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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

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.

**Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

January 23, 2022

**Sing to the Lord,
All the Earth!**

Mass Intentions for This Week

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

Monday, January 24

8:00 a.m. George Carlino -- Estate

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Walter Simmons -- Alice Orsich

Wednesday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Members of the Guzzo & Kotula Families --
Sandra L. Kotula

Friday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Dave Johnson -- Bill & Stephanie Sandy

Saturday, January 29

4:30 p.m. Joseph J. Juliette --
Jason & Holly Grusky & Family

Sunday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Sam Trunzo -- Mary Hoover & Family
11:00 a.m. Aggie I. Ott -- Deborah Miller



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scripture
passage is
fulfilled
in your
hearing

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THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Sunday, January 23

9:15am -- Religious Education, K –10

Monday, January 24

6:00pm -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 25

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

Wednesday, January 26

10:00am -- Bible Study - Meeting Room
6:00pm -- Synod Listening Session - Wienker Hall



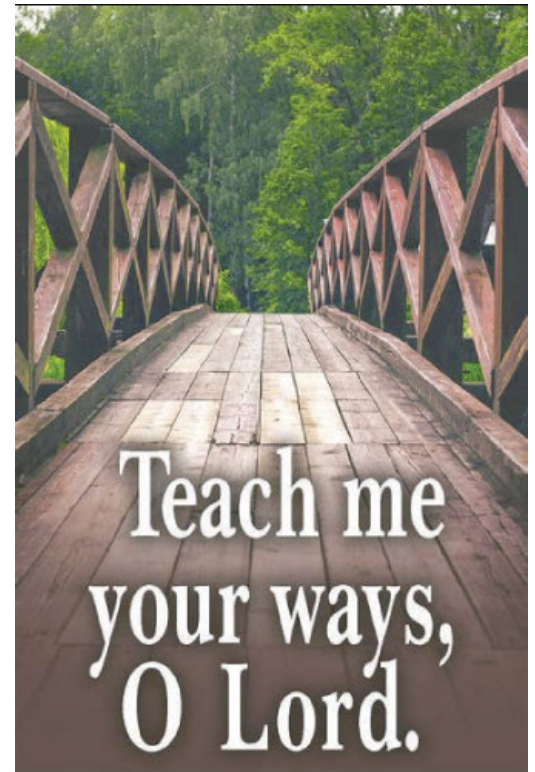
If one member suffers,
all the members suffer with it;
if one member is honored,
all the members share its joy.

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Dear Parishioners,

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



“To bring good news to the poor.” What is good news for the poor? That they are going to become rich? And then it will be their turn to oppress the poor!

*Hurrah for revolution and more cannon-shot!
A beggar on horseback lashes a beggar on foot.
Hurrah for revolution and cannon come again!
The beggars have changed places, but the lash goes on. (W.B. Yeats)*

This could not be what Jesus meant. “Blessed are you who are poor,” he said (Luke 6:20). Are they blessed in being poor, or because they are poor, or for some other reason that is only materially connected with their being poor?

Is poverty a value? It is hard to see how it could be a value in itself, seeing that it is just the lack of something good: an adequate level of wealth. (It is not wealth that is evil, but the selfish misuse of it.) Where is the value in poverty, then? In 1965 Paul VI wrote, “That which is already due in justice [to the poor] is not to be offered as a gift of charity.” In fact, he was just repeating the much earlier teaching of the Church: for example, St John Chrysostom (5th century) had written, “Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.” And Pope Gregory the Great (also 5th century) wrote, “When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice.”

In the time of Jesus, wealth was seen as a sign of God's favor, and poverty a sign of disfavor. His good news for the poor was not that the rich would welcome them when they came begging, nor that they could prove how humble they were, but that they had an equal dignity in the eyes of God and an equal right to the earth's goods. The good news was not that they would become rich, but that they could stand in their full dignity before God and the world.

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Many have imagined a future Utopia, a perfect place where everything will be as it should be. But the word 'Utopia' does not mean a perfect place; it means a 'non-existent place'. Is the Christian vision a Utopia? In a sense yes. The world is not a place of perfect justice, love, or peace. We have not arrived, but we are "on the way," in via, as the mediaeval put it. The work has started, the seed has been sown. "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen," Jesus said. We are not invited to dream ineffectually of a Utopia, but to work for the coming of God's Kingdom on earth.

People who practice lectio divina - the slow careful meditative reading of Scripture - stress the importance of being aware, when reading any passage, that 'this text is being fulfilled today even as we read.' Something of the word of God is already moving in us. If there were nothing, then we would only be dreaming of Utopia. The practical way is to care for the little that is there, rather than dream and do nothing. "Better an acre in Wessex," said Macaulay, "than a principality in Utopia."

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS
CAMPAIGN - Help Spread the Faith**



Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Your support helps engage and build Catholic communities around the world through the use of internet, television, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Erie to support local efforts. Be part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patricia Verostic of our parish who died this past week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

May her soul rest in peace.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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 _____

Address _____

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

PRE-CANA

Pre-Cana will not be held this year at SSCD as had been originally planned. We apologize for any inconvenience.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next **Sunday, January 30 - Canned Potatoes**. Thank you for your support!

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, January 29 -

Stacy Love and Kim Neigh

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Debbie Rougeux, Pat Rougeux, Karen Burkett.



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.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!



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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.

MARIANNA'S HOAGIES AND PIZZA

Our school is taking orders for Marianna's Hoagies and Pizzas.



There are several varieties of 14" hoagies and 12" pizzas to choose from. Cost of each item is just \$8.50.

Orders must be in the school office by January 31 and delivery will be on February 10th.

Call or stop in the school to place your order. All proceeds benefit our school. Thank you for your support!



Saints Cosmas and Damian

Elementary School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 30th - February 5th with a week-long Book Fair, Art Show, "Faith. Family. Fun. Fitness Challenge", and much more!

Alumni, friends, and families are invited to join us for Mass next Sunday at either 8am or 11am. Students can share family selfies from church, a drawn picture, or a paragraph about how their family celebrates faith for display on our school Facebook page!

More details about our Catholic Schools Week celebrations will be in next Sunday's bulletin.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him."

Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

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.

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.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS
 January 16, 2022
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%

Church Offertory	
<i>Envelopes sent</i>	711
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	193
Adult	\$6,273.00
Holy Day	\$25.00
Christmas	\$75.00
Children	\$13.00
Loose	\$263.00
Monthly	\$985.00
Total	\$7,634.00
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00
Suplus (Deficit)	(\$366.00)
Accumulated(+/-)	\$5,579.45

Catholic Services Appeal 2021

2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$90,135.00
Unpaid Pledges:	\$1,120.00
Unpledged Donations:	\$21,383.23
Collected to Date:	\$111,518.23

Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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