

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 5th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Irene by Lucia Lee

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Fr. Daniel Prez, Birthday April 23 by mother, Charlotte Prez

Monday, May 6th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Timothy by Lucia Lee

Tuesday, May 7th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) All Nurses of the Saint Vincent Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1965—Nurses Week

Wednesday, May 8th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David Majewski by Knights of Columbus Jesus, Mary and Joseph Council #4071

Thursday, May 9th: Ascension of the Lord

A Holy Day of Obligation

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Joseph Ricci

►4:00pm (SC) Special Intentions of the Osiecki and Wodecki Families by Caroline Larson and Family

Friday, May 10th: St. John of Avila

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Patricia Parmarter, Anniversary by Aunt Caroline Larson

Saturday, May 11th: Easter Weekday

Private: Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Caroline Larson

Sunday, May 12th: Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Private: Holy Souls by Stephen Waterford

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Agnes Priscaro by Joseph Ricci

Monday, May 13th: Our Lady of Fatima

11:15am (SA) Confessions

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

Tuesday, May 14th: Saint Matthias

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David Majewski by Mary Tirak

Wednesday, May 15th: Saint Isidore

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Peter, Antoinette, and Steve Mancuso by Dee Olson

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Patricia "Patty" DeVore by Parishioners

2) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Parishioners
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) All Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mail in Offertory 4-28-2024

Sunday Offertory: \$1,801.00

Monthly: \$67.00

Mother's Day: \$61.00

Good Friday: \$10.00

Good Shepherd: \$45.00

International Needs: \$10.00

Ascension: \$21.00

Easter: \$10.00

Divine Mercy Sunday: \$10.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$5,765.00

Paid: \$5,190.00

We are \$29,400.00 away from our goal.

We are counting on you to help us reach our goal.

Please make your pledge today.

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the 2024 CSA.

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

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Ascension Thursday—Ascension of the Lord

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule: 12:05PM at Saint Ann's Church and 4:00PM at Saint Casimir's Church.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Our masses for **Ascension Thursday** are 12:05 pm at St. Ann and 4:00 pm at St. Casimir.

Congratulations to **Robert Alexander Merski** who is making his **First Communion** today at St. George Church. Robert is the son of Bob and Emily Merski.

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting their **3rd annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. Your charitable donations thus far have enabled the Knights to purchase five state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie. **Since then, 661 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasounds. They chose life for their babies even though they were originally abortion bound.** The Women's Care Center is now facing a difficult crisis. For the past thirty years, the State of Pennsylvania allocated funds to organizations such as the Women's Care Center that promote childbirth as an option, rather than abortion by providing pregnancy and parenting support services. The current Governor of Pennsylvania made the decision to end this program. This has caused a significant loss of funding to our Women's Care Center's Erie locations that need our financial support more than ever. Baby bottles will be distributed at the Church entrances on Mother's Day weekend (May 11-12th). Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. The bottles and envelopes should be returned the weekend of June 22-23. **We thank you in advance for your kind generosity, and pray you will once again join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of the unborn.**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Harborcreek, is organizing a **bus trip to St. Anthony Chapel** in Pittsburgh, home of the world's largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican. Join us Saturday, June 22, aboard an Anderson bus. The day will include a visit to Pittsburgh's famous Strip District for lunch and shopping, a tour at St. Anthony Chapel, Saturday Vigil Mass in the chapel at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and dinner in Cranberry. Cost is \$65 (which does not include food). There are only 10 seats left, so sign up by calling the parish office at 814.899.5342 by May 1. Payment is due to the Our Lady of Mercy Faith Formation Office by May 15.

All Saints Parish, 11264 Rt. 97 N, Waterford, hosts a **bingo fundraiser** on the third Saturday of each month. All are invited to the next events on May 18, June 15 and July 20. Doors open at 5:30 pm; games begin at 6:15 pm. Cost is \$25 for a 12-card/10 game paper or \$20 for a 6-card/10 game paper. Special games are \$1 each. Food available.

Quo Vadis Days is a four-day camp for Catholic young men in grades 9-12 and early college who are considering the **priesthood or seminary formation**, or who are wondering if God is calling them to a religious vocation. *Quo Vadis Days* will be held June 23-26, 2024, at St. Mark Seminary in Erie. For more information, please go to www.erievocations.org or contact Father Scott Jabo, rector, at either 814.824.1198 or SWJabo@eriercd.org.

All are welcome to attend a **parish mission at St. Agatha Church of the Epiphany of the Lord Parish**, 353 Pine St., Meadville, May 12, 13 and 14. Father Ben Dagher will speak on "Prayer: The Missing Ingredient in our Spiritual Lives." The rosary will be prayed at 6 pm with the main talk at 6:30 pm. Tuesday evening will include a healing Mass followed by an opportunity for individual prayer. After each evening there will be a social in St. Agatha's Center.

What we are created for

One day, as usually was the case, in this section of a city, a little girl, stood at the street corner begging for food, money or whatever she could get. Now this girl was wearing very tattered clothes, she was dirty and was quite disheveled.

As it happens, a well-to-do-young businessman passed that corner frequently without giving the girl a second look. But one particular day when he returned to his expensive home, his happy and comfortable family, and his well-laden dinner table, his thoughts returned to the young girl and he began to feel angry and guilty. He became angry at God for allowing such conditions to exist and he reproached him saying, "How can you let this happen? Why don't you do something to help this girl?" Then he heard God in the depths of his being respond by saying, "I did. I created you!"

In our gospel today Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them. This does not mean tolerating or being nice to each other, but rather they must be willing to lay their life down for one another, not only in physical death, if need be, but also by caring for each other. The love Jesus is talking about goes beyond mere sentimentality and the way love is often trivialized and portrayed in popular culture. It is a love that calls us to look out for the needs of each other, a love that requires action in addition to words.

The same command Jesus gave the disciples is extended to us. Jesus uses each one of us to express his love here on earth which means we become his hands and feet, his smile, his loving voice, and his caring arms.

By giving to those in need, we develop a deeper appreciation for the unconditional love God has for us. After all, where would we be today without the love that others have shown to us? Genuine love is unselfish. Still, there are many around us like that little girl on the street corner, lonely, desperate, and begging for genuine love. Where will they find it? Who will do something about it? Isn't that what we are created for?