

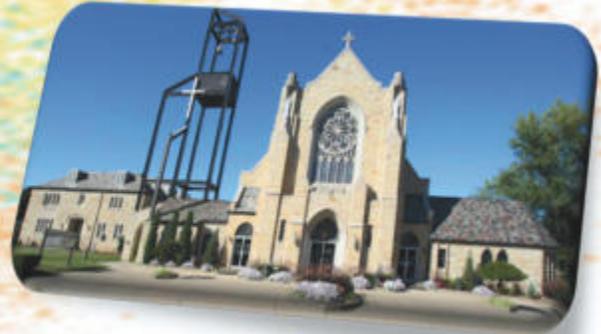
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Sunday Masses:

Vigil on Saturday evening at 4:30pm

Sunday Morning :

Summer Schedule - (May 1 – Aug. 31)

8:00 and 10:00am

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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.

**Thirty-third Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

November 14, 2021

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, November 13

4:30 p.m. M. Cecelia Noonan -- Estate

Sunday, November 14

8:00 a.m. Audrey Wehrle --

Janice & Jim Blose & Family

11:00 a.m. Deceased of Johnston Family -- Family

Monday, November 15

8:00 a.m. Michael Zylonis -- John Potosnak

Tuesday, November 16

8:00 a.m. Louis V. Murdock -- William Tersine

Wednesday, November 17

8:00 a.m. Shar Loennig -- Anita Bowser

Thursday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Stanley & Margaret Venesky -- Family

Friday, November 19

9:00 a.m. Joseph Guzzo, Jr. -- Sam & Sandra Bevak

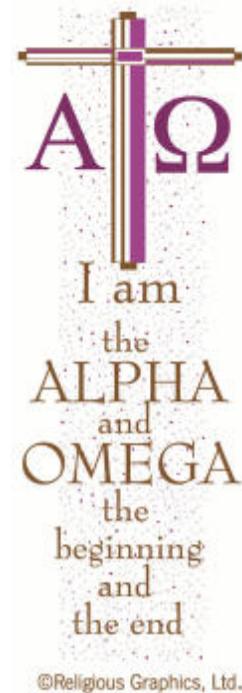
Saturday, November 20

4:30 p.m. Joseph & Gloria Nogacek -- Mark K. Nogacek

Sunday, November 21

8:00 a.m. Mario & Laura Ann Gigliotti -- Joann T. Johnson

11:00 a.m. Bob Hardt -- Dee Hardt



Today, Sunday, November 14

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

9:15am -- Confirmation Class

Monday, November 15

6:00pm -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

Tuesday, November 16

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

6:00pm -- Adult Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, November 17

10:00am -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

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

Saturday, November 20

9am - 3pm -- Christmas Bazaar -
Wienker Hall and Gym



Sunday, November 21

9:15am -- Religious Education, Grades 4 - 10

9:15am -- Advent Family Activity, Gr. K - 3
Wienker Hall

All time belongs to the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

When we hear the words "At that time," or "In those days" we prepare ourselves for a story about the past. This is how the first and third readings of today's Mass begin. But in fact, both readings are about the future.

'Apocalyptic' is the word used to describe the kind of writing we see in today's readings. It is practically impossible for us to understand the serious meaning of this today, because (apart from science-fiction) the only apocalyptic we hear is from the lips of biblical fundamentalists, who appear to be gloating in advance over the destruction of the world and everyone in it except themselves.

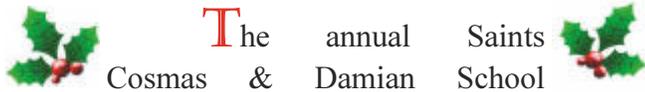
Biblical apocalypse was written in times of persecution, to encourage the persecuted by telling them that their sufferings were foreseen by God, and that they would prevail in the end. Courage, not fear, was being promoted.

One aspect of it we can relate to fairly readily in our day: transience. Everything is passing, everything that is living will die. In an age of immense and rapid change we cannot fail to see that everything is passing. In some part of our minds we would like to hold this reality away from us because it is too painful to think about. But the Scriptures tell us to think about these things. "Like a weaver you (God) have rolled up my life, you cut me off from the loom" (Is 38:12). Our religion asks us to embrace death and transience, for if there is no death there is no resurrection. "If Christ raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith. (1 Cor 15:14). Let's take whatever assurance we can get from the apocalyptic message of today's gospel.

There is something else that apocalyptic writing can show us about ourselves: our bondage to calendars and clocks. A gentle Indian nun who had lived for a year in the West had finally got courage to say how she perceived us. "Western people," she said, "are always asking, 'Why?' and 'How much?' and 'What time is it?'" We want to know when something is going to happen, as if this were the heart of the matter. It is the fact that everything is coming to an end that is central, not when it will happen. There is even a sense in which it is happening every moment. Every moment my personal world, with its dream of permanence, is coming to an end. Every moment, because my world is coming to an end, I see that I cannot find security in the past but must throw myself on God's mercy, every moment.

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo





The annual Saints Cosmas & Damian School **Christmas Bazaar** will be held **Saturday, November 20th from 9am - 3pm**, in the school auditorium and gymnasium. There will be a large number of vendors with unique, handmade crafts, gifts, and baked goods!

Come join us for a fun filled day of shopping and socializing. You'll find something for everyone on your Christmas list!



"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.

COLLECTION FOR SAINT VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY



As in the past, we will have a Thanksgiving collection to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Please consider a donation to the Society this year. Aid to the needy continues to increase and it is your generosity which allows the continuation of their work. Contributions can be placed in the collection on Thanksgiving day or any Sunday throughout the year.

Just place your donation in the envelope provided with last week's bulletin. You might also find an envelope on the tables in church or just use a plain envelope and indicate that it is for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Thank you for your generosity to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, now and in the past.



We are again sponsoring an **Angel Tree Project** at SSCD.

The Angel Tree will be in church beginning the weekend of November 27/28.

If you would like to take part in our project, please select an angel from the tree. Information about a particular child will be printed on each angel. You will then purchase a gift for that child, wrap your gift, securely fasten the angel to the outside of the package, and place the wrapped gift under the tree.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little brighter for a child!



LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you are ready to be placed back on the schedule for weekend Masses please 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.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

As is the custom in our Parish, All Souls envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November.

It's not too late if you'd like to have your envelope placed on the altar. Just return your envelope, with the names of those you wish to remember, in the collection basket or send it to the office.

Please remember in your prayers all our beloved dead.





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.

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.



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.

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 are available at the church and school offices.

As of November 4th, the prize amounts to \$2,452.50! Watch it grow!

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

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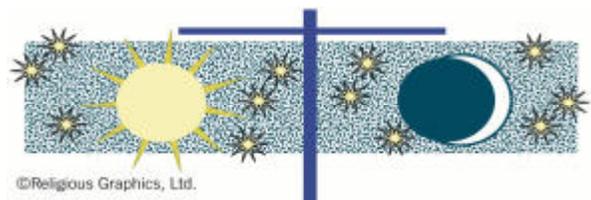
Join the Scrip Program and earn rebates on all your regular purchases and gift giving!

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.



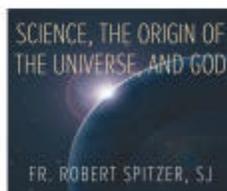
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Nov 14, 2021

SCIENCE, THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE, & GOD BY FR. ROBERT SPITZER

All too often, science is falsely pitted against Faith to disprove the tenants of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ—expert in physics, philosophy, and theology—debunks this powerful myth as he discusses the Big Bang and the origin of the universe with sound reason, credible science, and faithful theology. This talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding science and Faith.



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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF THE PUNXSUTAWNEY AREA

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human development.

More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. There is an envelope attached to today's bulletin for this special collection.

Learn more about the catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd



NEW BIBLE STUDY

The Monday evening Bible study group will be reading Scott Hahn's book, ***Hail Holy Queen***. The study focuses on Mary and her role in scripture and the Church.

We will also view the videos that accompany this study, The Bible and The Virgin Mary.

The group meets Monday evenings at 6:00pm in the Meeting Room. For more information or to sign up for this study, please call Patti Spinelli at 814-938-4720.

Everyone is invited to come and learn more about Mary.

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.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

K. OF C. CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5th, at 6:30pm at the Anchor Inn.

All Knights and a guest are invited to attend along with widows of Council #452.

The cost of the buffet dinner is \$25. Please call Tom Wise at 938-3088, by November 24th to make your reservation.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Sandy Hinderliter, Mary Claire Johnston, Arlene Stewart.

EVENING OF INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC

All are welcome to attend an evening of inspirational music, featuring Bart Foradora and Charlie Prescott, next Sunday, November 21, at 7pm at St. Bernard Church in Falls Creek.

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.

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





WINTER COAT DRIVE

The C. D. of A. is partnering with Anna Horner in sponsoring a coat drive in our parish. They are collecting clean, gently used winter coats, scarves, hats, and gloves to be distributed to those in need in our community.

These items will be collected from November 7th through the 21st. Your donations can be placed in the box in the back of the church. Thank you!



SPAGHETTI DINNER



St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, November 21, from 10am-1pm or until sold out. Dinners are dine in or take out; please bring your own container for take outs.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next Sunday, **November 21 - Tomato Sauce.** Thank you for your support!

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, November 20 -

Mary Lou and Marisa Stockdale and Bill & Katie Roberts

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

- Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
- Wednesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- Saturday: BVM
- Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

The Marriage and Family Life Office is hosting an Engagement Encounter weekend January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. The weekend provides time as a couple to focus on your relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for your marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other.

Learn more or register at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>.

We would love to welcome you this January!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS November 7, 2021 SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%		Catholic Services Appeal 2021	
Church Offertory		2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
<i>Livestrong Fund</i>	711	Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
<i>St. Ann Livestrong Retreat</i>	214		
Ad.L.	\$6,915.00	Plledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Holy Day	\$385.00	Paid on Pledge:	\$88,289.65
Children:	\$8.00	Unpaid Pledges:	\$2,965.35
Topic:	\$335.20	Unpledged Donations:	\$17,695.78
Monthly:	\$2,115.00	Collected to Date:	\$105,385.43
Total:	\$9,758.20		
<i>Weekly Cost</i>	\$8,000.00		
Surplus (Total):	\$1,758.20		
Accumulated(+/-)	\$9,928.71		

Readings for the Week of November 14, 2021

- Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44
- Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-3

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