

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

*307 Franklin St.
Smethport, PA 16749*

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Mount Jewett, Pa 16740*



Sacramental Information

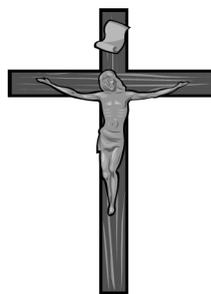
Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

Matrimony: An appointment with the parish priest, needs to be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date, before the wedding can be scheduled. PreCana, Engagement Encounter, or NOVA is required.

Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

New Members are always welcome. Contact the parish office to register or use the form on back of bulletin. Moving? Please let us know.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Any individual seeking information on becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith should call the parish office.



Liturgy & Reconciliation

- Daily & weekend Mass times for this week are inside bulletin
- Reconciliation held Saturdays at Saint Elizabeth 3:30-4:15 pm, after Mass at St. Joseph, or by appointment at either parish
- Holy Days: Call parish for times
- Nursing Home Masses at Sena Kean and Lakeview Homes held the first and third Thursday each month

PASTORAL STAFF

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Prayer Requests: 814-778-5520

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Saturday, Jan. 25
 5:00 PM + Brian Morris
 by Ron & Bev

Sunday, Jan. 26
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

Monday, Jan. 27
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Raymond Deegan
 by Dick & Vickie

Tuesday, Jan. 28
 7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 AM + Arthur Brooder

Saturday, Feb. 1
 3:30-4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM + Elmer Campbell
 by Fella & Deb Wright & Family

Sunday, Feb. 2
8:45 AM Reciting of The Rosary
 9:30 AM For The People

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, Jan. 26
 8:00 AM + Robert Yancosek
 by St. Joseph Rosary Society

Sunday, Feb. 2
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of
 The Sokoloski Family
 by Mary Ann Schafer

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week of Jan. 19 , 2020

Weekly Collection: \$2,767.00

WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH

For the week of Jan. 19, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$ 242.00

St. Joseph's for the month of January

SANCTUARY LIGHT is In Loving Memory of
Vicki & Kari Carrow by The William Sluga
 Family



INFANT OF PRAGUE is In Loving Memory of **Keesler &
 Transue Families** by Barb Transue & Mary Porter

"Blessing of Homes" Blessing of Homes will be done
 until Ash Wednesday. Call the Rectory, 887-9254, for
 a mutual time for a visit to Bless your Home.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 2, 2020
 FOR ST. JOSEPH 8:00 AM**

Lector: Brittany Bizzak

Ministers:

Mary Ann Schafer
 Mary Smith
 Dave Gerber

Server: Mackenzie

Eucharistic Ministers: Please be sure to check before
 visiting for any changes or additions. Let us know of
 changes in the resident list at the nursing homes. Thank
 you.

All Ministries: Please remember to find a substitute if
 you cannot serve during the Mass scheduled.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 1-2, 2020

St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Alfieri Rose Campbell	Mary Norgrove Vickie Bickford
Lectors:	Josh Costa	Jeff Holcomb
Altar Servers:	Ava Lila	Sabrina

Eucharistic Ministers: Sena Kean Visits:

Lakeview: Mary Norgrove
 Homebound: Vickie Bickford

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: A Special Intention, Pat
 Peterson, Special Intention, Rita Bidwell, Shelly
 Maybury, Jack & Janine Sokoloski, Dylan Lunder, John
 Crowley, A Special Intention, Patti Price, Caitlyn
 Bankovich, Elijah Waite, Penny Duncan, Malvina
 Weakland, Special Intention, Carmela Hamilton, Mary
 Kay Peters.

Pray for Priests of The Erie Diocese

Jan. 26 Rev. Thomas L. Tyler
 Jan. 27 Rev. Jerome S. Simmons
 Jan. 28 Rev. David A. Perry
 Jan. 29 Rev. Chris M. Hamlett
 Jan. 30 Rev. John E. Santor
 Jan. 31 Rev. F. Thomas Suppa



Anyone still wanting to keep their **Sanctuary Light** or
Infant of Prague Light now is the time to let the parish
 office know.

Influenza, the H1N1 Virus and the Liturgy General Guidelines for the Diocese of Erie

We have received numerous requests for guidance concerning flu and the H1N1 virus in regard to the liturgy. **The following practices always should be in place.**

For all persons: Follow the best standard hygienic practices:

- Stay home when sick.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when water is not available.
- Cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, etc. with your hands.
- Avoid receiving from the cup if you do not feel well.

In addition, for all Liturgical Ministers (including clergy):

- Wash hands prior to, and after, Mass.

Furthermore, for All Those Distributing Communion:

- After exchanging the Sign of Peace briefly, prepare to distribute Communion.
- Extraordinary ministers should use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (discreetly please, i.e., not in the sanctuary if at all possible) before & after distributing communion.
- Avoid physically touching those coming forward in the communion line, whether they are receiving on the hand, or on the tongue, or asking for a blessing.
- Follow all standard procedures for ministering the cup after each communicant has received:
 - Pinch and wipe thoroughly the rim with the purificator.
 - Rotate the cup one quarter turn after each communicant receives.
 - Regularly re-position the purificator to a clean section as you are using it.

Additional Recommended Measures for Parishes:

- Establish regular schedules for frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces (for example, pews, doorknobs, bathrooms, elevator buttons, etc.).
- Provide disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces, e.g., doorknobs, can be wiped down frequently by ushers, etc. before Mass.
- Make widely available hand washing facilities with soap and warm running water, hand sanitizer, and tissues.

Should a health crisis become imminent in local areas of the diocese, the Bishop may give further instructions as needed.

Sunday, Jan 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Get your fishing license here

A student can only be as good as the teacher offering the lesson. When Jesus walked the shores of Galilee, local fishermen had the chance to learn the gospel by living it. As we begin Catholic Schools Week, we honor all the fine teachers and administrators who sacrifice much to live the gospel with their students. We also salute parents who invest in their children's religious education. Character can be shaped along with every lesson a child is taught. Make sure children you love are fishing in the richest waters.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67). *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Monday, Jan 27, 2020

Stop evil in its tracks

It's hard to imagine 6 million people. It's the populations of Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, and San Diego combined. It was two-thirds of the entire population of Jews living in Europe between 1941 and 1945. It was the Holocaust. Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, when we call to mind the evil that is possible for human hearts to generate. We remember to tell the next generation. And we commit ourselves never again to tolerate the flourishing of racism, nationalism, or antisemitism in our society. Today is a good day to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to bind the evil "strong man" of prejudice and intolerance in our society.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man."*

Tuesday, Jan 28, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Order your life wisely

Saint Thomas Aquinas, perhaps the greatest mind ever to probe the theological underpinnings of Christianity, wasn't always so highly regarded. When he first spoke of his desire to become a Dominican friar, his disapproving family kidnapped him and held him in their castle for a year. Then, as a seminary student who was reluctant to talk, he was nicknamed "The Dumb Ox" by classmates. Yet, it's fitting that Aquinas belonged to the Order of Preachers—the Dominicans—because he authored beautiful prayers. Take to heart his concluding words from "For Ordering a Life Wisely," which he prayed daily: "Give to me, O Lord my God, understanding of You, diligence in seeking You, wisdom in finding You, discourse ever pleasing to You, perseverance in waiting for You, and confidence in finally embracing You."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35 (318). *"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."*

Wednesday, Jan 29, 2020

Every heart needs a home

"The Catholic bishops believe decent, safe, and affordable housing is a human right," according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As social reformers and commentators draw more attention to the growing problem of homelessness in America, it is important for all of us to do what

we can to support the bishops' position, as they remind "communities and government of their obligation to ensure that the housing needs of all are met, especially poor and vulnerable people and their families." Take time today to look up or pray with the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20 (319). *"Thus says the Lord: Should you build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought you out of Egypt . . . but have been going about in a tent under a cloth."*

Thursday, Jan 30, 2020

The hidden power of ordinary days

We're well into what the church's liturgical calendar calls "Ordinary Time," the period between sacred seasons. For many in the north, the cold and snow of winter have become a drag. The anticipation of Advent and the excitement of Christmas and Epiphany are long over. Yet this too can be a period of conversion, a time when our faith can quietly grow. "Ordinary Time," declares the Catechism, "is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ." If you experience mid-winter blahs, rest assured that God is quite capable of using ordinary, mundane days to foster true discipleship.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"For there is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light."*

Friday, Jan 31, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

Patience is an inside job

Saint John Bosco was a wonderworker—and not just because he ministered so effectively to troubled youth, transforming the most rambunctious of street kids into young men of virtue, honesty, and skill. He's become the patron saint of youth ministry, and not just for his method of mixing fun with faith. From a very young age, Don Bosco had visions of the work he would do, leading to his merciful way of dealing with the young lives that society scorned. "It is more fitting to be persistent in punishing our own impatience and pride than to correct the boys," he wrote to a colleague. "This was the method Jesus used with the apostles." Ask Don Bosco to help you be positive and patient today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"He spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it."*

Saturday, Feb 01, 2020

The miracle worker

Do you believe in miracles? As a Catholic, you must believe in some: the very life of Jesus, for starters, from Annunciation to Ascension, and all the things he did in between. But what about apparitions of Mary, eucharistic miracles, and unexplainable healings attributed to the intercession of saints? While belief in those is not required, the church says miracles do happen and rigorously verifies many. They are works of God, proof that God's here among us, interacting with us, out of love. Go ahead and ask for one.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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At Saint Elizabeth's:



At Saint Joseph's:

Marriage Moments

"There are rivalries among you...Each of you is saying..." I am a Democrat, or I am a Republican. (adapted from 1 Cor. 1:11-12). Even if both of you have similar political leanings, you certainly know people who have different opinions about religion or politics. Find someone who disagrees with you this week (maybe your spouse) and listen carefully to understand more than to persuade.

Parish Development Memorial

Brian Morris by The Pavlock Family
Brian Morris by Debbie Defibaugh

Building Fund Memorial

Brian Morris by Connie Kossack

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Needed

St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Training is provided for both. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact the parish office or Fr. Vince for additional information .

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie

Get resources and suggestions for your family at the Diocese of Erie's family website, www.eriebcd.org/familiesmatter. Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed whether your family is a traditional, single-parent, blended, military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go Families!

Scam alert

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 contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Today, we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ in the United States and around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Erie Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Pastoral Council Nominations: St. Elizabeth will start taking nominations for 5-3 year positions on Pastoral Council today, January 26. You can be from either Church because we are a combined Parish. Turn them in to Fr. Vince or put them in the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked for nominations.

There will be a meeting of St. Elizabeth Women on Wednesday, February 5, at 1 PM in the church hall.

End of Year: Anyone needing a financial statement for the year may call the parish office Monday-Friday, 9-1.



A mobile food bank sponsored by St. Elizabeth Church and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Erie will be held on Tuesday, February 11th at St. Elizabeth Church in Smethport for

McKean county residents who fall within the financial guidelines. Only one registration per dwelling will be accepted and pre-registration by phone is required. Those wishing to register should contact the St. Elizabeth R.C. Church mobile phone at **366-3186** on **Monday, February 3rd** from 6 PM to 8 PM. The caller must speak with a person. No message should be left on the voice mail as that is not monitored. There is a high volume of calls during this time, so please be patient. For safety reasons, those who have registered need to come at their designated registration times. No early birds. Registered applicants must bring a photo ID as well as at least 2 boxes to carry their food.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US

FORMED: To learn more about our Catholic Faith sign-up to use Formed.org. Use the Parish code **TRY7DX**. This website has many movies, audio books and discussions about our Faith. Give it a try.

Smethport Drive-In would like to announce we are looking for employees for the 2020 season. Applicants may pick up an application anytime at 809 W. Water St., or call 887-5769. We will be holding interviews at the Smethport Drive In (Tastee Freeze) on Sat. Feb. 8th 9-12 Noon and Tue. Feb. 11th 3:30-7:00PM