

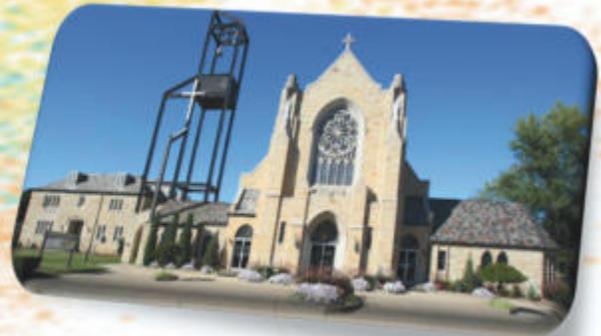
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Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

**The Lord lives!
Blessed be my rock!**

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 30

4:30 p.m. Celine Tersine --
Carol, George, Matthew and Andrew Wehrle

Sunday, October 31

8:00 a.m. Mary & Lou Vizza -- Family
11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, November 1

8:00 a.m. Deceased of the Capozzoli Family -- Family

Tuesday, November 2

8:00 a.m. For the Poor Souls

Wednesday, November 3

8:00 a.m. Sam Mennetti -- Mike & Karen Mennetti

Thursday, November 4

8:00 a.m. Doris Gagliardi -- LuAnn Rotolo

Friday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Devin Burkett -- Paul & Bernadette Esposito

Saturday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Raymond Smoczek -- Anna Smoczek & Family
4:30 p.m. James A. Colonna -- Jude & Dave Griffith

Sunday, November 7

8:00 a.m. Sgt. Joseph Sabarich -- Sam & Sandra Bevak
11:00 a.m. All Deceased Members of our Parish



Today, Sunday, October 31

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

Monday, November 1

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

Tuesday, November 2

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

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

6:00pm -- Bible Study - Meeting Rm

Wednesday, November 3

10:00am -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

Friday, November 5

9:30am - 4pm -- Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament - Church

Sunday, November 7

8am - 1pm -- Bear Breakfast - Wienker Hall

9:15am -- Confirmation Class

GOD is
LOVE

Dear Parishioners,

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is Lord alone!; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' – this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.



This was a remarkably friendly exchange between Jesus and the scribe, and it stands in strong contrast with the two exchanges just before it in Mark's gospel. They pay each other handsome compliments. Perhaps this was put there to show that Jesus' teaching is not necessarily in conflict with the best of what was before. In other words, a bridge between the two is possible.

The scribe asked Jesus to mention one law, but he mentioned two. This was the clearest way of saying that they cannot be separated. Between these two there is a bridge: there is no real love of God without love of neighbor, and no deep or lasting love of neighbor without love of God. (But many love God unawares.) If these two cannot be separated, they are really only one in practice – like two hands. (In Irish a person who has lost one hand is said to be ar leath-lámh, “half-handed.”)

How important it is to construct bridges! A bridge is the other side made attainable; it enables you to hope. It was one of Saint Catherine of Siena's favorite images; she pictured Christ as a bridge. In her Dialogue, the Father says to her, “I made a bridge of my Son as he lived in your company. And though that living bridge has been taken from your sight, there remains the bridgeway of his teaching, which... is held together by my power and my Son's wisdom and the mercy of the Holy Spirit.”

Coming back to Jesus' answer to the scribe: it was the scribes' own answer. Strict orthodox Jews wore little leather sachets (phylacteries) around their wrists, containing two verses from Scripture. (They still do, when they are at prayer.) One of these verses was, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul” (Deuteronomy 11:13), and the other was, “You must love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18).

God Bless!

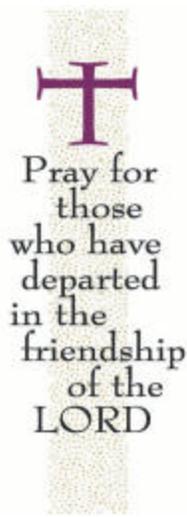
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ALL SOULS DAY

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.

We are also devoting the 11am Mass next Sunday, November 7, as a remembrance of those who have died this past year.

The CD of A are hosting this remembrance along with their own program for the deceased of Court St. Rita.



Please remember in your prayers all those from our churches who died in this past year:

Victor E. Belin	Marie E. Hudak
Jennifer Lynne Bevak	Doris Jean Kaza
Darlene Ann Black	William J. Leiberton, Jr.
Anna Lou Blose	Mary Elizabeth London
Barbara E. Cackowski	Margaret E. Murdock
Rose Marie Cipolla	Carole Rose Schultz
James A. Colonna	Douglas M. Shaffer
Thomas Leo Crumlish	Victoria Ann Snyder
John W. Fairman	Celine M. Tersine
Doris S. Gagliardi	Dolores Marie Veitz
Robert Henry Hardt	

May their souls rest in peace.

OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday does not apply to those who are sick, have a serious health risk, live in a household with those at risk, are primary caregivers to those at risk, are unable to attend Mass in person, or have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19. Anyone who believes they might have COVID or one of its variants should stay home “as an act of charity.”

Please note that masks are not being required at this time. However, if you feel more comfortable wearing one, you are certainly encouraged to do so.

“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 for additional information.

THANK YOU

The All Souls Memorial Banner, which is displayed in church today, lists the names of our parishioners who have died during this past year.

This beautiful banner was once again donated by Frank & Chervyl Hetrick.

Our thanks to them for this meaningful tribute to our beloved dead.



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.

BEAR BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus annual “Bear Breakfast” will be served next Sunday November 7th, from 8am - 1pm in Wiener Hall.



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.

Plan to join us next Sunday for a great breakfast!



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.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Your donations in last Sunday's second collection for World Mission Sunday amounted to \$858.90.



May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday of this week, November 5th, is the first Friday of the month.

Confessions for the First Friday will be on Thursday following the 8am Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



There will be Adoration on Friday beginning after the 9am Mass until 4pm.

Our special intention for this month will be for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Please plan to come spend some time in adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday. Sign-up sheets are posted in church.



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.



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Oct 31, 2021

LAST THINGS

This film presents the reality of death and what will follow for every person: first the particular Judgment before God, then Heaven or Hell as our destination for all eternity. The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is also explained, giving examples from the Scriptures and philosophy.



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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.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS

We are still in need of prayer partners for our Confirmation students.

Being a prayer partner involves praying for a particular 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.

If you wish to be a prayer partner for one of our students, simply fill out the form which can be found on the entrance tables in church and return it to the office. You can also just contact the office to let us know your willingness to be a prayer partner. Thank you.

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 calendar for November can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.eriecnd.org and can also be found on the tables at the entrances of the church.

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!

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.

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.



TAKE OUT FOOD SALE

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Church will have **stuffed cabbage, haluski, and perogis** available for take out at their church hall in Adrian on Saturday, November 6th. Hours are from 10am until sold out.

Plan to stop out for some great food!

LOVE

There is no commandment greater than this

JOIN THE CHOIR!

We sing at Sunday Masses September through May and other special occasions throughout the year. Rehearsals are held most Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:30pm

We'd love for you to join us.



SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Debbie Rougeux, Pat Rougeux, Karen Burkett.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next Sunday, **November 7 - Jello**. Thank you for your support!

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, November 6 -
Tom & Nancy Wise

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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

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Visit our Parish Website anytime at www.sscdchurch.com

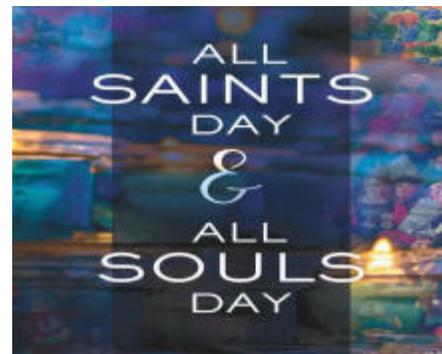
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

- Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve
- Monday:** All Saints
- Tuesday:** Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed; All Souls' Day; Election Day
- Wednesday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends



WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS October 24, 2021 SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%		Catholic Services Appeal 2021	
Church Offertory		2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
<i>Livestock rent</i>	711	Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
<i>Small Livestock Rent</i>	200		
Ad.L.	\$6,498.00	Plledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Holy Day	\$0.00	Paid on Pledge:	\$87,654.05
Credent.	\$13.00	Unpaid Pledges:	\$3,600.95
Taxes:	\$281.70	Unpledged Donations:	\$15,889.77
Monthly:	\$462.00	Collected to Date:	\$103,543.32
Total:	\$7,254.70		
Weekly Cost:	\$8,000.00		
Surplus (Total):	(\$745.30)		
Accumulated(+/-)	\$11,887.91		

Readings for the Week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 5:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4

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