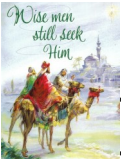


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 8th: The Epiphany of The Lord

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Michael Kuhar by Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

Monday, January 9th: The Baptism of the Lord

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Carol Petrunger

Tuesday, January 10th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Wednesday, January 11th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Harriet Gallagher by The Theresa Juchno Family

Thursday, January 12th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Stan Janikowski by Judy and Don Halcom

Friday, January 13th: Saint Hilary

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak, 55th Wedding Anniversary by husband Bob Demchak

Saturday, January 14th: Weekday

Private (SA) The deceased members of The Ropelewski Family by Estate

Sunday, January 15th: Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Rev. Daniel Prez by Loving Mother Charlotte Prez

Monday, January 16th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Charles Chase by Family

Tuesday, January 17th: Saint Anthony

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Kathryn Majersky, Birthday by Marlene Lucas

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
 - 2) Casimir "Mike" Dylewski, Birthday by daughter Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) For all parishioners Living and Deceased
- 2) Fr. James T. O'Hara and Fr. Ron Gmerek

St. Casimir's

- 1) For more vocations to Religious Life
- 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Offertory: \$1,370.00

Religious Retirement: \$70.00

Christmas: \$115.00

Christmas Wafers/Oplatki: \$43.00

Christmas Flowers: \$60.00

Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday Offertory: \$415.00

Christmas: \$592.00

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday Offertory: \$175.00

Christmas: \$232.00

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$1,571.00

Christmas: \$88.00

Catholic Communication: \$10.00

Mail in Offertory, January 3, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$2,047.00

Christmas: \$10,120.00

Catholic Communication: \$40.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$11,126.00 Paid: \$9,716.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Please make your pledge today!

Income/Expenses ~ December 2022

Income: \$4,025.12

Expenses: \$16,994.17

Difference: **-\$12,969.05**



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

We will be taking down our Christmas decorations after Mass today and could use a few extra hands to help. They come down a lot faster than they went up.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barb Juchno** who went home to the heavenly kingdom of the Lord. Barb was a member of our parish and a dear friend of Rod Showers. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord.

Let us also pray for **Pope Benedict XVI** who was also called home by the Lord. May he rejoice forever at the heavenly banquet.

People for Life's 45th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Jan. 14 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. The main speaker will be Patricia Sandoval. She will tell her story of finding forgiveness and restoration after three abortions and three years as a homeless drug addict. Tickets are \$22 for ages over 12 and \$14 for ages 3 to 12. Children under three are welcome to attend at no cost. Payments can be mailed to People for Life, P.O. Box 1126, Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to pay by credit card, call 814.882.1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.org/january2023.

Attend the **50th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.**, on Jan. 20. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on the evening of Jan. 19 at 11 p.m. and return at approximately 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 21. Students and families on tight budgets are encouraged to inquire about sponsorships arranged by People for Life. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Send \$65 per seat to People for Life, P.O. Box 1126, Erie, PA 16512. Pay by December 19 and get a \$5 early bird credit (send \$60 per seat). For more information or to use a credit card, call 814.882.1333 or 814.459.1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.org/january2023.

People for Life are hosting the **Erie March for Life** on Jan. 28 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The march begins at Perry Square in downtown Erie. Visit www.peopleforlife.org for more information.

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie is hosting a **Eucharistic Revival Mission** in conjunction with the Office for Divine Worship of the Diocese of Erie on Jan. 22-24 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 West 38th St., Erie. All are welcome.

Following the Star

Today on the Feast of the Epiphany, through the account of the Magi we are drawn in and captivated by this beautiful story of expectation, wonder, joy and faithful homage. Yet there is something essential to this story that is often overlooked: the Magi were not Jewish. They were Gentiles! They were "foreigners," most likely Persian, whose religious affiliation and actual occupation are still widely speculated by scholars. Still, they knew about Jesus.

Adding to the intrigue is that they had the fearlessness to approach the Roman-appointed King of Judea – that is, Herod, then the current "king of the Jews," and ask him: Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

Asking such a question – essentially implying Herod's successor and perhaps even deposer – could have been inferred as a threat, if not outright treason. But that did not deter the Magi in their quest.

They persisted and followed a star to a place they did not know and they encountered a king they could not have possibly imagined. They followed this star to arrive at the most unexpected of places, to offer gifts to this child.

Our lives are very much like the magi' epiphany journeys. The star beckons all of us no matter who we are – God's seeks us out even when we are not seeking him. Many of our life-directing choices may be guided by an unexpected sudden light and insight.

We are guided to places that we cannot imagine, as we seek Jesus we overcome many obstacles, and upon finding him we offer homage and give him the very gift of ourselves.

The Magi through their human eyes saw an ordinary child but through the eyes of faith saw so much more. They brought to Christ the gifts they could bring: gold, frankincense and myrrh. What is the most valuable gift that each of us has to offer?

Today the star is beckoning us, we have heard about the coming of the Messiah and we wish to offer our gifts to him. Like the Magi, are we willing to fearlessly follow the star?

If we do we are given what we need to make our way to Jesus: his word; his sacraments; his grace; and the gifts he has given us that we might in turn offer back to him.

And upon finding him may we pay him homage and give him our greatest gift – the best of ourselves, the very treasure of our hearts!