

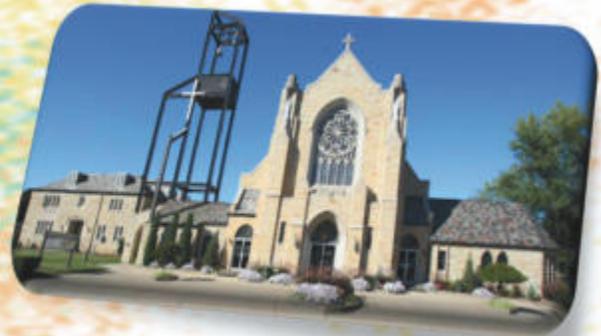
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**Sixteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021**

*Sing to our God,
a new song!*

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 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

Monday, July 19

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Tuesday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Judy McGinnis --Denise Hartle

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Jesse R. Copenhaver -- JR & Ellen Overly

Thursday, July 22

8:00 a.m. Alton & Mary Louise Anibaldi -- Family

Friday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Dessie & Margaret Laska -- Family

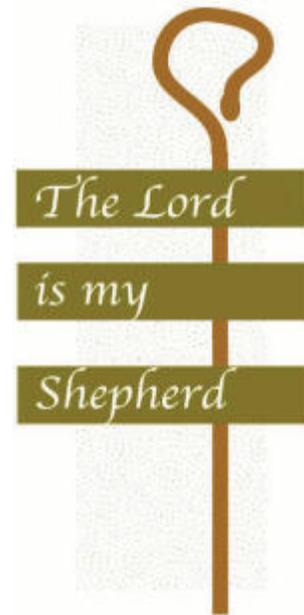
Saturday, July 24

4:30 p.m. Joseph Uzzo -- Family

Sunday, July 25

8:00 a.m. James Stello -- Bill & Stephanie Sandy

10:00 a.m. Frances & Charles Hetrick --
SSCD Class of 1947



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The Week Ahead

Tuesday, July 20 -

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

Wednesday, July 21 -

7:00 pm -- C. D. of A. - Meeting Room

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,

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.



This is the second time in Mark's gospel that the disciples are too busy even to eat (the other reference is 3:20). It was time to get away and rest, but when they reached the place a crowd was waiting for them. The speed of Mark's gospel is unrelenting. Mark's source was Peter, who had always been at the center of the action himself; so, this is a special glimpse into the Twelve's first hectic experience of pastoral work.

It is interesting that Jesus did not insist on the day off they had planned. Instead "He set himself to teach them (the crowd) at some length." The needs of the crowd came first; he was not forming the Twelve into an élite whose needs took precedence over everything. They were running the risk of burn-out, but it must be a risk worth running. It was a sad development when "the Church" came to mean the clergy. This unfortunate usage is heard much less often now, but it is still in evidence: not so much in language as in attitude and reality.

Jesus told the parable of the hundred sheep, one of which was lost; the shepherd left the ninety-nine and went in search of the one that was lost (Luke 15:4; Matthew 18:12). To go in search of someone who is lost is to be a little lost yourself, in the sense that you have to go away from your familiar circle and into strange places. Because we are all, to different degrees, unsure of ourselves we like to stay with the familiar. That is more reassuring because it is where we find our identity. A parish can become a place where the ninety-nine are lost, while the pastor looks after the one who isn't lost. But that is another way of being lost; in fact, it is worse than the other because it does not come from an adventurous spirit; quite the opposite. Shepherds can themselves be lost, even while appearing to be at the center of things.

Sheep nibble themselves astray: they keep their heads down, just as we tend to keep our heads glued to our jobs – until we look up and realize we don't know where we are. It would be a very good thing to stop and rest, as Jesus said. When we look at it rightly, there is only one Shepherd, and every one of us is the lost sheep.

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.

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.

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

In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

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.

NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION

The annual National Needs Collection is being taken up today. This is a good opportunity for Catholics to show their solidarity with the poor in our own nation.

This collection is a combination of two collections: The Catholic Home Missions Appeal and The Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home.



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 25th - Jelly**. 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 and 3.

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.

SSCD LAWN FESTIVAL!

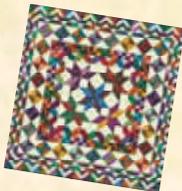
Mark your calendar now for August 6, 7 and 8 and plan to join us for 3 days of fun and great food!!



If you would like to volunteer to help, just call the office at 814-938-6540. It would be a great way to be involved and have some fun! All help will be greatly appreciated.

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.



K OF C SUMMER PICNIC

All Knights of Columbus, and any man interested in becoming a Knight, are invited to the K. of C. Summer Picnic.

It will be held Monday, September 13, 6:30pm, at Reschini Hall in Walston. On the menu is a prime rib dinner with corn on the cob, baked potatoes, and salad.

Those interested in attending need to get in touch with either Joe Nogacek, 814-938-4668, or Joe Defelice, 814-938-7824, to sign up. The cost is \$15 and must be paid by August 31.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 18, 2021

WHO AM I TO JUDGE? WITH DR. EDWARD SRI - SESSION 1: DON'T IMPOSE YOUR MORALITY ON ME!

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality. That there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. So, how do we talk about right and wrong in this world? In this series, Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.



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K OF C FOOTBALL TICKETS

The Knights have the 2021 Football Tickets for sale! There are only 115 to sell this year.



Anyone interested can contact a Knight for a ticket. Tickets are \$10 each and are based on NFL football team scores from November 7 to January 9.

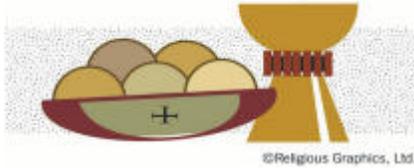
SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, July 24th -

Stacy Love and Kim Neigh

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Bob Henretta, Katie Roberts, Rita Yenzi



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.

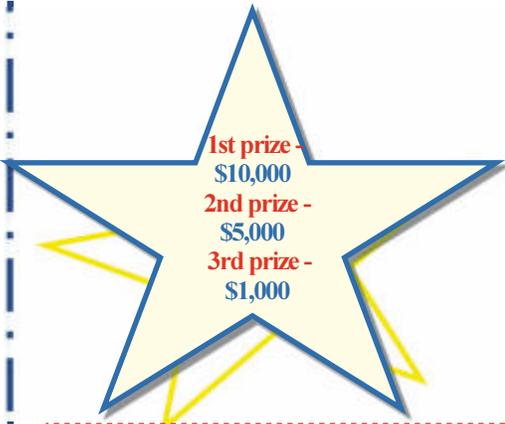
Natural Family Planning: Supporting God's Gifts of Love and Life in Marriage is this year's theme for National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Join other families in celebrating God's vision for married love on Sunday, July 25th at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Jude Parish with Bishop Persico. Following 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

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.



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!

2021 Cash Drawing Ticket Request

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____

Number of tickets requested: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 per ticket)

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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.



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Shepherd & King

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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!

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

- Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Mary Magdalene
- Friday:** St. Bridget, Religious
- Saturday:** St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS

July 11, 2021

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%

Catholic Services Appeal 2021

Church Offertory		2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
<i>Envelopes sent</i>	711	Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	205		
Adult	\$5,817.00	Pledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Holy Day	\$5.00	Paid on Pledge:	\$83,084.05
Children	\$6.00	Unpaid Pledges:	\$8,170.95
Loose	\$366.00	Unpledged Donations:	\$9,627.52
Monthly	\$935.00	Collected to Date:	\$92,711.57
Total	\$7,129.00		
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00		
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$871.00)		
Accumulated(+/-)	\$1,638.72		

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2021

- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
- Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/ Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/ Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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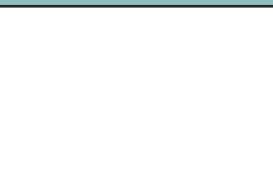
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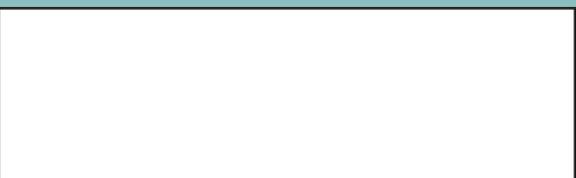
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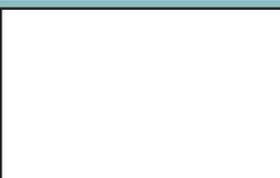
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