

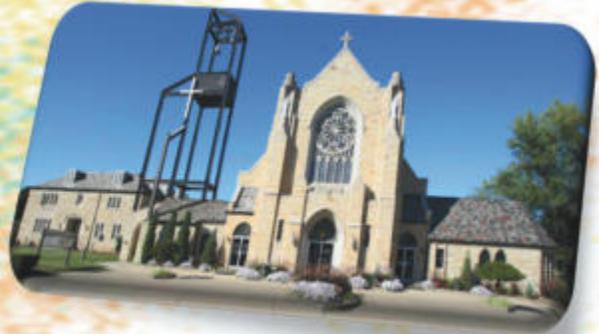
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Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 11, 2021

**Give joy to the souls
of your servants, O 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 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

Monday, July 12

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, July 13

8:00 a.m. Jimmy Handyside --
Rose & Jim Handyside

Wednesday, July 14

8:00 a.m. Jean Lorenzo -- Nick & Annette Lorenzo

Thursday, July 15

8:00 a.m. Margaret Halo --
Mike & Lisa Switlick and Elizabeth Depp

Friday, July 16

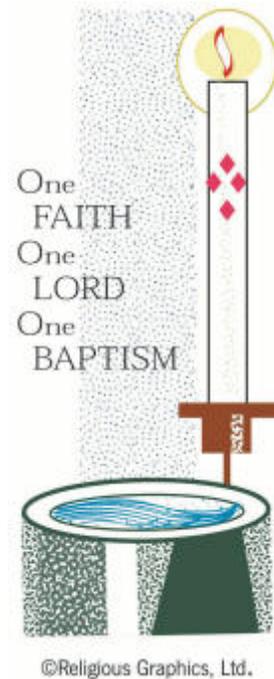
8:00 a.m. Ernest Certo -- Fred & Debbie Bonello

Saturday, July 17

4:30 p.m. Irene & Willie Shiock -- Jack & Denise Dennison

Sunday, July 18

8:00 a.m. Daniel & Nancy Payson -- Tim & Cherri Bugay
10:00 a.m. John P. Duminske and William J. Duminske -- Family



The Week Ahead

Monday July 12 -

7:00 pm -- K of C Council - Reschini Hall

7:45 pm -- K of C Assembly - Reschini Hall

Tuesday, July 13 -

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,

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

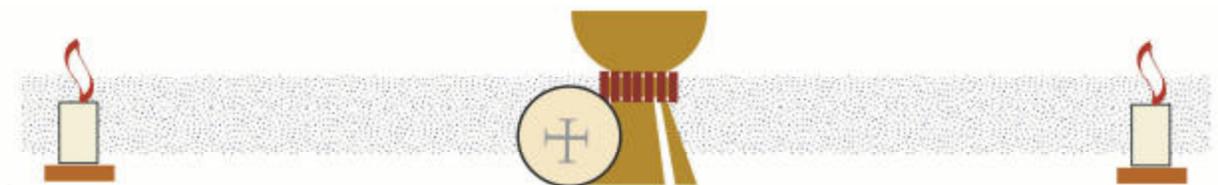
While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

God Bless!
Msgr. J Riccardo





LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

We plan to produce our usual schedule soon and hope 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.

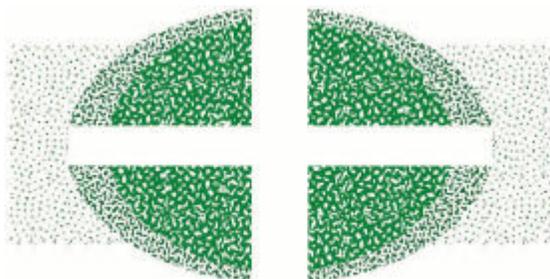
A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of “things” because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our “things.” We even ignore each other because we have “things” to do. What “things” are separating you from your family?

PRAYER CHAIN

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

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



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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.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Join the Scrip Program and earn rebates on all your regular purchases and gift giving!



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.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food Donation next Sunday, **July 18th.** - **Peanut Butter.** Thank you for your support!



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.



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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Father Paul A. Schill, former Administrator of St. Adrian, St. Anthony, and Saint Joseph Churches, who died recently.

Please keep him, his brother priests, and his family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

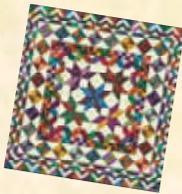
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Annual Quilt Raffle

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our Vacation Bible School this week 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.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 11, 2021

TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri's feast day today, enjoy this short audio book.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Lily of the Mohawks



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CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Know the Warning Signs of a Predator:

Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter.

One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids.

For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>.

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.eriercd.org and can also be found on the tables at the entrances of the church.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, July 17th -

Mike & Carole Roberts

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Debbie Rougeux, Pat Rougeux, Kim Kopas, Karen Burkett.

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.

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

1st prize -
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\$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.

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

Drawing will be held on August 8, 2021 at the Festival!

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Looking for family planning that respects your faith, your marriage, your body *and* that is effective? Couples from around the diocese are learning about a way of life that helps them work with God to grow their families or space children. Find studies verifying Natural Family Planning's (NFP) effectiveness and class schedules at www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm or contact the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Coordinator at 814-512-0818.

Natural Family Planning: Supporting God's Gifts of Love and Life in Marriage is this year's theme for National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Join other families in celebrating God's vision for married love on Sunday, July 25th at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Jude Parish with Bishop Persico. Following Mass, all are invited to a picnic luncheon at the Pine Tree Pavilion by Beach 9 at Presque Isle. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

More information at www.eriercd.org/awareness-mass.htm

OFFERTORY FIGURES

Because of an early deadline for this week's bulletin, the weekly offertory report does not appear in this space as it normally would.

All figures will be up-to-date in next week's bulletin.

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!



Readings for the Week of July 11, 2021

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
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-3

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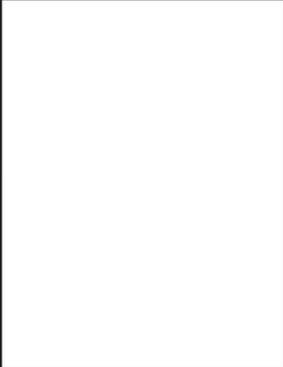
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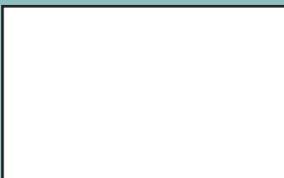
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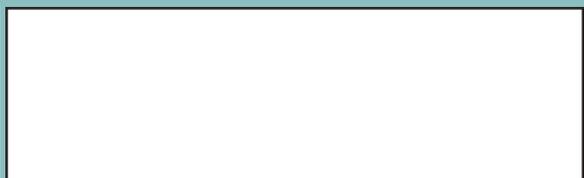
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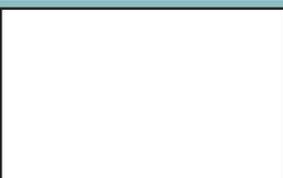
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