

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 14th: Third Sunday of Easter

Private: Holy Souls by Stephen Waterford

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) In memory of Walter F. Baran by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kraemer

### Monday, April 15th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Eileen Ropelewski, Birthday April 16th by Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

### Tuesday, April 16th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wieczorek, Birthday by Rosemary Ritter

### Wednesday, April 17th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

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

### Thursday, April 18th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

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

### Friday, April 19th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak, Anniversary by Robert Demchak

### Saturday, April 20th: Easter Weekday

Private: Sister Elizabeth Ruza, SSJ by David Zero

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

*Special Second Collection for Good Shepherd*

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

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Special Intentions of Andrew Gangemi, Birthday by his loving parents, Helen and Sam 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

Financial information not available at the time of publication.

Property Taxes Paid in April  
County Tax 2024: \$1,278.72

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

**Pledged: \$5,535.00      Paid: \$4,510.00**

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, April 14th and next Sunday, April 21, 2024. Please use the special envelope in you 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 today, **April 14 and next Sunday April 21**. 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.

Retired priests of the Diocese of Erie receive a monthly pension from the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund and if they participated in Social Security another smaller monthly check. They use their pension for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. The skyrocketing cost for medical services, prescription drugs, long-term care and gaps in Medicare coverage have resulted in some of these priests over the years exhausting their savings for expenses of health care and absolute essentials. Thus, there is a pressing need to support those priests with supplementary assistance with their expenses for non-insured medical costs and long-term care costs. As the number of retired priest's increases, the Priest Retirement Plan needs to grow to meet their future needs.

Please prayerfully reflect this week on how you can best respond in support of the needs of our Diocesan Retired Priests. Use the special collection envelope for the Good Shepherd Collection. Please return in the second collection next weekend or drop it off at the Parish Office. 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.

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>.

**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 on Sunday, 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, available at the parish in advance, are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

### **Diocesan pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress**

Join the Diocese of Erie on a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024! **Deadline to register is April 17**. Tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. Catholics from every corner of the U.S. are planning to attend this transformative gathering at the historic 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress, and you are invited to represent our diocese at this pivotal moment. You will enjoy world-class teaching from some of the most trusted Catholic voices in the United States. Come encounter and worship Jesus in a new way and be anointed to share those graces with our community when you return home. More than ever, you will be proud to be Catholic and excited about the future of the church in America.

The pilgrimage includes: NEC Congress Pass (5 Days), 4 nights' accommodations in Indianapolis, Continental breakfast (pending final hotel assignment). Roundtrip transportation from Erie/Warren/West Middlesex to Indianapolis via deluxe motorcoach, Daily transportation to the congress, Gratuities payable to motorcoach driver. Adult Pricing: \$1,129 Triple/Quad; \$1,329 Double; \$1,829 Single. Questions? Email [erieideac@gmail.com](mailto:erieideac@gmail.com) or call Jo at 724.699.3340.

### **Jesus takes away our fear!**

In our Gospel this week we find the Apostles huddled up in the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place. They are hiding for fear that those who killed Jesus will soon be looking for them.

Fear is a very common and real emotion and we all fall into its grasp at one time or another. And when we do it often causes us to think irrationally and not behave as we normally should. The disciples certainly experienced this when Jesus appeared in their midst as they were listening to the two disciples recount what had taken place on the way.

But Jesus calms their fear by offering the peace that he alone can give. He reassures them he is not a ghost and they are not hallucinating. Rather, they are seeing victory, not defeat – that he is truly risen. He eats with them, and then gives them a detailed account of the Scriptures. Recounting of how prophecies from the Hebrew Scriptures have all been fulfilled by his passion.

It is easy for us to allow fear and doubt to control us. Yet we must never let them have the last word: Jesus always calms our fears and reassures us of the truth and reality of the Resurrection, and its offer of new life.

We can find that reassurance right here in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church where the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Spirit works in us. Even if we are unable to be physically present at Mass, we can find this assurance in our private prayer and the time we spend with Jesus. It is here that we encounter the Risen Jesus. It is here that he removes our fears and doubts and frees us to go out and share the Good News that he has conquered sin and death. We fear no more!