

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 21st: Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Holy Souls by Stephen Waterford  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00am(SC) Mike and Doris Kuhar by Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

### Monday, January 22nd: Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Robert Martin Mazur by John and Christine Farnum

### Tuesday, January 23rd: St. Vincent and St. Marianne

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

### Wednesday, January 24th: St. Francis de Sales

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Richard Burke by Dave and Colleen Dombkowski

### Thursday, January 25th: The Conversion of St. Paul

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Fr. Joe Gregorek by Friends

### Friday, January 26th: St. Timothy and St. Titus

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Jim Heubel by Patty & Billy Vogel

### Saturday, January 27th: St. Angela Merici

Private (SA) Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Burkman by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Sunday, January 28th: Fourth Ordinary Sunday

*Diocesan Second Collection for Faith Communications*  
Private (SA) Special Intentions of Lucia Lee  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00am(SC) In memory of Walter F. Baran by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kraemer

### Monday, January 29th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

### Tuesday, January 30th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Cathie Dombkowski by Dave and Colleen Dombkowski

### Wednesday, January 31st: Saint John Bosco

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Catherine O'Brian by Friends

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

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

### St. Ann's

- 1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
- 2) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and parishes in the Diocese of Erie

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Special Intentions of all Priests and Deacons
- 2) For protection of all the unborn children and all life

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$1,388.49  
Fuel Offering: \$70.00  
Initial Offering: \$30.00  
Christmas: \$2.00  
Ash Wednesday: \$2.00  
Immaculate Conception: \$1.00  
Catholic Communications: \$25.00  
Solemnity of Mary: \$6.00

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

**Pledged: \$7,617.00      Paid: \$7,555.00**

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!*

2023 Year End Offertory Statements have been mailed to all parishioners who made contributions in 2023. Thank you for your continued support.

Diocesan Special Collection next Sunday, January 28th, for Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection.



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**DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski**

## FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

The **Spread the Faith Collection** will be taken up next week is to help support the **Office of Communication** in the Erie Diocese. The Office of Communication designs public relations strategies and works to maintain good relations with print and broadcast media throughout the 13 counties of our diocese. From Bishop Persico: “We all are charged with the same mission: to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. In a changing media landscape, today the Diocese of Erie offers insightful, vetted news and information as well as stories and insights in a variety of formats. Faith magazine remains our flagship publication with in-depth features and interviews from every corner of the diocese, as well as news and information. It’s mailed — free of charge — to each household registered in a parish on a quarterly basis. Have you subscribed to the Diocese of Erie-News yet? This resource shows up in your inbox every Wednesday morning with local, national and international news of interest to Catholics. It also promotes events offered by parishes and ministries and includes reminders about holy days as well as links to timely resources for deepening your faith. Sign up for free at [www.nwpaCatholic.com](http://www.nwpaCatholic.com). We include much of this information through social media as well, and now create videos, available on the diocesan YouTube channel, to let those we cover share their stories in their own words.”

Every year from **January 18-25** the Church joins Christians of other traditions in observing the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Millions of Christians of all denominations offer the prayer that Jesus himself prayed to his Father “That they may all be one, as you Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me” (John 17:21). We are all invited to join Jesus in this fervent prayer for unity and to beg the Holy Spirit to deepen our love for our Protestant and Orthodox brothers and sisters.

The Office of Virtue & Integrity Education of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring a **Pre-Lenten Retreat** from Feb. 9-10 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer, 365 Hill City Rd, Cranberry. The retreat master for the weekend will be Father Kevin Barrett. The retreat focuses on the strength, beauty, wisdom and goodness of God’s plan to bring us back to him. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat.html>. Call or email Cassondra with questions at 814.824.1216 and [cdragone@eriercd.org](mailto:cdragone@eriercd.org).

**9 Days for Life Novena:** You are invited to join thousands of Catholics, both locally and nationwide, and the Office of Social Justice and Life of the Diocese of Erie in prayer for the protection of human life during a special novena called *9 Days for Life*. Go to the Social Justice and Life page at Catholic Charities, Inc. <https://ccincerie.org/respect-for-life> to sign up to receive daily prayers from Jan. 16-24, or contact Elizabeth Slaby at [eslaby@ccincerie.org](mailto:eslaby@ccincerie.org) for more information.

**Divine Mercy Encounter (DME) Retreat** February 9-11, 2024 “DME (Divine Mercy Encounter) is a three-day retreat program. Each day has a different focus: Friday is the Day of Invitation, focusing on how God is inviting us into relationship. Saturday is the Day of Encounter, where we encounter God through the sacraments, Adoration, and others. Sunday is the Day of Commission, where we as a community are empowered to evangelize and share our faith. The weekend includes talks, exposure to different types of prayer, Mass, community, and much more. The weekend runs from 10am on Friday to 5pm on Sunday, and retreat participants stay onsite for the weekend.” See [www.divinemercyencounter.com](http://www.divinemercyencounter.com) for more information. The other DME retreats in 2024 will be in April, July and November in Erie and August 11-13 in St. Marys, PA.

### **We are Qualified!**

In our Gospel Jesus approaches his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, with an interesting challenge: to leave their fishing nets and lives and turn their attention toward catching people in the net of God’s love. In some ways, calling fishermen to his work seems like an odd choice and yet the skills they possessed for catching fish (patience, perseverance, hard work, ability to weather storms) would come in handy when fishing for people.

One thing we can learn from this Gospel is that our faith includes actively following Jesus, even if that means leaving the good things of this world behind. We all long to be happy and we all know self-sacrifice is never easy. Yet we cannot obtain fulfillment by only listening to and acting on our own desires. God longs for us to be happy too! He knows our abilities, and how each of us fits into his grand design for the world. Often, we are called to do something that is challenging and out of our comfort zone. It is at these times we need to remember: God does not always call the qualified, but he always qualifies the called.

Today, pause for a moment and listen as Jesus calls each of us ordinary, everyday people to bring others to him and to use our talents to do his work. How will we respond to that call?