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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” —Mt 5:43-45a

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for weekend February 15/16/2020 \$1,974.00

Deficit/Surplus weekend February 8/9/2020-\$1,554.85

Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.....\$183,500.00

Deficit/Surplus to-Date February 8/9/2020-\$12,972.77

Thank you for your support!

**St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"**

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

"Care & Concern"

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? If so, please call 787-4151.

"Food Bank"

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank! Thank you!

MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.****February/March Events**

Faith Formation Classes K-10 resume. February 23

CSA Commitment Weekend February 22/23

40 Days for Life Campaign sign-up starting Feb 2/23

Ash Wednesday February 26**Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners Begin February 26**

1st of the Friday Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners . February 28

Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. February 29

Adult Faith Formation . . 9:15 am and 6:30 pm . . . March 2

2020 February Baptismal Class Schedule

St. Mark, Emporium 6:30 p.m. February 27

Our Lenten Fish/Shrimp dinners will begin this week on Ash Wednesday from Noon to 6:30 p.m. This is our big fundraiser of the year. We are very grateful that it is a great success thanks to your support and that you continue to enjoy our delicious dinners throughout Lent. A detailed flyer is included in the bulletin as a reminder for you to post. See you there!

The **2020 Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners** are in need of volunteer workers (especially for clean-up after each dinner). Please call Kelly Lovenduski at 787-5743 to help with our Parish activity.

40 Days for Life begins Ash Wednesday, February 26 and lasts until April 5, 2020. The campaign of praying every day and choosing one of the **40 Days** to do something extra such as fasting or by reciting special prayers from the **"40 Days for Life"** prayer sheets really impacts the way a baby's life is saved and abortion is **not** the answer. Please sign up on the sheets and take a prayer sheet that are available in the vestibule to ensure each of the **40 Days** is covered in this campaign. Additional results are detailed in the insert this weekend. (Sponsored by Elk Co Right to Life)

Knights of Columbus at St. Boniface is having their **"All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet"** on Sunday, March 1. This is a monthly event at St. Boniface Social Hall. The Breakfast Buffet is Open to the Public from 8 a.m. to Noon. The cost is \$8.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children.

Calendar of EVENTS**Ash Wednesday Masses**

February 26 @ 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners

Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent from Noon to 6:30 pm

Adult Faith Formation classes

Monday, March 2 to Monday, March 30

Classes will be at 9:15 am & 6:30 pm

Wednesday Stations of the Cross

Begin March 4 at 6:00 pm

Spiritual Formation Opportunity

Wednesday, March 25 with Bishop Persico

Palm Sunday Schedule

Penance Service on Palm Sunday at 3:00 pm

Holy Week Schedule

Monday of Holy Week

Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie 4 pm

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30 pm

Good Friday Service: 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil: **9:00 pm**

Easter Sunday Mass: 9:15 am

May Crowning: May 3 after 9:15 am Mass**Confirmation of our Confirmandi**

at Queen of the World Church on May 17

First Eucharist: May 10 at 9:15 am Mass**Mother's Day Breakfast:** May 10 after 9:15 Mass**Father's Day Breakfast:** June 21 after 9:15 Mass**NEW! Bus trip** to St. Anthony Chapel, Pittsburgh and St. Vincent Basilica, Latrobe. (Date To Be Announced)**Parish Picnic:** Sunday, August 9 after 10 am Mass**Labor Day Food Booth & Raffle Booth:** Sept. 7**Women's Bash:** September 13**September Dinner:** (Date To Be Announced)**NEW! October trip** to "Sights and Sounds"**Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinner:** Friday, October 23**NEW! Parish Mission at St. Joseph:** Oct. 31, Nov. 1 & 2 with Father Kevin MacDonald**Harvest Raffle Pot Luck Dinner:**

Saturday, November 14 after 5:30 Mass

Thanksgiving Eve Mass: Wed., Nov. 25 at 7:00 pm

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Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 24, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lamont H & Valjean Gray and Deceased Members of the Gray Family	Lamont and Frances Gray	Weekday	Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dr. Charles Murray	Leonard Lovenduski	Weekday	Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37
Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass	Laurie Kentoski Rieber Pete and Lucy Kline	Family Mike and Kim Carcella	ASH WEDNESDAY	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 27, 2020 No Mass	No Communion Service		Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Friday, February 28, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention		Friday after Ash Wednesday	Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, February 29, 2020			Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32
Saturday, February 29, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent	See below
March 1, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Charles Bartoletti	Donald and Nancy Chiappelli	The First Sunday of Lent	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday
BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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