

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 26th: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Private (SA) Carolyn Sue Jones by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Michael Lucas by Christine Rossman

Monday, November 27th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Kenneth Shanta by Beverly & Frank Vento

Tuesday, November 28th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families

Wednesday, November 29th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Meg and John Britton

Thursday, November 30th: Saint Andrew

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Mary (Bonki) Bonkowski, Birthday,
June 30th, by Charlotte Prez

First Friday, December 1st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by brothers,
Don, Jr. and Ed Wienczkowski

First Saturday, December 2nd: Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Kenneth Shanta by Beverly & Frank Vento

Private (SA) Pat and Joseph Santillo by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, December 3rd: First Sunday of Advent

Private (SA) Galla and Walch Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Fr. Daniel Prez by The Juchno Family and
Rod Showers

Monday, December 4th: St. John Damascene

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Roy Lowrance by H. Lee

Tuesday, December 5th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Brzezicki and Bargielski Families by Rose
Marie Bargielski

Wednesday, December 6th: Saint Nicholas

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by brothers, Don,
Jr. and Ed Wienczkowski

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) Our Wounded Military Veterans
- 2) All Non-Military Victims of War

St. Casimir's

- 1) For blessings, guidance and peace for all parishioners and their parishes in the Erie Diocese
- 2) All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT—November 19, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$795.00

Christmas Flowers: \$25.00

Christmas: \$3.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$2.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$109.00

Gift from Barber National Institute

The Employees Service Fund

for St. Ann Food Pantry: \$825.00

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$7,470.00 Paid: \$7,370.00

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!

Christmas Flower list—the deadline is next Sunday, December 3, 2023 to have your Christmas Flower envelope included on the listing of donors. Thank you.

GECAC Giving Tree—the gift tags are available in the back of church. Gifts will be picked up on Sundays, December 3 and 10th. Please **DO NOT** wrap the gift. A gift bag may be used. Thank you for your support. Merry Christmas.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Once again, we are hosting the **GECAC Giving Tree** in our parish and the tags for the gifts are in the back of the church. Our generosity supports the needy here in our parish neighborhoods.

We will be **decorating the church** for Christmas after the 11:00 mass on December 17. All are welcome to stay and help!

Be cautious about sharing personal information. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools, will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use the contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

Keep up-to-date on Pastoral Planning by visiting www.eriercd.org/planning.html.

Sacred Heart Parish in Erie presents a three-part Taize-style prayer service series called *Advent Art by Dark* this Advent on Thursdays from 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the church, 816 W. 26th St., Erie. Engage in contemplative prayer accompanied by *Honest Advent* artwork by Scott Erickson. This hybrid experience combines *visio divina*, an art gallery atmosphere, and a self-guided retreat, offering a unique addition to Advent traditions, focusing on embracing darkness with trust in the Light.

Themes for each evening are: Dec. 7: Light & the Cosmic Church ~ Dec. 14: Light & the Global Church ~ Dec. 21: Light & the Mother Church. Attendees will receive a packet of Advent prayer and reflection resources. The services welcome all resonating with diverse Christian traditions and those who appreciate art and meditation. While RSVPs are not mandatory, they are welcomed via Sacred Heart Parish's Facebook event listings at <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartErie/events>.

Celebrate Christmas with *Mysteries of the Rosary* at **St. Francis Xavier Parish** in McKean. Sessions have started and continue through the third week of Advent. Choose from Monday sessions, 6:30 to 8 p.m., or Wednesday sessions, 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Irene Schneider at 814.476.7657 ext. 7 or evangelization@stfrancisxaviermckean.org. Embrace the holiday spirit with contemplation and prayer.

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie is hosting a **Bible study** that introduces a comprehensive look into the Book of Daniel, exploring faith under challenging circumstances. Registration is set to open in 2024. Sessions are slated for Tuesday evenings, Jan. 9 to March 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., or Wednesday mornings, Jan. 10 to March 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the social room at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie. Participation costs \$10, encompassing a workbook and materials.

Christ is Our King!

The feast of Christ the King is a relatively new feast. When it was created by Pope Pius XI in 1925 the world was in turmoil - Mussolini was head of Italy, the Nazi party was growing in popularity, the entire world was in the Great Depression, and secularism and atheism were rearing their heads.

In spite of all those dictators and false values, Pius wanted the world to know that Christ is King of the universe. The feast therefore, addressed a very fundamental question that existed in those broken times: Who exercises dominion over us and what rules our lives?

We can safely say that the world is still in turmoil as it was in 1925 when this feast was created and many leaders who have dominion over parts of the world offer us a poor example of kingship and leadership. That is why we need this feast today more than ever.

So, how is Christ our King? Not by sitting on a throne but rather by hanging on a cross. Not by amassing territory and great wealth but by establishing a kingdom of mercy and forgiveness. Not by wielding power but rather by welcoming and forgiveness. What makes Christ our King is that he gave his life for others and he asks each of us to serve his kingdom by serving others. We are to imitate our King serving others such as helping the homeless, visiting the sick, consoling those in distress, and to putting aside any bitterness, anger, envy or anything else that divides us.

It is through this self-giving, by making Christ our King, that we overcome the things that want to exercise dominion over our lives.

The sad scene in today's Gospel, aside from Jesus being condemned to death is the reaction of Pilate. He asked Jesus "what is truth" while he stared right into the eyes of the one who is all truth. He could have had a conversion of heart and yet he turned the other way.

May it not be so with us. As we enter next week into the season of Advent let's pause and look back over the past year and revisit the question that Pope Pius stirred when he created this feast: what is ruling our lives?

May we resolve to cast aside false values, guilt, or anything that is ruling our lives as we stare into the eyes of truth and let Christ our King have dominion over our hearts.