

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, January 15th: Weekday

Private (SA) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

### Sunday, January 16th: Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) The Deceased Members of The Ropelewski Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas, Anniversary by Mary Ollinger

### Monday, January 17th: Saint Anthony

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

### Tuesday, January 18th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Joe & Collette Vahey

### Wednesday, January 19th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Frank Hodas, Birthday, January 20th by Christine Visosky

### Thursday, January 20th: St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wieczorek, Anniversary by her children Mike, Anita, Diane, Gerard, Mark and Mary

### Friday, January 21st: Saint Agnes

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Marlene Andrascik by The Vento Family

### Saturday, January 22nd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Private (SA) Ray Draszkiwicz and The Rutkowski and Rzodkiewicz Families by Audrey Draszkiwicz

### Sunday, January 23rd: Third Ordinary Sunday

*Diocesan Second Collection for Faith Communication*

Private (SA) Joe & Mary Pohl by Mickey Pohl

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

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

### Monday, January 24th: St. Francis de Sales

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Deceased Members of the Hartman Family by Beverly and Charlotte

### Tuesday, January 25th: Conversion of Saint Paul

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

### Wednesday, January 26th: Sts. Timothy and Titus

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Louise Grolemond, Birthday Jan. 24th by Martha and Joseph Stahon

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

- 1) Special Intentions of Rev. Gerald Wright by The Vento Family
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Leo and Mary Osiecki by sister Caroline
- 2) Anita Marie Lewis by Friends

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Sunday, January 2nd: \$1,390.00*

*Sunday, January 9th: \$2,009.50*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

*No Changes to report at this time.*

*2021 Goal: \$20,164.00*

*Pledged: \$13,981.00      Paid: \$13,516.00*

*Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!*

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

2021 Contribution statements will be mailed to everyone who received one last year. If you wish to receive your 2021 contribution statement please call the rectory office at 814-452-4832 and leave a message for Helen. Statements will be mailed to you on or before January 31, 2022. Thank you.

**Reminder**—Any changes to your offertory envelopes do take time...our envelope provider takes up to 3 to 4 months to make the requested change. Example: changes I requested on 1/9/2022 will not be reflected on your offertory envelopes until April. Please be patient and know that I have made your requested change. Thank you, Helen



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## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anita Marie Lewis**, whose funeral was at St. Ann on Thursday. Our sympathy is extended to her family. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

Next weekend, January 22 & 23, the **Help Spread the Faith** collection will take place. Through this collection, the Diocese of Erie provides parishioners with Faith, an engaging magazine filled with the stories and testimonies of Catholics striving to grow closer to Christ, as well as through the weekly Diocese of ErieNews, at [www. Eriercd.org](http://www.Eriercd.org). Please consider making a donation.

The **Erie Cursillo Movement** is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo Feb. 11-13, 2022, and a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found at [www.eriecursillo.org](http://www.eriecursillo.org) or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor.

Tomorrow is **Martin Luther King Day**, when we remember and honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, who advocated for nonviolent resistance to overcome injustice as a means of lifting racial oppression and created change with organized sit-ins, marches, and peaceful demonstrations that highlighted issues of inequality. As we honor his memory we are challenged to reflect on how we can improve our communities and relations with each other by organizing, volunteering, and spreading the word. Let's make it a "day on, not a day off."

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is observed this week. This is a time when Christians all around the world are reminded to pray for closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as for greater union with all of God's creation. As we embark on this special time of prayer and reflection, let us do so with grateful hearts, thankful for the many blessings that shine in our lives every day and ask God to bring us closer to one another in love and Christian Unity.

The **Annual March for Life** in Washington, DC is Friday, January 21. The bus will leave Erie Thursday, January 20, at 11:00 pm and will return Saturday morning, January 22, around 1:30 am. The cost is \$60 per seat. To reserve a seat, please call 814-882-1333 or 814-459-1333 or by emailing [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org). For more information, visit [www.Facebook.com/MarchForLifeBusTrip](https://www.Facebook.com/MarchForLifeBusTrip).

The **Erie March for Life** is Saturday, January 29, beginning at 11:00 am. The event will begin at Perry Square in downtown Erie and will conclude by 12:30 pm following a brief program. Please arrive by 10:45 am to participate. For more information, please call 814-882-1333, email [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org) or visit [www.peopleforlife.life](http://www.peopleforlife.life).

**Do Whatever He Tells You!** ... Most of us have been to several weddings so our Gospel this week is the kind of story that each of us can enter into. For a moment let's picture ourselves at the wedding feast at Cana. Suddenly we hear a woman's voice speaking and we can't help overhearing as she exclaims "They have no wine." We turn around and to our surprise and embarrassment she is not pointing at the bride and groom but right at each one of us. She studies us, reads our faces, reads our hearts, reads our lives, then remarks to her Son: "They have no more wine, their wine has run out."

As we confront the current events in the world and the struggles in our life and is easy to become discouraged and feel like "the wine has run out."

So, what are we do? When struggling with the challenging circumstances in our lives we can begin by inviting Jesus to the wedding of our lives and by heeding the last words of our Blessed Mother: "Do whatever he tells you!"

This means to not only invite Jesus into our hearts but also to prayerfully discern what he is telling us to do. Do whatever he tells you is the motto of our Christian culture. Jesus took ordinary things and made them gifts and that is the key for each of us - to see life as a gift. To take what is ordinary and make it extraordinary.

Jesus not only changed water into wine, he also transformed his disciples from becoming mere companions to those who believe in him. When we do whatever he tells us our lives will never be the same. We can look at the people around us and those in our lives and we see many have no more wine. Each of us is called to do something! To pray, to invite, to bear witness, to do whatever he tells us.

Once again let's go back to the wedding at Cana. We are confronted by this remarkable woman who, standing beside her son looks at us and remarks: "They have no wine." Acknowledging the truths of our lives, we must listen and we must act as Jesus is there to change the drab water in our lives into the wine of his love . He is there to touch our ordinary lives and make them radiant. But there's one catch. It is up to us to invite him to the wedding feast of our lives. That invitation is now in our hands to "Do whatever he tells you."