

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 14th: Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Norma H. and Cleo T. Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Sandra Kujan Demchak , 56th Wedding Anniversary by husband Robert Demchak

Monday, January 15th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Tuesday, January 16th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by Janet Glover

Wednesday, January 17th: Saint Anthony

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Emily Malinowski by Kevin Helsley

Thursday, January 18th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Fr. Joe Gregorek by Marlene Lucas

Friday, January 19th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Jim and Pat Heubel by Family

Saturday, January 20th: St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

Private (SA) Arthur Benson by Lucia Lee

Sunday, January 21st: Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Holy Souls by Stephen Waterford

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Mike and Doris Kuhar by Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

Monday, January 22nd: Day of Prayer for Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Robert Martin Mazur by John and Christine Farnum

Tuesday, January 23rd: St. Vincent and St. Marianne

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Wednesday, January 24th: St. Francis de Sales

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Burke by Dave and Colleen Dombkowski

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Joe Khrkoska by Friends

2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

2) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and parishes in the Diocese of Erie

St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
2) For protection of all the unborn children and all life

FINANCIAL REPORT

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$7,517.00 Paid: \$7,455.00

Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their support to the 2023 CSA.

Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Income/Expenses ~ December 2023

Income: \$6,432.84

Expenses: \$10,604.73

Difference: -\$4,171.89

Utilities for December 2023: \$1,728.27

Plant and Maintenance for December 2023: \$1,429.96

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

2023 Year End Offertory Statements will be mailed out by January 31, 2024.



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Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

A special **thank you** once again to everyone who helped put up and take down the Christmas decorations at all three of our Churches.

The **heavy winds** we experienced this week toppled over one of the pine trees in our courtyard at St. Casimir Church taking down electrical wires and leaving the church without power for most of the week. Thanks to the efforts of **First Energy** and our own **Mike Kuzma** power was restored and the church was ready for Mass today. Let us pray for all who have suffered the effects of the extreme weather here and throughout the country.

Today at Mass we **pray for the pastoral planning efforts** and for vibrant communities of faith for future generations.

Prayer in Times of Transition by Joseph P. Shadle: God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

Please join Deacon Dave Jacquel and the parishioners of St. Mark and Mt. Calvary parishes for a **Holy Hour for the National Eucharistic Revival** on Jan. 20 at 3:15 p.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 695 Smithson Ave., Erie. Call the office with questions at 814.899.3000 or email: office@smmc.church.

9 Days for Life Novena: You are invited to join thousands of Catholics, both locally and nationwide, and the Office of Social Justice and Life of the Diocese of Erie in prayer for the protection of human life during a special novena called *9 Days for Life*. Go to the Social Justice and Life page at Catholic Charities, Inc. <https://ccincerie.org/respect-for-life> to sign up to receive daily prayers from Jan. 16-24, or contact Elizabeth Slaby at eslaby@ccincerie.org for more information.

Interested in learning more about becoming a Permanent Deacon? The Diocese of Erie is launching a new five-year session for ten men seeking to study for and discern whether or not they are being called to this vocation. Visit www.eriercd.org/deacons for details. A general information and Q&A session will be held via Zoom on January 20 at 3 pm. Questions? contact Deacon Tom McAraw, by calling 814-824-1148 or emailing tmcaraw@eriercd.org. May we all continue to pray for vocations to the priestly, religious, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Just Show Up!

In our first reading this week Samuel hears a voice calling to him in the night repeatedly and he answers the voice by saying “Here I am.” Samuel thinks it is Eli, but it turns out that *God* is calling him. Eli tells Samuel to answer the Lord, so that God may give him whatever message he intends. Samuel does as Eli instructs eventually answering the Lord with these words: Speak, for your servant is listening.

Samuel’s first response, “Here I am” gives us three important lessons. First consider the phrase begins with the word “here.” This is a reminder that God calls us to live, to love, and to serve others right where we are at. We do not need to travel great distances to recognize God’s presence because wherever we go, that’s where we’ll find Christ present in the people right in front of us.

Second the phrase contains the word I. This reminds us that the call to give witness to our faith in our daily lives isn’t just something for others to be concerned about, but it is our call as well. No matter who we are, where we’re from and what we’ve done, God equips each and every one of us with unique gifts and talents that we can offer in the service of building up his kingdom here on earth.

Finally, the phrase concludes with the words I am. This implies that our call to live out our baptism and put our faith into practice is just something we need to do today. It is not something we can put off until tomorrow.

It is often said the six most challenging words in Scripture are “Speak, for your servant is listening.” When these words are expressed in Scripture, something big, important, and usually quite difficult is handed to the one who speaks it. Yet God does not see it that way – he has full faith and confidence that we can do what he asks.

Many of us have heard someone say that God is not listening or communicating with us. Yet the problem really exists at the human end, not the divine one. God is always listening and talking to us but we do not always listen.

We need to just show up and put ourselves in his presence. Begin the conversation today – take time and whisper to him “Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.” Then listen as he asks us: What do you want? What do you seek? What are you hoping for?

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mail in Offertory Christmas Time

Sunday Offertory: \$1,730.00
Religious Retirement: \$30.00
Christmas: \$315.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$55.00
Immaculate Conception: \$35.00
Initial Offering: \$42.00
Fuel Offering: \$122.00
Monthly: \$60.00
Catholic Communications: \$40.00
Gift: \$4,910.00
Gift from Slovak National Club: \$600.00

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$949.00
Oplatki: \$23.00
Christmas: \$50.00
Religious Retirement: \$20.00
Immaculate Conception: \$40.00
Campaign for Human Development: \$20.00

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$422.11
Christmas: \$85.00
Religious Retirement: \$70.00
Immaculate Conception: \$25.00

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, December 24, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$506.00
Christmas: \$789.83

Christmas Day Mass, December 25, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$75.00
Christmas: \$370.00
Monthly: \$30.00

11AM Mass, December 31, 2023 at Saint Casimir's Church

Sunday Offertory: \$745.64
Christmas: 40.00
Monthly: \$40.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$75.00
Catholic Communication: \$10.00
Initial Offering: \$40.00
Fuel Offering: \$20.00

Holy Family Feast Day Mass, December 31, 2023 at Holy Family Church

Sunday Offertory: \$523.00
Christmas: \$200.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00

New Year's Day Mass at Saint Ann's Church

Solemnity of Mary: \$86.00
Initial Offering: \$50.00

Mail in Offertory for Sunday, January 7, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$733.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$35.00
Initial Offering: \$55.00
Fuel Offering: \$32.00
Catholic Communication: \$20.00

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$795.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$30.00
Initial Offering: \$100.00
First Saturday: \$133.00
Saint Ann's Building Fund: \$100.00