

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 1st: Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00am(SC) Fr. Daniel Prez by Audrey Draszkiwicz

Monday, October 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Jean Deniziak by Joe and Holly
Guzowski

Tuesday, October 3rd: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Frank Hodas, Anniversary Oct. 4th, by Christine
Visosky

Wednesday, October 4th: Saint Francis of Assisi

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Sister Julia LaPrad by H. Lee

Thursday, October 5th: St. Faustina Kowalska

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Kathryn Majersky by Sue and Ron
Wadowski

First Friday, October 6th: St. Bruno

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Thomas Murawski by Delphine Palkovic

First Saturday, October 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30am (SA) Confessions
9:00am (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak by Bob Demchak
Private (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by
Kulig Estate

Sunday, October 8th: Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00am(SC) Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek by Rosalie A.
Tellers

Monday, October 9th: St. Denis and St. John Leonardi

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Tom Damico by The Juchno Family

Tuesday, October 10th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Barb Juchno by Tom Kurpiewski

Wednesday, October 11th: St. John XXIII, Pope

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Peggy and Roach
Hewitt

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

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

St. Ann's

- 1) Health & Healing for all of our sick and shut-ins
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners

St. Casimir's

- 1) Barbara J. Juchno by Michael Owens
- 2) Connie Minichelli by Parishioners

FINANCIAL REPORT—September 24, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$1,319.28

Catholic Education: \$30.00

Food Pantry: \$100.00

All Souls Day: \$17.00

All Saints Day: \$10.00

World Mission Sunday: \$10.00

Gift from Slovak National Club: \$600.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$7,345.00

Paid: \$7,315.00

Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their
support to the 2023 CSA.
Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

GECAC has invited Our Mother of Sorrows Parish to participate in their winter coat collection. Cards are available in the back of the church which includes the information to purchase a coat/jacket for that specific child/individual. If you prefer you may donate a blanket instead of a coat. Items will be picked up on Sunday, October 22nd and the final pick up date is Sunday, October 29th after the 11AM Mass. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support to help the less fortunate.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Attached is our parish's **formal response to the preliminary pastoral plan** which I hand delivered to the Pastoral Planning Committee on Thursday. This response was developed in a meeting after the 11:00 am Mass last week. While acknowledging the need for change our councils have requested a modification to the plan they feel will meet the best interests of everyone while including feedback from the parish community received at our parish Town Hall Meeting on September 17, 2023.

Please remember to provide your individual feedback to the preliminary plan, even if you attended the Town Hall Meeting, to the diocese at www.eriecd.org/planning.html. **The deadline for feedback has been extended to October 9.** If you prefer to do it by hard copy there are forms in the back of the church. Otherwise call the parish office and we will get one out to you. The address to send your feedback to is at the end of the form. **Please do not send the forms to the parish office.**

The purchase of the **Holy Family** property is proceeding. Since the church is not being sold the property will be need to be subdivided prior to closing. The buyer is making the arrangements to have that done and it is expected to take a couple of weeks or more.

Healing Mass - "Are you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them" James 5:14. A Healing Mass with Father Chris Beran will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm at St. George Church, 5145 Peach Street. Worship Music by Harmony's House starting at 6:15 pm and doors open at 5:30 pm. Individual prayers for healing following the Mass.

St. Stanislaus Parish in Erie invites you to savor the **Taste of Poland Dinner** on Oct. 8 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the parish hall, 516 E. 13th St., Erie. Enjoy a traditional Polish meal featuring pierogi, sausage, golabki, mashed potatoes and gravy, kapusta, bread and butter. Take-out options are available. Adult tickets are \$15, ages six-12 are \$6, and children under five are free. The event also features czarnina and frozen pierogi for sale, a bake sale, a gift auction, a theme basket auction and a 50/50 raffle.

The **World Apostolate of Fatima** Diocesan Division is sponsoring a 29th Annual Diocesan Rosary March to be held on Oct. 8 from 2-4 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, 230 W. 10th St., Erie. The Rosary March will begin outside the cathedral and proceed to walk approximately one mile around downtown Erie. For those unable to walk outside, the Rosary will be prayed inside the cathedral. The Rosary March will conclude with a prayer service inside the cathedral from 3-4 p.m. with Bishop Lawrence Persico presiding, Fr. Scott Jabo as the guest homilist, Fr. Jerry Priscaro leading the Eucharistic adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Mr. Richard Rossi providing the music. Enrollment in the brown scapular will follow at the conclusion of benediction. All priests and laity of the diocese are invited to attend. For more information, contact John Kostrubanic at 814.790.2046 or John Walsh at 814.868.1100.

St. Boniface Parish in Erie will celebrate **Oktoberfest** on Oct. 6 beginning at 6 p.m. at the church, 9367 Wattsburg Rd., Erie. The adult-only event will feature craft beers brewed at St. Boniface parish. There will also be music, games and food provided by Brady's Chuckwagon food truck. Come and join our celebration of the harvest feast in German style.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in McKean is hosting a **free study on Jesus and the Eucharist** as part of the Eucharistic Revival. The study is open to all, including Catholics, non-Catholics, youth, and adults. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. (Sept. 18 to Oct. 30) and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept. 20 to Nov. 1) at St. Francis Xavier Church, 8880 Main St, McKean. Attendees are encouraged to come to all sessions, or as their schedule allows, and missed sessions can be caught up online. To sign up or for more information, visit www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org or call Irene at 814.476.7657 ext. 7.

What you do speaks more than what you say!

How many times have we found it easier to tell someone what he or she wanted to hear with no intention of following through, in order to avoid a difficult conversation?

In our Gospel parable the two sons are ordered by their father to "go out and work in the vineyard" and this is not an unreasonable request. The first son originally disobeyed the father, but then had a change of mind and did what the father asked of him. He did his father's will – not the second son who said yes, which is what his father wanted to hear, yet did nothing.

This parable reminds us of the truth that living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and doing God's will is not about words, it is about action. If we are to be truthful – and true to the Lord – it is not what we say, it is what we do, and how we do it. We are all familiar with the famous words of St. Francis: Go out and preach the Gospel and use words if necessary!

As disciples of Christ, we are called to love God and others, not simply through what we say but, but more importantly what we do, the ways we give of ourselves for the good of all. Once again let us pray over this Gospel and examine our lives this week. Where is God calling us to more action and fewer words?