

*Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Church
May all who enter as guests leave as friends*

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January 30, 2022



Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Mission Statement

To nourish our love of God through Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Centered in the Eucharist, we are developing a faith community through prayer, education, worship and Christian fellowship. As stewards of God's love, we strive to share our gifts and talents for the service of God and all His people.

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CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of Deborah Scalise from the Scalise Family.

CHAPEL SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of Frank & Martha Schlack from Carolyn Johnston.

SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE

The St. Joseph Candle will burn this week in loving memory of Joan Jaskiewicz from her husband Vince.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Love is patient, kind, truthful, hopeful, enduring... Love is not jealous, pompous, inflated, rude, quick-tempered, brooding. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8) Tell your beloved which positive quality you think they are strong in.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 5 @ 4:00pm

Lector: Rich Moore
Eucharistic Minister: Barb Peterson, Lisa Schnars [S]
Altar Servers: Angeline, Ted, Edward & Ann Terrizzi

SUNDAY, February 6 @ 8:30am

Lector: Jim & Janine Calabrese
Eucharistic Minister: Jack Senger, Mary Lou Peterson [S]
Altar Servers: Isaac Spencer, Simon Kunik

SUNDAY, February 6 @ 11:00am

Lector: Casey Meyer
Eucharistic Minister: Nathan & Kevin Kujan
Altar Servers: Ladule & Morbe Ladu

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 31—St. John Bosco

8:00 +John Fetzner / Family

Tuesday, February 1—Weekday

8:00 +Jason Belton / Gerry Ryan

Wednesday, February 2—Presentation of the Lord

8:00 +Bill Webb / Kevin Helsley Family

1:15 +Doris Jean Murphy / Marilyn Schlecht

Thursday, February 3—St. Blaise

8:00 *Mary Grumblatt / Family

Friday, February 4—Weekday

8:00 +Margie Walkiewicz / Louise Borawski

Saturday, February 5—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 +Deborah Scalise / Mary & Nancy Lombardo

Sunday, February 6—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 +Joe & Rosalind Vavreck / Dave & Judy Tome

11:00 *Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament

7:30 +Carolyn Rexford / Terrizzi Family

* Living

MASS SCHEDULE

*Daily Mass in the Church at 8am Monday -Thursday
On the first Friday of the month...Mass at 8am and
Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00pm*

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

*Sunday: 8:30am**, 11:00am and 7:30pm***

***these Masses will be livestreamed on our parish
website & our Facebook page*

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00—3:45pm and by appointment

Unvaccinated people should wear a face mask.

Social distancing is encouraged

*The priests, deacon & Eucharistic Ministers will
continue to wear face masks when distributing Communion.*

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

Question for Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

Question for Youth: Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

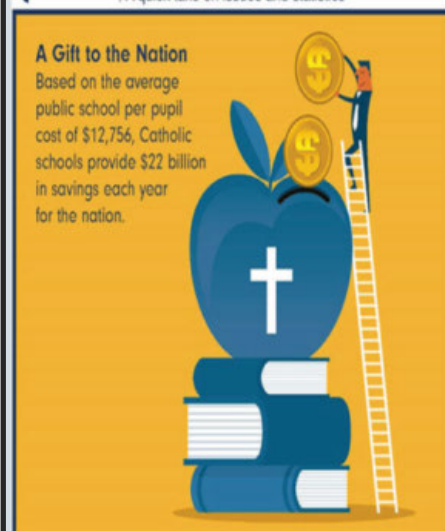
Question for Adults: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though you have already come. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN

From Our Pastor

NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS A quick take on issues and statistics



Sources: Gray, M.M., and McDonald, D. (2019), Education Week. (2020)

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, which in 2022 is January 30 – February 5. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. I hope you can join the school students this week for the various activities throughout the week.

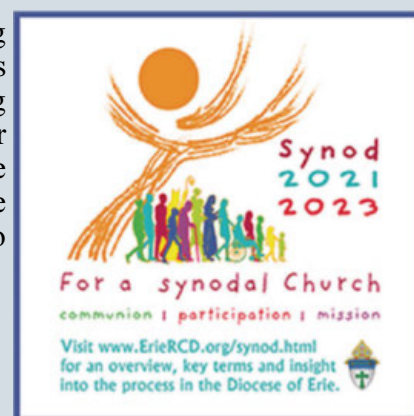
Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for all Catholics to celebrate the accomplishments of our schools. Started often for poor immigrant families by Religious Women who wanted to help the new immigrants of the 1800s to succeed in their new land but also retain their faith and Catholic identity. I benefited from Catholic school my entire life, from kindergarten through graduate school. I realize the sacrifices my Mom and Dad made to send me to Catholic schools. I appreciate the Sisters and Priests who worked hard at the ministry of teaching. I am grateful for the support parishes have provided to keep the schools open. All of this still happens yet today. While there are fewer nuns in our schools, many lay men and women have come forward to provide a faith based curriculum. These teachers and staff witness to today’s students the reality that careers aren’t just about making a lot of money. The sacrifices you make as a member of Blessed Sacrament to Catholic School support is also deeply appreciated. The support of you financially, or by volunteering helps us provide a Catholic education to all who seek it, not just the rich.

Join Blessed Sacrament for in-person small group discussions/listening sessions throughout the weeks ahead. 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. The listening sessions will be one hour. The session will be held in the school cafeteria. These are the options for you to consider attending:

February 22 at 6:30PM

March 8 at 6:30PM

March 20 at Noon (immediately following the 11AM Mass)



Looking forward to hearing from you. Peace, Fr. Phil

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Family extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Matthew Gnacinski who passed away on Friday, January 21. Matthew and his wife Shannon were members of St. Andrew Parish but their three daughters Sophia, Claire, and Amelia Gnacinski attend school here at Blessed Sacrament.

There is a go fund me account set up for scholarships for the girls education. If you would like to donate please go to the following link: <https://gogetfunding.com/scholarship-for-the-girls/> to support Sophia, Claire, and Amelia’s education. You can also send your donations to the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please keep the family in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATES

BIBLE STUDY Mark your calendars for our Lenten Bible Study every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30pm in the cafeteria starting *March 9th*. More details to follow.

FISH DINNERS Our delicious dinners are back this year...more details to follow but mark the dates on your calendars! *March 4th...March 18th...April 1.*

SYNOD on SYNODALITY Listening sessions will be held on *Tuesday February 22 & March 8 at 6:30pm and on Sunday, March 20 after 11am Mass.*

February / March Ministry Schedules were emailed out on Friday. If you need a hard copy there are some in the Sacristy. This schedule includes Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Any questions or conflicts with the schedule call Diane in the Parish Office @ 454-0171.

NINTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE Men are invited to attend 22:32 Men, a half-day event based on the theme of Luke 22:32, "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." The conference will be held February 12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. It will be virtual at hosting parishes via You Tube, participating parishes listed on the website www.2232men.com, or virtually via You Tube in your own home. Enjoy fellowship and inspiring national speakers Bear Woznick and Father Anthony Marie Baetzold, CFR. The event will conclude with Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico. The event is \$20 per person. Discounts available for groups of eight or more, as well as for high school students. Visit www.2232Men.com or call 814-455-7364 for more information and to register. All you need to have is an open heart!

SEVENTH ANNUAL 138 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "Say Yes!" to the 7th Annual 138 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 year's 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 our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register.

ANNUAL PRE-LENTEN RETREAT Longing for a deeper encounter with the Lord this Lent? Singles and couples are invited to participate in a retreat February 25-26 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry. Retreatants will have opportunities for community, talks, adoration, Mass and confession. For more information, visit www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat. Questions? Call or email Jacob Kessler at 814-824-1216, jkessler@eriercd.org. The retreat is sponsored by the Diocesan Chastity Education Office.

SCHOOL SUPPORT ENVELOPE

In your envelope packet is a goldenrod colored School Support envelope. The donations from this envelope will aid the parish to achieve our past due assessments toward supporting Blessed Sacrament School. Anything you can do to help is appreciated. Currently each month the parish pays approximately \$12,000 towards this past due amount and our current assessment.

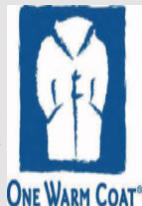


KNIGHT'S CORNER

**Knights of Columbus
After Christmas Coat Drive**

We are collecting **new coats** for children and adults. Boxes will be available at the Church Entrance for your donations through the end of the month.

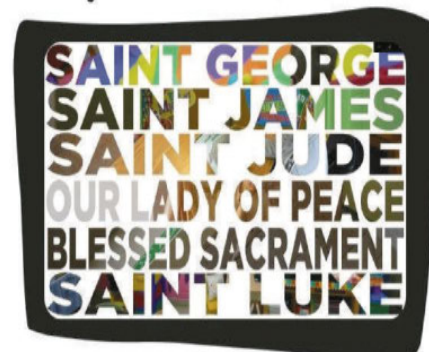
Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those who need warm coats for the winter.



Watch & Share Erie Catholic School System's New Video

We are SO excited to share Erie Catholic's new video

- View at <https://bit.ly/ECSSvideo>
- Watch our video, share with your family and friends #FaithInOurFuture
- A random winner will be selected during Catholic Schools Week and win a school swag item from Milagaro School Uniforms & Goods



Sunday, January 30, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Children should be seen, heard—and guided

It's been a tough two years on everyone, but especially on the kids. Childhood was upended by the pandemic. Schooling has been a heroic effort, and peer interactions have been stifled. This generation of young ones will have a special burden in trying to make up for lost time, missed opportunities, and natural social interactions. They've also learned unexpected lessons about global interconnectedness, the rich advantages of technology, and the bitter realities of social inequity. Today begins Catholic Schools Week, with the theme "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service," to remind us that our schools enable children to put what they learn in the context of gospel values. Support faith-based education!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30 (72).* "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you."

Monday, January 31, 2022 MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO Celebrating a lovely education

Saint John Bosco, a 19th-century Italian priest, was an educator ahead of his time. He understood the power of positive reinforcement long before modern psychology came along—and he applied this theory to teaching poor kids who had rough lives. His method? Quite simply, love. Rather than punish kids, he was kind. During Catholic Schools Week, offer a prayer of thanks for the educators who nurtured you through your formative years. Whether you went to Catholic schools or not, those special teachers were reflecting Christ's love back to you. Remember how their good works shaped the Christian you are today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20 (323).* "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."

Tuesday, February 01, 2022 Catholic education for a better world

On this Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, the focus is on the student. The National Catholic Education Association encourages schools to today recognize students' accomplishments—but also have them embrace the "grounding in faith, knowledge, and service" a Catholic education provides. In a June 2021 address to Latin American Catholic schools, Pope Francis expands this vision even more. He urges "welcoming schools" that "do not retreat into a selfish elitism, but that learn to live together with everyone . . . knowing that everything is connected." His wish? That "schools have conscience and create conscience." Pray for all Catholic students today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43 (324).* "The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded."

Wednesday, February 02, 2022 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Comfort food for the soul

Mexican American neighborhoods will be filled with the sweet aroma of warm tamales today, served because of a special connection this day has to January 6, the Epiphany. On Epiphany, La Rosca, a cake in the shape of a crown, is shared by family and friends in honor of the Magi, a.k.a., the three kings. The person who finds a small figure of Jesus hidden in their slice of cake is tasked with throwing a tamale party today, the day the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Welcome Jesus to your table today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524).* "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Thursday, February 03, 2022 Lift up her voice

Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, O.S.P., died on this day in 1882. Born into a well-educated family of means in the Caribbean, she immigrated to Baltimore in the early 1800s as a free black woman in a slave state. Seeing the need for education among her fellow Caribbean immigrants, she taught out of her home, opened a school in 1828, took first religious vows a year later, and founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Mary Elizabeth and her fellow sisters devoted themselves to works of mercy and social reform, working with communities of color facing poverty, racism, and the degradations of slavery. Nearly 200 years later, the order's work continues strong, as does the canonization process for this remarkable woman. Let Mary Elizabeth's example inspire you to respond to injustice with courageous compassion.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13 (326).* "The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."

Friday, February 04, 2022 Invest your humanity

On this Friday of Catholic Schools Week, Pope Francis offers supportive words for Catholic educators. "To educate is an act of love, it is to give life. And love is demanding, it calls for the best resources, for a reawakening of the passion to begin this path patiently with young people. The educator in Catholic schools must be, first and foremost, competent and qualified but, at the same time, someone who is rich in humanity" and able to promote spiritual growth. For this, Francis said in 2014, "it is necessary to invest." How can you help support Catholic educators today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 (327).* "He added beauty to the feasts and solemnized the seasons of each year."

Saturday, February 05, 2022 Be careful what you ask for

The wisest thing Solomon ever did was to ask for wisdom. Given the chance to ask for anything, he didn't go the route of wealth, fame, immortality, but rather chose the road less traveled. For, as one biblical commentator put it, wisdom is "a bountiful crop with a meager harvest." Often personified in biblical testimony as the feminine face of the Divine, Proverbs tells us that she "cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?'" We are Solomon, and the choice is ours to make. What will you choose?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 (328).* "The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. . . . 'In addition, I give you what you have not asked for.'"

*Daily renewal for busy Catholics.
Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow a day at a time.*



What is the Synod on Synodality?

Pope Francis has asked the entire world to participate in a synod on the topic “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.” The central question he asks of everyone is:

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in our diocese? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

You may be invited to participate in listening sessions at your local parish, or you may wish to give your input online. Participation in a synod should always involve prayer, listening, discussion, and above all, discerning the way that the Holy Spirit is guiding us. Hopefully the questions and answers listed below can help you as you prepare your input.



The infallible belief of the faithful: What is the *sensus fidei fidelium*?

One of the reasons that Pope Francis has been emphasizing synodality is that he wishes to better recognize and utilize all the gifts of all the people in the Church. Most of us know that the Magisterium of the Church (the teaching office of the Church exercised by the Pope and the bishops), under certain conditions, can teach infallibly. But the faithful members of Christ’s Church also have a corresponding gift. We can believe infallibly. Ideally these two gifts should inform and reinforce each other.

This gift of the Holy Spirit is called the *sensus fidei fidelium*: The understanding of the Faith by the Faithful. Everyone who is baptized is anointed with the Holy Spirit, and this anointing is strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation. By the grace of the Spirit, the People of God as a whole does not err in faith, even when it cannot adequately explain the faith. The more faithful a Christian is – participating in the Sacraments, building their relationship with God, feeling with the heart of the Church – the better of an instinct they will have for the True Faith. When we are open to Him, God gives us an intuition about divine realities. And when the entire People of God manifests a belief of faith or morals, that belief cannot be wrong, because the Holy Spirit would not allow the entire Church to go into error.

The *sensus fidei* cannot be determined by majority vote. History shows that individuals and groups in the Church, whether members of the faithful or bishops, can very easily fall into error and sin. The more separated a person is from God and His Church, the less likely they will be to instinctively recognize the truths of the Faith — and we have all sinned and fallen short (Romans 3:23). However, if the faithful stubbornly cling to some belief or obstinately refuse to accept another, for a long time and in many places, even in the face of opposition and persecution, that should be a sign to the Magisterium of the *sensus fidei* at work.

What is discernment?

Discernment is the process for finding out what we should be doing. It might involve doing research or making a list of pros and cons, as you would for any major decision, but it is more than that. Especially in a religious context, discernment means trying to recognize God’s will. Fruitful discernment takes place in a space of prayer and study. It includes sincere conversations with appropriate people, self-reflection, and attempting to read the signs that God may be placing around us.

We often speak of someone “discerning their vocation,” which is something every person should do. In a similar way, discernment also happens on a communal level, from the local all the way up to the universal Church. Councils and Synods are always attempting to discern the will of the Holy Spirit, so that what they decide and teach may be what God wishes in that particular context. For communal discernment, dialogue is always more helpful than debate. Discernment should help us to understand our own needs and desires, but the final goal is to accept the will of God.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media**

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newly-weds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

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

31 CLUB Pray for Vocations

January 31 Uta Smith
 February 1 Mary Jo Fulton
 February 2 Sue Shannon, Frank Tokarczyk
 February 3 date available
 February 4 Carol Delo
 February 5 Marianne Zimmerman
 February 6 Mary Lou Peterson

Members of the 31 Club agree to go to daily Mass **and /or** offer prayers on a particular day every month for an increase of vocations to the Church. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayers, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass. *Please call the Parish Office if you want to be in the 31 Club and experience the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church. We have openings on three different days, but you can pick your own date too!*



Substitute Teachers Needed

Blessed Sacrament School is looking for qualified individuals to be substitute teachers.

Those interested must have all current clearances and a 4-year college degree.
 (Does not have to be in education)
 Please call the school office at 814 455-1387.

\$\$\$\$ RAISE THE ROOF LOTTERY \$\$\$\$

1/17 #483...#484...#482 no winners
 1/18 #147...#148...#146 no winners
 1/19 #953 no winner...#954 John Greiner \$10...
 #952 no winner
 1/20 #247 no winner...#248 Shannon Weber \$10...
 #246 no winner
 1/21 #162...#163...#161 no winners
 1/22 #764...#765...#763 no winners
 1/23 #791...#792...#790 no winners

*Congratulations to Mary Lou Weber.
 Winner of the \$50 Seller's Drawing for January!*

FEBRUARY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
\$5 per ticket 84 chances to win this month

*If you want tickets, call Diane in the Parish Office at 454-0171 or send an email dfisher@bserie.org and leave a message with your choice of numbers.
 We appreciate your support.*



**Join us
 Friday,
 February 4th**

First Fridays for Families

Join Blessed Sacrament parish during the 2022 year in a unique prayer experience!
Every First Friday of the month,
 we will offer a guided Eucharistic Adoration program geared toward children and families of all ages
on Friday evening at 6pm.
 Everyone is welcome to this experience to be with Jesus in a very real and unique way.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day, February 3, by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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We will bless throats after all the Masses this weekend.



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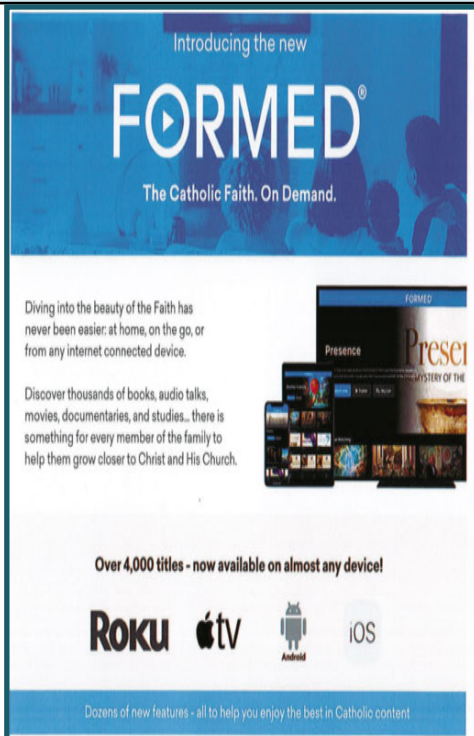
PARISH FAMILY

Pray for all those in our parish family who are hospitalized, ill, homebound and in nursing homes as well as those who care for them.

Pray for members of the military,
Pray for peace in our country and for God's protection and guidance over our country.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for **AUDREY KITA**.

The prayers and sympathy of the Parish Family were extended to her family. May she rest in peace.



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- Enjoy and celebrate your faith.

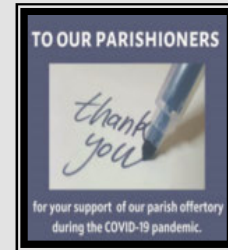
CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: If you need a print out of your 2021 contributions please call the Parish Office, we can mail one out or email one to you. If you do **ONLINE ONLY** you can access your statement by signing into your account, click on tax statement, click on the 2021 contributions.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
1/23/2022

Adult Offering:	\$ 3,243.00	161[632]
Loose:	\$ 396.00	
Online:	\$ 1,193.00	58[250]
Christmas:	\$ 10.00	
Youth Offering:	\$ 31.00	
Total:	\$ 4,873.00	
School Support:	\$ 45.00	
Retirement Fund:	\$ 5.00	
Catholic Communications:	\$ 337.00	
Food Bank:	\$ 25.00	
MCEEF:	\$ 10.00	

2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Pledged to Date:	\$ 80,737.00	[242]
Paid To Date:	\$ 77,167.00	
Assessment:	\$ 71,158.00	
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 3,570.00	



Catherine's Club grant applications for non-profits now available

The Catherine's Club Giving Circle, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, invites qualified non-profit agencies to apply for grants aimed at initiatives supporting women and children.

The Giving Circle promotes the economic self-sufficiency and/or well-being of women and children with needs resulting from limited financial resources, illness or inadequate education.

Agencies applying for grants must be located within one of the 13 counties of the Catholic Diocese of Erie. Grant applications are now available by contacting Edie Hudson at 814-824-2516 or ehudson@sistersofmercy.org or by visiting the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse at 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie.

Catherine's Club, named after the sisters of Mercy founder Catherine McAuley, supports Erie area non-profit agencies that provide service for women and children. More than 100 laywomen support the goals of the group with their financial commitment.

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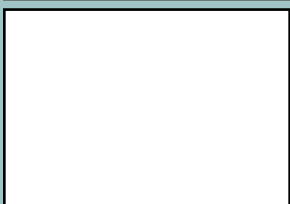


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