

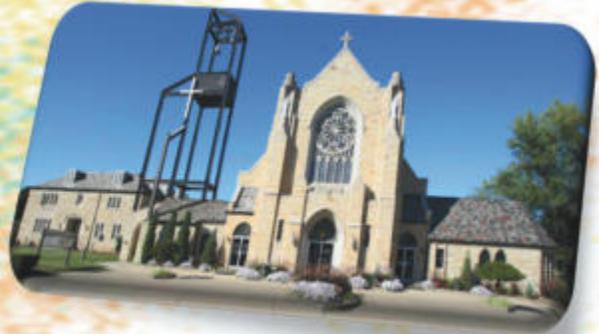
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**Fourteenth
Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021**

**It is good to confide
in our God!**

Sunday Masses:

Vigil on Saturday evening at 4:30pm

Sunday Morning :

Summer Schedule - (May 1 – Aug. 31)

8:00 and 10:00am

Winter Schedule - (Sept 1 – April 30)

8:00 and 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday – Friday 8:00am
(Fri. during School – 9:00am)

Baptism:

By appointment only. Please contact the parish office.

Celebration of Penance:

3:45pm- Saturday afternoon

5:30pm – after the Saturday evening Mass

8:30am – after Mass on the Thursday

before the first Friday of the month.

Marriage:

Please contact the parish office at least six months beforehand.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the office if anyone in your family is hospitalized or in need of a priest.

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, July 3

4:30 p.m. Ralph Yenzi -- Rick & Gina Cherico

Sunday, July 4

8:00 a.m. Rita Volpe -- Mike & Kim Kopas

10:00 a.m. Ryan Marchiori -- Jessie Anderson

Monday, July 5

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Ursula Albino --
Vilkinofsky Family

Tuesday, July 6

8:00 a.m. Ross & Antoinette Astorino -- John Fairman

Wednesday, July 7

8:00 a.m. Alice Rake -- John & Pat Farcus

Thursday, July 8

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Friday, July 9

8:00 a.m. Joseph Rougeux -- McGinnis Family

Saturday, July 10

4:30 p.m. Braden Shiock -- Tom & Karen Bugay

Sunday, July 11

8:00 a.m. Sean McSteen -- Mom & Dad

10:00 a.m. Rosemary Yenzi Bettino and Dominic Bettino --
Children



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The Week Ahead

Tuesday, July 6 -

6:00 pm -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist by making a spiritual Communion. When we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Dear Parishioners,

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

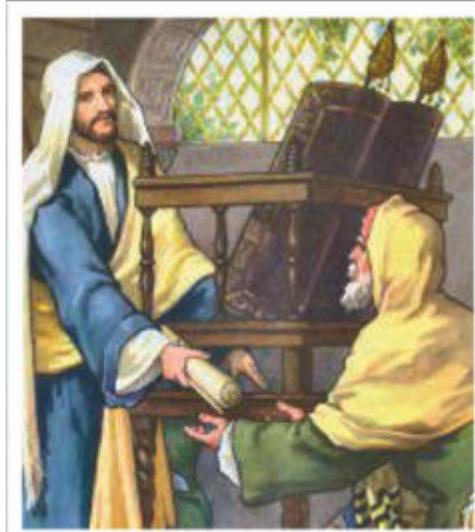
Mark never attempts to smooth the edges of the story. "When Jesus noticed it he was very *angry*," he wrote (10:13), describing Jesus' reaction when the disciples tried to stop children from coming near him. Matthew and Luke smooth it over, simply writing "Jesus then said...." But it works both ways: Mark may show an angrier Jesus in that passage, but he also shows him to be more affectionate than the other Gospel writers do. "He took the children in his arms and laying his hands on them, blessed them" (10:16). Matthew only says, "Jesus laid his hands on them and went his way" (19:15), and in Luke's version there is no contact at all: "He called the children to him and said..." (18:16). Mark's Jesus is more emotional, he shows his feelings more.

Another example of Mark's bluntness: he wrote that James and John asked to be seated at Jesus' right hand in the Kingdom (10:37), but Matthew said it was their *mother* who asked this question! (20:23). It is clear, when you look carefully, that Mark is more accurate. Matthew calls Jesus "the carpenter's son" (13:55), as if to distance him from manual work. But in today's reading Mark reports people as saying simply, "This is the carpenter surely!"

"We must face the fact," wrote George Bernard Shaw, "that all society is based upon intolerance." He may have been overstating the case, but the test is whether the hat fits. Brinsley MacNamara's novel, *The Valley of the Squinting Windows*, exposed the bitter cruelty of village morality. The smaller the society, the more controlling this narrow spirit. "Beneath the charm of the rural town or village, there often lurks a lethal intolerance." People who have known you all your life see you as the child you were, even when you are a middle-aged man or woman. They see where you came from and they remember all your youthful mistakes. If they are villagers they also want to make sure you are not getting above yourself; "who does he think he is?" Nazareth was such a place.

The terrible fact is that it works! It tied Jesus' hands: "he *could* work no miracles there," wrote Mark. Matthew says, "He *did not* work many miracles there" (13:58), making it look more like a decision on Jesus' part. Mark's version is more gutsy and tragic, and it makes you think more. It is a frightful thought that we have the ability to prevent miracles, to tie the Lord's hands.... How many miracles have I prevented in my life? Or this week? Why are my wife and children so quiet? Are they sinking into despair? Or have I a way of making my husband feel so bad that everything he might do or say is condemned in advance? God prevent that I should be a miracle-stopper!

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo





LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers wishing to be placed on the schedule for weekend Masses are asked to call the office, 814-938-6540, ext. 210.

We are currently scheduling on a week-by-week basis and will be happy to add your name to the list of those currently active in these ministries. We look forward to your participation.

At this time, we are scheduling one Lector and two Eucharistic Ministers for each weekend Mass.

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the **4:30pm and 10:00am** Masses. Anyone wishing to be an usher at Mass can contact the office at 814-938-6540 or sscdofc@comcast.net to let us know your availability and Mass time preference. Thank you.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection. As a parish, we collected \$1,395.00.

Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary members of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food Donation next Sunday, **July 11th - Pancake Syrup**. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a name to the Prayer Chain, call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464 or Anna Smoczek, 814-427-2456.

If you are unable to reach either of them, you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 60th or more wedding anniversaries in 2021 are invited to attend one of the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies this summer. The dates are Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m.

To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office at 814-938-6540 or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.



SUMMER MAINTENANCE



Home for the summer? Need a part time job?

We are still in need of extra help in our maintenance department for the summer.

If you are interested, please contact our Business Manager, Tony Bofinger, at 814-938-6540, ext 214.

AS THE LORD SPOKE
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For the benefit of those who are unable to, or who are concerned about returning to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the 10am Mass each Sunday. Look for the graphic on our parish website, sscdchurch.com, and click the link on Sundays at 10am to join.



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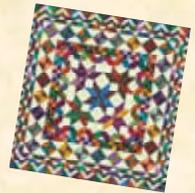
Scrip Cash and Carry is available in the Rectory during the month of July, Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

You can also use the Scrip "PrestoPay" feature that provides electronic delivery options (i.e. electronic credit to spend online or refill a merchant's card that you already have in your possession). Questions about PrestoPay can be directed to the Scrip program coordinator.

Thank you for supporting SSCD School through your participation in the Scrip Program.

Annual Quilt Raffle

The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society are selling tickets for two beautiful Quilts to be raffled off at the SSCD Lawn Festival this summer. Tickets have been sent to the women of our churches and extra tickets are available in the office.



We thank you in advance for your support. All proceeds will benefit SSCD School.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELP NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers for our 2021/2022 Religious Education Program. We are currently seeking instructors for Grades 1, 3, and 8.

If you have a few hours a week to give and would like to become involved in our program, you can contact the office. Training will be provided.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our Vacation Bible School this year as we had hoped.

In order to make it a fun and educational experience for the children we would need a much larger group than have expressed interest at this point.

Hopefully by next summer, when things are back to a more comfortable normal, we will again be able to have Vacation Bible School for our children.

Thank you for your interest.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

July 4, 2021

JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the "Pilgrim Pope."



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2021 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!!

If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, they are available in the rectory office. We hope to sell every one of the 2,000 tickets that were printed for this exciting drawing. The price of each ticket is \$20.00 and the prizes are:

- 1st prize - \$10,000**
- 2nd prize - \$5,000**
- 3rd prize - \$1,000**

To purchase a ticket or tickets, you can stop in the office during office hours or simply fill out the form printed below, and return it along with \$20.00 per ticket. You can submit your ticket order by mail, put it in the mail slot in the breezeway of the rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection. Your ticket will be filled out and the stub mailed back to you. When coming in to the office, please remember that masks must be worn at this time.

If there are still tickets available when Festival time arrives, you will be able to purchase tickets there as well.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.

We are well on the way of reaching our goal of 2000 tickets! Thank you!

2021 Cash Drawing Ticket Request

Drawing Date: August 8, 2021

Mail-in ticket orders must be received by August 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of tickets requested: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 per ticket)

(If you are requesting more than one ticket, be sure to let us know the names that should be on each ticket)

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church.

Please join us. Everyone is welcome.



PRAY FOR PRIESTS IN DIOCESE OF ERIE

A monthly calendar is published, listing a priest of the Erie Diocese on each day. We are asked to remember that priest in our prayers for that particular day.

The calendars for July can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.eriecd.org and can also be found on the tables at the entrances of the church.



RECTORY OFFICE

The office will be closed on Monday, July 5th, in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Have a safe and happy 4th!

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, July 10th -

Marcia Parise, Sue Walker, Angela Gigliotti.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Jeanne Farcus, Barb Gresock, Bertha Koza, Sharon Murray.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If we don't have your email address, or if your address has recently changed, please contact us at sscdofc@comcast.net so we can add you to our address book.



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DIAPER DRIVE

Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, helps expecting families with newborn infants and parents of children under 1 year of age. They are a United Way member agency that provides assistance to all faiths in the form of free diapers, infant clothing, and hygiene products. Their ability to provide these items is largely determined by donations, either material or monetary.

For the entire month of July the agency is collecting: disposable diapers (any size, any brand), gently used infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes.

Donations may be dropped off in the church in the box near the front entrance. Please help to touch and nurture the new lives that God has so richly blessed us with. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities Diaper Drive". Thank you!

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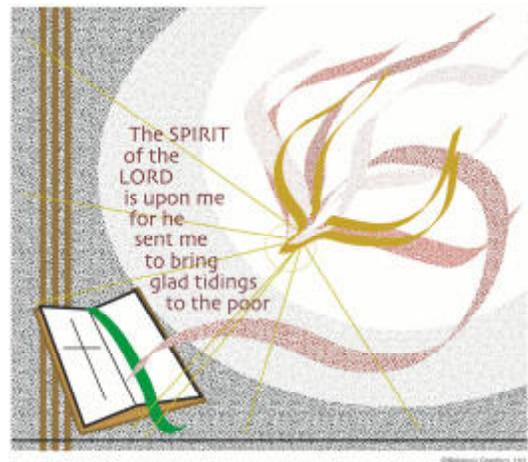
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

- Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
- Monday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Tuesday:** St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS
 June 27, 2021
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS

Church Offertory	
<i>Envelopes sent</i>	711
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	178
Adult	\$6,047.00
Holy Day	\$30.00
Children	\$16.00
Loose	\$225.25
Monthly	\$327.00
Total	\$6,645.25
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,354.75)
Accumulated(+/-) Goal	\$20,426.28 <i>Under goal</i>

Catholic Services Appeal 2021

2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$90,255.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$81,459.05
Unpaid Pledges:	\$8,795.95
Unpledged Donations:	\$8,690.63
Collected to Date:	\$90,149.68

Readings for the Week of July 4, 2021

- Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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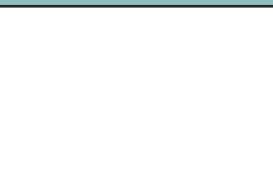
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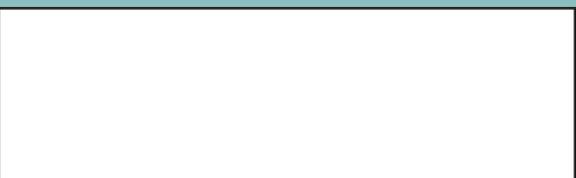
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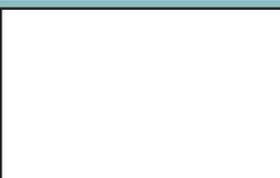
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