

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 21st: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Private: Sister Mary Lou Kownacki by Dr. Hal Angeloff  
10:30am (SC) Confessions  
11:00am (SC) Audrey A. Bargielski Deegan by Caroline Larson

### Monday, April 22nd: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Margaret Kedzierski by Her Children

### Tuesday, April 23rd: St. George and St. Adalbert

11:15am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by wife Barbara and Children

### Wednesday, April 24th: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

11:15am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Ronald Dombkowski by Dave and Colleen Dombkowski

### Thursday, April 25th: Saint Mark

11:15am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by Bob and Karen Mazur

### Friday, April 26th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Sister Elizabeth Ruza, SSJ by Sisters of Saint Joseph

### Saturday, April 27th: Easter Weekday

Private: Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

### Sunday, April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Private: Irene Smerick by Paul, Ann, and Matthew Krauza  
10:30am (SC) Confessions  
11:00am (SC) Leonard Mankosky, Anniversary by Scott, Paula, and Danica Hilinski

### Monday, April 29th: St. Catherine of Siena

11:15am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Sister Elizabeth Ruza, SSJ by Meg Merritt Britton

### Tuesday, April 30th: Saint Pius V

11:15am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Joseph Ricci

### Wednesday, May 1st: Saint Joseph the Worker

11:15am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Special Intentions of Sister Kevin Berdis, Birthday by Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

- 1) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and parishes in the Diocese of Erie
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) Health & Healing of all Sick and Shut-ins

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday 4-7-2024

Offertory: \$1,781.00

Ash Wednesday: \$1.00

Easter: \$72.00

Divine Mercy Sunday: \$110.00

Good Shepherd: \$15.00

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$5,535.00

Paid: \$4,530.00

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

*Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!*

Diocese Second Special Collection for the Good Shepherd Collection will be collected this month. Deacon Jerry noted in his article the collection will be taken today, Sunday, April 21, 2024. Please use the special envelope in your monthly packet and return it during the second collection. Thank you in advance for your love and support.



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## FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

### **Good Shepherd Sunday/Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection**

The annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired priests of the Diocese of Erie will be taken up again today for those who missed it last Sunday.. The Good Shepherd Collection allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parishes. Among the list of retired priests, many have served and continue to serve in our parish. The collection for Retired Religious that was taken up in December does not benefit our Diocesan priests.

**Prayer for our Retired Priests:** We pray for the retired priests of our Diocese that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement for the countless years of service they have provided and continue to provide to the people of God.

### **Chuck and Ginny's original recipe spaghetti dinner planned at St. Andrew Parish, Erie**

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Guild of Erie's St. Andrew Parish will hold a Chuck and Ginny's original recipe spaghetti dinner **today, April 21**, from noon to 4 pm in the St. Andrew Gymnasium, 1116 W. 7th Street, Erie. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Come and enjoy theme basket raffles and a main raffle prize of a 36" outdoor propane-fired BBQ griddle. Tickets for the griddle raffle are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

This bulletin was published prior to the **April 11 Pastoral Planning** meeting. Updates on the plan will be in the April 28 bulletin. In the meantime, please visit <https://www.eriecd.org/planning.html>.

### **Jesus is Our Good Shepherd!**

Our Gospel this week gives us one of the best known and most loved images of Jesus: that of the good shepherd. It is only in John's Gospel that Jesus calls himself the good shepherd.

So, what makes a shepherd good? For starters he is different from the hired hand who is in it mainly for the paycheck. A good shepherd's work is truly an act of love. A good shepherd protects his sheep, leads them to safety, feeds them, helps them to grow.

Jesus our Good Shepherd does all of this for us and even more. He understands our fears, our loss, our struggles and remains with us to protect us. Our Shepherd loves us, and is *in love* with us, so much so that he laid down his life for us.

All of us face dangers in our lifetime along with threats to our safety and well-being. We may face sickness, loss, fear, or we may face ridicule. We may worry for our loved ones; we may struggle with loneliness, or be filled with anxiety.

We can rest assured that no matter how this life challenges us Our Good Shepherd doesn't give up on us - he takes ownership of his flock. Jesus, who is shepherd of our souls, "sees us" as we are, with all of our accomplishments and all of our failures. It is Jesus who cares for us and who came to give his life for us and to lead us to better ground.