

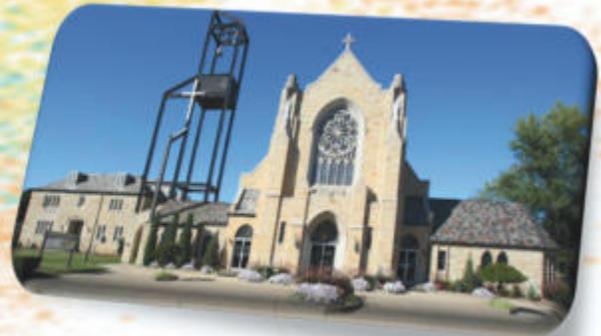
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**Twenty-ninth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

October 17, 2021

Our soul waits for the Lord!

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, October 16

4:30 p.m. Ruth Petroff -- Sam & Sandy Bevak

Sunday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Carl Bellerillo -- Mrs. Alan Towns

11:00 a.m. Joseph A. Parise, Jr. --
Edward Skarbek Family

Monday, October 18

8:00 a.m. Michael Skarbek -- TJ Neal

Tuesday, October 19

8:00 a.m. John J. Martino --
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lingenfelter & Family

Wednesday, October 20

8:00 a.m. Jim Ranieri -- Wife, Rose

Thursday, October 21

8:00 a.m. Charles & Rose Buterbaugh -- Debbie Doty

Friday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Theresa Fairman --
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fairman

Saturday, October 23

4:30 p.m. Bill & Alice Duminske -- Family

Sunday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Deceased of the Bevak and Smelko Families --
Sam & Sandra Bevak

11:00 a.m. Wyonetta McGinnis -- Family



he has
given
his
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as a
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Today, Sunday, October 17

9:15am -- Religious Education K - 10

9:15am -- First Reconciliation Parent
Meeting - Church

Monday, October 18

6:00pm -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

Tuesday, October 19

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

6:00pm -- Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, October 20

10:00am -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

6:30 pm -- RCIA - Meeting Room

7:00pm -- C. D. of A. Meeting - Wienker Hall

Sunday, October 24

9:15am -- Religious Education, K - 10

9:15am -- First Eucharist Parent Meeting - Church

12:30 - 5:00pm -- Confirmation Retreat - Reschini Hall

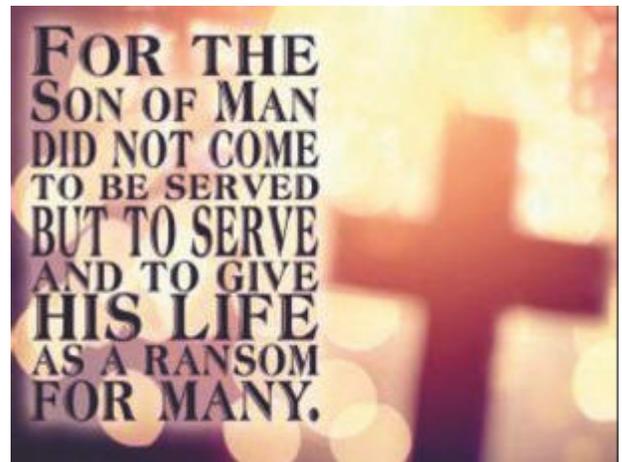


we have a great high priest
jesus, son of god

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Dear Parishioners,

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'



When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So, Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers' lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Jesus is walking deliberately towards his death in Jerusalem (Mk 10:32). It is easy to imagine that procession: Jesus striding ahead, the disciples following in a daze, and the crowd bewildered. Normal prudence would urge us to avoid suffering and death – to go in the other direction. But this scene is telling us something about the wisdom of the cross, which is foolishness in terms of human wisdom.

James and John picked a bad moment. “Their timing was precisely wrong,” said St John Chrysostom, “for this was not the right time for crowns or prizes. It was the time for struggles, contests, toils, sweat, wrestling-rings and battles.” The silliness of their question stands out all the more clearly because of the gravity of the moment. They are looking for preferment. Mark’s is the earliest of the gospels, and it has none of the polish that the others have; it is blunt in several revealing ways. Matthew’s gospel (20:20) edits the story and has their mother make the embarrassing request! But he forgot to adjust the rest of the story accordingly. He has Jesus replying in the plural, not the singular; and he forgot to delete the words about the others becoming angry with the brothers. If it had been their mother who made the request, Jesus would have replied in the singular, and the others would have been sorry for the brothers or embarrassed for them, but certainly not angry with them. Why the cover-up? These two were to become great apostles; with Peter they were the inner group. Yet we see how crass they were in this passage. It gives us all some hope!

With irony Chrysostom noted that there were indeed great things in store for the two brothers. “Jesus foretold great things for them; that is, you shall be held worthy of martyrdom, you shall suffer the things I have suffered, you shall end your life with a death from violence, and in this also you shall be sharers with me.”

Look at the others, the ones who were angry with the “Sons of Thunder” for wanting preferment. If you are angry you are involved somehow; you too are in the running. If the others were not also thinking just like the Sons of Thunder, they would not be angry with them, they would simply pity them; they would take them aside and have a brotherly chat with them. But they were angry, they were in no way different from them – except that they were more cunning, less forthright. It is always instructive to look with clear sight at our anger. It always has something to tell us.

God Bless!

Msgr. J. Riccardo



C. D. of A. SUNDAY

The Catholic Daughters of America are gathering at the 8am Mass today to celebrate **National Catholic Daughters Sunday**.

C. D. of A. is the largest national Catholic Women's organization in the world. They are dedicated to prayer, good works, and the helping of others less fortunate.

We are so grateful to our local Court Saint Rita for their over 100 years of active, dedicated service to our parish. Their various fundraising and social events throughout the years have contributed generously to our school and parish.

Our members make new and dear friends and have fun while enriching the lives of others. Regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month. There are no meetings in July, August, December and January.

Membership is open to all Catholic women over the age of 18. For information on joining the C. D. of A., call Renee Doverspike at 814-939-9336.

C. D. OF A. MEETING

All members are urged to attend this month's regular meeting, which will be held this Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00pm in Wienker Hall. We have several items of business on the agenda and your input would be greatly appreciated. We are expecting our District Deputy to be present."



Rest In Peace

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

John W. Fairman of our parish who died this past week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

May his soul rest in peace.



Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers wishing to be placed back on the schedule for

weekend Masses are asked to call the office, 814-938-6540, x 210 or email sscdofc@comcast.net

We hope to add your name to the list of those currently active in these ministries. We look forward to your participation.

We are scheduling one Lector and two Eucharistic Ministers for each weekend Mass.

BEAR BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are planning their annual "Bear Breakfast" for Sunday November 7th, from 8am - 1pm.

The Menu will include Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Home Fries, Scrambled eggs, Toast, Coffee, Tea, and Juice.

Cost is just \$8 for Adults, \$5 for ages 6 - 12, and free for age 5 and under.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a great Sunday breakfast!



The annual SSCD School Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 20, 9am - 3pm in Wienker Hall and the Gym.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of shopping fun! More details to come!

SCRIP PROGRAM

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

Please use the walk up window next to Lisa's office to purchase your Scrip, Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 2:30pm.

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.





For the benefit of those who may be ill or unable to return to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the last Mass each Sunday. Look for the graphic on our parish website, sscdchurch.com, and click the link on Sundays at 11am to join.

If you have any questions, just call the office.



CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS

We are seeking prayer partners for our Confirmation students. Being a prayer partner involves praying for a selected candidate over the course of the year and occasionally sending a note or card to your student to let him or her know you are supporting them in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To be a prayer partner to one of our students, please fill out the form, which can be found on the tables in church, and send it to the office by October 17th. You can also call the office to let us know your willingness to be a prayer partner. Thank you.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities.

Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be as generous as you can in next week's second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. There are envelopes for this collection on the entrance tables in church.



"How do I become a Catholic?"

Has anyone ever asked you that question? The RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) answers that question.



RCIA classes cover an overview of the Catholic faith and the doctrines which are the foundation upon which our church and faith are built.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to come to the first few classes before making a decision to commit to the following preparation classes for reception into the Catholic Church.

Call the office, 814-938-6540, to register or just come to the **next class which will be on October 20th** at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church. Everyone is welcome. Please join us.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 17, 2021

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT BY JASON EVERT

Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the Theology of the Body, and embraced young people like no other.



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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Each year the Church in the United States celebrates October as Respect Life Month. This is a time we can use to deepen our understanding of why, as Catholics, we “Respect Life” and what that looks like day -to-day.

The focus this year is on Saint Joseph, defender of life. He didn't hesitate to follow God's will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph's example reminds us that we are also to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life.

Christmas Cash
GIVEAWAY!

Our School is sponsoring a **Christmas Cash Raffle!**

Tickets cost just \$5.00 each and the prize will be 1/2 of all ticket sales. There is a potential payout of \$16,500 to the lucky winner if all tickets are sold! The more we sell, the greater the prize! **The drawing will be held on Monday December 20th at the school.**

Tickets have been mailed out and are also available at the church and school offices.

Thank you for your support! All proceeds benefit SSCD School.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Sandy Hinderliter, Mary Claire Johnston, Arlene Stewart, Dorothy Vilkinofsky.

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

As is the custom in our Parish, All Souls Day envelopes will be placed on the altar and remain there throughout the month of November. Just place your envelope, with the names of those you wish to remember, in the collection basket anytime over the next few weeks.

Please remember in your prayers all our beloved dead.



SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next Sunday, **October 24th - Dinty Moore Stew**. Thank you for your support!

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, October 23 -

Dan & Karen Burkett

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Erie Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima will be in our area throughout the month of November. The statue contains first class relics of Saint Francisco and St. Jacinta, two of the children who witnessed apparitions of the Blessed Mother in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

If you wish to host the statue in your home for a day or longer, please contact Bernie Roney at 938-8310 and she will make those arrangements for you. The only requirement is that you will pray the Rosary daily while the statue is in your home.



FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

We are observing **40 Days for Life** through the end of October by praying a pro-life Rosary before all 8am Masses, both daily and on Sundays.

Please join us when you can in support of all life.



PRAYER CHAIN

To add a name to the Prayer Chain, call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464 or Anna Smocek, 814-427-2456. If you are unable to reach either of them, you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

While many good books abound on marriage and parenting, Jesus tells us in today’s gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about “getting,” it’s about “giving” ourselves.



St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be today, Sunday, October 17, from 10am-1:30pm or until sold out.

Dinners are dine in or take out; please bring your own container for take outs.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. DOMINIC CHURCHES HARVEST WEEKEND



Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic’s annual Harvest Weekend will be held on October 23rd and 24th at Immaculate Conception in Brookville.

Kettle cooked Apple Butter will be made on Saturday, October 23rd. Apple Butter, Gourmet Caramel apples, and Apple Dumplings will be available for sale after the 5:15pm Mass at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday. A Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner will be offered on Sunday, October 24th, beginning at 11:15am. Take-out only. Cost of the dinner is \$10.



RE-MEMBERING OUR SUNDAY STORY

As part of the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* initiative, Bishop Lawrence Persico has released “a pastoral letter in pandemic.” Anchored in the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, one section of the letter looks at the challenges we’ve been facing during this time of pandemic. The bishop’s words invite us to consider how Christ has remained with us, even if, like the disciples who unknowingly met Christ, we didn’t always recognize him.

Find the letter, as well as questions for reflection and discussion, at www.eriecnd.org/SundayStory.html



- OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021**
- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - Monday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
 - Tuesday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
 - Wednesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
 - Friday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
 - Saturday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
 - Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS October 10, 2021 SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%		Catholic Services Appeal 2021	
Church Offertory		2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
<i>Livestock Feed</i>	711	Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
<i>Adult Livestock Return</i>	198		
Ad.L.	\$6,207.05	Pledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Holy Day	\$30.00	Paid on Pledge:	\$86,759.05
Catholic	\$2.00	Unpaid Pledges:	\$4,495.95
Tenors	\$282.31	Unpledged Donations:	\$15,311.37
Monthly	\$354.00	Collected to Date:	\$102,070.32
Total	\$6,875.36		
<i>Weekly Cost</i>	\$8,000.00		
Surplus (Total)	(\$1,124.64)		
Accumulated(+/-)	\$9,583.75		

Readings for the Week of October 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5

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