

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 26th: Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) James Berdis by Caroline Larson
8:30 am (SC) Confessions
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Amy Farnen, Birthday by
Mr. and Mrs. Vic Kowalski
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Repose of the Soul for Stanley Widomski
by Rick and Ron Bolla
12:00 pm (SC) Baptism

Monday, September 27th: Saint Vincent de Paul

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and
Lisa Galla

Tuesday, September 28th: Saint Wenceslaus and Saint Lawrence Ruiz

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Georgianna Hartman by her Nieces

Wednesday, September 29th: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Philip Stahon by Family
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: Rita Xlemeniz by her cousin

Thursday, September 30th: Saint Jerome

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) John M. Ropelewski, Anniversary by
Sisters

First Friday, October 1st: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Private: Stephen Marshall, Anniversary by Loretta Baran
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Robert and
Donna Fisher

First Saturday, October 2nd: Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am (SA) Confessions
9:00 am (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak by Bob and Joan
Kowalewski
2:00 pm (SC) Wedding: James Barr and Lindsey
Scutella

No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions (SC)

Sunday, October 3rd: Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Special Intentions of the Living and
Deceased Members of the St. Casimir's Rosary Society
8:30 am (SC) Confessions
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Special Intentions of Rev.
John Detisch by Ethan Schattner
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Frank Hodas, Anniversary by Christine
Visosky

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

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

St. Ann's

1) Special Intentions of Msgr. Gerald Koos
2) Rev. James O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

St. Casimir's

1) Fr. Daniel Prez by Jerry & Denise Sobrowski
2) Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory September 19 2021: \$2,956.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,587.00 Paid: \$12,682.00

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning

We have partnered with GECAC again for their "Warming Erie" project. The items will be distributed to 187 less fortunate families right here in Erie. GECAC would like to distribute these items in mid-October.

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish has agreed to collect towels, **Bath Towels, Hand Towels and Wash Cloths** for this very needy cause. Please bring your donation to the back of Saint Casimir's Church and place them in the collection box that GECAC has provided.

Thank you, in advance, for your kindness and generosity and for being a "Beacon of Hope"!

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, September 25, 2021

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost in Latin Mass

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our collection for **Catholic Education**. We collected \$294 that will be used to support faith formation and religious education programs for children and their families.

Congratulations to **Greg Merski** who is the brother of **Bob Merski**. Greg graduated as a Distinguished Graduate from the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base. He was in the top 10% of a class of 200 and obtained the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. Thank you, Greg and all our Military Men and Women for your service.

Rosary March planned for Oct. 10 ... The 27th annual Rosary March, sponsored by the Erie Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima, will be held Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. All priests and laity of the diocese are invited to celebrate the 104th anniversary of the Blessed Mother's appearance at Fatima, Portugal. Participants will march around the church parking lot while praying the rosary. There also will be rosary recitation inside the church. Following the rosary, a prayer service will be held in the church with Bishop Lawrence Persico presiding. Father Jerry Priscaro will preach, and Father John Detisch, pastor of St. Jude, will lead exposition and benediction. Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held following the prayer service. The event will be livestreamed on St. Jude's website at www.stjudeapos.org. For more information, call John Walsh at 814-868-1100.

Interfaith candlelight vigil for the Earth ... All are invited to attend an interfaith prayer service on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in Perry Square in downtown Erie or via livestream on Facebook. Participants of all faith traditions will come together on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi to pray for a stronger commitment to care for creation and all that has been gifted to us by God. This event is co-sponsored by the diocesan Social Justice and Life Office. More details may be found at the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/216652373677494. Questions may be directed to Patrice Swick, director of the SJ&L office, at pswick@ErieRCD.org.

Win a Corvette! ... St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie is sponsoring a charity car raffle. Win a 2021 Corvette Stingray 1LT or \$40,000 at a live drawing on Christmas Eve 2021. Tickets are \$100 (only 3,000 tickets are being sold). For complete details, go to www.stjudeapos.org or www.winavette.com.

St. Stanislaus Parish will be hosting "A Taste of Poland" on Sunday, October 10, 2021, From 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM. There is more information on the bulletin board at the main entrance.

Acting in Jesus' Name

This week's Gospel contains some pretty strong words. However, we are not to take these words literally, rather we are to look for the message that Jesus wants to convey. The hand, foot, and eye are all singled out as possible agents of sin and Jesus is calling us to act in his name and to cut ourselves off from everything that separates us from God.

What does it mean to act in Jesus' name? Simply stated it means living our lives as he did, doing good for others, accepting others and maintaining a single-minded focus on being able to pay any price for our eternal reward.

We know that is not easy and there are stumbling blocks - the hands, feet, and eyes that Jesus is referring to in our Gospel. These stumbling blocks can be in the form of many things in daily life such as jealousy, fear, guilt, narrow-mindedness, or even self-centeredness. Often, we don't even recognize these attitudes behaviors in ourselves. That is why Jesus wants us to think about the choices we make in life and cut off any attitudes and behaviors that threaten our relationship with God.

Four times Jesus says, "it would be better for you...to be thrown into the sea, cut it off, cut it off, pluck it out." He is very candid about sin and describes it for what it really is - an invitation to hell. Eyes and ears don't cause sin, it is a decision of the heart to prefer our own will against God's will that causes sin.

As long as we claim the name of Jesus as our own and act in his name, as long as we choose God, we need not fear the loss of our hand, eye, or foot. Everything in this life comes and goes, but the presence of Jesus is steady - let us pray that we will always have the courage to accept the challenge to live our lives in his name.



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