participating in CRS Rice Bowl.

Sixty percent of alms collected through CRS Rice Bowl supports CRS programs around the world. Forty percent stays here in our diocese to help fight hunger and poverty. Your 2024 contributions assisted over 25 organizations including food pantries and soup kitchens in the diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

CRS Rice Bowl provides free resources in English and Spanish to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities. You may visit **crsricebowl.org** or **crsplatodearroz.org** to find these additional resources.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to join us for an enriching Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help people in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given potential.

**ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?**

- **Ash Wednesday** – March 5 Masses at 8:30 a.m., 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- **“Little Black Books”** for Lent are available on the lobby bookrack. This year's Lent book focuses on the Passion according to John's Gospel and begins March 2, 2025 through Holy Saturday, April 19. Pick one up today for a suggested donation of \$1.00.
- **Wednesday Evening Devotions** - “The Way of the Cross According to Saint Luke” begins Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.
- **First Penance Family Retreat** – Our Second Grade students and their families will celebrate this sacrament for the first time on Sunday, March 16. Retreat: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will immediately follow the 8:30 a.m. Mass on March 7, the first Friday of the month. Adoration will follow concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m. The focus of our prayer is the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network intention for March 2025: **FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS** - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

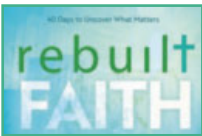
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eligible for kindergarten a child must be 5 by August 1st,  
2025. For preschool, a child must be 4 by August 1st, 2025.  
There is a \$50 registration fee due upon enrollment. Call  
814-226-8433 Ext. 105 or check the school website  
([www.icclarionschool.org](http://www.icclarionschool.org)) for more information.

**FAITH FORMATION  
MARCH SCHEDULE**

March 2 PURPOSE 9:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.  
March 8 Pflaum pick-up 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
March 9 EDGE 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
March 16 PURPOSE 9:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.  
First Reconciliation Retreat  
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
March 23 EDGE 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
March 30 PURPOSE 9:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.  
Donut Miss Mass!

Contact Teresa Frederick at [tfrederick@icclarion.org](mailto:tfrederick@icclarion.org)



**SPIRITUAL CAMPAIGN —  
Get to Know Jesus**

Please pray for the success of the  
campaign with this prayer for the week of  
March 2.

Dear Heavenly Father, as the Rebuilt Faith small groups  
talk and reflect on getting to know Jesus, may they center  
on knowing Him intimately and completely. May they have  
courage and resolve and the desire for eternal awakening in  
their hearts and let all worldly distractions disappear. Help  
their friendships with Jesus grow! May they realize His  
powerful sense of purpose and let them stand with Him  
closely and honor Him by loving all those around them.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR** are given to the  
Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of the our  
deceased loved ones. Thank You for your support of the  
Christmas 2024 and Easter 2025 Flower Fund!

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m.  
(or by appointment)

**2025 MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA** — Girls who are 10  
years of age or older, along with their mothers are cordially  
invited to the Diocese of Erie Mother-Daughter Tea. A  
special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, and  
prepare for puberty. There are two dates available:

**April 5, 2025** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church,  
315 Church St., St. Marys, PA 15857 (RSVP by 3/28/25)  
and **May 3, 2025** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Saint Mark  
Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd.,  
Erie, PA 16504 (RSVP by 4/25/25).

For more information and to sign up, scan  
this QR code or go to

<https://www.eriecd.org/chastity/tea.html>



**MASS Intentions**

**Monday, March 3 – Saint Katharine Drexel**

**Tuesday, March 4 – Saint Casimir**

NO MASSES

**Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Steve Santus  
(Tricia and Mark Shingledecker)  
4:00 p.m. Patsy Renninger (Friends and Family)  
7:00 p.m. For the People

**Thursday, March 6**

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
Colantonio and Fletcher Families  
(John and Paulette Colantonio)

**Friday, March 7 – Saints Perpetua and Felicity**

*Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.*

*Adoration will continue all morning and conclude with  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m.*

8:30 a.m. Sal Mazzocchi, Jr. (Patty Girt)

**Saturday, March 8 – Saint John of God**

4:00 p.m. Shannon Gilbert (Kim and Clay Kroh)

**Sunday, March 9 – First Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Mechling (Dussie Mechling)

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

11:00 a.m. For the People

**Readings for the week of March 2, 2025**

**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23  
/Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,  
14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,  
14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**FOOD PANTRY** — For the month of March, the parish  
and school will collect donations of cans of **Chicken,  
Tuna, and Spam**. Other non-perishable food items  
are always welcome and appreciated. Thank you!

**2025 CENTURY CLUB TICKETS ON SALE NOW** —  
Each ticket is \$100 and will be sold after the weekend  
Masses in the church lobby. You may also contact Amy at  
the parish office by calling 814-226-8433 Ext. 100 or  
emailing her at [abish@icclarion.org](mailto:abish@icclarion.org).

Offertory	Feb. 15 - 16
Envelopes	\$ 6,849.00
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