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**Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

January 16, 2022

**We believe in the love
God has for us!**

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, January 15

4:30 p.m. Deceased of the Scuello and Plofchan Families --
Lou, Barb, & Elaine

Sunday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Donald Slovinsky -- Kevin Davis and Carol Hankinson
11:00 a.m. Bob & Cora Cardamone -- Ken & Toie Neal

Monday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Beverly Scott -- Ronald Zeok

Tuesday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Wednesday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Florence Reirdon --
Children Lisa, Dan, and Anne

Thursday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Jack Sheofsky -- Mike & Margaret Hudock

Friday, January 21

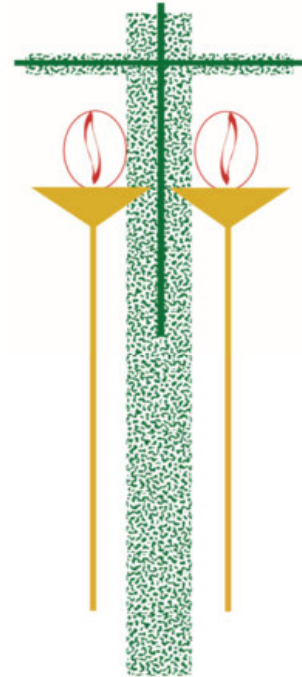
9:00 a.m. Louise Fye -- Dan & Karen Burkett

Saturday, January 22

4:30 p.m. Andrew & Ruth Gresock --
SSCD Church Office Staff

Sunday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Rosalie A. Astorino -- C. D. of A., Court St. Rita
11:00 a.m. Paul Shaffer -- Wife Marlene, Sons, and Families



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THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Sunday, January 16

9:15am -- Religious Education, K –10
9:15am -- Confirmation Class

Monday, January 17

6:00pm -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 18

6:00pm -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church
6:00pm -- Adult Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, January 19

10:00am -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

Sunday, January 23

9:15am -- Religious Education, K –10



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Dear Parishioners,

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So, they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Some commentators with a strict attitude to alcohol had trouble with this parable. Why would Jesus make a thousand bottles of that unsafe drink? Some even went so far as to say that what he really made was grape juice. What do you think? The steward was surely a better judge of wine than that, and there was no complaint from the guests. No, it was the real thing.

Many people turn water into wine. I did it myself on one occasion. It takes at least six weeks. But with Jesus it took no time at all. And it required no effort: he did it without even a word or a gesture or command; it just turned into wine in his presence, and he instructed the waiters to take it to the table. C.S. Lewis remarked that all the miracles worked by Jesus were in accord with the laws of nature, and not against them. There are no magical transformations, no weird metamorphoses. He did in a moment what nature does slowly. "Each miracle writes for us in small letters something that God has already written, or will write, in letters almost too large to be noticed, across the whole canvas of nature."

Water into wine is a wonderful transformation, but it is not magic. Who needs magic? When a hard man gets the courage to leave the door of his heart open, it is not magic. When a miser begins to practice the bounty of God, it is not magic. When a sinner turns into a saint, it is not magic. It is a miracle.

In the presence of Jesus things like this happen all the time. John calls the miracle at Cana "the first of his signs." So, it was not just a favor - even a miraculous one - for an embarrassed host. It was a parable in action. It carried a profound teaching about Jesus himself (it "revealed his glory"), and also about our life as his disciples.

He appeared transfigured (transformed) on the mountain before the eyes of Peter, James and John (Matthew 17:2; Mark 9:2). But his disciples too are being transformed: "All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18). "He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself" (Philippians 3:21).



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Transformation is not magic; there is a line of continuity (by God's grace) between the beginning and the end. We continue with our ordinary life, our daily employment; but like the water changed to wine, it is given a kind of flavor and fragrance that is beyond what we call 'ordinary'.

Our whole life is 'sacramental' in this sense. The ordinary bread of labor is transformed into the Body of Christ. After we celebrate the Eucharist the celebration continues into every moment. It is not magic. The sacraments are not magic. But when we detach a sacrament from its home in a life-being-transformed, we can only think of it magically. For a long time now, we have been losing the power of symbolic thinking, and replacing it with a barren literalness that is nowhere found in the Scriptures. It is getting worse. Fundamentalists are appearing everywhere, accusing of heresy. The first part of us that needs transformation is our mind. "Let that mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo



Rest In Peace

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Stephanie E. Krise, mother of Tiffany Gausman of our parish, who died this past week.

Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

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.

PRE-CANA

For those planning to be married in 2022, Pre-Cana will be held at SS. Cosmas & Damian on Sunday, February 20 from 10am - 5pm in Wienker Hall.



If you wish to register for this session of Pre-Cana, please call the office, 814-938-6540.

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.



LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who would like to be placed back on the schedule for weekend Masses are asked to contact the office at 814-938-6540, ext. 2210 or sscdofc@comcast.net to let us know your preferences.

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

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next **Sunday, January 23 - Jelly**. Thank you for your support!

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, January 22 -

Mike & Carole Roberts



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.

OFFERTORY STATEMENTS

End-of-year statements will be sent upon request. You can call or email the office or place the following slip in the collection basket and it will be sent to you.

2021 Offertory Statement Request

Name _____

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Envelope Number: _____



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.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN - Help Spread the Faith

Next week our second collection will support the annual Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using internet, television, radio, and print media.

Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Erie to fund local communications efforts such as *Faith Magazine*, the weekly *Diocese of Erie News*, and social media platforms, all free of charge thanks to your generous support.

There is an envelope attached to your bulletin today for this special collection. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES

The 2022 envelopes for children are available in the office.

If you would like your child to have envelopes, just call the office and they will be provided to you.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



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PRAYER CHAIN

To add a name to the Prayer Chain, call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464. If you are unable to reach her you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Jeanne Farcus, Barb Gresock, Bertha Koza, Sharon Murray.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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CATHOLIC CALENDARS

If you haven't had an opportunity to pick up a calendar there are still a few available on the tables in church.

Our thanks again to McCabe Funeral Home of Punxsutawney for providing us with our 2022 Catholic Calendar.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, famous Spaghetti Dinner is being served **today, Sunday, January 16, from 10am-1pm or until sold out.**

With continued concern about the surges in the pandemic, the January Spaghetti Dinner will be take-out only. Complete dinners as well as sauce or meatballs only will be available. Please bring your own container.



NINTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



The conference will be held on Saturday, February 12, from 8:30am - Noon and men from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in one of three different ways: Live in person at St. Jude the Apostle in Erie; Virtually at hosting parishes via You Tube, listed at www.2232men.com; or virtually via YouTube in your home.

The program consists of two amazing speakers and Mass with Bishop Persico. If you are able to attend at St. Jude's or a hosting parish, you will have the opportunity for Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation.

The cost of the event is \$20. For more information or to register, visit www.2232men.com or call 814-455-7364.

ANNUAL 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference.

The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom, or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20.

This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network, and CatholicMatch.

Visit www.138women.com for more information and to register."



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

You are invited to join in our process of prayerful conversation, discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit, sharing honestly from the heart, and listening deeply to one another. This is your



chance to share your voice with the Church, and to listen deeply to the prayerful sharing of others.

Please plan to join us for a series of three listening sessions to be held on January 26, February 2, and February 9 at 6pm.

In order for us to plan for space and materials, please RSVP by Monday, January 17th to the church office 814-938-6540 or sscdofc@comcast.net.

We hope you will join us!

SSCD SCHOOL SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

February 26, 2022 - 6:00 - 10pm.

Cost of the ticket is just \$25 and includes dinner, beverages, door prize, and a chance to win 15 great prizes! Only 350 tickets available to be sold.

Additional raffles and games throughout the evening.

Plan to join us for an evening of fun! For tickets, contact Whitney, 814-952-0920, or Brice Bargerstock, 814-952-2083.

Must be 21 to win.

Need not be present to win ticket items.

All proceeds benefit SSCD School.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

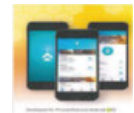
- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Thursday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS January 9, 2022 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>	183		
Adult	\$6,184.00	Pledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Holy Day	\$365.00	Paid on Pledge:	\$90,044.65
Christmas	\$2,195.00	Unpaid Pledges:	\$1,210.35
Children	\$4.00	Unpledged Donations:	\$21,166.23
Loose	\$220.00	Collected to Date:	\$111,210.88
Monthly	\$1,110.00		
Total	\$10,078.00		
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00		
Supplus (Deficit)	\$2,078.00		
Accumulated(+/-)	\$5,945.45		

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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