

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 11th: Sixth Ordinary Sunday

CSA 2024 Commitment Sunday

Private (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) William Kennedy, Anniversary by daughter
Maureen Kennedy Fink and Family

Monday, February 12th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski, Birthday by
Sister Kevin Berdis

Tuesday, February 13th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) James Heubel by Patty and Billy Vogel

Wednesday, February 14th: Ash Wednesday

*A Day of Fast and Abstinence—Lent Begins
Ashes distributed at both Masses*

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

1:00pm (SA) Rosary and Stations of the Cross

→4:00pm (SC) Deceased Members of The Ropelewski
Family by Estate

Thursday, February 15th: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Julia by Lucia Lee

Friday, February 16th: Friday after Ash Wednesday

A Day of Abstinence

11:00am (SA) Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Emily Malinowski by Kevin Helsley

1:00pm (SA) Rosary, Stations of the Cross followed by
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 17th: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Private (SA) Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kardon by Dr. Hal
Angeloff

Sunday, February 18th: First Sunday of Lent

Private (SA) Tippy Pohl from Mickey Pohl

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Ray Wasielewski, Anniversary February
20th by Saint Casimir Holy Name Society

Monday, February 19th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Tuesday, February 20th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Irene by Lucia Lee

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) David K. Wienczkowski, Birthday by loving mother
Kay Wienczkowski

2) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and
parishes in the Diocese of Erie

St. Casimir's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

2) For a Holy Lenten Season

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$3,228.00

Fuel Offering: \$75.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$5.00

Catholic Communication: \$30.00

Initial Offering: \$10.00

Ash Wednesday: 55.00

First Saturday: \$150.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$7,627.00 Paid: \$7,565.00

The 2023 CSA has come to a close.

Thank you to all who donated to the 2023 CSA.

Today, Sunday, February 11, 2024

CSA 2024 Commitment Weekend

The Diocese of Erie has set our

2024 Goal ~ \$35,165.00

We need your help to reach this goal!

Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Commitment Sunday for the **2024 Catholic Services Appeal** is today. Please place your pledge envelopes in the collection basket. If you do not have your pledge with you today you can place it in the collection basket the next time you are at mass or mail it to or drop it off in the church office mail slot anytime. Thank you in advance for sharing your gifts and responding to Jesus' call to serve people in need.

Please pray for the soul of **Geraldine Dombrowski** whose funeral was at St. Casimir on Thursday. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

Our Ash Wednesday masses and distribution of Ashes are at **12:05 pm** at **St. Ann** with Stations of the Cross and the rosary at 1 pm following mass. Our second mass is **4:00 pm** at **St. Casimir**. As Lent approaches we are reminded that this is a time for renewal and hope, a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Now is a good time to consider how our Lenten practices this year will draw us closer to Christ.

Lenten Schedule at St Ann's: Daily confessions heard 11:15 am until 11:55 am. Daily Mass 12:05 pm with the Rosary prayed after each mass. Ash Wednesday 12:05 pm mass and distribution of Ashes. Fridays of Lent: Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 am to 12:00 pm followed by 12:05 pm mass, Rosary, Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence: Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal. Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent.

The arrival of Lent also starts the **Friday Fish Dinners** in various parishes. Here are a few:

St. Stan's Parish in Erie is hosting **Lenten fish dinners** on Feb. 16, March 1, 15, and 29 from 4 to 7 pm (or until sold out). March 29 is take-out only.

St. Luke Parish in Erie is hosting **Lenten fish dinners** on Feb. 16 and 23 as well as March 1 and 8 from 5 to 7 pm in the St. Luke Café, 421 E. 38th St., Erie.

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edinboro, Lenten dinners sponsored by the The Knights of Columbus Council 6191 will be on February 16 and 23 as well as March 1, 8, 15 and 22. The dinners are available from 4:30 pm until sold out.

Blessed Sacrament, 1626 West 26th St., Erie, invites all to a series of **Tuesday night Lenten soup-and-salad dinners** with talks designed to nurture closeness with Christ. Scheduled are: Sister Annette Marshall, OSB, Feb. 20; Sister Michelle Schroeck, RSM, March 5; and Sister Rosemary O'Brien, SSJ, March 19. The event on March 19 will include the parish's traditional St. Joseph Table. Participation is free, but please call the parish at 814.454.0171 to make a reservation to help with planning.

Take the First Step

Imagine the life of lepers in Jesus' time – living in isolation and poverty until they eventually died from the disease.

While it is rare in our country for anyone today to be afflicted with leprosy, we all suffer at one time or another from spiritual disease. The leper in our Gospel gives us two important lessons on how to get cured. The first is that we must make the first move. The leper admits he needs help. He knows he cannot go any further without taking this step. So, it is with us – we need to take the first step in acknowledging our shortcomings and our need for God to cure us.

Secondly the leper teaches us a couple of secrets of effective prayer: confidence and humility. He has no doubt that Jesus can cure him "If you wish, you can make me clean." But he also knows that he has no right to demand a cure, he does not say "cure me!" He says "if you wish..." he is saying "you know what will be best for me and if curing me will give you glory, please do, but if not, I will believe and trust in you."

There is a final lesson from the leper – his situation shows us just how real and sincere Jesus' love is. It was concern and compassion for the leper's suffering that moved Jesus to perform this miracle. It is that same concern and compassion that Jesus extends to us when we approach him with our ailments.

What if this leper had been afraid to come to Jesus? What if he had remained in isolation, afraid to come out in the open with his sickness, afraid to go against the social norms of his time and kneel at the Jesus' feet? He would have been stuck in his gruesome affliction! The tragedy of our spiritual lives would be if we were to do the same – never to approach our Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for healing because we are hesitant or afraid.

As we near the season of Lent, let us take the first step and seek the help of the one who understands what we are going through. In humble prayer let us go to Jesus, the master healer in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask him to touch us and to make us clean. We can always go to Jesus with full confidence that he will tell us "Be made clean."