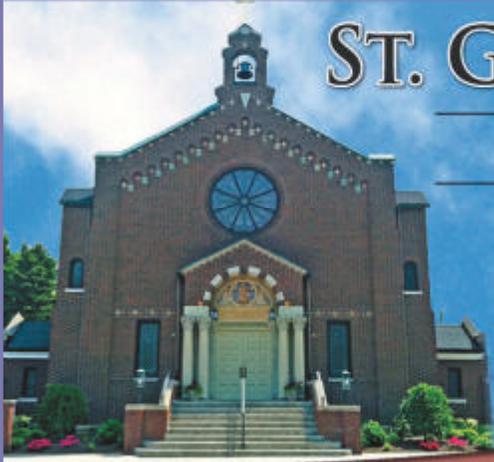


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OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Thursday: 9AM–3PM; Friday: 9AM–Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Winter

Saturday.....5:00 PM
Sunday....7:30, 9:00 & Noon

Weekday

Mon., Tues. Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM
at St. Gregory Church
Thursday....12:10 PM at St. Gregory
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*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
following the 8:00 AM Mass on
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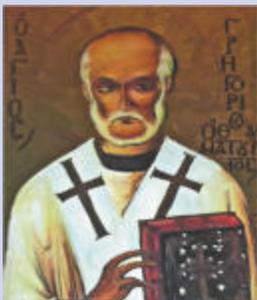
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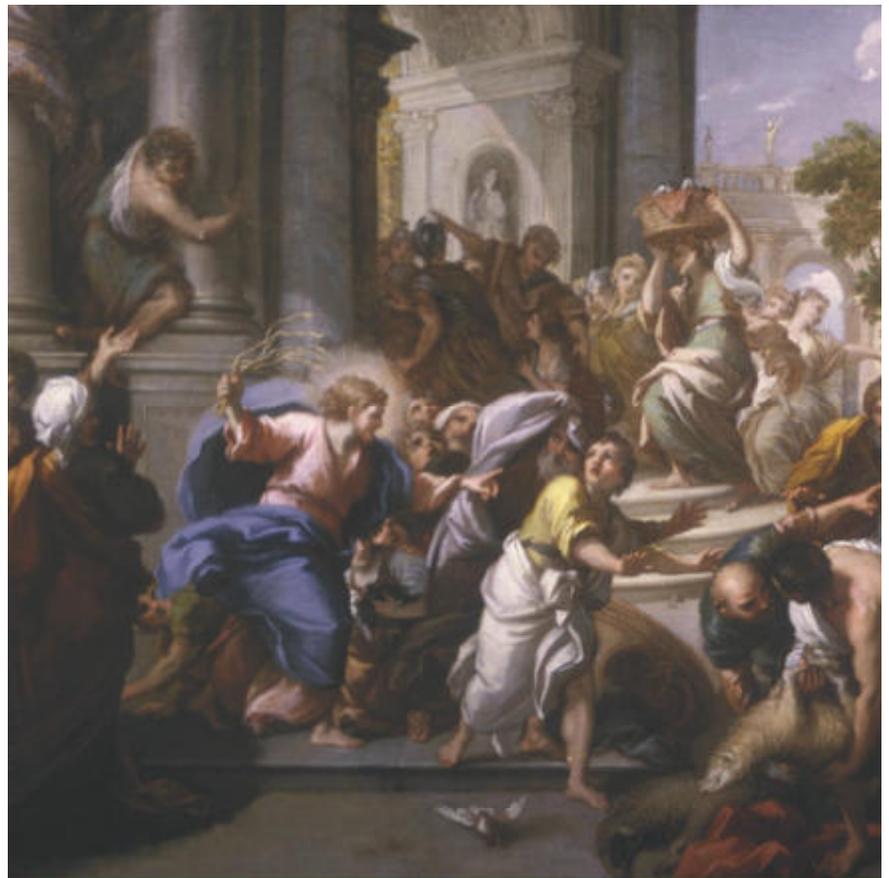
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St. Gregory
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inspire us to a
more lively faith,
hope and charity
through prayer,
love for God and
generous service
to God's people.
Amen!

MARCH 7, 2021



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must pre-register for the session. Baptisms are celebrated during Mass, following the last Mass on Sunday, or by special arrangement. Please schedule by calling the Parish Office.

First Reconciliation/Eucharist – Children entering the 2nd & 3rd grades and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including St. Gregory Parish School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions. Sacraments are celebrated in late winter and spring.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation program. Sessions begin in the fall and Confirmation is celebrated in the spring.

Matrimony – Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans.

Anointing of the Sick – The Sacrament is available to all those who are seriously ill or advanced in age. Please call the Parish Office to request a visit by the priest.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 PM, or by request. There are two multi-parish celebrations during Advent and Lent.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION

We are a welcoming Family of Faith who rejoice in God's many blessings! All members of the Parish receive envelopes and parish mailings. St. Gregory Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord through use of God-given time, talent and treasure. Please use the membership form in the bulletin or visit the Parish Office to register.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children ages 4-10 are invited to participate in a special Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by e-mail or by phone call by Monday at 1:00 PM.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Desire to receive the Sacraments you missed like Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation? The R.C.I.A. process is meant for you! Please call the Parish Office for more information.

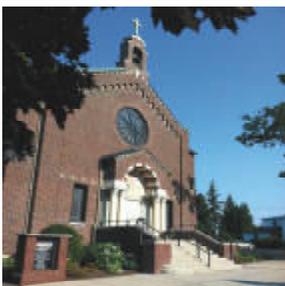
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Dear Members and Friends of the St. Gregory Parish Family,

“Tempus fugit!” “Time flies!” I think we all understand exactly what that expression means and how we can apply it to our own life situations. For example, doesn't it seem like *“just yesterday”* that we had the joyful celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the construction of our church as well as the 140th Anniversary of the official establishment of our parish? Well, friends, *“time flies,”* now it is 2021, and it's been almost six years since we recalled our founding and all those wonderful people who were responsible for what we have today. In retrospect, it just doesn't seem possible that all that time has passed and now we are thinking ahead to 2025 and how our 100th and 150th celebrations might unfold.

In the Gospel of St. John for this weekend, friends, Jesus is quoted as saying: *“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”* (John 2,19) Can you imagine yourself being in the crowd listening to Jesus? Can you hear Jesus using the word *“church”* instead of *“temple”* and saying to us: *“Destroy this church and in three days I will raise it up.”* Sounds rather absurd, doesn't it? We know that our parish church took a lot longer than three days to construct. In fact, recorded history tells us that the cornerstone was ceremoniously placed on May 10, 1925, and that the official dedication Mass wasn't held until November 22, 1925. That's about six months of work just between those two festivities!

Considering the background of our own place of worship, friends, gives us some insight into what the people must have thought when they heard Jesus say this, and why they vehemently objected: *“This temple has been under construction for forty-six years and you will raise it up in three days?”* (John 2,20) No doubt, the people loved their temple, admired it, and realized all the work that had gone into it.

The temple in Jesus time was an amazing structure that dwarfed the surrounding landscape. It encompassed thirty-five acres and was considered to be an architectural wonder of the time. Even though King Herod was rather unpopular with the people, he was quite the builder and wanted the temple to be his crowning achievement. Even Flavius Josephus, a well-



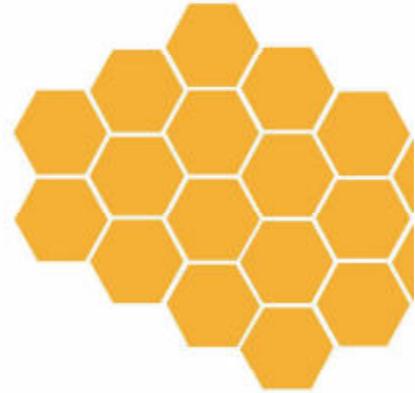
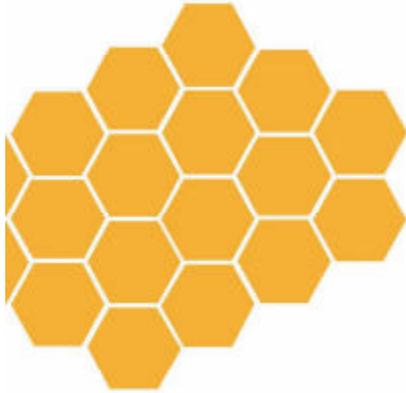
known historian, and not a great fan of Herod, acknowledged the magnificence and beauty of the Jerusalem Temple. He describes the temple in some detail, including the entrance doors. They had *“lintels over them, of the same height with the temple itself. They were adorned with embroidered veils, with their flowers of purple, and pillars interwoven; and over these, but under the crown-work, was spread out a golden vine, with its branches hanging down from a great height, the largeness and fine workmanship of which was a surprising sight to the spectators, to see what vast material there were, and with what great skill the workmanship was done.”* (Flavius Josephus, Antiquities, Chapter 11) Now that's just the doorways, friends! Truly, the temple must have been an absolutely amazing sight to see and place to worship in!

There are several points to be made regarding this particular Gospel passage. First, that we are all *“temples of the Holy Spirit.”* The gift of life is so very precious and it's God's plan that we take good care of these *“temples”* while here on this earth. Second, that the *“three days”* that Jesus refers to are the *“three days”* that we commemorate during the triduum as we anticipate celebrating Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead. Third, that Jesus' resurrection from the dead is a promise for all of us! That, having done our best during our sojourn on earth, we are destined to share eternal life with Him in the Kingdom! Our places of worship here, as beautiful as they may be, are reminders of heaven and just how wonderful our eternal life with God will be! As Jesus *“cleanses the temple,”* He reminds us that Lent provides us a unique and special opportunity to purify ourselves in readiness for eternal life.

I often refer to the first wooden church the parishioners of St. Gregory worshiped in as the church *“that faith and fortitude built.”* That building is now long gone, remembered only in photos. The temple in Jerusalem, that thousands worked to build, was destroyed by the Romans in 70AD. The passing of time and monumental works that come and go, as special as they may be, remind us of the Gospel truth: only we are made, by the love and design of our God, to last forever! May God bless us all with a keen awareness of that truth as we anticipate Easter and consider the gift of eternal life with Christ and those gone home to the eternal temple before us!

Fr. Tom

The Sixth Annual
1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
MARCH 20, 2021



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9:00 AM to 12:00 PM / Cost: Donation only
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St. Gregory*



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Writer and speaker for
BeautyBeyondBones blog



ALYSSA BORMES
Catholic educator, author, speaker
and radio host on *Catholic Kaleidoscope*

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3. Virtually via Zoom at your own home.

Bee sure to watch the video on our website for more info about these options and check the website often for updates!

Buzz over here for more details and to register:
www.138women.com or 814/455-7364



St. Gregory Church will be a satellite location for this event.
Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 8:00 AM-Noon, Mass at 8:00 AM, Speakers at 9:00 AM, with Reconciliation to wrap up the morning.

This year we welcome you to be a part of our conference at no charge. However, we would greatly appreciate any donation you can make toward the expenses incurred to sponsor the conference.

Faith Formation

March

March 7th: Grades 2-8 Zoom with Catechist

March 7th & 14th: Grades 9 & 10: Zoom

March 14th: Grades 2-8 parent formation at home

March 14th: Confirmation Retreat

March 21st: Family Lenten Service Grades 9 & 10: Zoom

March 25th: Confirmation

March 28th: Palm Sunday, No Faith Formation

For questions contact Jen Humes at 814-450-6533 or email her at jhumes@roadrunner.com

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Pledge to Heal:

The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their family members through the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, VAC for short, Dr. Gerard Tobin, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543. *For particular questions you may call: Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.*



Participants in the 22+32 Men's Conference pause for a photo following a busy morning including Mass, video conferences and the opportunity for Confessions. It was a great day, and the women of the parish are encouraged to sign up for the Women's Conference to be held Saturday, March 20, 2021.



The Eucharistic Rosary will be prayed on Monday, March 8th, at 11:00 AM in the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel in the rectory. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE RALLY

Saturday, March 20, 2021, in Gibson Park, North East. Begins at Noon and includes the praying of the rosary.





The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday, March 9th, from 5:00-6:00 PM.

Confessions are heard in the sacristy, where the priest prepares for Mass.

Please remember masks are required at all times when in church and remember to maintain social distancing.

24HOURS for the LORD

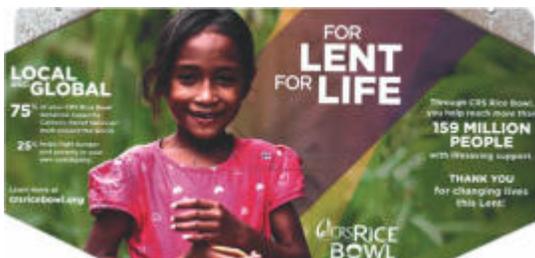
March 12-13, 2021

Please join the Diocese of Erie and St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, in celebrating *24 Hours for the Lord*. Encounter Jesus Christ anew in the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as for an end to the pandemic, and at the same time to experience Jesus' mercy by taking advantage of the Sacrament of Confession. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and confessions will be available throughout this 24-hour period.

- **FRIDAY — MARCH 12**
5:15 p.m. Mass with Bishop Persico as Celebrant/Homilist
- Following 5:15 p.m. Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 10:00 p.m. Night Prayer
- **SATURDAY — MARCH 13**
3:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Persico
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary
- 3:30 p.m. Benediction; 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Don't Forget About Your CRS Rice Bowl!



CSA 2021



**First goal: \$60,000.00
Parish Goal: \$120,000.00**

Great News! We now have \$75,840.00 pledged towards the annual CSA.

This means that the heating unit in the school is covered and that every dollar now raised can go towards the replacement of our chapel roof.

It takes all of us, working together, to achieve success!

Thank you and God bless you for doing the best you can as part of the Parish Family!

**Families Pledged: 118
Amount Pledged: \$75,840.00
Paid to date: \$53,325.00**

Lenten Dinners

Holy Trinity, Friday, March 12
Fish/Pierogi/Potato Pancake Dinners
Take Out Only- Serving from 4-7 PM

St. Stanislaus Parish, Friday, March 19
Fish & Pierogi Dinners **Take Out Only**
Serving from 4-7 PM

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MONDAY, March 8

8:00 AM– Rita Sgarlata-Nieces and Nephews

TUESDAY, March 9

8:00 AM– Michael Mercurio– Family

WEDNESDAY, March 10

8:00 AM –Thomas R. Lynett– Terry & Maryann Frontino

THURSDAY, March 11

12:10 PM– Rosemary Winschel– Joe & Mary Anne Lican

FRIDAY, March 12

8:00 AM– Elaine Nejman– Her Husband

SATURDAY, March 13

5:00 PM– Parishioners Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, March 14

7:30 AM–Elaine Nejman–Mary Tirak

9:00 AM–Mario Pisano– Wife & Family

Noon– Larry & Andy Eastbourn–Wife Chris & Family

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 27/28, 2021

Envelopes Mailed.....	596
Regular Envelopes Used	91
Amount in Adult's Envelopes.....	\$7,572.00
Loose	\$57.00
Building Maintenance	\$137.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,293.30
TOTAL	\$9,059.30
Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....	\$274,633.44
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....	\$269,230.85



Easter Flower memorials must be returned to the Parish Office no later than Monday, March 22nd to be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please keep this in mind and thank you for the wonderful way you both remember your loved ones and make our church environment so inspiring!

Next weekend...



The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed on Thursday, at 11:45 AM, prior to the Mass.



Stations of the Cross will follow the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, March 12th.

Please remember our deceased in your prayers...

Robert Riefstahl; Sr. Andrea Weidle, OSB; Leo Zaborowski; Dr. George Moylan, Jr.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.



The SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in honor of **The Blessed Sacrament** and in memory of **Josephine Dilimone** from daughter Charlotte

Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM in the sacristy.

Please remember masks, covering nose and mouth, are required at all times when in church and remember to maintain social distancing.

St. Gregory Church Membership Form (Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office)

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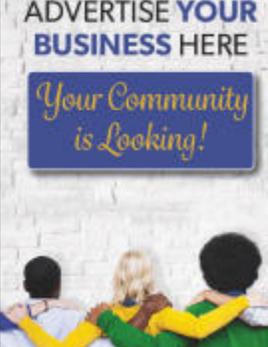


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