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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



January 30th – February 5th, 2022

Faith. Excellence. Service

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Mass Intentions for This Week

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

Monday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Mildred & Jesse Ananea -- Paul & Marilyn Ferari

Tuesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Wednesday, February 2

8:00 a.m. James E. Kaza -- Morning Mass Friends

Thursday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Patrick & Josephine McCarthy -- Estate

Friday, February 4 - First Friday

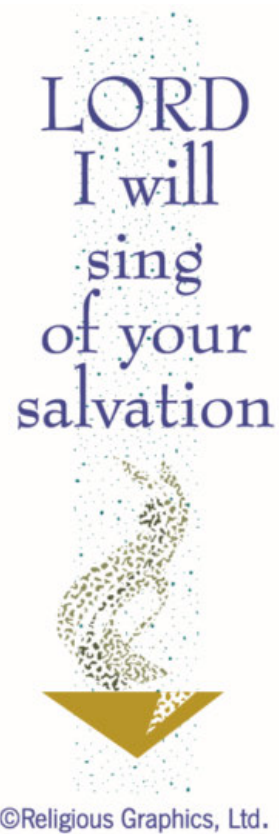
9:00 a.m. Michael & Cecelia Liscinsky -- Family

Saturday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Ronald Infantino -- Linda Riccardo & Sons
4:30 p.m. Michael Defelice -- Rose Day

Sunday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Jim Wehrle -- Ken & Toie Neal



Monday, January 31

6:00pm -- Bible Study - Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 1

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

Wednesday, February 2

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

Friday, February 4

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

Sunday, February 6

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



LOVE is patient, LOVE is kind,
LOVE is not jealous. It does not
seek its own interests. LOVE never fails.

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus said, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you; no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

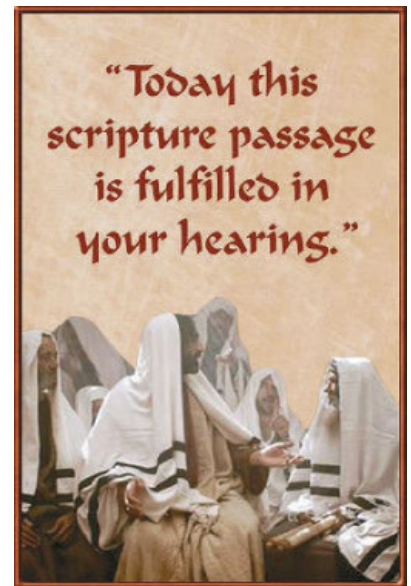
It often appears in the gospels that just after people had been acclaiming Jesus, they turned on him. They went along with him for a while, thinking that he was party to their dream - part of their dream - but soon they discovered that he was not. Their dream was everyone's dream: that "we" are superior to all others. There is a built-in contradiction in this, but it doesn't seem to wake us up. Jesus disturbed their sleep, and so they tried to throw him over a cliff. He praised foreigners and pagans, and that could not be allowed to stand.

I heard a wise word from a neighbor: "You can never get enough of what you really don't want." Deep down you don't want it because it doesn't satisfy any real hunger in you. The reason it doesn't satisfy you, you imagine, is that you are not getting enough of it; so, you multiply it. But multiplying it does not satisfy you; it only multiplies your disgust. What you need is a different diet. This is true not only of bodily food, but of mental and spiritual food as well. Trashy novels will never fill your heart and soul, no matter how many you read. Spirituality without the edge of truth will disgust you in the end.

Jesus can be relied on to disturb our dreaming, if we allow it. This is the problem: we cling more desperately to our dreams than we normally know. We have to see and admit that much of our waking life is a succession of dreams. We see the world largely through language: through descriptions that we have heard, through thoughts and memories, through fears and hopes, some of which may be partly our own, but most of which we have wholly caught from other people. Language is like an updraft of air that can lift us right off the ground. It takes a great deal of effort to stay down. Animals do so effortlessly; we have to keep on striving.

We can even use the words of Jesus as a way of staying asleep. "People are just thirsting for the truth, Father!" said a religious person to me, laying her/his hand on her /his heart, dimming her/his eyes, and inclining her /his head to one side. "Ireland is in darkness and our vocation is to bring the light." I soon discovered what was meant by light and by the truth: a tiny cluster of nervous, rigid cant-phrases, with no life and no power to give life. Anything that fell beyond that narrow-beaten track she/he called 'New Age'. She /he is not representative of her/his kind, thank God, but all over the world there are millions of people clinging to dreams and calling them divine revelation. The test is not the words we repeat, but the kind of life we lead. "It is not those who *say* to me, 'Lord, Lord', who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who *do* the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - SUNDAY,
JANUARY 30 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

What is National Catholic Schools Week?



Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the

last Sunday in January and runs all week, this year January 30 – February 5.

The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Our school will observe this annual celebration all week with Mass, activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Through these events, we focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

The calendar of events was included in last Sunday’s bulletin and can also be found at sscdschool.com

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS
CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous donations in the amount of \$1,104.71 in last week’s collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign.



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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.

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.



NINTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN’S
CONFERENCE

This year’s 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, please visit www.2232men.com or call 814-455-7364.



To add a name to the Prayer Chain, please call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464.

If you are unable to reach her you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

Receive the
LORD JESUS





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.



Friday of this week, February 4th 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, beginning after the 9am Mass until 4pm. Our special intention for February is that we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations.



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

PRE-CANA

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

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: _____

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 February can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.eriescd.org and can also be found on the tables at the entrances of the church.



BLESSED CANDLES

Blessed candles for home use are available in the rectory office for a donation of \$3.00 for a box of two candles. Just stop in during regular office hours.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 30, 2022

LEARN

LECTIO: MARY: EPISODE 1: THE NEW EVE

This week as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Mary's role in it, join Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, as he examines what the Old Testament reveals about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.



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SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next **Sunday, February 6 - Baked Beans.** Thank you for your support!

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, February 5 -

Mike Hudock, Stan Smochek, Greg Aikens

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Bob Henretta, Katie Roberts, Rita Yenzi

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.



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 this Monday, 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!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

PRAYER SHAWL AND LAP QUILT MINISTRY



Our Prayer Shawl and Lap Quilt Ministry is in need of ladies who knit, crochet, and/or sew simple projects. We meet in Walston at the Church Office on Wednesdays from 12:30 till 2:30pm. We'd love for you to join us! We won't meet during inclement weather.

Free knitting lessons are available throughout the week for ages 10+.

If you have any questions please call or text Mary Lou Brown @ 814-939-9497.

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.



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:

If you would like to be placed back on the schedule for weekend Masses, please contact the office to let us know your preferences. Call us at 814-938-6540, ext. 2210 or sscdofc@comcast.net.

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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs



WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS January 23, 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>	171		
Adult	\$5,033.00	Pledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Holy Day	\$0.00	Paid on Pledge:	\$90,155.00
Children	\$9.00	Unpaid Pledges:	\$1,100.00
Loose	\$390.00	Unpledged Donations:	\$21,470.23
Monthly	\$395.00	Collected to Date:	\$111,625.23
Total	\$5,827.00		
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00		
Suplus (Deficit)	(\$2,173.00)		
Accumulated(+/-) Goal Since 7/1/2020	\$3,046.45 <i>Over goal</i>		

Readings for the Week of January 30, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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