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ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

MASS SCHEDULE

Fall/Winter

Saturday.....5:00 PM

Sunday....7:30, 9:00 & Noon

Weekday

Mon., Tues. Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM

Thursday....12:10 PM

*Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Devotion following the 8:00 AM
Mass on Wednesday*

STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Thomas Brooks

*Permanent Deacon,
Rev. Mr. Richard Winschel,*

*Transitional Deacon,
Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fratus*

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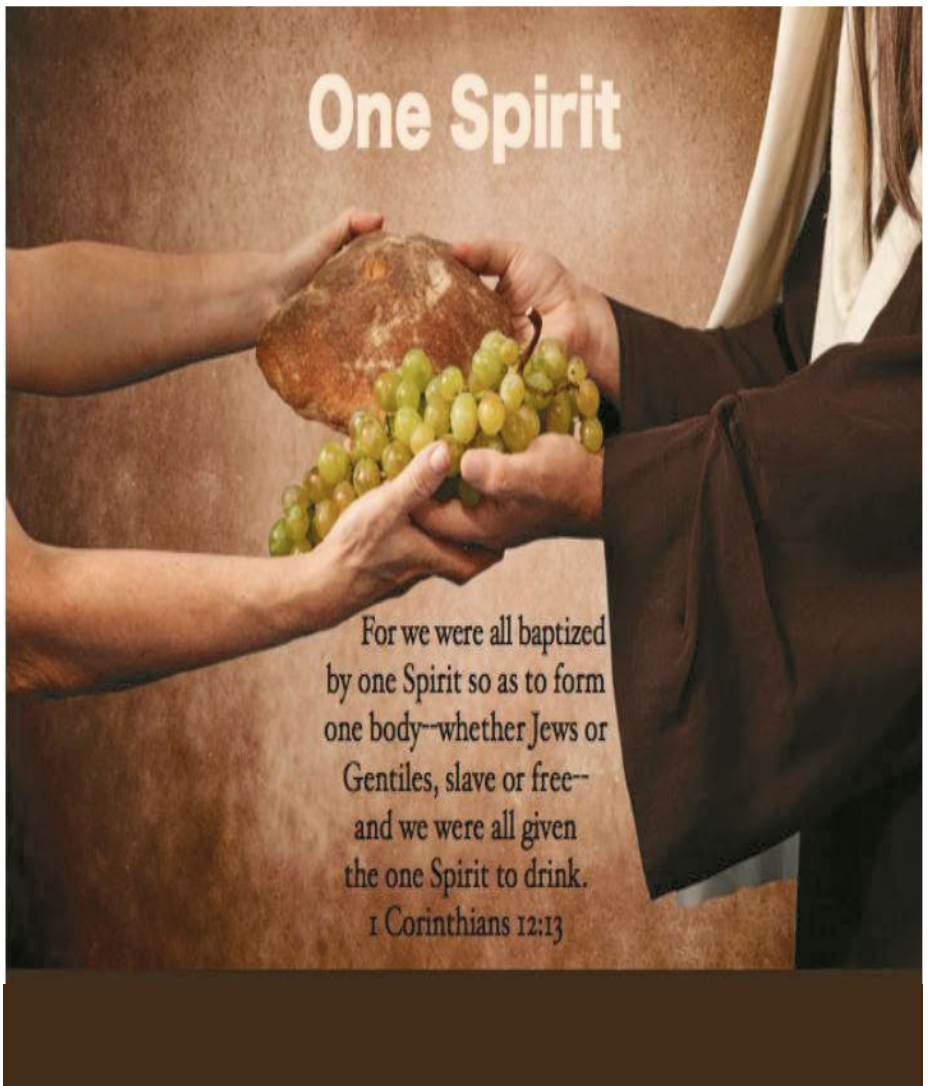
*Director of Sacred Music, Corey
Spacht*

*School Principal Team: Mrs. Amy
Kloss, Ms. Nancy Pierce*



St. Gregory
Thaumaturgus,
Wonder-Worker,
inspire us to a
more lively faith,
hope and charity
through prayer,
love for God and
generous service
to God's people.
Amen!

JANUARY 23, 2022 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*A Welcoming Family Of Faith
In The Heart Of
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*Celebrating Our 146th Anniversary
As A Parish Family And The
96th Anniversary Of Our Church*

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.

PRAYER LINE

Add your request for prayer by calling Rosemary Repko at 814-602-6271

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Including the office for The Protection Of Children and Youth
<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish At A Glance...



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

It's 99.9% finished! That's right, friends, the new Chapel roof at 136 West Main Street is in place and helping to keep all who visit warm and dry. Actually, the .1% of the work that remains has nothing to do with the roof itself. There is a minor brick repair job that needs to be completed, and I'm confident that this repair will happen as soon as the weather permits. It's just such a relief to be able to enter the Chapel, offer up a prayer, and not hear that drip, drip, drip of water dropping into a plastic bucket! All of you who have dealt with leaky roofs know exactly what I'm talking about.

As this project progressed, friends, I couldn't help but think about all of the people, as well as their particular gifts and talents, who helped bring this project to completion. Of course, there was a general contractor who skillfully managed the entire operation. That being clarified, there was also an architect involved who completed the drawings according to specifications for a public building. Actually, we were blessed to have the same architect who designed the St. Gregory School roof, making him very familiar with the St. Gregory property and buildings. The roof design had to be inspected and approved both for the work to begin and as it continued. Behind the scenes, there were people involved, many unknown, who built the trusses, provided the metal sheeting, and transported these items to the Main Street property. Later, the space between the old roof and new roof had to be insulated and a new drainage system installed.

Now, I'm not a contractor or all that knowledgeable about construction, so I may have missed some steps and some people along the way in the process. My point is that, like everything we do as a community or as a parish, it takes many people to actually make it happen. In the case of the Chapel roof, that also includes all of you who were so generous in donating to the annual CSA and in offering up prayers for the success of this and all of our endeavors! Without that prayerful support, offered each and every year, so many of our projects and efforts would be minimalized or come to a grinding halt! That's the truth of it, friends! Without you, without your faith, without your prayers, without your ongoing encouragement, without the contribution of your personal gifts – we would not be where we are at today as a Family of Faith!

While my comments might seem to be a perfect introduction to the annual Catholic Services Appeal for 2022, that is actually not my intention today. Rather, I've been thinking about so many of our projects and the wonderful ways we work together as a reflection on the scripture passages from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians that we listened to last weekend and that continue this weekend. Last weekend, you may recall, St. Paul reminded us that while we have many varied gifts, we all have the same Spirit. Yes, a wonderful Holy Spirit who *"distributes them (gifts) individually to each person as He wishes,"* and who gives them *"for some benefit"* to all. This weekend, St. Paul continues this same *"train of thought"* in his reminder that we are all *"one body."* There are many different parts of the body, but they are all important and contribute to the well being of the whole! *"If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy."* In short, we need to recognize and respect one another's unique gifts and talents if we are truly to live as the Body of Christ, manifesting His love and presence to the world! (First Letter to the Corinthians, 12, 4-30)



Isn't it amazing that St. Paul's message to people hundreds of years ago equally applies to all of us as God's *"Church"* today? This wonderful reminder that in all our projects and efforts to love and serve we are, in fact, *"raising a Family of Faith!"* That beyond the scope of any individual project or program there are underlying spiritual reminders: that we are all the beloved children of God, that we are all blessed in some way, that we should recognize and appreciate our own unique gifts as well as those of others, that we should be grateful for them, thankful to others for sharing theirs, and use them well to minister to one another as the living Body of Christ!

With that in mind, I would like to express my personal gratitude to you for the wonderful way so many of you take to heart and do your best to live out God's Word as part of the St. Gregory Family of Faith. Like our Chapel roof project, there are many who I recognize are so very active in ministry and who I regularly see in action. And, also like so many of our efforts, I'm sure there are many who are so very generous and who contribute to the well being of our parish and community in ways I don't see or am not clearly aware of. Take heart! Rejoice because our ever-watchful God sees what none of us sees and His reward is beyond any human recognition! As St. Matthew reminds us: *"Your Father who sees in secret will reward you."* (Matthew 6,4) Never underestimate the blessings our God has in store for those who honor, love and serve Him!

Peace, joy and a blessed week ahead!

Fr. Tom

Football Lottery Winners

Week 18

1st Place	Liz Slaby	Points: 130
2nd Place	Greg Sambor	Points: 126
3rd Place	Cindi Stoops	Points: 124
Lowest	Stephanie Drumheller	Points: 28

Season High Total tie—1482 points

Bill Near / Brian Imler

Season Low Total —808 points

Marty Morris



Many thanks for the recent gifts to the
St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish
Perpetual Endowment Fund:

In loving memory of

James Mankoski

from

Bob & Judy Macko

Your gifts; current, planned, or deferred; are greatly appreciated!

ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 11:00 AM

**Marchers should arrive at Perry Square in
Downtown Erie at 10:45 AM.**

Be a Voice for the Voiceless!

“Say Yes!” To the 7th Annual 138 Women’s Conference

The conference will be held on March 12, 2022 from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of Catholic-Mom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She.

Visit the website at www.138women.com for more information and to register.



**Sessions for grades K-8 at St. Gregory
School on:**

January 23

Class time is 10:20-11:15 AM

January 30

**Parent/Family Session at
home and attend Mass**

**Sessions for grades 9 & 10 in the lower-
level of the Church on:**

January 23

Class time is 10:15-11:30 AM

January 30

no class, attend Mass

Confirmation Sessions:

January 23

Confirmation Class meets in the Parish Family Room (lower level of the Church) from 1:00-2:45 PM

For more information or if you have any concerns call Jen Humes at 814-450-6533 or email at jhumes@roadrunner.com

THE ERIE CURSILLO MOVEMENT is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo February 11-13, 2022 and a Woman's Cursillo April 29-May 1, 2022. Applications can be found on the Cursillo Website at ericursillo.org, calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119, or by asking someone you may know who has completed a Cursillo weekend who would be willing to serve as your sponsor.





Virtual Cash Bash

Benefiting St. Gregory Church

Saturday, February 5, 2022

For the safety of our friends and neighbors we will be broadcasting a Progressive Raffle starting at 6:30pm on <https://www.facebook.com/StGregoryThaumaturgus/>

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25

Entry into 16 Cash Drawings! Your ticket stays in for ALL drawings including the last cash drawing for \$500!

BUY TICKETS NOW after Mass, or at St. Gregory Parish Office 136 W. Main St., North East

\$\$ Many chances to win! Get your tickets today! \$\$

Our Knights of Columbus Council sports raffle calendars are still available to purchase for \$40 at the parish office or from any Knight. The calendar provides the winner with a daily chance to win sports equipment or cash for 6 months! Each calendar has 4 FOUR DIGIT NUMBERS, and the winning number is based on the evening draw of the PA Big Four.

Ninth Annual Men's Conference

Men are invited to attend 22:32 Men, a half-day event based on the theme of Luke 22:32, "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." The conference will be held Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. Enjoy fellowship and inspiring national speakers Bear Woznick and Father Anthony Marie Baetzold, CFR. The event will conclude with Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico.

Discounts available for groups of eight or more, as well as for high school students.

Visit www.2232Men.com or call 814-455-7364 for more information and to register.

Choir Rehearsal Thursday,
January 27, 2022 at 7:15 PM.

Welcome into the Family of Faith...

*Addilyn Ella Helffrich and
Jesse James Helffrich*

The children were baptized at St. Gregory's on January 8, 2022.

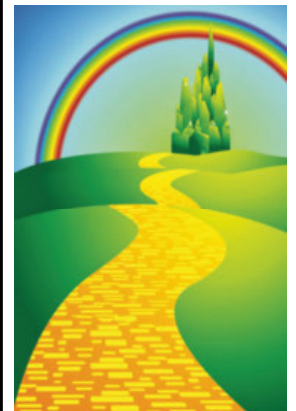
Many blessings to Addilyn, Jesse and their family!

Lenten Small Groups Exploring Racial Justice

The Diocese of Erie is offering two separate small group experiences this Lent exploring racial justice, sponsored by the Offices of Social Justice and Life and Faith Formation Parish Support. Those who are looking for Christian community, a place to ask big questions, and a way to explore the Gospel call to work for racial justice are invited to learn more and consider applying by visiting

www.eriecld.org/socialjusticelife/racialjustice.html.

Questions can be directed to the Social Justice and Life Office at SJL@ErieRCD.org.



"Follow The Yellow Brick Road"

Many thanks to the young people and staff of St. Gregory School for putting on a wonderful production of The Wizard of Oz, Youth Edition. It was really uplifting and enjoyable!

MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, January 22

5:00 PM-Marion Testi-Family

SUNDAY, January 23

7:30 AM-Elaine Nejman-Vienna Cocuzzi

9:00 AM-Parishioners Living & Deceased

Noon – Wanda Pius-Ron Morris Family

MONDAY, January 24

8:00 AM-Deceased members of the Nejman Family-Family

TUESDAY, January 25

8:00 AM- Janet Rizzo-Pat Ring

WEDNESDAY, January 26

8:00 AM –Michael Dombrowski-Harry Dombrowski Family

THURSDAY, January 27

12:10 PM- Audrey Geraci-Rodgers-Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Newara

FRIDAY, January 28

8:00 AM –Bettie Rizzo- Jerry & Joanie Peterson

SATURDAY, January 29

5:00 PM-Janet Rizzo-Rose Ann Semelka

SUNDAY, January 30

7:30 AM-Elaine Nejman-Vienna Cocuzzi

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION
January 15/16, 2022


Envelopes Mailed	596
Regular Envelopes Used.....	102
Amount in Adult's Envelopes	\$7,453.00
Loose	\$272.00
Building Maintenance	\$267.00
Electronic Giving	\$538.30
Christmas	\$15.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
First Offering	\$51.00
TOTAL	\$8,601.30
Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....	\$230,327.44
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....	\$223,076.99



January 24th

“The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

—Francis de Sales



The SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in honor of **The Blessed Sacrament** and in memory of **Mary Malta** by daughter Jo

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

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

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