

“YES THIS IS THE BULLETIN COVER”

Please join us on three consecutive Sundays during Lent for a spiritual exercise as we use the gospels to instigate and nurture our hearts, minds and imaginations. Every crisis is an opportunity but it takes faith in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the right perspective to see the possibilities. The future of God's Kingdom is pretty much a mystery but we know for certain that it involves us.



Each gathering will start at 5:30 PM with a simple meal; followed by a presentation by Fr. Mark at 6:30 PM and then time for Q&A. We will close with prayer by 7:30PM. The topics will build on each other and so we encourage folks to attend all the sessions for the fullest experience.

March 17 @ Sacred Heart

March 24 @ St. Andrew

March 31 @ St. Paul

SAVE THE DATES

Fr. Mark

Baptized: Equipped for Ministry

If the effect of baptism is to remove original sin, then why did Jesus need to be baptized?

I was asked this question, usually in adult education settings, more frequently when I was newly ordained than now. The probable reason for this change is that the adults who would pose the question are better educated today in their religion than they were shortly after the second Vatican Council. The years of indoctrinating them with the Baltimore Catechism left them with the understanding that the only benefit of baptism is the removal of the overpower effects of original sin. We did not say enough about another benefit of baptism; empowering the baptized for ministry.

Jesus was born without suffering the profound alienation of original sin that affects us at our birth. So, the reason for his baptism had more to do with equipping him for ministry, just as Confirmation does for us. In the terms of the people alive in the time of Jesus, they would gradually come to understand that this baptism was the inauguration of Jesus' public ministry. He was recognized and identified as the Son whom the Father found pleasing.

One idea that was recovered at the Vatican II Council is the understanding that baptism is the source of grace for ministry and not ordination. Although this idea is not new as the celebration of the baptism of the Lord this Sunday demonstrates, it constituted a departure from what had become the normal expectation and practice in the pre-Vatican II Church. Except for altar servers (a.k.a., acolytes), the laity was not normally called to ministry. There was little if any chance for the laity to take part in the Church's apostolic ministry. The music ministry, for example, was usually represented by a devout elderly woman who played the organ. Sometimes there was a choir.

The women religious filled most of the positions that are ordinarily filled today by the laity: catechists and sacristans for example. The laity was not called to serve as lectors or Eucharistic Ministers, etc.

The outcome of Vatican II and its impact on the American Catholic Church is a breath of fresh air. Eucharistic Ministers now take communion to the homebound, the residents of nursing homes and to their loved ones who are unable to attend mass with the fuller worshipping community. They are serving as lectors, altar servers, chaplains in prisons and hospitals, prayer leaders, catechists, music ministers and pastoral assistants. They are earning Master and Doctoral degrees in theology, and in some places where the priest shortage is severe, they administrate parishes and serve as canon lawyers. This is a burst of life that was not anticipated sixty years ago prior to the start of the Council.

There has never been an age in our Church history when the Holy Spirit has been off duty. However, we heard again the insight of St. Theresa of Avila who said, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." This is a fact that has energized the baptized since our beginning. The baptized are realizing the Kingdom of God on earth.

Indeed, God is with us and we are the witnesses of the fact.

Fr. Dan

WINTER FUND RAISER

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TODAY; January 13, 2019

The LADIES GUILD

will host a taste testing of numerous artisan breads, cheese crisps, and biscotti from the Abbey in the gathering space of St. Andrew Church following both Masses.

Order forms will be available.

Paid orders will be due by Jan. 27, 2019

(collection basket or rectory)

with delivery in mid-February.

Guild contact: Kathy Baldwin (602-0558)



Cursillo Corner

Cursillo Secretariat **January 26, 2019**

Sacred Heart Church 9:00AM

Call office to make reservation

Cursillo Choir **January 26, 2019**

Our Lady of Mercy 5:00PM Harborcreek

February Ultreya **February 1, 2019**

St. Andrew's 7:00PM

**Intentions for St. Andrew Church & Mass schedule
with our Partnered Churches**

Monday, January 14 - Weekday
8:00a.m. "PETE" PETT - Ann Adams

Tuesday, January 15 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. ✠PATRICK SULLIVAN - MaryGrace Umpleby

Wednesday, January 16 - Weekday
8:30a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot
8:00 a.m. ✠SHARON BRUNO - Patti Miller

Friday, January 18 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. ✠MARGARET MOONEY - Jeanne Niedzielski

Saturday, January 19 – Vigil Mass
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul (MAO)
4:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart (DKA)

Sunday, January 20 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. MASS FOR THE PEOPLE(MAO)
9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Paul (DKA)
10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart (MAO)
11:00 a.m. ✠ELEANOR FUHRMAN - Family (DKA)

Thirty One Club--Daily listing Sunday to Saturday

Barb Kuhn...Dorothy Kalinszewski...Lisa Gleason...Carol Timon...Penny Decker...Tom Hoffman...Pat Whitehill...

The Knights of Columbus will meet in the Knight's Room, on Monday, January 21st, 2019, at 7:00 pm. We ask all Knights to please attend.



Sunday, JANUARY 6, 2019 **WEEKLY** \$5,849.60
 Needed for budget \$6,646.00
 Weekly Surplus/(Deficit) \$796.40
 Envelopes sent 350 collected 146

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TOTAL BALANCE.....\$7,325.00
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 TOTAL PLEDGED.....\$67,335.00

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 13
Confession (Church).....noon

Monday, January 14
Rosary (Chapel).....2:30PM
Mass (Chapel).....3:15PM
Novena (Chapel).....7:00PM

Thursday, January 17
Leopold Prayer Group.....9:00AM
Family Rosary (Church)7:10PM
Maria House Project (AH).....5 - 6:45PM

Friday, January 18
Women's Scripture (AH).....8:30 - 9:30AM

Saturday, January 19
Religious Ed. K - 8th grade9 - 10:30AM

Sunday, January 20
Confession (Church).....noon

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

4 out of 10 children live below the poverty line in the city of Erie. The city's childhood poverty rate is nearly double the national level. Every SSJNN Monday meal at St. Paul's serves 15 children on average. Sacred Heart and St. Andrew's will be partnering together again to provide the Monday evening meal at St. Paul's on January 28th. We will be soliciting: Chili from the parishioners of St. Andrew's. Brownies or another type of favorite bar from the parishioners of Sacred Heart. Pies & cupcakes do not easily transport. We need at least 20+ St. Andrew's parishioners to make chili. If we have extra chili it will be stored at St. Paul's and used when they have a last-minute cancellation by the Monday meal cook. Two-quart containers will be provided for the chili when you sign up to assist with the meal.

Directions related to making and dropping off the chili and the desserts will be handed out when you sign up for the meal. We need at least 20+ Sacred Heart parishioners to make desserts. Any extra desserts will be used as treats during the week for those children who participate in after school activities at the Neighborhood Network house. We have parishioners from SH and SA who will prepare the meal in the kitchen. The SSJNN already has volunteers to serve the meal. So, help wise, we are OK. Sign-up for either the chili and the desserts will follow the masses on the 19th and 21st of January in the back of each church after mass and drop off will be on the 27th. We will also be responsible for the meal on February 25th. For this meal, we will switch with SA responsible for the desserts and SH responsible for the main dish. Any questions can be directed to Tom Hudson 864-1615 (SH); Kate Fatter 454-8732 or Cele Chadwick 878-0393 (SA).

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 20TH Collections Counters: FISHER / GLEASON

TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	USHERS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	GREETERS	ALTAR LINENS
8:00 a.m.	Pat Nenzo	Deacon DeCecco David Strazisar Ellen Pfadt BF: Jackie Johnson	Anthony Frisina	Joe Tssario John Wood John Tretter Diane Tretter	Ushers please	Kalivoda Family	
11:00 a.m.	Amy Arrington	Deacon DeCecco Julie Maloney Mark Maloney Dan Nawrocki	Jacob Clark	Gary Wesman Coleman Wilson Jen Wilson Heather Dana	family	Cele Chadwick Kathy Straight Jen Wilson	Please pick up Linens the Weekend of Jan. 20th Diane Tretter

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