

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 10th: Second Sunday of Advent

Diocesan Second Collection for Religious Retirement

Private (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Ron and Dottie Whipple by Family

Monday, December 11th: St. Damasus I

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Tom Damico, Birthday, December 12th,
by The Juchno Family

Tuesday, December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Caroline Larson, on
her 92nd Birthday by nephews Bobby and Michael Osiecki

Wednesday, December 13th: Saint Lucy

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David Blum, Anniversary by Lori
Krasnesky and Judy

Thursday, December 14th: St. John of the Cross

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Peggy & Roach Hewitt

Friday, December 15th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by Sr. Kevin
Berdis, OSF

Saturday, December 16th: Advent Weekday

Private (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by
Kulig Estate

Sunday, December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

Private (SA) Josephine Reed by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Barbara J. Juchno by Bob and Karen Mazur

Monday, December 18th: Late Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by Barbara
Berdis

Tuesday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

Wednesday, December 20th: Late Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

Thursday, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Tom Damico by The Juchno Family

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

St. Casimir's

- 1) Special Intentions of Caroline Larson on her 92nd
Birthday by nephews Bob and Michael Osiecki
- 2) Special Intentions of Frances Birchard on her 101st
Birthday, November 15th

FINANCIAL REPORT—December 3, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$2,732.00

Religious Retirement: \$80.00

Immaculate Conception: \$95.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$55.00

Christmas Flowers: \$95.00

Christmas: \$245.00

First Saturday: \$166.10

Saint Ann's Building Fund: \$120.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$7,430.00

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!

The traditional Christmas Wafer, **Oplatki**, are now available. You may pick them up in the back of St. Casimir's Church after the 11AM Mass. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked Oplatki/Christmas Wafers and simply drop it in the offertory basket. Your generous offering helps cover the cost of making the Christmas wafers available to you. Thank you.

Happy belated birthday wishes to **Frances Birchard** who celebrated her 101st birthday on November 15th. Blessings for many more.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Christmas is on a Monday this year which may create confusion about what counts toward our obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and the Christmas obligation. The Christmas Eve vigil Mass does not fulfill the Sunday Mass Obligation for Sunday, December 24. Please plan to attend two Masses: one on Saturday evening or Sunday morning as well as a Christmas Eve Vigil or Christmas Day Mass. Our Sunday Mass will be at 11:00 am on December 24. Masses for Christmas will be on Sunday, December 24 at 4 pm and on Christmas morning at 11:00 am.

The Second Collection today, December 10 is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement fund for the Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Andrew Parish in Erie invites the community to ***Getting in the Christmas Spirit***, a free public concert featuring **Dave VanAmburg's The V Band**. The festive event will be held today, Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 1116 West 7 Street, Erie. While admission is free, donations are appreciated, and all proceeds will go to Julia Hospice & Palliative Care.

The **Legion of Mary** is hosting the ***O Antiphons of Advent*** at **St. Ann Church** on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. Take a step back from the pressing concerns of the season to slow down, and in prayer, silence, song, reflection and Adoration, anticipate and celebrate the coming of the Lord. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

Reminder: we will be **decorating the church** for Christmas after the 11:00 mass next Sunday, December 17. All are welcome to stay and help!

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

Please join Deacon Dave Jacquel and the parishioners of St. Mark and Mt. Calvary parishes for a **Holy Hour for the National Eucharistic Revival** on Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Church, 2022 E. Lake Road, Erie. Call the parish office with questions at 814.899.3000 or email: office@smmc.church.

The **Benedictine Sisters** of Erie are offering two reflective, interactive times of **Advent Lectio** that will invite participants to consider new doors that might be waiting to be opened. Sisters Ann Muczynski, Colleen Leathley and Anne McCarthy will facilitate the session which will include spiritual inspiration, prayer, reflection and sharing. The same session will be offered twice at the monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Harborcreek. Consider attending on Dec. 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. or Dec. 16 from 3-4:30 p.m. Registration is required and donations are welcome. For more information and to register, email retreats@eriebenedictines.org or call 814.899.0614 ext. 2403.

Tour the monastery of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, 6101 East Lake Road, Harborcreek, on Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. Following the guided tour will be supper with the sisters in the monastery dining room, as well as an Advent vigil at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Reservations are needed for the tour and dinner because space is limited. Visit <https://eriebenedictines.org/spirituality/advent-tour-reservation-form.html> or call Michelle at 814.899.0614 ext. 2507. You are also welcome to attend all the Advent vigils each Saturday during Advent, Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 7 p.m. in the monastery chapel with no reservations necessary.

The **St. Francis Xavier Parish Bereavement Ministry** in McKean is sponsoring a **blue Christmas potluck luncheon** to remember and honor those who cannot be with us for the holidays. The event will be held on Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the Pie Room at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center, 8880 Main St., McKean. For more information, contact Joyce Traenkner at 207.735.3366.

The One Who is Coming

In this week's Gospel we are invited to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We all are called to respond to John's message by our own repentance and to reform our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

Advent is a short season and often overlooked in the middle of all the preparations for Christmas. Take some time to stop and partake in the tranquility and peace of this beautiful season. Where do we have the opportunity to announce the coming of the Messiah? How will we do it?