September 17, 2017

Very Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, V.F., Pastor

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am  
Confessions  
Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Thursday before First Friday: 4:00 pm  

Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

Sacrament of Baptism
Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office. Parents and Godparents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call a priest immediately in case of illness. The homebound are urged to have their names placed on the Sunday and First Friday Communion lists.

Music Ministry  
Stephen Toney, Director / Organist - Phone: 389-4507  
Peggy Hoffman, Assistant Director

Faith Formation  
139 Church St. – Phone: 781-1042  
Janet VanEerden, Director

Elk County Catholic School System  
Sam MacDonald, President  
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School  
114 Queens Road – Phone: 834-4169  
Deborah Slay, Principal

St. Marys Catholic Middle School / Elk County Catholic High School  
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7800  
John Schneider, Principal

School Finance Office  
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812  
Bob Breindel, Director

School Advancement Office - 834-7812  
Susan Jansen, Director

Franchesca Stubber, Assistant Director  
Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812

Directors of Admissions  
Franchesca Stubber - 834-1480  
Elementary / Middle / High School

Prayer for Catechists
God of our fathers and mothers,  
today we mark Catechetical Sunday,  
the day we recommit ourselves  
to teaching and forming disciples  
to continue your work in this world.  
In the beginning, you created man  
to please you and offer you companionship.  
We turned away from you  
without knowing the great love you had for us.  
Help us to recapture that understanding  
of your love for us and for creation.  
Give us wisdom to hand on to the next generation  
that love you freely give us.  
We ask all that is good  
to come upon our catechetical leaders  
and the people whom they lead to the faith.  
We ask all this in the name  
of the primary teacher of the faith,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

PARISH CARE AND CONCERN PRAYER CHAIN
For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.
TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 18th
7:00 AM  L&D Francis & Josephine Sporner Family

Tuesday, September 19th
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, September 20th
7:00 AM  + James & Susan Mitchell
8:45 AM  + Floyd & Rosemary Gerber

Thursday, September 21st
7:00 AM  Enrollees in the Benedictine Association
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, September 22nd
7:00 AM  + Clarence & Leona Meyer

Saturday, September 23rd
7:00 AM  Deceased of the LeRoy Herzing Family

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil -  + Wray Woelfel
7:30 AM  L&D Members of the Parish
10:00 AM  50th Wedding Anniversary of Gene & Yvonne Hooper

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of Sept. 17th burns in memory of James Heary, Sr.

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel,Mt 18:21-35

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Gospel Summary:

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grant it to us without hesitation. The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say? It’s important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

Question of the Week:

When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful? When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 23rd & 24th

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<td>6:00 PM</td>
<td>Olivia Meyer, Gerrienne Vogt</td>
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<td>7:30 PM</td>
<td>Adam Bobenrieth, Robbie Bobenrieth</td>
<td>Mary Ann Facetti, Mary Ellen Frank, Barb Taylor, Amy Popielski, Marvin Riddle, Lori Schreiber</td>
<td>Doug Bauer</td>
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<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td>Aaron Lanzel, Alex Seltzer</td>
<td>Marie Gahr, Char Geci, Mary Ann McCluskey, Kathy Herzing, Rodney Mills, Ken Vogt, Sr.</td>
<td>Kristin Bish</td>
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Greetings: Please feel free to welcome your fellow parishioners at the Mass you are attending. Thank you for your ministry!

All Ministers: Always check the website at www.qwchurch.com for any last minute changes to the ministers schedule. It is the most up to date for the schedule!

The 2017 theme for Catechetical Sunday is “Living as Missionary Disciples.” Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays, by virtue of their Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

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<td>Sacred Heart Church</td>
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Please make your reservations at the Church you wish to attend.

VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

18th  Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel
19th  Tara Vavala, Susan Jaynes, Maureen Newman
20th  Helen & John DaCanal
21st  Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller
22nd  Marian Viglione, Don Schneider
23rd  Dick Straub, John & Char Nicklas, Tom Clark
24th  Ada S, Monica Werner

♦ NOVA - A REMARRIAGE PREP PROGRAM
Designed for couples planning remarriage in the Catholic Church. Call 814-824-1261 to register. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30th in Erie.

♦ ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

♦ NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS
To learn more about this church teaching or to register for the next scheduled class - beginning Sept. 17th - at Sacred Heart Parish Center, call Cathy at (814) 512-0818.

CATHOLIC MEN’S PROGRAM
“That Man is You” is a Catholic men’s group that uses interactive, multimedia to develop the vision of authentic male leadership based on the four leadership roles entrusted to men. This is being hosted by St. Leo’s Church every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 pm, and began on Sept. 12th. There is no cost to attend. To register, go online to www.thatmanisyou.org or just attend the next meeting.

CD of A SPONSORING BUS TRIP
On Friday, Sept. 29th the CD of A will be traveling to the Rhonda Weis Miracle House in Canton, OH and to the National Shrine of Our Lady in North Jackson, OH. $60/pp. For more info / to sign up, call Lori at 781-3393.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **Sunday, 09/17: 1:30 pm** - ECC Athletic Assoc. BINGO
  Doors open at 11:45am, Free Lunch at 12:30 pm.
- **Sunday, 09/17: 6:00 pm** - Evening of Prayer & Music
  at St. Michael Church, DuBois. Rev. Bill Barron will be the officiant. Prayers for healing will also be offered. For info, call 814-637-5939 or 771-7932.
- **Monday, 09/18: 6:00 pm** - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Monday, 09/18: 6:30 pm** - ECCHS Monday BINGO.
  Doors open at 4:00 pm. Come try the “Hotball” game!
- **Tuesday, 09/19: 9:15 am** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- **Wednesday, 09/20: 4:00 pm** - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Friday, 09/22: 1:00 pm** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.

QW ROSARY ALTAR SOC. CHRISTMAS TRIP
Want to get ready for the upcoming Christmas Season? How about a trip to see TWO Christmas Shows (one at the American Music Theatre and one at the Sight & Sound - “The Miracle of Christmas” and then onto a Dinner Show at the Dutch Apple Theatre to see the “Buddy Holly” show. Visit the Christmas Museum and be awed by a multitude of Christmas lights at Koziers Christmas Village. For more information / reservations on this November 4-5 trip, call Mary Ann at 781-3481 or 594-4490. ONLY $389/pp.

CINNAMON ROLL SALE
Will be held next weekend, Sept. 23 & 24. Please have orders into the office by noon on Tuesday, Sept. 19th.

REMEMBER to visit the Queen of the World Booth at the Bavarian Fall Festival this weekend!! Root Beer Floats & Ice Cream Sundaes!!! Yum!

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name__________________________
Address__________________________
Phone No.__________________________

Please check one:
- I am new in the parish & wish to register
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes

September 17, 2017
WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS
Queen of the World’s choirs are regrouping after their summer vacation from practices. The Contemporary Choir sings at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6 pm. Weekday practice for this group is held Monday evenings, beginning Sept. 11th at 6 pm. The Traditional Choir sings at the 10 am Sunday morning Mass. Weekday practice for this group is held Tuesday evenings, beginning on Sept. 12th at 6 pm. Any questions, please call Peggy Hoffman or Stephen Toney at 389-4507.

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — “A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members: and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.”

Pope John Paul II

“Address to the New Ambassador of New Zealand to the Holy See”

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Sept. 20th - 6:00 pm.
Middle School - This Sunday, Sept. 17th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Confirmation Class: Sunday, Sept. 17th.

PARISH OFFERTORY REPORT
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018
Actual income from OFFERTORY ONLY………..………..………..$163,434

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Sept. 9/10, 2017
(This is our daily operating income.)
Regular Envelope ..................................................$12,293
Loose .................................................................$2,582
Children………………………………………………………..$2
School Support ……………………………………………………..$1,069
Utilities & Maintenance……………………………………….$169
Memorials………………………………………………………..$50
Assumption………………………………………..………..………..$50
Total Received………………………………………..………..………..$16,215

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of Sept. 9/10, 2017
Catholic Education………………………………………………..$20
Church in Latin America………………………………………………...$10
Misc Aid (Hurricane)………………………………………………..$2,821

Thank you!

Total Envelopes Mailed ………………………………..………..…..1,110
Total Number of Offertory Env Used Sept. 2/3, 2017………..406
Total Mass Attendance for Sept. 9/10, 2017………..867

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION
Today we take up the very special collection for Catholic Education. This money is shared between our parish and the diocese. Our portion helps us fund the many ways we offer faith formation in the classroom and beyond, to people of all ages. The diocesan share subsidizes the resources that are returned to us by the way of the Catholic Schools Office, Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and much more. Please do you very best to assist us with an appropriate gift for the advancement of our faith.

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Dear Parishioners,

The season of autumn begins this Friday. The days grow a little darker, but the colors of nature explode. We look forward to cooler days and evenings, a kind of fresh aroma in the air. The crops of our land are ready for harvest. Thank the Lord and our gardeners and farmers for their hard labors. Hopefully there will be fewer major storms, and more opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. We are grateful we don’t have to cut the grass as often, but we prepare to rake the leaves. This weekend we celebrate our city’s inheritance with the Bavarian Festival. There are lots of activities for the young and young-at-heart. Let us welcome this new season with its blessings, its festivities and its surprises. Our ancestors in faith found God’s presence in nature. In large part, many of our celebrations are based on the four-season calendar. We see the cycle of life and thus the cycle of Eternal Life played out in the wonders around us. At sunrise we enjoy the promise of God to guide us by His Light. At sunset, we give thanks and seek God’s protection from the force of darkness. God’s providential guidance and love are evident all around us. Have a great autumn; praise God from whom these blessings flow!

-- Jeff

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
As we begin our Faith Formation processes, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Our Catholic School teachers and staff, Faith Formation teachers and staff pass on the faith in those organized and structured ways. Let us pray for them and ask God to bless them and the children, young people, and adults entrusted to their care.

In a special way, I ask all parents to be attentive to the schedules and announcement in the bulletin, by email, mail, and phone which alert you to the various activities, preparations, sessions, and celebrations.

May the Lord help us have a great year of growing together in faith and advancing the Reign of Heaven here in our midst.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS AND FAITH FORMATION
Tonite at 5 pm we start once again Community Mass which revolves around our Faith Formation process for Middle School, and grades 9, 10, and 11 (Confirmation). Please watch for the published schedule for both Faith Formation events and the Community Mass.

INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM?
If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Church or even just checking out our Catholic Faith, or perhaps is returning to the practice of the faith, we have a gift for you.

Beginning next Tuesday, Sept. 26, our parish RCIA process, the way by which we welcome and prepare people for membership, will gather. You are welcome to just come that evening, or bring someone who has shown interest. It may be better to let us know you are coming by calling the rectory, 834-4701, but we will welcome anyone who comes to the rectory beginning at 7 pm that evening.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN
A training session for those who will lead Liturgy of the Word for Children will take place this Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm at Church. This meeting will follow Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30, to which all are welcome.

We have a good group who will help us re-start this Sunday experience for our children in the very near future. Anyone who may be interested in leading or helping, please call Fr. Jeff, 834-4701.

IS THIS LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - FOR YOUR CHILD?
We will soon announce the starting date for Liturgy of the Word for Children. What exactly is that?

The Church offers us the option to share the Gospel, the story of Jesus, with children in a way they can appreciate and understand it. As I like to say, “in their own language.” The formal structure of the first portion of Mass may not be conducive to a child “hearing” and “getting” the message. So, children have the opportunity to gather with a Leader and helpers who will share the Gospel and pray with them while the rest of us experience the Liturgy of the Word. In those few moments, they will follow the same pattern of Mass, but in a simpler, hopefully more understandable way. The children return to us for the second portion of Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, so they can also grow in their understanding of the Sacramental life of the Church, built on the Word.

This is aimed at children about the ages of 5 through 7, that is, coming of age until about First Holy Communion. Of course we respect parental discretion. If you feel you child is ready, please send them. Or, if you are a little nervous about it, bring them and stay until they settle in. We simply ask that each child be of age to understand, respond in prayer, and not be disruptive.

What Liturgy of the Children is NOT… It is NOT snack time or break time. It is NOT catechetical time. It is NOT art and crafts time. It affords children a few minutes to pray with their peers much as we do, focusing on the Gospel, but also other pieces of the first part of Mass.

We are blessed here at QW to have a room very handy to the body of the Church where the children will be for those approx. 12-15 minutes so they and parents will have easy access.

Please give this prayerful consideration and discuss this as a family. Spread the word, as we hope families with young children will come to Mass and take advantage of this option.

When we begin (we will name the starting date soon…), we will be offering Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10 am Mass most Sundays. It is my experience that you will find your children excited about the opportunity, and hopefully they will come home ready to share what they experienced about the Lord’s love for them. Then you will have the same grace to share your faith and reinforce it by what you experienced in the Living Word.

ATTENTION THIRD GRADE PARENTS
This Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 pm, at Church, Fr. Jeff will gather with parents of Third Grade Students who will be preparing for First Holy Communion. The purpose of this gathering is to go over changes in the preparation process and celebration - to inform parents of what will happen and why. For one important part of this, I will need input from the parents. Please make every effort to have at least one, if not both parents present.

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